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IGNORANCE.

DOWN WITH THE TRAITOR!

On the evening of Washington's Birthday, after the general exercises by the school in commemoration of the event, and after the most excellent remarks by Commissioner Morgan, our Superintendent followed with brief but forcible comments. The apropos verse below written by one present embodies the chief points:

Fight the Traitor, boys and girls, with a will!
Though "the war is over" you may conquer still.

Not with sword and musket will you fight the foe,

But with fixed decision deal the fatal blow.
Firm determination makes a deadly shot;
And defeat will follow him who has it not.
Enemies are plenty, but no foe you face

Is so sly or cunning, or keeps so brisk a pace
As IGNORANCE, whose weapons cut deep into the life

Unless a man determines to conquer in the strife.

Let the foe be certain that you never yield,
Though the battle linger, you will take the field.

Rout him from the rampart of your heart and brain.

And no quarter give him though he rise again!

Build a Fort of KNOWLEDGE! Hide behind its wall!

Be brave and loyal ever, and Ignorance will fall!

ONE OF THE FIGHTERS, AT CARLISLE.

HOW KICKING BIRD KILLED A BUFFALO.

As Told by an Eye Witness.

Kicking Bird was head chief of the Kiowa tribe. So rich was he in horses and stock that he was called by some an Indian prince.

On a scouting expedition a few years ago in Indian Territory with the United States soldiers, the party came upon fresh buffalo tracks. There was every evidence that a herd was grazing somewhere in the vicinity.

The commanding officer said to Kicking Bird, "They tell me you can kill a buffalo with an arrow."

"It is true," said the chief with dignity.

"I can hardly believe it," said the officer.

"I can show you," said the chief.

"Exactly what I want to see," said the officer.

"All right," said Kicking Bird, glad of the opportunity to show his skill with the arrow, before the United States soldiers.

Jumping from his horse he stripped nearly nude. He took the bridle and saddle from his horse, mounted bare-back and commanded, "Follow me!"

It was the officers turn now to obey, which he did cheerfully, and several of the company, desirous to witness the feat, followed, keeping well to the rear so as to give the Indian complete advantage as soon as he spied his game.

They had not gone far when a lone buffalo was discovered quietly grazing in the valley below, and Kicking Bird made a bee line for the object of his search.

The beast showed fight as soon as the chief rode near.

Kicking Bird allowed the buffalo to chase him and he in turn chased the buffalo round and round until nearly tired out the animal stopped in exactly the right position for the shot to show to the best advantage.

Kicking Bird pulled his bow nearly double, and fired.

The arrow entered the buffalo behind the shoulder blade and came out on the opposite side, falling to the ground, having completed its deadly work.

The buffalo?

He made one desperate plunge. Blood began to spurt from his mouth and nostrils; a shivering, unsteady swing and he fell, dead.

AN INDIAN BOY ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.

The following account comes from a person who has been on the ground and knows. The boy is not a Carlisle student, but we are glad to note his progress for the benefit of our own boys who have gone home.

"Robert Sandhill, is a Cheyenne boy, living at Cantonment Indian Territory.

He was poor three years ago, and located on

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Please say RENEWAL, when you renew, and greatly oblige our patient clerks.

Hattie Hicks writes that her people at home hardly knew her she has grown so much.

How it does hurt to be criticised, and yet it always does us good. Then ought we not to be thankful for the same?

We hear of the death of Little Raven, chief of the Arapahoes, in Indian Territory. He was one of the progressive chiefs of the tribe.

Ernie Black writes that he is now employed at the Cheyenne School, Darlington, Indian Territory. He says he would like to return to Carlisle.

Died, on the 5th inst. at her home, Darlington, Indian Ter., Susie Pendleton, wife of Rev. David Pendleton. Susie was a good Christian woman and a kind and faithful wife. David has the sympathy of his friends at Carlisle.

Lucius Bird, on a Bucks County farm, sends for the *Red Man*. We should think that all Indians and others, too, interested in the Indian question, would want to take the first and best Indian paper in the land, when they can get it for only fifty cents a year, and a premium in the bargain.

Capt. Pratt leaves to-day for foreign ports. In company with Mr. and Mrs. Wistar Morris, of Overbrook, and a friend of the same, Capt. and Mrs. Pratt go to Japan on a five month's leave, the first outing from duty the Captain has taken for many a year. Mrs. Pratt who is in Denver, will join the others at La Junta. May our Superintendent find on the broad Pacific's waters and on the other side, the rest he so much needs, and return with Mrs. Pratt and the others, safely, is the sincere wish of the Carlisle tribe.

OUR TWENTY-SECOND.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated at our school as a holiday, and on the evening all gathered in the chapel to be entertained by singing, recitations and declamations prepared especially for the occasion.

On the platform with the United States flag draped gracefully over his handsome head a large portrait of Washington stood on an easel.

While many of the speakers were beginners and the enthusiasm did not reach the high point it did on Franchise Day everything passed off very pleasantly.

At the close of the exercises the school was honored by a brief address from the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs, T. J. Morgan. He commended the efforts of our students and their good behavior. He saw the elements of oratory in some of the speakers. He spoke most eloquently of Washington, as an unselfish statesman who always strove to do his best. "One cannot study such a character as Washington without being made stronger and better for it. Washington was not afraid to do that which he knew to be right. I have been told that some Indian boys and girls when they go home have not the courage to carry out the teachings of the school. Be like Washington! He did not care who laughed at him. Be courageous in doing that which you know to be right whether in or out of school!" We wish we could give all the Commissioner said but space forbids.

A recent letter from Rosebud, Dak., gives pleasant news from Luther Standing Bear, who often interprets at the church and reads one or both lessons in Dakota, and when the minister is away reads the service. Frank Jannes has gone to Pine Ridge, perhaps to stay. Frank and Hope Locke are doing very nicely indeed. The people at Rosebud think that Hope talks English more readily than most of the other girls who have returned and are pleased to find her sociable. Julia Eagle Feather is happy to have Ralph back from his travelling tour with a Medicine Company. A great many children died of La Grippe and Whooping Cough, this winter. Charlotte Four Horns lost her little baby. Pollock Spotted Tail is not looking very well.

A letter from John D. Miles, comes from Ft. Elliott, Texas. He is one of the Cheyenne Scouts and is Company Clerk. There are seven Carlisle students at Ft. Elliott and Ft. Supply, and the other students he knows about are all doing well except three. They are working their farms. John seems to feel proud of the school that gave him his education, and we are pleased to read his expressions of gratitude.

At the Carlisle Indian School, is published monthly an eight-page quarto of standard size, called *The Red Man*, the mechanical part of which is done entirely by Indian boys. This paper is valuable as a summary of information on Indian matters and contains writings by Indian pupils, and local incidents of the school. Terms: Fifty cents a year, in advance.

For 1, 2, and 3, subscribers for *The Red Man* we give the same premiums offered by Standing Offer for the HELPER.
Address, THE RED MAN, CARLISLE, PA.

"They fail, and they alone, who have not striven."

Mr. Goodyear spent a happy Washington's Birthday in Philadelphia.

Miss Paul has a class in the First Church Sunday School, in town.

Francis Ortiz left for his home in New Mexico, on Tuesday evening.

The tea at the Campbell's on Wednesday evening was greatly enjoyed by the guests.

Miss Hunt led the choir on Saturday and Sunday during the illness of Mrs. Campbell.

A lady from town visiting the printing office said it was the cleanest office she had ever seen.

Days like Wednesday suggest green pease, strawberries, early radishes, and — O, yes, Spring flowers.

We were greatly favored on Washington's Birthday to have with us Commissioner and Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. Goodyear saw Lewis Johnson in Philadelphia. Lewis is about to graduate in medicine. He looks remarkably well.

Capt. Pratt gave a five o'clock tea last evening to the graduating class, who will receive their diplomas during his absence in Japan.

A reception in honor of the departure of Capt. Pratt was given last evening by the teachers and employees, in the Teachers parlor.

We hail with pleasure the return to our school after an absence of nearly a year, Miss L. A. Bender. She takes a place as clerk in Capt. Pratt's office.

Nicholas Ruleau again hires with a farmer for a year instead of going home. He is a first class farmer and will have the entire charge of an excellent farm in Bucks County.

During the heavy wind one day this week, the fence on the east side of the base-ball ground was blown down, and the storm-door at the Campbell's was torn from its bearings.

The girl who carelessly threw a match on the table-cloth the other day, came near making a big fire, and we might have lost our splendid big dining-hall, all because, "I d-i-d n-o-t t-h-i-n-k."

Commissioner Morgan had an earnest talk with this year's graduating class and filled them with a spirit to go ahead and use all the advantages that the United States Government can give.

Do the boys and girls who are sent to Miss Ely's office ever think that perhaps Mr. Standing does not like to have his office used as a hall? There is another and just as convenient to go to the back office.

One of the boys who recently arrived from Ft. Stevenson, Dak. is said to be an exceedingly fine cornet player. The M. O. T. B. S. is waiting to hear him play with the rest of the band before he pronounces his official opinion.

On Wednesday after-noon Miss Nana Pratt arrived from Atlanta, Ga., where she has been attending school. During the absence of Capt. and Mrs. Pratt, in Japan, she will assume the home responsibilities.

Five members of the Teachers' Club whose birth days come in February, calling themselves the Februarians, struck an average as to date and gave a party last Friday evening. The occasion was a most enjoyable one all around.

The stockholders of the lower end of the Cumberland Valley Railroad, conducted by President Kennedy and General Boyd, Superintendent of the road, visited the school. There were eighty in the party and they came in a special train.

Our board walks are regular heel-pullers. Shall we not be glad when the day comes to abandon them again? From present indications when we take them up this Spring, it will be for the last time. Good substantial walks, good for all the year round are being talked of.

Miss Campbell will probably arrive to-night. Word has been received that she arrived safely at Seneca, Mo. with her charge, Edith Abner, Hattie Hicks and Mary White, and that the first person she met whom she knew was Charlie Dagenett. He is very much improved in health and smiled all over his face to see his Carlisle friends.

The Standard Debating Society at their last meeting elected new officers, as follows: President, George W. Means; Vice-President, Mark Everts; Secretary, Yarnie Leeds; Treasurer, Frank Everett; Reporter, Robert Matthews; Marshall, Stailey Norcross; Committee on arrangements, Carl Lieder, Levi Levering, Reuben Wolf.

Six Mandan and Arickaree boys and girls arrived on Saturday, in charge of Prof. and Mrs. Gerowe of the Ft. Stevenson school, Dak., who remained over Sunday with us and examined with apparent interest the workings of our institution. The Professor spoke well of our Apache friend, Dr. Carlos Montezuma, who is employed at the Ft. Stevenson school as Physician.

Supt. Davis, of the Pierre Indian Training School, Dakota, was among our visitors this week. Mr. Davis intends to build up a school on the banks of the Missouri as conducive of good as Carlisle has been. He says when you meet an educated Indian out in Dakota the general remark is, "He was educated at Carlisle." Mr. Davis hopes some day to hear it said "This young man or young woman is a Carlisle OR a Pierre Indian."

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his claim, but by hard work and economy, and by STICK-TO-IT-IVE-NESS can now boast of owning one of the largest and finest farms on the reservation.

Robert bought four mules, wagon, harness, etc. and paid for them in one year's time, by freighting.

All his earnings are invested in young stock, and he possesses quite a herd of horses and cattle.

His nicely white-washed, house with shade trees and peach orchard surrounding it, are ornaments to his farm and neighborhood.

Many boys on returning to their homes think that the first thing necessary to do is to get a wife.

If they would follow the example of Robert Sandhill, who is still unmarried, and first get a home and business established, they would find that it would pay much better."

FROM AN OLD PUPIL.

GRAY CLIFF, MONT. Feb. 12, 1890.

M. O. T. B. S.

DEAR FRIEND: I suppose you already know that I left the Agency some time ago. I guess you know where I am because I have often heard that you know what all Carlisle boys and girls are doing who have returned to their homes. and know every little thing that goes on in the world. But I do believe that you don't know where I am because I never get my paper. I used to get them when I was at the Agency, and I would like to get my INDIAN HELPER every week here, because no one tells me all the news at Carlisle but you.

I stopped work at the Agency as herder. I received only \$30 a month and furnished my own horses and every-thing else, and so I came over here and found a job at \$40 a month, so I am going to stay here for a while. I am thinking about stopping working for wages and working on my own ranch next Fall. There is no snow on the ground, the weather is fine but there is great sickness here. I send my best regards to all my friends, and I would like to know how my teacher and her scholars are. I am getting along nicely. And believe me, I am truly your friend.

RICHARD J. WALLACE.

At Devil's Lake when told of the action of the pupils of Carlisle School in sending five hundred and fifty dollars to relieve the suffering there, one old Indian said "They are small children, but they have great thoughts."

GYMNASTICS FOR THE MIND.

The Man-on-the-band-stand is not a crank on Mathematics, but he would not give a penny for any student's education, red, white, or black, who could not do a little independent reasoning, in problems not soaked in old rules from books. Hence, the clearest and best explanation received at the HELPER office from an Indian boy or girl before the 7th of March shall have a prize. Address all communications to J. B. Given:

1. A boy can split a cord of wood in one hour and a man can split it in half an hour. After the boy has been working for half an hour he is joined by the man. How long will it take both working together to finish the cord?

2. A farmer sells two horses at \$100 each. On the one he gains 25 per cent. and on the other he loses 25 per cent. Does he gain or lose by the transaction, and how much?

3. A man divided a farm among three sons. To the first he gave 80 acres, to the second four-ninths of the whole farm, and to the third three-fourths as much as to both the others. How many acres did the farm contain?

Enigma.

I am made of 19 letters.

My 12, 13, 14, 15, is what we should always use at table to lift food to our mouths.

My 19, 9, 16, 17, 18, is what people generally do at night.

My 5, 6, 1, 11, is what some of our boys and girls can draw beautifully.

My 8, 3, 4, is the name of a body of water.

My 7, 10, 3, 2, is true.

My whole is a very bad game.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S ENIGMA: Thursday's dinner-bell.

STANDING OFFER.—For FIVE new subscribers to the INDIAN HELPER, we will give the person sending them a photographic group of the 15 Carlisle Indian Printer boys, on a card $4\frac{1}{2} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches, worth 20 cents when sold by itself. Name and tribe of each boy given.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please enclose a 1-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For TEN, TWO PHOTOGRAPHS, one showing a group of Pueblos as they arrived in wild dress, and another of the same pupils three years after; or, for the same number of names we give two photographs showing still more marked contrast between a Navajoe as he arrived in native dress, and as he now looks, worth 20 cents apiece.

The new combination picture showing all our buildings and band-stand. (boudoir) will also be given for TEN subscribers.

(Persons wishing the above premiums will please enclose a 2-cent stamp to pay postage.)

For FIFTEEN, we offer a GROUP OF THE WHOLE school on 9x14 inch card. Faces show distinctly, worth sixty cents.

For FIFTEEN, the new combination picture 8x10 showing all our buildings.

(Persons wishing the above premium will please send 5 cents to pay postage.)

For TWO Subscribers and a One-cent stamp, we send the printed copy of the Apache contrast. For ONE Subscriber and a Two-cent stamp we will send the printed copy of Pueblo contrast.

Persons sending clubs must send all the names at once.