

Office of Gallatin Ind Agency
Fort Sincere N.H. 26th 1873
Sir;

In accordance with instructions of the Department I have the honor to submit my Annual report for the fiscal year 1873. During the strife the Department had with the Modoc's, the inhabitants East of the Cascade Mountains many of them believed we were to have serious trouble with Indians belonging to this Treaty. Reports were put in circulation that two thousand Indians armed and well fortified had gathered at White Bluffs on the Columbia River, and were about to break out on the Settlements. Quite a number of the white families left the Country: others went into fortifications and applied to the government for arms to protect themselves during the approaching struggle. I took five Indians from the Agency and visited these places of reported danger and found nothing that indicated hostility on the part of the Indians. I did find that a class of irresponsible whites were quite anxious to have a war that the Treaty might be broken up and

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the land of the Reservation opened
for white Settlements. I am pleased
to be able to report that our Indians
during the war with the Mexicans entered
the most perfect agreement with the
Department. Such was their zeal for
the right, I believe I could have raised
five hundred men in a day that would
have marched to the hottest part of
the battle.

The difficulty said to exist
on Snake River was reported to the
Department on my return. (See said Report.)

There has been no quarrel since the
making of the Treaty with this Nation
of Indians when they have been so
universally well disposed toward the
whites. Little difficulties have arisen
between the whites and Indians on
the border of the Reservation, but I
have been prompt to go to the place
of difficulty and have the parties
together and thus settle the matter.
I have found almost universally
the whites were first in the Transgression.

Our Farming interest has increased
over last year among the Indians in industry
and in cultivating land at least one fourth.

In my last Report I asked the Department to permit me to purchase and erect a Steam Saw Mill without any additional appropriation of money for such purchase and erection, which permission was given. I have the pleasure to Report that said Mill has been purchased transported to the Agency and erected and is in good running order capable of making 10,000 feet of lumber in 12 hours, or as much in one day as our water mill would make in twelve. The Indians are much encouraged with the expectation of making improvements in building houses barns and fencing their land with permanent fences. In the transportation and erection of said Mill the Indians have rendered valuable service without pay. The cost of the Mill in running order is a little over \$4,000 Dollars and is worth at least \$7,000

The Water and Steam Mill Can be used to good advantage being 16 miles apart, and accommodating different parts of the Agency.

The Grist Mill has been repaired the past year at an Expense of about \$100. Dollars and is now in good running order.

Schools. The Schools at the Agency have been in operation for ten months of the year and have done well (See Report of Supt. of Instruction.)

Sanatory. Their Sanatory Condition was never as good as at this time The Skill and untiring attention given to this Department by Dr. Ryekendall is universally approved by the Indians and Employees of the Agency. There has not been money enough appropriated for the purchase of medicines.
(See Physicians Report herewith omitted).—

Religious. The Religious interests of the Agency is not the least of any and all interests here represented. There is a steady coming up in Character and Stability of right action that merits the approval of all who observe the change.

In conclusion I wish to call the attention of the Department to that part of my report of last year to the money due this Agency from the late Supt. Waterman \$7,250. This money should have been paid in Dec 1866. No good reason can be assigned why this money should be withheld from this Agency. Also I observed that there was appropriated one thousand dollars of School money over former years which has not been used. Please call the attention of the Department to this money matter that with it we may enlarge our Schools and increase the general interests of the Agency. I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

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Supt Ind Affairs W.S. } U.S. Ind Agent W.S.

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