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The Black Hills.
WHY NEGOTIATIONS FOR THEIR PURCHASE FAILED.

THOROUGH REORGANIZATION OF THE INDIAN SYSTEM RECOMMENDED.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—The *Tribune* to-day is publishing its full report of the Indian Commissioners' report on the Black Hills country, starting out with a history of the whole affair. The Commissioners state that the failure of the negotiations was due to conspirators. Among the reasons given is the interference of persons not Indians, who are interested in having a large annual money payment to the Indians, affording a permanent fund which the Indians may be deposited of. The recommendations of the Commission are radical and they point to a thorough revision of the relations with the whole Indian population west of the Mississippi.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS.
The recommendations, however, are confined to the Sioux Indians. The Commissioner recommends that Congress shall take the initiative, and, instead of attempting to negotiate, shall by law provide for the separation of all the Sioux Indians between the ages of six and sixteen years from the adult population, and make provision for the thorough education of the minors at some point or points where they will be free from the control and influence of the adult Indians. This system of education to include manual labor and industrial schools and to be compulsory. Having thus provided for the future civilization of the minor population, Congress shall by law require that the adult Indians shall perform labor as a condition of subsistence, and that after a date in the future, subsistence shall be issued only to such as shall labor, and to the aged and infirm.

A FURTHER RECOMMENDATION
is, that every Indian be encouraged in the acquisition and protection in the possession of private property. Indians now occupying the north western part of Nebraska are to be removed to a reservation established by the treaty of 1868, where land suitable for agriculture can be found and supplies furnished. Supplies shall hereafter be furnished under the supervision of officers of the army. They also recommend that all the present agencies be abolished and the whole system be reorganized so far as relates to the Sioux Indians, and that such compensation to officers and agents be provided as will command honesty and competency. The Indians to be notified that such force as may be necessary will be used to enforce compliance with the policy of the Government, to the end that the Indians may become

CIVILIZED AND SELF-SUPPORTING,
the Government to take upon itself the duty of paying to the Indians a fair equivalent for the Hills, taking into consideration all the circumstances, and such sum to be paid to become part of the fund required in the general plan to educate and civilize the Sioux. It is proposed by this means to break up the life of pauperism which the Indians have been leading, to civilize and educate the Sioux and make them producers. The report is long, filling six columns of the *Tribune*.

Sam Smith, the driver of the Sonora and Milton stage, which was stopped by three highwaymen near Milton, Tuesday, the 12th ult., delivered the following eloquent address upon the occasion: "Gentlemen, I have been a driver, boy and man, going on twenty years. I never ditched a stage or growled at a passenger, and, gentlemen, I assure you I have had some of the toughest outsiders that ever left Boston for a week's chace in Yosemite. I have met gentlemen of your kind before, and I defy any of them to come forward and say that I ever treated them with contempt. On the other hand, it has been my aim to act toward highwaymen—excuse me gentlemen, I mean road agents—with that distinguished consideration due their standing in society. Hence, you will believe me when I say that I have nothing for you this morning. Sorry, gentlemen, but the truth of the matter is, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s boxes are young poor houses on this route just now, and you couldn't squeeze a picayune out of them to save your own sweet necks from the gallows."—*Sonora (Cal.) Democrat.*

A Pious Dog.—J. S. Jordan has a little black dog which has a very singular trick. Before eating anything the little dog sits on his haunches with saddened visage and downcast head for several minutes, apparently, for all the world, begging grace. Nothing can induce him to eat without first going through this performance. Mr. Jordan accounts for it as follows: Some time ago his mother was visiting him; she always said grace before eating. This little dog, rather impatient for something to eat, would jump upon Mrs. Jordan's lap, and to quit him she would put her hand on his head. He began to look demurely around, and, seeing all the rest observing the same quiet manner, got into the habit of it himself.—*From the Terre Haute Gazette.*

Three fellows recently hooked a ride from Dunlap to Boone, Iowa, by the following device: One of them had a through ticket to Council Bluffs. He sat in the front end of the car, the second sitting in the center, and the third in the rear. When the conductor took up the ticket, giving a check therefor, the first man, as soon as the conductor passed on, attached the check to a string that was running through the window outside the car, on to the second man, who pulled it in, and when the conductor passed on, the ticket was sent out the window again to the third man. The game was successful.

A physician who is something of a wag called on a colored Baptist minister and propounded a few puzzling questions. "Why is it," said he, "that you are not able to do the same miracles that the apostles did? They were protected against poisons and all kinds of perils; how is it that you are not protected in the same way?" The colored brother responded promptly: "Don't know about that, Doctor. I spect I is. I have taken a mighty sight of strong medicines from you, Doctor, and I is alive yet."

A Silver City, Nevada, young lady, who has a passion for pretty babies, to a little four-year-old angel, who has a brau-new sister: "I say, bub, won't you give me your baby sister? I love little babies." Young hopeful, "No, I tant." Young lady (winking at her young man,) "why sonny—why won't you give the baby to me?" Hopeful (indignantly,) "Fy, he'd starve to death, your dress opens behind." Painful silence for the next fifteen minutes.

The rumors of the removal of the postmaster of Richmond, Virginia, and the appointment of Judge Morton in her place, are without foundation in fact. The Judge had a bad case of "night mare," which caused him to start the rumor. Not only the Postmaster General, but the President, declared yesterday that they had no idea of ever filling Miss Van Lew's office until she took to herself a husband—or died. It is to be hoped she will do neither yet awhile.

When the King of Prussia was asked what appeared most remarkable to him about the Palace of Versailles, he gave the same reply which the Doge of Genoa gave to Louis the Fourteenth, in the great mirror hall of the Versailles palace, when asked this question. He turned around with a smile and said: "The fact that I am here."

Father Peugeleone, a Roman Catholic priest, attached to the Osage Mission in Kansas, is said to be a near relative of Victor Emmanuel. He at one time practiced as an attorney in Turin, Italy, but was induced to enter the priesthood, and soon afterward came to America to act as an evangelist among the Indians.

A well-informed financial writer in Holland has recently published a statement of the amounts of various issues of American railroad shares and bonds which have been sold in that country. Among the items is \$12,500,000 of Missouri, Kansas and Texas (Union Pacific Southern Branch.)

Man (with hands in pockets): "Seen anything of a job of work lately, John?" Other man (with hands in other pockets): "Saw one 't'other day, but didn't like to ask, 'cos they might 'a said yes."—*London Fun.*

Mrs. J. E. B. Stuart, the widow of General Stewart, of Virginia, is now the manager of the Southern Female College at Richmond.

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