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## INTRODUCTION.

At various times in the past a paper has been issued by the Indian apprentices of the Carson Indian Training School, but in each case, for various reasons, the publication was discontinued. The last effort was made by Supt. S. A. M. Young in October of last year. Mr. Young was promoted to Supervisor, and left the school for his work in South Dakota, and but one issue was printed. The equipment has been very limited, but we have lately purchased some new material, and have now a force of apprentices which we think will enable us to get out a weekly paper. The usual difficulties attending the launching of a paper will have to be met, but we hope to improve as we gain experience.

This paper will be issued during the school term, that is about ten months in the year. It will be devoted, primarily, to the education of Indian boys and girls.

The subscription price is fifty cents a year, and money secured through subscriptions and advertising will be used to enlarge the equipment, and so enable us to do better work.

We solicit the good will and patronage of all persons who are interested in the advancement of the Indians. Items of interest from various localities in the Indian service will be gladly received. We will also publish local happenings of interest concerning the school and vicinity.

As we have no record of the previous publications we will begin with Volume I, Number 1.

Deputy Supt. E. E. Winfrey, of this district, in a circular letter to teachers says:

"I believe we would grow more in unity of purpose and definite results if every primary teacher in our district should use the same

primary journal, and every grammar grade teacher the same grammar grade journal. Naturally, we would heed the same suggestions, follow largely the same plans, cover about the same ground, and thus keep the children of the various parts of our district about equally developed, which is of vital importance if we are doing what the state course of study requires. We owe it to the children under our care to render them able to enter a school in another part of the district, should their parents move, without the embarrassment of being out of touch with the new school or the humiliation of demotion. I would not be misunderstood; I am not saying that our teachers should take one magazine throughout the district, and only one, on the contrary, take as many journals as your desires and your purse will permit, adding all the inspiration and help that you can possibly get. There are so many excellent school journals published that I hesitate to recommend any particular one, but after consulting with many of our teachers who have proved values by years' of use, I believe we could not do better than to consider:

Primary Plans,  
Normal Instructor, published by F. A. Owen  
Pub. Co. Dansville N. Y.  
The National Geographic Magazine,  
for upper grades.  
Nevada School Journal, for official  
Announcements.

Special Indian Agent C. H. Asbury, and his clerk Mr. W. C. VanEmon, called at the school one day last week while enroute to a point about thirty-five miles southeast from here to investigate some Indian allotments on which it is said a mine has been located recently. They returned a couple of days later stopping here again for a few moments, and reported that they had been unable to complete the journey to the mine owing to the fact that a snow storm overtook them before arriving at the summit of the mountain where the mine is located, which made the road so slippery that they were unable to drive the Ford car, which our Uncle

Sam furnishes Mr. Asbury, any further up the steep grade. Mr. Asbury says, that the Ford has always responded to his will and that while it was impossible to climb the steep ascent with the machine, he was confident that had he or Mr. Van Emon possessed a license to operate a flying machine they could have finished the trip by flying to the top in the machine, but after careful consideration of the matter it was the unanimous decision of the party that the risk of prosecution for operating a flying machine without an aviator's license was too great to be taken and it was therefore necessary to abandon the attempt and return to Reno. Although we cannot vouch for the truth of the statement, it is said that Mr. Van Emon who is learning to operate the car is planning on taking a correspondence course with a view toward securing a sky pilot's license, or was it a license to appear before a skypilot with a passenger. We have forgotten which is correct, and we are of the opinion it does not matter anyway as the "Nevada American" will wish him the best of success in either attempt.

## HISTORY OF CARSON INDIAN SCHOOL.

About three and one half miles south from Carson City, Nevada, is located what is known as the Carson Indian School.

A school built, equipped, and maintained by the United States Government, and used solely for the purpose of educating Indian boys and girls. The school was first established in 1890, and at that time and for some years afterward it was known as the "Stewart Institute", probably in honor of the late Senator Stewart of Nevada who was instrumental in having it first established.

The first Superintendent, Mr. W. D. C. Gibson receipted for the property, and assumed charged on May 15, 1890, but as considerable work was necessary in getting the buildings ready for occupancy, even though

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View of the Campus.

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most of them were new, regular school work did not commence until December 17th of that year, the enrollment increased from thirty-seven, to one hundred five pupils. Superintendent Gibson remained in charge until May 16th, 1893, when he resigned, being succeeded by Superintendent Eugene Mead, who remained in charge for nearly six years during which time the capacity was increased to one hundred fifty.

Mr. James K. Allen succeeded Mr. Mead as Superintendent, and continued in that capacity until June 10, 1903, when he was relieved by Superintendent C. H. Asbury. Mr. Asbury continued as Superintendent until February 22, 1912, and during this time a large number of buildings were added to the school plant, until today the total number of buildings is forty-nine. The more important ones are as follows: large boys dormitory, large girls' dormitory, main building which contains diningroom, kitchen, bakery, kindergarten, primary school room, and small boys' and girls' dormitories, there being sufficient dormitory space in all to accommodate one hundred forty-eight boys, and one hundred thirty-eight girls, industrial building containing domestic science and sewing department school building with four commodious class rooms and chapel having a seating capacity of over three hundred,

hospital which accommodates fourteen patients, shop building containing carpenter, manual training, and shoe and harness departments, blacksmith shop, steam laundry, and various other buildings used for purposes, besides ten buildings which are used exclusively as employees quarters.

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