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## Fixes Indians' Race By Executive Fiat

Redman Is Not Mongolian, Rules Cato Sells, Who Now Adds Ethnology to His Other Accomplishments.

By J. H. HILDEBRANT  
In the Washington (D. C.) Times.

*Officially the 300,000 Indians in the United States are Red Men, and not Mongolians, as a few ethnologists now would make them.*

*That is the edict that went forth this week from Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who also ordered that no text books denaturing the Indians' race should be allowed in any Government Indian School.*

*Settling a little matter of ethnology, though, is a mere incident in the routine of a job that, by Secretary Lane's own definition, calls for a lawyer, educator, farmer, and financier.*

Wanted—A man to work fourteen hours a day, seven days a week, on the job of administering the affairs of 300,000 people and supervise 60,000,000 acres of land, 25,000,000 dollars' worth of stock, and several hundred million dollars worth of property. Must be a lawyer, farmer, banker and educator. To the right man Uncle Sam will pay \$5,000 a year.

Having qualified, in sixteen months, as lawyer, farmer, banker and educator, Cato Sells this week turned to ethnology and ruled that the Indian is a bona fide red man, and not a Mongolian, as a few iconoclastic anthropologist would make him out.

That decision, like Dr. Wiley's definition of whisky, and Ellis Parker Butler's verdict on pigs, promises to arouse wide discussion. But it is a minor incident among the many happenings in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs within the past sixteen months, which is the elapsed time since Cato Sells

came forth from Texas, after being picked by Secretary Lane as one who fitted the specifications above set forth.

### Big Man Demanded.

The Secretary of the Interior actually advertised, in words to that general effect, in May, 1913, in an interview printed throughout the country. Passing up about ten yards of candidates, measured single file on the hoof, the Secretary succinctly remarked that, for the price named, Uncle Sam expected a "big man," one to whom this offer "would not be a job but an opportunity."

The "big man" (about five feet eight inches) arrived from the big State of Texas, to take the big job in September, 1913. In the words of one Senator, and a Republican at that, he has been "arriving" ever since.

A lawyer? He settled up that specification first, by beginning the two-fisted fight for the elimination of graft and irregularities that had become a national scandal in the settlement of estates in Oklahoma. He found that, though the Indian children of Oklahoma are the richest average children in the United States, they had less statutory protection than in any other State.

When Oklahoma became a State, in 1907, and the adjustment of probate claims thereupon passed into the hands of State officials, these abuses followed upon the readjustment. Feeble efforts had been made to remedy conditions, but the State Legislature had declined to revise the statutes.

### Does Some Plain Talking.

Undaunted, Commissioner Sells called a conference of tribal attorneys

district attorneys and probate attorneys at his office, and there outlined a plan of campaign. Then he went to Oklahoma, explained his attitude to county judges, attorneys, district judges and others. He talked plainly and to the point. He said:

It costs about 3 per cent to settle a white child's estate, and it costs more than 20 per cent to settle the estate of an Indian boy or girl. This is the result of guardians having been appointed without regard to their equipment, and the acceptance of bondsmen many times wholly insolvent.

Enormous fees have been charged by attorneys, and unconscionable fees by guardians, together with indefensible expenditures of their funds, which has frequently resulted in the dissipation of their entire property.

### Fair Play Won For Indian.

The Commissioner got indorsements of these officials, all along the line, and then went directly to tribal representatives and from them obtained similar indorsements. This meant that all officials were pledged by the strongest sort of pledges to correct the impositions upon Indian heirs—children and grown-ups. Not satisfied with this he decided to clinch the matter by going to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.

And there his presentation of facts he had discovered led to the adoption by the justices of that court of the probate rules that had been agreed upon by other State officials and attorneys. Thus, in spite of an inimical legislature, there has been put into effect in Oklahoma one of the most rigid codes of rules governing procedure that exists anywhere in the United States.

This action of the supreme court is permissible under a section of the Oklahoma laws which hitherto had not been invoked. The rules provide for a strict accounting of all probate transactions, require proper securing of loans, and even fix fees which

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#### Delves Into Past Wrongs.

But the efforts of Commissioner Sells did not stop there. Ever since his office, through probate attorneys, has been engaged in the almost herculean task of untangling the skeins of previous irregularities, as well as preventing any new impositions upon Indian heirs.

Two typical cases came up within the past few weeks. One was that where a judgment for \$73,000 was won against a trustee for the estate of three children. This trustee's report showed exorbitant charges and indefensible expenses incurred.

Another case of special interest was that of an adventuress who had persuaded a wealthy Indian to marry her. Shortly after the marriage the Indian died, leaving his estate of \$70,000 in oil lands to be divided between his white second wife and a child by a previous marriage. Through the efforts of a probate attorney the marriage to the adventuress was proved to have been irregular and the entire estate now accrues to the child.

In addition to his other manifold duties, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs has an educational responsibility that transcends that of a college president. For he is the head of a school system that includes seventy-three non-reservation boarding schools, corresponding to the white man's colleges; eighty reservation boarding schools corresponding to the white man's high schools, and about 300 day schools, similar to the grade schools of our cities and towns.

#### School Farm Started.

Two notable features of the past year's work in connection with these schools, accommodating about 74,000 Indian children, has been the inauguration of a series of teachers' institutes, and a new emphasis on school farms. A system of college farms

and school gardens, like those now being advocated for white men's institutions, already is established in conjunction with the Government's Indian schools.

And this is where Commissioner Sells first qualified as a farmer. He sent a letter to superintendents of all schools, giving careful instructions about raising live stock, poultry, vegetables, and farm products, concluding with the statement that "I must insist that you give the development of the school farm your most careful attention to the end that the highest degree of efficiency and results be accomplished. There is absolutely no excuse for a waste acre or overlooked opportunity on a school farm."

And between the times he scans the reports of his probate attorneys concerning disposal of Indian estates, Commissioner Sell goes carefully through the tabulations of work done on school farms, suggesting a new line of work here, and a better method there.

#### Keeps Indians Sober.

Another notable feature of last year's work was Commissioner Sells' efforts for the suppression of the liquor traffic. Here, too, he tried a new and drastic scheme. Efforts to suppress this traffic in Oklahoma had failed. The quarterly payments of the money by the Government to the wealthy Osage tribe was followed by a general debauch last September.

In December \$277,000 was to be paid. Commissioner Sells, acting under a statute which long had been a dead letter, held up this payment until the tribe passed resolutions that no liquor was to be introduced into their territory about Pawhuska. Tribal chiefs, town and county officials, and other authorities bound themselves by strong pledges to keep the law which prohibits the introduction or sale of liquor in Indian reservations.

After this arrangement had been made payments were begun, with the warning that they would be suspended upon the first infraction of the law.

Pawhuska, since then, has been the most sober city in the United States.

And those accomplishments related above simply hit a few of the "high places" touched upon by the man who regards his present job as an opportunity.

## GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS.

BY STUDENT REPORTERS.

We certainly enjoyed the ice cream at our New Year's dinner.

The Sophomores are studying the autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.

Henry Sutton's brother arrived here last Friday. He has enrolled in the Freshman Class.

A number of pupils each year will be allowed to go to normal schools and take training to become teachers.

The Varsity basketball team will play Pennsylvania on the 13th of next month. Brace up, boys, and beat Penn.

During the week most of the boys enjoyed the fine skating, both at Cave Hill and on the school pond, which is right at our door.

Mr. Red Fox James gave a talk at the Second Presbyterian Church last Sunday. He also sang a song which he composed himself.

After spending a pleasant Christmas vacation with friends at Carlisle, John Gibson returned to Mercersburg Academy last Wednesday.

Mr. Griffiths, in one of his talks to the boys said: "Beginning this New Year let us strive for something at the start. Let us do our duty with all energy and faithfulness."

Sunday being the fortieth anniversary of the Rev. McMillan's ordination into the priesthood, Bishop Darlington came from Harrisburg in honor of the occasion. His visit was a surprise to every one.

Mr. Lipps has selected six boys to go to Detroit, Mich., to work in Ford's Automobile Factory. They are Gus Looks, Peter Calac, Joseph Gilman, Norman Thompson, Everett Ranco, and Charles Pratt. They left last Wednesday.

Because of exceptionally good work, together with satisfactory conduct, Joseph Delorimer has been promoted from the Primary Department to Room 4; George Clifford and Silas White have been promoted from the Primary Department to Room 4½; Milton Brave, Robert Hill, Jacob Herman, and Lenora Logan have been advanced from Room 6 to Room 7; and Bessie Tallbear, Julia Day, and William Mountain have moved up from Room 7 to Room 8.

## IN HONOR OF MR. LIPPS.

By Leon Boutwell.

As usual the band played at midnight on Thursday to usher in the New Year. The weather was suitable for the occasion, and the good music was appreciated by all who heard it.

On New Year's Day at nine o'clock in the morning, the band formed in front of Mr. Lipps's residence and played several numbers in his honor. The employees also did him honor by being present, and after New Year's greetings had been exchanged, the band boys were treated to apples by Mr. Lipps's children, the leader of whom was Master Pete.

## THE CATHOLIC MEETING.

By Jane Gayton.

The meeting of Sunday, January 3rd, opened with a prayer, after which a hymn was sung. The four thoughts expressed by Father Stock were: First, that we should take an inventory of our lives at the end of the year. Second, that prayer should be a part of our daily life. Third, to attend church regularly. Fourth, to be careful in selecting our companions.

After the singing of two hymns, the benediction followed. The meeting closed with another hymn.

## GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

BY STUDENT REPORTERS.

Charles Harrison and Irvin Sherman spent their New Year holiday visiting friends in Newville, Pa.

After a brief snow storm Saturday the wind was on the job in helping to sweep the snow off the ice pond.

The skating pond is in fine shape and when the students have time they are sure to be down there skating.

On New Year's eve, Alex Washington entertained a number of his friends by singing Indian songs for them.

Daniel Needham has been called to the bedside of his father, who is seriously ill at his home in Red Lake, Minn.

"Let us put all the energy we can in our efforts to make the most of the opportunity which is always being presented to us." This is the advice

Mr. Lipps gave us in his talk last Saturday evening.

New Year's Day, at dinner, Mr. Lipps extended hearty greetings for the New Year to the whole student body.

The literary societies did not convene during Christmas week. Regular meetings will be held this evening.

Mr. Albert Weber, a junior and an honor student at State College, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weber.

At Sunday evening service we had the pleasure of hearing John Gibson give an outline of the work that he is doing at Mercersburg Academy.

Miss Evelyn Foster returned to Burlington, N. J., Sunday, after spending her Christmas vacation with her mother here, Mrs. E. H. Foster.

During the basketball game between the Easterners and the Westerners, "Nick" Lassa proved to be a very capable leader for the rooters.

Sadie Ingalls and Louise Thomas were campus visitors during the Christmas holidays. They expressed themselves as having had a delightful time while here.

## WEST DEFEATS EAST IN BASKETBALL.

The best game of the season took place in the Gymnasium last Friday evening when the Westerners and Easterners met in their annual game of basketball, the former winning by a score of 29 to 26.

It was either side's game until the very last. Both teams played a fast game and at times displayed good team work. At the end of the first half the Easterners had the best of the score by five points. But the Westerners came back strong at the beginning of the second half and by some fast and accurate goal shooting managed to score more often than their opponents, but the score stood tie, 24 to 24, when time was up. After a short intermission the game continued for five minutes longer, and when the final whistle blew the Westerners were three points ahead. Almost the entire school saw the game, and there was much enthusiasm and cheering for the teams.

## THE FRESHMAN CLASS ENTERTAIN.

By Amy Smith.

Last Saturday evening after returning from the auditorium, the Freshman Class held a reception in Mercer's Hall in honor of their classmates, Peter Calac, Norman Thompson, and Joseph Gilman, who left for Detroit, Mich., last Wednesday. Daniel Needham was also a guest of honor, as he, too, was leaving, having been called home on account of the serious illness of his father.

Other invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lipps, Mr. and Mrs. DeHuff, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Foster, Miss Foster, Mr. Mann, Miss McDowell, and Miss Lay of the Senior Class.

The evening was spent pleasantly listening to music and in playing games. Lucinda Reed and Norman Thompson each gave a reading.

The refreshments consisted of ice cream, cake, and coffee.

Before leaving, Mr. Lipps gave the class some very good advice pertaining to conduct and education in general. Peter Calac, captain of the 1915 football team, Joseph Gilman, Daniel Needham, and Norman Thompson were also called upon for a few words and each responded with something for us to remember.

After a little music furnished by Miss Lay and mutual good wishes and farewells had been exchanged, the guests departed and another happy evening had been added to the list of many others in the memory of the gallant Freshman Class.

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BY STUDENT REPORTERS.

The blacksmith detail are receiving instruction in setting tires.

Myrtle Thomas, '14, is now assistant seamstress at Tulalip, Wash.

During Mr. Gray's absence, Clement Hill was in charge at the first farm.

Isaac Shuckkahosee has been promoted from private to fourth corporal.

Tony Welch, who is working under the outing, was a visitor during the holidays.

Homer Lipps had as guest at New Year's dinner, Mr. Red Fox James, of Montana.

The employees at the Teachers, Club had roast duck for dinner on New Year's Day.

## ATHLETIC BANQUET AND RECEPTION.

By JOHN B. MCGILLIS.

Amid trophies won on the track, diamond, and gridiron by Carlisle athletes, the annual Athletic Association banquet and reception was held in the Athletic Quarters and in the Gymnasium on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1914.

The Varsity boys and others who have won their C's by their skill in different branches of athletics were given a banquet with their guests in the dining room of the Athletic Quarters,

About six o'clock seventy-two people, athletes and their friends, assembled in the banquet room, "keyed up for the final scrimmage," as an old football star expressed it. The tables were prettily decorated with carnations, ferns, and fruit. The menu included grape fruit, oysters, sherbet, fruit salad, roast turkey with dressing and cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, peas, celery, olives, pickles, bread, butter, ice cream, cake, coffee, and fruit, and for a souvenir, a box of after-dinner chocolates and a carnation for each guest.

Among the guests of the banquet were: Mr. and Mrs. Lipps, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Dietz, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, and Mrs. M. G. Ewing.

After the banquet, the guests proceeded to the Gymnasium, which was the scene of one of the most enjoyable receptions given under the auspices of the Athletic Association. The large room had been decorated with flags, pennants and footballs; the galleries decorated with flags and evergreens, which were a part of the Christmas decorations, remained to carry out the joyous feeling of good tidings and hope to the happy guests.

Cushioned seats, rugs, and rockers had been arranged at each end of the big room, thereby adding to the cosiness and also carrying out the color scheme to an artistic finish. The main part of the Gymnasium was laid out as a football field. The side lines were carefully marked off and at each end stood the goal posts wrapped in red and gold colors.

The music, furnished by Smith's Orchestra, was exceptionally good, the floor in splendid condition for dancing, the program well arranged and varied, and the spirit and enthusiasm of the athletes and their friends

so joyous that the evening could not have failed to be a success.

After an overture by the orchestra, the guests, numbering about two hundred and fifty, were cordially welcomed by Captain Calac and then the dancing began. Twenty-four dances made up the programme for the evening. After the first twelve dances there was an intermission, at which time refreshments were served.

As the evening advanced the hour was fast approaching when the old year would pass away forever and the new year set in. At twelve o'clock the bells began to ring, the band played out in the moonlight, and those in the Gymnasium, imbued with the spirit and presence of the New Year, entered into it with enthusiasm manifested by handshakings and mutual good wishes. The last waltz, "Dream of the South," played to the final strains of "Home, Sweet Home," brought the joyous occasion to a close.

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By STUDENT REPORTERS.

The Juniors are glad to have James M. Welch back on the school grounds.

Miss Sadie Ingalls, Class '13, who was a holiday visitor, returned to Philadelphia last Monday morning.

The following expression has been repeatedly heard from the students: "This is the best Christmas I ever spent at Carlisle."

There were many smiling faces among the students Saturday evening upon hearing of the opportunities offered by Mr. Lipps.

Antonio Lubo, captain of the 1907 football team, who assisted "Pop" Warner last fall, left Monday evening for Syracuse, N. Y., where he is engaged to work for the New York Central Railroad Company.

Francis Paul, of the Senior Class, gave an excellent reading entitled "Opportunity" last Wednesday morning at chapel exercises in the auditorium. Upon request, he gave the reading again to the afternoon session. Michael Wilkie also spoke on "The New Year Festival" and Mary Raiche recited "Ring Out Wild Bells."

## THE SUNDAY EVENING PROTESTANT SERVICE.

By Lucinda Reed.

The Sunday evening service was lead by Marie Mason. Several hymns were sung and the Lord's Prayer was repeated, after which the following program was rendered: Scripture reading, Marie Mason; select reading, Margaret Brown; readings, Agnes Owl and Mary Kewagesheik; selection, choir; reading, Sallie Greybeard.

Mr. Clevett, our physical director, and at present acting Y. M. C. A. secretary, and John Gibson each gave talks. The meeting closed with the "Mizpah."

## THE Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. leader last Sunday afternoon was Lucy West, who opened the meeting by reading the Scripture lesson. Amy Smith and Mary Welch gave a vocal duet, after which the leader told about her trip to Eaglesmere.

Marie Mason, the president, asked and received suggestions for carrying on the work. The meeting closed with the "Mizpah."

## GREETINGS FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Cato Sells sent each employee of the Indian Service a pretty Christmas card ornamented with a four-color design of the "Peace Pipe." The design was made by Mrs. Angel Decora Dietz and the cards were printed by the Carlisle press. The greeting on these, written by Mrs. Sells, follows:

Open-armed the Red Man welcomed  
Paleface pilgrim to his shore;  
Greetings glad as his, I send you,  
And goodwill, forevermore.  
  
Let us strive to help this brother  
Greed and graft, injustice, cease;  
Let us seek his lodge of council;  
Let us smoke the pipe of peace.

## COME TO NEXT SUNDAY'S Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. meeting will begin at 3:15 in the regular place Sunday afternoon, Mr. Clevett in charge. Mr. Bryson, boy's secretary of the city Y. M. C. A., will be the speaker. Let's have a good crowd out to greet him.