

No. 197.

KLAMATH INDIAN RESERVATION.

DEAR SIR: I herewith have the honor to submit the following my annual report of the present condition and location of this reservation, and also of the different farms attached to and belonging to the same. It is with much pleasure that I can speak so favorably of the condition of the Indians. Health, peace, and plenty prevail among them; no dissatisfaction exists; no broils or contentions occur among themselves, and they are very friendly with all the whites with whom they come in contact; and I have no doubt in their continued fidelity, if there is no molestation or intrusion on the part of the whites. I had little difficulty in controlling and managing them entirely to my satisfaction. They are obedient, respectful, and orderly, and are certainly improving in habits of industry, and although the great majority of them still cling with much tenacity to their primitive habits of ease and indolence, yet there are many who work with a willing hand and a cheerful spirit, and the number of laborers continues to increase, and will, for they cannot fail to see and feel the beneficial results arising from industry. There are on this reservation proper, two thousand Indians, a great number of whom receive daily sustenance from headquarters; the balance under my jurisdiction, number about four thousand, who inhabit the mountain streams, and subsist principally on fish and game, which are very abundant, and seem inexhaustible. These latter make frequent visits to headquarters, and get full supplies of vegetables, &c. The Indians not residing immediately on this reservation, and numbering about four thousand, live in the counties of Del Norte, Klamath, Trinity, and Siskiyou, and over whom I exercise control and supervision.

There is this year, on this and the different farms attached, two hundred acres in cultivation, to wit: fifty in wheat, which yielded ninety-one thousand five hundred pounds; barley, ten acres, and yielded thirteen thousand five hundred and fifty; ten acres in oats, which, cut and cured in hay, and amounting to fourteen tons, and also

thirty-three bushels which I thrashed for seed; thirty-three acres in potatoes, which I have not yet dug, which bid fair to produce an abundant yield, and I feel confident in saying, cannot fall short of five hundred bushels to the acre. I cultivated in peas, seventy-five acres, a large portion of which have been harvested, and, estimating from the large quantity now gathered, the yield will probably exceed fifty tons; the balance, twenty-five acres, I planted in various kinds of vegetables and melons, such as cabbages, beans, carrots, &c., especially the latter, the yield of which, both as to size and quantity, I have never seen equalled.

Since I took charge of this reservation, I have expended twelve thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars and ninety-three cents, exclusive of my salary. Although the benefit arising from said expenditure have given me much satisfaction, yet a much larger sum could have been expended to profit and advantage; and I must say, that the amount set apart by you is not sufficient to defray the expenses of this reservation, yet I will make every effort to keep in bounds, yet it will curtail my movements, and prevent me from making many changes and improvements which the wants and necessities of the service require.

All of which is respectfully submitted, by your obedient servant,
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No. 198.

NOME LACKEES INDIAN RESERVE,

August 31, 1859.

SIR: In obedience to instructions heretofore received, I beg leave to submit this my annual report. During the past year, notwithstanding the loss of some two hundred acres of wheat by smut, there have been grown on this reserve and housed, about fifteen thousand bushels of grain, consisting of wheat, rye, and barley, more than sufficient to subsist the Indians now here, or that will probably be brought to this place. Owing to the failure of water for irrigation some two months sooner this season than heretofore, the vegetable crop was a failure.

At Nome-Cult Indian farm, attached to this agency, there was raised about one thousand bushels of wheat, rye, and barley. The corn crop there will turn out well, estimated at about seven hundred bushels; also a large quantity of melons, pumpkins, and other vegetables. The potato crop bids fair for an abundant yield. By gathering acorns, of which there is an immense yield this year, and which are highly prized by the Indians, I think there will be a plentiful supply of food for the Indians in and around Round valley.

At this place, (Nome-Lackee,) there are remnants of the tribes of Nome-Lackees, Wye-Lackees, Noi-Mucks, Noi-Yucans, and Noi-Sas, numbering in all, about one thousand souls. There are about three thousand Yukas who make Nome-Cult their home, although that number is not