

Crow Workers

Indians Who Are Doing Well as Farmers—Out of the Blanket Class. Chief Plenty Coos, Beaten by a Squaw—Growing Sugar Beets—As Railroad Laborers



A GREAT deal has been written in times gone by about the Indian as a warrior, but the problem now most in evidence is the Indian as a workman. There is a popular impression that the Indian who works is a myth is erroneous, just as is the idea that the only good Indian is a dead Indian. The annual report of the commissioner of Indian affairs, Francis E. Leupp, gives some facts that show what many of the Indians are accomplishing as farmers or workers in other branches of labor. Among the most industrious of the red men of the west are the Crow Indians of Montana, whose agricultural fair has now become a regular annual institution. The Crows are not now drawing rations from the government and have not been for two years. A good part of them seem really to believe that people ought to work for what they enjoy of the good things of life. The progress they have made is in part due to the intelligence displayed by the governmental agents having to do with them. The latter have proceeded on the theory that the best place to train an Indian to habits of industry and productivity is at his own home and on his own land. The fair the Crows held the past autumn is a pretty good proof of the wisdom of this plan. It was altogether an Indian enterprise. Each Crow brought his own exhibit, and there was as much interest in the competition between growers of tall corn and big vegetables, fat pigs and good breeds of stock, as was ever shown in a hunt or war dance.

Chief Plenty Coos competed for the prize for the best driving team, but was beaten by a team owned and driven by a squaw, which created much



amusement. The stock parade was a grand success, and the first prize was awarded to Takes-the-Gun. Mrs. Pretty Antelope won the first prize for meals and table, and the first prize for a well kept tepee went to Mrs. Joseph Stewart. Both these dusky ladies are full blood Indians, and neither has been to school or can speak a word of English. Takes-the-Gun brought in as his exhibit a load of fine corn, grain, melons, pumpkins, squashes and other vegetables. Bird Horse had an equally fine outfit and drove a splendid four horse team of bays. Pigs and chickens were an interesting feature at the fair. There was a big industrial parade, in which nearly all the Indians joined, driving all kinds of farming outfits. The Indians who obtained premiums were required to own their outfits and to have paid for them by their own efforts.

The best sugar industry, which is of such growing importance in the west, is one in which the red man takes much interest and to which he is well adapted. An average red man does not like to work alone. Sugar beet culture has an attraction for him above most other forms of agriculture because it affords employment for his whole family at once. The wife and children, who are such large factors in his life, can work in the best fields side by side with him, and even the little papoose can be taught to weed the rows, just as the pickanlany in the south can be used as a cotton picker. It is for such reasons, as Mr. Leupp puts it, that "the Indian takes to beet farming as naturally as the Italian takes to art or the German to science."

Railroad construction is another branch of work in which the red men have proved good laborers. Railroad builders know the Indians as workers and are ready to pay them the white man's wages. The Indians are strong, silent and, as one railroad boss puts it, "have not yet learned to loaf when the boss' back is turned."

DER PENNSYLVANIER



Mischer Drucker!—Weim Squeiter Lashbuch is do ferzichig wieder en arg interessching Rehs vorfumme. Awer er war getoachse derfor. Ich mecht iwerhabbi en Rehs sehn, was d'r Lashbuch net en Weg oder d'r anner deseite fann. Bis do anne is er enihau noch nie gestode worre un sei Ruf as en unbergleichlicher Dschubich geht weit iwer's Caunty naus. Wer noch niz vun ihm gehert hot, der kann sich do emol iwerzeige, das ich recht hab.

Am unneren End bun unserm Stadel woohne ganz nuchst bei enanner zwoe alte Mad. Des kann ich wol schreime, awer es ihne in's Gesicht nei sage, das se alte Mad sen, woi ich dann doch net riste, wann es ah grad die Wohret is. Die zent bun ihne, was Minnie berst, hot en Rah, wo se die Welt berdun dent, juchst hot se alsemol bersehe, selder Rah ebbes zu freise zu gene. Do is dann des hungri Thier in's Nachberhaus zu hanne niver, wo's alsemol en Schuffelche voll Milch gewi hot. En jedes Thierche hot ene net juchst sei Blaserche, jundern es geht ah seiner Nahrung noh. Otmols hot die Rah ah, wann se fatt war, bei d'r hanne ihr Nachmittagschlafschlaf gemacht oder wie mer uf Teisch segt, en Rapp genumme. Dort is dann ah ferzichig ihre schwere Stund fumme un se hot drei junge Bussies kriegt un is ufobes ah bei ihne geblieve. Wie die Minnie sell ausgefumme hot, do is se in ere Sorrie gelafte fumme und hot welle des Recht voll Raje hawe, awer die hanne hot se net rausgewe welle. Do hot die Minnie ihr Dschans gewoachst, un wie die alt Rah een Dag becumfumme is, do hot se se eigeperrt. Weil die junge Raje juchst en bar Dag alt war, do hot die hanne se net futtere fonne un weil se bang war, die arme Dinget medte verhungere, so is se zum Lashbuch un hot die Minnie verklagt wege Krulthi zu Venimels. D'r Squeier hot erscht sei Gunstabel biegeschidit for die Sach zu unnerfuche, un wie selder report hot, das die drei junge Raje am Verhungere ware, weil ihne zu sage d'r Vermeadrunne guastoppt war, so sen dann die beide Mad in sei Offis vorgelade worre. Se sen gefumme un hen enanner anogudt, as wann se selmter zwoe hofe Raje ware. Reed sen zur selme Zeit geschwacht, das mer niz hot verliche kenne. "Juchst Gene uf emol," hot d'r Lashbuch gefacht. Es hot en ganze Weil genumme, bis er mol recht gewicht hot, um was es sich handelt. Dann hot er gefacht: "So viel as ich sehn kann, gehete die junge Raje alsemol noch zu d'r alte." "Sell is grad, was ich sag un was ich hawe will," segt die Minnie, "un weil die alt Rah mir gehert, so gehete ah die junge mei." "Un bei mir sen se gehore, drum sen se mei," segt drauf die hanne. — D'r Squeier hot sich binna

ote Obre getragt un gefacht, das in die Lashbucher vun Pennsilvanien niz zu finne war, was die Rehs deseite bat. Es war drum am beschte, wann die alst bun ihne die ganz Stajebande zu sich nemme bat. Des war en Worrecht vun alte Mad, das se Ragenarre sei berste. Do war awer guter Roth theier, befohs kenne bat welle die alstet sei, un die hanne is grad rausgeplagt, das des Alter gar niz mit bere Wisnis zu dhun hat. D'r Lashbuch hot sich binna die Obre getragt. Dann is er in die Reich naus un hot sei Alte gefrogt, wie er alstort dhut, wenn er en figliche Rehs hot. Wie er wieder sefummt, segt er: "Mei Alte segt un so sag ich ah, das Ihr hanne zlegt for die Raje. Des langst hanne kriegt die Raje un wer des lenger zlegt, muh die Raste bejache. Des is, so viel ich sehn kann, d'r eenzig Weg, den Streit zu fetle. Sen Ihr's so zu friede?" — Die Mad hen sich en Weil berumme un dann hen se beed gefacht, das es selderweg sei medt. Dann hot d'r Lashbuch en Wese kriegt, en Stroh rauszgeze un zwoe hanne gemacht. Dann hot er se biegehalte un ems en fiffel meh oive naustede loffe. Die hanne hot gement, sell war nau schuhr des langst un es ah grad gezege. Die Minnie hot genumme, was inorig war un hot ah richtig die Raje gezwonne. Hot se awer gelacht! In ihrer Freud hot sie d'r hanne arspruche, das se geschwind, wie die junge Raje abgeweicht ware un alsemig freise kenne. se zu ihr rimer fumme un eenne rausboide kenne, was se am beschte gleiche bat. Un weil die hanne selmterweg aufriede war, so hot die Minnie noch die hant vun die Raste bejacht, jedes finnfurhichent. Dann sen se fort. — D'r Hansberg.

(For more than a month a series of articles appeared in this paper that should be of interest to a large number of patrons who are acquainted with the Penna. German language, or what is more commonly known in many parts of the county as Penna. Dutch. These collections will be continued as long as we find that they are appreciated by a considerable portion of our readers. For that reason we are anxious to have an expression from those who have been reading them as to how they are appreciated.—Ed.)

So much antique furniture is in use at the present time that a few suggestions as to its care may not come amiss. Wipe each piece carefully with a damp chamois skin, rinsing out the chamois frequently to remove every particle of dust, and give particular attention to the carvings. These may be gently brushed with a soft brush, such as is used in burnishing silver, dipped in lukewarm water in which a little soap has been dissolved. After drying the wood carefully rub in a little linseed oil and polish with a soft cloth. This treatment applies only to mahogany and oak furniture. A very good dressing for black walnut and ebony is made from half a wineglassful each of olive oil and vinegar and a spoonful of alcohol. Linseed oil with a little turpentine added is also a very satisfactory dressing. If there is much carving on the furniture the wood may be cleaned with paraffin before polishing.

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