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WE WILL NOT.

We will not buy,
We will not make,
We will not use,
We will not take,
Wine, cider, beer,
Rum, whiskey, gin;
Because they lead
Mankind to sin.

We will not smoke
The smoker's pets,
Those little things
Called cigarettes.
We will not chew.
We will not lie,
Nor waste our time
Before we die.

We will not curse,
Though many dare
Open their lips
To curse and swear.
Our words shall be
Both pure and plain
We will not take
God's name in vain.

HARRISBURG.

Harrisburg is 100 years old this week. One hundred years ago the country round about Harrisburg was full of Indians.

John Harris was one of the first white men who came to live in this part of Pennsylvania. He liked the country round about Harrisburg, so he bought some land there.

One time over 100 years ago the Indians thought they would kill John Harris. About three o'clock in the morning they surrounded his house, set fire to it and

caught hold of Mr. Harris and dragged him to a tree where they were going to burn him to death. They tied him fast to the tree with strong ropes.

Then they piled up some dry wood about his feet, and they were going to let the fire burn slowly, and stand off and laugh at him and whoop and yell and dance around him.

Well, they got every thing ready, and the old chief called out, „Time is up! Start the fire!” Three or four young Indians sprang forward with fire on the end of a stick. They lighted the dry wood around Mr. Harris' feet. The smoke began to rise, and Oh! How Mr. Harris began to suffer.

The Indians shouted and made such savage yells that they could not hear the groans and prayers of the poor man.

While Harris was burning they were going to stick knives in his flesh to make him suffer more.

The old chief jumped forward to be the first one to cut him, but just that moment „Bang! Bang! Bang!” went the guns of some friendly Indians who had come to save Mr. Harris' life. And they did save his life. The old chief was shot dead and the others all ran away.

These friendly Indians lived near the mouth of our creek where the cave is, and they rowed down the Susquehanna river in small boats.

When you go to Harrisburg next time, and as you cross the long bridge look off to the right and you can see a stump of a large tree. It has a little fence built around it. That is the very tree where John Harris was tied.

And so Harrisburg was named for this man who was so nearly killed by the Indians—Mr. John HARRIS.

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class mail matter.*

Julian and Stephen are at work in the harness shop, at Rosebud.

Luther Standing Bear is assistant teacher in Miss Wright's school at Rosebud Agency, Dak. We are glad to hear this.

Ralph and Julia are going to move to Pine Ridge agency from Rosebud. Ralph does not always want to do the best thing.

Dr. McGillycuddy is going to build a blacksmith shop and put Edgar Fire Thunder in it as head workman. It will be about thirty miles from the agency, where there is a settlement of Indians. Good! We know Edgar will do well.

Tommy McGillycuddy has taken Newton Bigroad's place in the office at Pine Ridge Agency. Newton wanted more education so he came back to school. We are glad to see him and Robert American Horse with the party of new pupils just arrived.

The Rosebud Indians are beginning to work in earnest. They are leaving the poor land near the agency and going on farms. Two years ago many of them lived in little villages near the agent's office. It is a good sign when they begin to scatter, and go to work for themselves.

At Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota, there are 6,000 Indians and 20,000 dogs. No wonder Indians are poor! If the Indians would kill nearly all their dogs, and sell nearly all their horses, and buy cattle and pigs and sheep and useful things to live with, they would soon come up out of their low condition, and be a stronger and better people.

YACHT RACING,

The Indians like to race horses. Some white people are foolish too and like to race horses.

White people race with boats, too.

A few days ago there was a boat race in which people all over this country were interested. The boats were called yachts.

They are made large enough to go on the ocean.

A man whose home is in England thought he would make a yacht that could beat any other yacht in the world.

A man whose home is in America has a yacht that he thinks can beat any boat in the world.

The Englishman brought his yacht across the Atlantic ocean to race with the American yacht.

The English yacht is called the Genesta. The American yacht is called the Puritan.

A few days ago they sailed from New York City and the American yacht came out ahead.

This is foolish business, but the Man-on-the-band-stand thought you would like to hear about this race just because every body else knows about it.

The following new boys and girls came to our school this week:

FROM PINE RIDGE AGENCY, DAKOTA.—Sioux: Good Boy, Lone Eagle, Alexander Manabove, George Little Mound, Alexander, Jas. Fox, Moses Culbertson, Newton Big Road, Robert American Horse; Cheyenne: Big Stomach, Arthur Standing Elk, Wm. Crow, Wykes Summer,

FROM QUAPAW AGENCY, INDIAN TERRITORY.—John Miller, Joseph Cotter, Chas. Hood, Cinda Clinton, Edith Abner, Isadore Labedie, Florence Barnett, Katie Grinrod, Esther Miller, Elizabeth Wind.

Four companies of firemen on their way to Harrisburg from the South stopped to see our school, on Wednesday evening. As they marched out from the train and around the grounds, they looked very nicely, all dressed in beautiful, bright colored uniforms, and queer looking hats. They marched through the dining-hall, shops and school rooms. The music by each of the four brass bands was fine, and every body enjoyed the treat.

Dr. Brown is with us again.

Lillie Wild Ben Damon, Madoc Wind and Mark Evarts went to farms this week.

Oscar Bull Bear and Belle Yellow Bear went home to Cheyenne Agency, last Tuesday night.

William Bear Out, George Fire Thunder, Justin Head, and Frank Dorian returned from farms this week.

Major Ridpath of the Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, spent Wednesday night with us. He brought ten new pupils from that agency, whose names are given elsewhere.

Last Wednesday night all our horses got out of the lot in which they were turned loose, and wandered away. Mr Foulke found them the next day over by the creek near the cave.

The high fence back of the school-house has been moved away over by the new railroad, near Mr. Sanno's house. This gives the boys a nice large ball ground.

The two deaf and dumb Indian girls who have been spending their summer vacation with us went back to the Deaf and Dumb Institution, Washington, D. C. last Tuesday.

Harvey WhiteShield left this school last Friday to enter the M. E. College, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His expenses are to be paid by a kind lady friend in New York, and we hope he will do so well that she will never be sorry she helped him.

When one of the little boys saw the firemen coming up the lane he ran to tell his friends, saying, "He come people guard-house way up." Poor little boy, we feel sorry for him because he can't speak better English. If the boys and girls would stop and think before they speak, they could do better.

Ha! Ha! Ha! The Man-on-the-bandstand saw something very funny this week. One of the little boys has his pockets all sewed up. We will not tell his name this time; but we wish all the boys would get their pockets sewed up tight if they don't know enough to march without putting their hands in their pockets. Did the firemen march with hands in their pockets?

OUR PUPILS IN THE PARADE.

On Wednesday fifty of our pupils went to Harrisburg to march in the parade. Kent Black Bear, Sioux, William Crow and Charley (New Cheyennes) were dressed in Indian costume and marched at the head of the line to show the people what Indians look like before they are civilized.

Then came thirty boys dressed in uniform, carrying books and slates to represent the school.

After these there were three wagons with the boys working at different trades.

1st wagon contained printing office, with boys working press and throwing what they printed out in the crowd, bakery and carpenter shop with boys planing, etc.

2nd. Shoe making, harness-making and tailoring were going on.

3rd. Boys were making tin-ware and doing black-smith work. Arnold knows how to make the fire fly.

The people were well pleased with the Carlisle Indian school display, and we hope it has done some good in showing that Indians are learning to become useful.

Our Numbers This week.

Number of pupils present.....	320
Number of pupils on farms.....	104
Whole number of pupils.....	424
There are 128 girls and 296 boys.	

ANSWERS TO THE CHICAGO MAN.

Our readers remember two weeks ago the INDIAN HELPER printed some things a Chicago man said against educated Indians. That piece stirred up our pupils somewhat. It made them think, and drew from them some answers to his talk.

Our paper is too small to print all the answers but we will take a few of the best parts: Henry Kendall says:

"It is not only the educated Indian that wants easy work and high wages, but there are hundreds, I might say thousands of able bodied white men (not mere boys) who are as bad and unwilling to work as an educated Indian boy, and many of them are in a worse condition. For instance look at the list of crimes committed by many of the well educated white men and it is not said there is no use in educating white children and that after being educated they can plan and do worse things than if they were not educated. Why don't ten or twenty of these educated bad or lazy white men disgrace all the educated men of the race? When an INDIAN does a little thing out of the way, it is put into the great news-papers of the Union, even if they did it in resistance when being driven from their homes.

Some people say the Indians are nothing but savages, and will wrong a person for fun. Persons who say that do not think how the Indians have been treated. Every paper or person that is against the Indians takes the report of an Indian outbreak and perhaps adds a little to it, till at last it is more than what happened.

The boy of whom the Chicago man speaks must have been in the east a short time, but give time to the Indian to get well acquainted with the English language and industry, I assure you a well educated Indian will see his or her condition and that of their people. Encourage him. Do not despise him because he cannot learn as quickly as white men; and do not say that every Indian school boy that has been in the east and does not do well is from Carlisle, because there are other schools.

We kindly invite all such people as that Chicago man to come to the Carlisle

Indian school and see for yourselves to learn better of the Indians."

Lily Wind says: "We will not sit still and listen and have the papers talk about us. Let us come up and MAKE the white people think we are good for something."

Phebe Howell says: "Now boys and girls we must do something to make our education worth something."

Jennie Mitchell says: "Some people think the Indian has no feeling at all."

Susie Bond says: "Indian boys and girls must not go back to their homes and live in the dirt. We must live in a nice clean house. Mr. Man-on-the-band-stand do you think it is fair for us to do the boys' work? Do you think it is right for us Indian girls to carry wood and great bundles of hay on our backs, and put the tents up, and tan the hides and chop wood while the boys are taking a good nap? Let an Indian boy who learns to farm in the east farm when he goes home."

The Man-on-the-band-stand thinks this way; "No, sir! Make the boys do the outside work, and the girls do the work of the house. If the Man-on-the-band-stand was a girl he WOULD NOT do man's work outside of the house.

Josephine Bordeaux says: "I guess we can work without the white people starving us."

Julia Bent says: "That Chicago man has not seen all our returned pupils. Some are teachers, clerk, cooks, policemen, and other employes at the Agencies. Suppose he was an Indian in our place would he like to have us talk in that way about him? Indians can work. I hope that no white person will believe what the Chicago man wrote about us. The government is not wasting money on us. Every Indian in this country needs an education."

Mary Perry says: "We can learn to do any kind of work they give us to do."

Lucy Jordan thinks "Indians are human beings the same as white people."

Alice Wynn wonders how the white people would feel if the government should make them work without education.

Jumbo is dead.

Who is Jumbo? He was a great elephant. Next week we will tell you something about him.