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ROUND VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION,
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SIR: I have the honor to submit the following as my third annual report of the condition of Indian affairs within this agency.

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The following table shows the number of Indians residing on the reservation when the census was taken in May last :

Names of tribes.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Wylackee and Trinity Indians...	96	114	21	14	245
Pitt River.....	81	78	19	20	198
Caw-Caw.....	90	108	18	20	236
Ukas.....	104	116	20	20	260
	371	416	78	84	949

At the time this census was taken many of the Wylackees, who are natives of the adjacent mountains, were absent, but have since returned to the reservation, which would make the number actually residing here about the same as last year, less the deaths that have occurred.

The general health of the Indians during the past year has been better than during the two preceding years, which may be attributed to the fact that they have been better provided with clothing than formerly.

The Indians are very well satisfied with their condition, and they perform the large amount of labor that is required of them cheerfully, and with a degree of skill and industry that is very creditable to them. Many of them are as skillful in the performance of all kinds of farm labor as white laborers. They are gradually becoming more civilized, though their progress in that way is not very rapid, but the disposition they manifest to adopt the manners and customs of the whites, and till the soil and raise their own subsistence, encourages the hope that they will, in a few years, be much improved in customs, habits and condition.

The Indians have been very well clothed during the past year, and abundantly supplied with subsistence, the reservation having produced a large surplus of grain and vegetables, as will appear from the following table; the corn and vegetable crops not having been gathered the yield is estimated; the wheat, barley and oats have been threshed and stored in granaries :

	Estimated yield.	Acres sowed.	Remarks.
Hay, tons.....	320	320	
Wheat, bushels.....	8,633	500	100 acres killed out by the heavy rains.
Barley, bushels.....	3,140	120	
Oats, bushels.....	2,800	100	
Corn, bushels.....	10,000	300	About 1,000 bushels issued to Indians green.
Potatoes, bushels.....	3,500	40	Crop light.
Turnips, field.....		5	Crop killed.
Turnips, rutabaga, tons.....	30	5	
Carrots, tons.....	40	4	
Beets, tons.....	75	5	
Beans, bushels.....	20	4	
Peas, bushels.....	120	12	Crop light.
Watermelons.....	15,000	20	Crop light.
Pumpkins.....	15,000	15	
Onions, cabbages, and other vegetables.....		5	Crop good.
Peaches, bushels.....	100	*100	
Grape vines.....		2	Not bearing.
Old grain on hand:			
Wheat, bushels.....	6,787		
Corn, bushels.....	2,065		
Oats, bushels.....	400		
		1,455	

* Trees.

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Many improvements have been made on the reservation this year in the way of building and fencing. The Indians and employes have procured from the mountains 28,000 shingles, 20,000 feet of hewed and a large quantity of round timber, and erected a large frame barn 70 by 58 feet, a granary 20 by 18 feet, chicken-house 14 by 20 feet; also 180 feet of substantial hog shed; 7 of the old buildings have been repaired and newly covered; there is, also, a corn-crib in course of construction.

The department having furnished 30,000 pounds of beef for this reservation in the last year and a half, thereby saving the cows and young stock, our cattle show a material increase, having marked one hundred and fifty (150) calves this year, against eighty-eight (88) last year.

I would call attention to the fact that the horses and mules on this reservation have become almost useless from old age. Some of them have been in the service for the last thirteen years. A majority of the stock now here is entirely worn out, and it will be absolutely necessary to purchase more in order to carry on the necessary work for another year.

I would earnestly recommend the purchase of the grist and saw-mill at this place. It is within two miles of the enclosed reservation, has the only land title within the boundaries of the Eel rivers, and should it fall into other hands than that of the present owner it would soon become a depot for traffic in whiskey under the State license law, which would be detrimental to the peace and well-being of the reservation. The mill and land upon which it is located can be purchased at this time for five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in gold, but if the owner should put on additional improvements hereafter the value will be enhanced accordingly.

I would call attention to the necessity and importance of forwarding the supplies for this reservation in time to reach here by the last of October. The rainy season usually commences in November, and then the transportation of goods is very difficult and expensive. The goods are liable to be lost or damaged in crossing Eel river. Besides, as soon as the rain falls the mules are actually needed on the reservation to put in the crop. But if the goods could be forwarded in time, so that we could pack them in here during the months of September or October, the mules could be used for that purpose without any detriment to the service, and the expense of feeding them would be saved, as the grass is good on the trail at that time, and they could be turned out to graze. If the goods are shipped from San Francisco by sailing vessel to the Noys river in September, the actual expense of bringing them here would be only about twelve dollars (\$12) per ton, whereas if it is deferred until the rains set in it will cost about eighty dollars (\$80) per ton, and the mules will be required to do the packing at a time when they are needed to put in a crop; and after the packing is done the severity of the service renders them unfit for use until they are rested and recruited.

The employes on this reservation during the past year have been diligent and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and attentive to the interests of the reservation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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