

L. S. Reinhardt -

Goldendale

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Relating to action of
Judicial Office, in

~~the~~ protecting persons
against - Grazing stock
on Reserve -

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Capt Thomas Priestly Esq
U S Indian Agent.

Fort Sneller: Dear Sir Will
you be kind enough, to outline the policy
of the department towards removal of stock
that strays upon the reservation, as a letter
for publication in the Goldendale Sentinel
that all may be thoroughly informed on the
subject. Great indignation is expressed
by our citizens at the action of Indian
policemen in coming over near the south-
east corner of it where the reservation boundary
is supposed to be, and taking stock from there
to Sneller. There seems to be a dispute as
to where the boundary line is, the white settlers
claiming that the Indians have gone several
miles off the reservation to get the stock. It
may be all right for the Department to keep
Indians to execute the law respecting Indians
but when the same is applicable to white

men living off the reservation, the law
should be executed by whitemen, who or persons
who at least are able to talk the English
language, and can explain the nature
and scope of their authority. Your knowledge
of Indians I presume has shown you that when
one ^{one} of them is invested with a little authority
he straightway imagines his powers are
unlimited, and from what I learn that there
is apt to be an organized resistance to their
taking any more stock from this disputed
territory. The U S Government recognizes the
land as government ^{land}, for the land office is receiving
filings right along in the same country.

Is sec 2117 of the Revised Statutes of
the United States the one under which you are taking
up stock? and do you construe that to apply to
all stock that strays on the reserve? Also please
define if possible the boundary on the west side of the
reserve. I am well convinced that your intention is
fair & it but I believe that not only the citizens of this
county but you yourself are imposed upon by the Indians.
Trusting that I may hear from you soon I am
Yours Respectfully
C S Rembert, Manager.