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Feb. 7, 1905.

CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.
DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF STUDENT.

NUMBER 263		ENGLISH NAME Levi Levering		AGENCY Winnebago		NATION Ojibwa	
BAND		INDIAN NAME		HOME ADDRESS Geo. Grant (Guard)			
PARENTS LIVING OR DEAD		BLOOD	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	FORCED INSP.	FORCED EXPR.
FATHER, Dead		MOTHER, Dead	Full	15	52	138	35 1/4
ARRIVED AT SCHOOL		FOR WHAT PERIOD		DATE DISCHARGED		CAUSE OF DISCHARGE	
Aug. 19, 1882		5 years		July 6, 1898		Expiration Time	
TO COUNTRY		PATRONS NAME AND ADDRESS				FROM COUNTRY	
July 9, '83		Mr. Rupp's White House, Hunt'd Co. Pa.				July 19, '83	
Apr. 22, '84		Rev. Jno. Edgar, Chambersburg, Pa.				July 1, '84	
Aug. 30, '84		Wm. S. Poulterer, Maud, Bucks Co. "				Dec. 15, '84	
Apr. 8, '87		Jos. Robbins Jr. Morrisville, " "				Sept. 6, '87	

Months in school before Carlisle, 16

Grade entered at Carlisle, 1st

Grade at date of Discharge, Grad '90

Trade or Industry, Ass't in Ch'tes Room.

Church.

Levering, Levi 5245 Ex. stu.
Correspondence

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BOUGHT OF

Levi Levering

Dealer in

General Merchandise

Salesman..... Omaha Agency, Neb. 190.....

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Manufactured under patents 288,048, Nov. 6, 1883, and 10,359, July 24, 1883

TO CORRECT ERRORS BRING THIS BILL

RRS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

January 21, 1907

Levi Levering
Decatur, Neb.

Dear friend;-

Please oblige by answering the questions below accurately and promptly and return this paper to me in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage.

Are you married and if so to whom? Vena Bartlett of Ft. Hall, Idaho.
What is your Post Office address? Omaha Agency, Macy, Neb.
What is your occupation? Indian Trader

Have you been in the Indian Service, in what positions and how long in each? Teacher, nearly ten (10) years.

Have you lived in the East any part of the time since your graduation and if so, where, how long and what positions did you fill? None

Your friend

W. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

RECORD OF GRADUATES AND RETURNED STUDENTS.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL, CARLISLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Name Levi Levering

1. Are you married and if so to whom? yes, Vena Bartlett.

2. What is your present address? Macy, Neb.

3. Did you attend or graduate from any other schools after leaving Carlisle? Give names of school and dates if possible.

Three years course at Bellevue College
Bellevue, Neb.

4. What is your present occupation? Salary?

Merchant or Indian Trader.

5. Do you own your home? yes.

6. What kind of a house is it? Number of rooms? Frame House, it has

four (4) rooms

7. How much property do you possess?

Stock Three (3) head of cattle and
four (4) head of horses.

Land

Real Estate

8. Do you have money in the bank? *yes* How much? *\$1200.00*

9. Have you been in the Indian Service? In what positions? How long in each?

*yes, that of teacher, about ten
(10) years*

10. What other positions have you held since leaving Carlisle?

none

11. Have you done anything for the betterment of your people? Write fully.

*I tell you what my experience has
been, since I left Carlisle.*

*No Carlisle graduate can do to better-
ment his people, unless, he first
help himself, what he can do, then
he is helping his people.*

*What I have done for myself and
family, is I feel that I help my people;
it takes talent, Education and force of
Character to lift the Indian & help them.*

12. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life.

My greatest aim is to lead good life, a Christian and exemplary life among these Indians, which I have the honor of being a member. I have no other desire, but to help those that I may come to contact every day here.

Carlisle

1. Do you have money in the bank? How much?

2. How much money in the Indian Bureau? In what position? How long in each?

3. What is the name of the school? What is the name of the school? What is the name of the school?

4. Tell me anything else of interest connected with your life and work.



NAME AT CARLISLE

Levi Levering

PRESENT NAME

DATE	INFORMATION THROUGH	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	ITEMS OF INTEREST	GRADE
1907	Self-	Macy, Neb.	Ind. Trader	Ind. Service 10 yrs. Teacher	V. G.
1909		"	"		V. G.
1910	NRL	"	"	Has good home. nice wife.	
1911		"	"	Mrs. Levering died Dec. 1910	
1912		Beggs, Okla.	Supt. Ind. S.		

9-21
Dec. 28, 1912.

Name

Levi Levering.

(Please give name by which enrolled and also present or married name.)

Tribe

Omatia Indian.

Present Address

Beggs, Okla.

Former Address

Macy, Neb.

(Address from which we heard from you last.)

Present Occupation

Superintendent Indian School,

Remarks:

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Department of the Interior.



Mr. M. Friedman

Supt. U. S. Indian School

Carlisle

Pennsylvania

5245

Name Levering, Levi.

Age 40 Deg. Ind. blood 4/4

Address Supt. Muyaka Boarding School, Oklahoma

Information from

Date 5/22 1914

State

Agency

Tribe

POSITIONS FOR WHICH LISTED. SUITABILITY IN ORDER NAMED.

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| 1. Resigned | 2. |
| 3. | 4. |

Remarks:

July 24, 1917.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter dated July 20, 1917, from Mr. Levi Levering of the Omaha Agency, Macy, Nebraska, with regard to the enrollment of Margaret Levering, his daughter, at Carlisle. Mr. Levering now has two children, Lincoln and Edna, enrolled at Carlisle. He also has another daughter Margaret Levering who has been at Genoa Indian School for three years and whose term has just expired. He desires that she be permitted to come to Carlisle.

It is doubtful if Margaret Levering has completed her course at Genoa and under the regulations the superintendent may claim that she should be forced to completed her course at that school.

It seems to me a very proper thing that the three Levering children should be together and in a similar situation I would feel myself justified in waiving the claim to one member of the family so that it might be enrolled at the school where two other members were enrolled.

Mr. Levering advises me that he has written the Office about the matter. I will be very glad to have Margaret enrolled here with her brother and sister and recommend that permission be given in view of all the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

JF:R

Superintendent.

sha Agency.

Macy. Neb.

July 20, 1917.

Supt. John Francis, Jr.
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear sir:-

I have two Children there during the three (3) years, Lincoln Levering and Edna Levering and are home for vacation.

The two I named, wanted to come back to Carlisle this fall again but I have another girl, Margaret Levering, who was at Genoa, Indian School, Neb. for the three (3) years and whose term has expired this year, is rightfully and eligible to enroll at your School.

I made request through the Indian Office to give me permit to have this girl transferred to Carlisle, upon this date and I wish you would kind aid me to bring about the change, as I want all my Children in one school that is my plea.

Respectfully yours,
Livi Levering.

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DEPT. OF THE
INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

August 16, 1917.

Mr. Levi Levering
Nacy, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Levering:-

I am in receipt of a letter from the Assistant Commissioner granting authority for the enrolment at this school of your daughter Margaret.

I am enclosing herewith three application blanks which you can use for your three children. School opens September 4th and they should be here to begin school at that time. I shall be glad to place transportation for their use upon receipt of the applications.

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

NRD
Inclosures

Copy to Mr. Sam B. Davis
Genoa, Nebraska.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRSEd.-Schools
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

AUG 10 1917

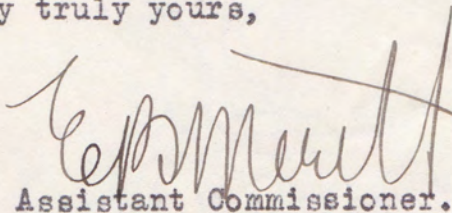
Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

Supt. Carlisle Indian School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

As recommended in your letter of July 24, 1917, and as previously requested by her father, authority is hereby granted for the enrollment at your school of Margaret Levering, in order that she may be with her brother and sister, provided of course, that she has completed her term at Genoa School.

Very truly yours,


Assistant Commissioner.

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Carbon to Levi Levering, Macy, Nebraska.

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September 28, 1917.

Mr. Levi Levering
Macy, Nebraska.

My dear Mr. Levering:

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 24th inst., and am glad to know that there has been no change made by you relative to the enrollment of your children at this school.

I note that you are planning to send all four of your children if you can get the permission of the Office to release your son ~~some~~ George Standing Bear from the Pipestons School.

If the tickets placed for Edna and Lincoln are not yet at Walt Hill, wire me, and I will give the matter my immediate attention.

Trusting that I may hear from you soon, saying that your children have started for Carlisle, I am

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

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Macy, Neb.

Sept. 24, 1917.

Supt. John Francis, Jr.
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr Francis:-

Edna + Lincoln were started for Carlisle, when they got to Halthill the tickets were not there and Lincoln went on to Pipestone, Minn. where they were children going in that school, he went along ^{with} them.

You may look for them as I want my children to return to your school again this year. I'll send Margaret to pay her car fare, too.

Geo. Standing Bear is not quite 14 years old but we be willing to pay his car fare, if the Indian Office gives us permission and we are waiting for order.

The Indian Office has written to Supt. Mann but no reply has been rec'd and we don't want Geo. Standing Bear

to go back to Pipestone, Minn. his time
has expired this year

If the Indian Office makes
changes as we wanted for ^{our} children in
placing them, we would be glad to
send them to your school.

Very Respectfully Yours,
Leri Livering.

21
May
Twenty-Fourth,
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Mr. Levi Levering,
Omaha Agency,
Macy Nebraska

My dear Mr. Levering:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 21, 1918 in regard to the present whereabouts of your son, Lincoln Levering, a deserter from this school.

In response you are advised that I have not been able to get any information as to the location of your son. I assure you that as soon as I find out where he is, I will promptly advise you, and if he is located within a reasonable distance of the school, I will see that he is returned. I think upon consideration, in view of your experience as a school man, you will appreciate the very great problem to hold a boy here against his will, in these times of war, without resorting to drastic measures, which personally I would not care to use in the management of a school, and I am quite sure you would not want exercised towards a child of yours.

We are located right in the midst of the manufacturing area of the United States, where war conditions have made a tremendous demand for labor and extremely high wages, and have made it possible for almost any type of man or boy to get a job. At the Hog Island Shipyards common laborers are paid thirty cents an hour for an eight hour shift. Riveters, chippers, and that type of skilled labor, who can be trained in a few weeks receive fifty, sixty and seventy cents an hour. I am explaining this to you so that you will understand that there is every opportunity for a discontented boy to leave the

school and get into one of these manufacturing centers, and the only way we can locate him is either when he communicates with the school, or to stumble on him. To search for a boy under those conditions is like hunting for a needle in a haystack.

Early in April we received information that Lincoln was in Philadelphia, and I promptly sent the Outing Agent there to get him, but was unable to locate him.

Lincoln is a lad seventeen years old, who should have some general ideas of his own best interests. The Government has offered him training and education which he has seen fit to throw away. He ran away from you last fall when you arranged to put him in this school. He failed in his studies here and then ran away.

In view of these circumstances it would seem therefore that, while I am responsible to you for your son while he is in my charge, when he secretly leaves the school and conceals himself that he by his own action relieves the United States and me of a great deal of responsibility, and it seems unfair to assume lack of interest or negligence on my part in following up runaways because I have made it a practice to follow up and return runaways to the school.

I am sending a copy of your letter to the Commissioner in view of the fact that a copy of your letter to me was sent there.

Sincerely yours,

JF-E

Superintendent

CC to Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Omaha Agency,
Macy, Nebraska,
May 21, 1918.

Supt. Jno. Francis, Jr.,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

You wrote me some time ago that my boy, Lincoln Levering, had run away from school, that you didn't know where he went and that you could not locate him.

Do you know now where he is? It is funny that you have kept silent all this time, never pay no attention to anybody what happens. You should continue to inform me about the disappearance of this boy who was a member of your school and I am sure you should know where each boy or girl is located. That is your business. I haven't heard anything of my boy all this time and I just wondered where he is. If you can furnish me further information in reference to this boy I will greatly appreciate it as I want to know something about him. It is my own interest in my family affair.

I think your school authority ought to exercise more strict ruling than it has been in the past, then there would be less run aways from your school.

I want to tell you that I was there as student of your school for nine good years. During those years we never allowed a student to get away, not even as far as Harrisburg and if he did he was a good one because we, as a body of students, helped the superintendent to keep good order and conduct in the school.

Very truly yours,

Levi Levering.

Interpreter U.S.I.S.
Omaha Agency, Nebraska.

Carbon to Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Nuyaka Boarding School,

Reggs, Okla., Jan. 29, 1913.

Supt. M. Friedman,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I have a position which will become vacant on the first of February, 1913, salary \$50.00 per month, and we carry this position as Laborer, and it is for twelve months of the year.

I would like very much to have one of your students who is a little experienced in farming, and, also, one that can play band instruments and, also, one that can teach my students band music, that would be suitable for the position, and if you have any young man of that sort in your school, I would like to offer the position to him, or one that you can recommend, and I trust you will go over the records of your school and see if you can find such a fellow that would be suitable-and in securing such an one, I will greatly appreciate it.

Please make this immediate search as possible and let me hear from you, I am,

Very respectfully,

Levi Severing.

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agt.

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January 24, 1913.

Mr. Levi Levering, Supt.,
Nuyaka Boarding School,
Beggs, Oklahoma.

Dear friend Levi:

Mr. Friedman has just handed me your letter, asking for a person who could take the position of Laborer, in your school, and in reply will say that about a month ago I received a letter from David Abraham, from Shawnee, Oklahoma, saying that he wanted work. He and his family were having a hard time to make a living. It seemed that his crops failed last summer and that is the reason for his ill luck at this time.

You may remember David as he was attending school here the same time you were. He used to sing tenor in the choir here, and also played in the Band. It would do no harm to write him and offer him the vacancy.

I hope you are meeting with a great deal of success in your work. I wish you might attend our coming Commencement.

With best wishes, I am

Your friend and classmate,

21
August 11th, 1914.

Mr. Levi Levering,

Macy, Nebraska.

My dear Sir:

I have noted the information contained in your favor of recent date, and in reply thereto must state that I would prefer not to enroll the ten year old girl you desire to send to Carlisle with your two older children. A girl who is but ten years of age cannot be given the careful attention she should be given because, at Carlisle, the time is necessarily very limited that can be devoted to each girl. It is also a question in my mind whether a girl of that age should be allowed to associate constantly with older girls, some of whom are not always careful about their words and actions.

If the girl is received here at all you would be required to provide transportation for her. That provision has been in force for several years and only because of the enrollment of the older children can the girl be received at all.

After you have given this matter your further consideration please refer it to Superintendent Young and then let me hear what you desire to have done. The blanks I enclose may

-2- Mr. Levi Levering, Macy, Nebraska.

be used to submit applications for enrolment to Superintendent Young for his consideration and approval.

Assuring you that I will gladly co-operate with you in doing what is believed best for your children, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Macy, Neb.

July 29. 1914.

Supervisor Lipps,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear sir:-

Yours of 20 inst. in relative to the
"members of Carlisle Alumni Association" was
received with much interest and glad.

I want to say right here that I have
three (3) children who I would like to place
them at Carlisle this year; the boy is
past 15 years, the girl is fourteen years and
the other girl is past ten (10) years.

I explained this matter to Supt.
Friedman when he was there and he told me
to write him. What I want is that I would like
my children to stay together and go to school.
Their mother had died nearly four (4) years
ago and it is my attention to send them to
good school.

My children have attended school

at Flandreau, So. Dak for past three years and their time is up this summer.

I am glad to say that my children have made themselves good records while at school and I am not ashamed to send them to Carlisle.

I hope you will consider this matter and let me know.

Respectfully yours,
Levi Levering.

P.S.

Will say that I have ^{the} honor of being a member of class of 1890.

The friends of Levi Levering will
regret to hear of the death of Mrs.
Levering at their home at Macy,
Nebraska. Dec. 1910.

Mr. John Levering Visits Us.

Mr. John Levering, class 1893, has been here on a short visit. He noted the many changes and improvements that have been brought about by the passing years, and spoke tenderly of the associations recalled by his presence here. He gave an excellent talk to the faculty and students in the auditorium Monday morning and among other things mentioned the Y. M. C. A. and the Standard Literary Society, of which organizations he was a charter member. He said he well understood the discouragements, and the many temptations which beset the student during school days, but with a well-defined purpose in view, and with the determination to make of themselves men and women, there was no reason why the Carlisle students, with the many advantages offered them, should not go out into the world and achieve success worthy of the training which they received while here. "Stick, and success is assured," were his closing words.

21 Is a Christian Worker. 1912

Mr. Levi Levering, who was with us during the week, is a prominent man among his tribe, the Omahas. Besides being a successful trader, he is Superintendent of the Blackbird Hill Presbyterian Sunday School and also Superintendent of the Christian Endeavor Society. After graduating from Carlisle in 1890, Mr. Levering attended Bellevue College, Nebr.

Omaha School
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NEWS, MONDAY, MAY 29, 1917

INDIAN DELEGATE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Omaha Presbytery Honors Full Blooded Red Man.

Omaha, Neb., May 29. — When the Omaha Presbytery, in session at Florence, honored Levi Levering by choosing him a commissioner or representative of that body to the General Assembly, the highest body in the Presbyterian Church, few outside the Presbytery knew that Mr. Levering was a pure-blood Omaha Indian.

Mr. Levering was born on the Omaha reservation nearly 50 years ago. At 7 years of age he attended the Government school at the agency. He then attended the Presbyterian mission school, conducted by Rev. William Hamilton, four miles north of the agency on the river, where he studied three years. He then went to the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., where he remained nine years.

On returning West he attended Bellevue College for three years. While at Bellevue he took special work in English. He was a member of the college quartet and traveled through the West on a concert tour during the summer. As a member of the Young Men's Christian Association at Bellevue he made an address at Fremont, Neb., the direct results of which were that several young men made confession of their faith in Christ.

From Bellevue Mr. Levering went to Fort Peck, Mont., to teach in a Government school, but was transferred to an Indian school at Fort Hall, Idaho, where he remained nine years. While at Fort Hall he married Miss Vena Bartlett of the Bannock tribe, and returned to the Omaha reservation, where he has been conducting a store for five years.

Mr. Levering has a beautiful home near his place of business, which is furnished with great taste and is a model house in every particular.

Last December Mrs. Levering died of typhoid fever, leaving five children under 12 years of age.

Mr. Levering has been superintendent

of the Blackbird Hills (Indian) Church Sunday school three years and an elder for two years. He represented the church at the recent Omaha Presbytery and his election as commissioner to the General Assembly followed.

Heller's Comet

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123rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

To be held May 18th to 27th, 1911

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LEWIS HOWELL

LEWIS K. COTTINGHAM

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. May 24, 1911

Supt. Friedman,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I am here as one of the Commissioners
to the Presbyterian Gen'l. Assembly which
meets in this City this year.
I expected to stop at Carlisle on my return
homeward for a day or day so.

Yours truly,

Levi Swearing.

(Omaha Indian)

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Omaha Agency,

Macy, Neb.

Jan. 31, 1912.

Mrs Nellie R. Denny, Sec'y,

A. A. of Carlisle Indian School, Pa.

Your Superintendent of Carlisle Indian School, has written me about the coming commencement this year, in which he invited me to come, I want to tell ^{you} what I said in my letter, in answering to his invitation, something like this ;

If you want all exstudents and graduates of Carlisle School, to attend your Commencement Exercises, it would be well enough to invite Gen'l R. H. Pratt, then, it will be sort of drawing card for all who liked Gen'l Pratt, I know that I'll be first one to appear on your ground on that day, not only but I shall be more than delighted to come, and I know that others will do the same, as I do.

Now, I want to tell you that when we celebrate our twenty-five (25th) anniversary of our graduation comes, we want to make biggest hit in the history of Carlisle Indian School, I want you to remind those of our members in the class of 1890, oftner now and then before it comes, because, this is very important to each one of us, as the year draws nigh.

You are at commend to keep this in your mind at all the time, and I for one will do the same, too.

Yours in class-mate,

Levi Levering.

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Circular #4

Nuyaka Boarding School,

Beggs, Oklahoma, Oct. 31, 1912.

There is to be a vacancy of clerkship occur in the near future at this school. I wish to find out through you if you know of any one who would make a good clerk and has had experience in this line of work in the Indian Service. The salary is \$720 per year. It looks so small but it stands good for an increase before the end of the year. It is not heavy work but light in general speaking and it is a good opening for any body. I prefer a man in this position.

I want a man who is clean, of good moral habits and rather say I prefer a band teacher.

The present clerk may likely be transferred to some other school. This is the reason I want a clerk at this school. Please give this matter your careful consideration.

Very respectfully,

Levi Levering.

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agt.

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LEVI LEVERING
INDIAN TRADER



STAPLE AND FANCY
GROCERIES

MACY, NEBR.,

Supt. M. Friedman,
Carlisle, Pa.

Mar. 6, 1911.

Dear sir:-

There are several Omaha and Winnebago Indians who are exstudents and graduates of Carlisle and who would be glad to come to visit the school at the Commencement time, if there can be proper arrangement will be made, to meet all the demands to make up the trip. I suggest a Charter car, which leaves here at Winnebago and ~~the~~ Walthill at certain time, by which passengers are required to enter the car to come east, I know it would be a good thing for the Indians to come in this style, it saves all unnecessary expenses and I am in favor of this plan, if you will work at that end of the road, too.

J. LEVERING
INDIAN TRADERSTAPLE AND FANCY
GROCERIES

MACY, NEBR.,

Write and let me know what you think of it, as I am interest in it, not only that but I want you to see what we are doing out here. We are now men and women.

Let us show to you that we were not gone back to old Indian ways but trying to live like any other race of people, I am in favor of having the biggest reservation that Carlisle has ever known this year.

March 8, 1911.

Mr. Levi Levering
Macy, Nebraska,
My dear Mr. Levering:--

Your letter of the 6th inst was received this morning and I am glad to know that there are so many of the returned students and graduates who want to visit the school this coming commencement. I will be glad to see them all and can arrange to take care of them after they reach Carlisle.

I am sorry that I will not be able to help in getting a through coach. You will have to manage that part of it.

With best wishes to you and trusting that I may be able to see you at our commencement exercises,

I am

Very truly yours

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Nuyaka Boarding School,

Beggs, Okla.

Oct. 29, 1912.

Supt. M. Friedman,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Friend :-

Yours of recent date, was received, and I thank you for your word of encouragement, I know that it did me good to hear from you, I need such advices that you gave me in your letter, and I am sure that I appreciated very much.

I want to tell you that all ^{the} exstudents of ^{the} Carlisle School, are doing well, among the Creek Indians; some of them are quite wealthy, ^{and} ^{other} well-to-do people, and one of them is ^a noted preacher in the Eastern part of Okla. in the M.E. Church. That's what Carlisle is doing for her students, those ^{who} (that) come under her training, and it tells so, among the Indian people.

I am getting along very nicely at this school, trying to run it and making improvements every day; I'll do my best to make it a good record of myself, and use my best powers that is within me.

Yours truly,

Levi Levering.

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agt.

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Red Men Show Great Aptitude as Leaders Among Their People.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE PUBLIC LEDGER.]

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INDIANS MAKE PROGRESS

Omahas, Returning to Carlisle, Tell of Achievements.

Carlisle, April 6.—That graduates of the Carlisle Indian school are continually going forward and doing educational missionary work on their reservations, was sharply emphasized here the past week, the occasion of the annual commencement exercises.

One group of Omaha Indians from their Nebraska homes traveled half-way across the continent to bring a message of inspiration to the class of twenty-one students that received diplomas Thursday. Among them was Levi Levering, a merchant on the Omaha reservation and a Carlisle graduate, who represented his district as delegate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church last year. He declared while here that the educated Indian boys and girls do not go back when they leave school, but go forward and make the most out of life.

With this same group was Albert Blackbird, who, Levering said, raised 5,000 bushels of corn last year on his Nebraska farm and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. Blackbird received his agricultural and academic training at Carlisle.

graduates appeared as though they had prospered, and they declare that they owe their advancement in life to education, and are firm in the conviction that the Indian school will do more than anything else to solve the present Indian problem.

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