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ROUND VALLEY INDIAN RESERVATION,  
August 26, 1868.

SIR: In obedience to the requirements of the Indian department, I have the honor to submit the following as my fourth annual report of affairs relating to the Indian service within this agency.

I have no material change to note in reference to the condition of the Indians on this reserve since my last report; the number of Indians on the reserve is about the same as last year, as will be seen by the following table:

Names of tribes.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Wylackee.....	100	118	26	19	263
Pitt River.....	81	78	23	24	206
Cow-Cow.....	87	104	22	23	236
Yukas.....	103	112	22	33	270
	371	412	93	99	975

A good many Indians have died within the past year, from old age and disease; but others have come in from a distance, which keeps the number about the same. There has been no epidemic disease among them, and they have been comparatively healthy, their principal trouble being scrofula and venereal diseases, which prevail to a considerable extent. They have been fed abundantly upon the produce raised on the reservation, and have been furnished with sufficient clothing to keep them comfortable, especially in the matter of blankets, with which they have been well supplied; and thereby were enabled to pass the winter without suffering.

With a few exceptions, the Indians on this reservation have made no very great progress in civilization; they seem more inclined to practice the vices thereof than the virtues; their natural instincts incline them that way. They are, however, tractable, and easily controlled by those in authority over them, therefore it seldom becomes necessary to punish an Indian for any act of insubordination, and no case has arisen since I have had charge of this reservation which merited any severe punishment. These Indians, are, however, slowly advancing in civilization, especially the younger ones. Many of them are very expert field hands, and some of them are good teamsters, and skilled in the performance of any kind of work required on a farm. But none of them seem to have much desire to adopt our manner of living, and their ambition seldom rises higher than to perform well the labor assigned them.

I think no great degree of advancement can be expected of the adults, and I can conceive of nothing short of education that will advance the rising generation much beyond the position now occupied by their elders. The Indians within this agency are quiet and peaceful, and I can record no acts of hostility committed during the year.

The past year has been very favorable for small grain. The continued and unusual fall of rain last winter did a great deal of damage. One hundred acres sown to wheat was all turned to *cheat*, and the crops generally stood thin on the ground, caused by so much wet weather.

By reference to my statistical returns of farming, forwarded on the 22d instant, it will be seen that there has been produced on this reservation, during the year, 19,665 bushels of grain, which, added to the amount on hand from last year, (18,175 bushels,) makes a total of 37,840 bushels, which is a great deal more than enough to supply all the demands of this reservation. There is a market here for only a limited amount of supplies, and as transportation from here is too expensive, the remainder (of surplus) must remain undisposed of; but it will be readily observed that if we had a convenient market for our surplus produce this reservation would yield an amount per annum largely in excess of the expenses.

It has been my object, since I have had charge of this reservation, to make all the fencing necessary, and put up all the buildings required on the place, and during my time here the following buildings have been constructed: 2 granaries, 30 by 30 feet; 1 granary, 10 by 20 feet; 1 barn, 54 by 70 feet; 1 addition, 30 by 50 feet; 1 chicken house, 16 by 12 feet; 1 pork house, 20 by 30 feet; 1 barn, 68 by 70 feet; 2 corn-cribs, 30 by 30 feet; hog-sheds, 200.

Some of the buildings have been re-roofed and put in order this summer, and all the buildings and fences on the reservation are in good repair.

It is an object of importance to the service to raise a sufficient number of cattle on the reservation to meet the demands of the service, and I can now report that by buying a portion of our supply of beef for the

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the year 1866-'67, and by the use of pork to a considerable extent, and a large amount of venison, we have avoided the necessity of killing any of the cows, and as the result we now have a sufficient number of bullocks to supply the beef required, and as no cows or heifers will be slaughtered in future the stock of cattle will continue to increase.

It has become an almost absolute necessity to purchase more mules for this reservation in order to carry on operations successfully. Those we have here are old and used up—literally worn out in the service. Some of them have been in it about 14 years. The same number of good animals could do almost double the work in the same length of time as these old mules are able to perform. An increase of mules would facilitate operations here very much, and would enable us to cultivate more land.

In reference to enlarging the area of this reservation, I would recommend, in case the project of taking the whole valley is abandoned, that two claims on the north, and one on the east side of the reservation, be purchased. I would also strongly advise the purchase of the mill, which is also on the north side, and with that and the two claims first spoken of we would have possession of all the valley land north of the reservation, which would place it in a more advantageous position than it is at present, and greatly enhance the interest of the service.

Superintendent Whiting has been attentive to the wants and interests of the service in this agency, and has furnished all the supplies that a just division of the appropriation, a rigidly economical administration of affairs, would admit of.

No change of employes has been made since my last annual report, and justice seems to require that I should say that they have been faithful and attentive in the discharge of their duties.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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