

S.A. M Young, superintendent of the Yakima Indian reservation with headquarters at Fort Simcoe has been offered and has accepted the position of superintendent of the Carson school, Nevada.

No word has been received, so far as is known, regarding the approval of the acceptance but may be expected daily with word covering the transfer of Mr. Young to his new position.

The post he has accepted carries for Mr. Young a larger opportunity and an increase in salary and his friends while regretting to lose him will be pleased at his advance.

Mr. Young has been superintendent of the reservation for several years, following Major Jay Lynch in that position and he has been a very busy man since he took hold. The increase in population in this county has enlarged the responsibilities of the agency and called for much new work all of which has been carefully attended to.

There has been a new allotment of lands, and much road building and other construction, many adjustments and new phases of development to be met, particularly as two large towns have grown on the reservation and another railway or two has been added there.

Mr. Young has met the responsibilities placed upon him in a careful manner and has enjoyed the confidence both of Indians and whites, while administering the office.

No word has reached here, so far, as to who the new official will be but an announcement is expected in a day or two - Yakima Herald, May 22, 1912.

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Indians

To Whom it May Concern

January 16, 1893. Dear Sir Yakima Herald: We ere Indians in Yakima reservation that we arr sartisfiet with A.L. Fix. For him to be our Indian Agent. We know him for ten years he is good man and that is why we went Him he is good common man, not in high minded He is not like others Mt Borthlet or cox or Joseph Stephson but we call him He is godd man this is all Indians --Yakima Herald, January 19, 1893.

A telegram from Washington D.C. to the coast papers last Thursday has the following to say relative to the appointment of an agent for the Yakima reservation:

"Senator Foster and Representative Jones have a difference of opinion in regard to the appointment of an Indian agent for the Yakima office.

Mr. Jones favors the appointment of Jay Lynch and Mr. Foster has a new candidate for the place.

It is proposed to settle the contest by passing through the house a provision in the Indian appropriation bill abolishing the Indian agent at Yakima and placing the office in the hands of a bonded superintendent.

"In the event of this provision becoming a law, Indian Commissioner Jones who has the power to appoint bonded superintendents and is favorable to Mr. Lynch's continuance in office, will appoint the latter to the place--"The Yakima Herald, Feb. 18, 1902.



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The feeling over the removal of Captain Priestly as agent of the Yakima Indians is of an intense nature. Even many republicans condemn the action as uncalled for and just. While there was a petition circulated among the republicans for the appointment of W.L. Stabler as agent, it was not largely signed and it is claimed that a number of the names it bears were placed there without the sanction and against the desires of their possessors.

A request has been made to the interior department for a copy of the petition and some interesting developments are expected. Capt. Priestly reported on the 23rd inst. that up to date he had received no intimation from the department of his suspension or removal.

The Indians do not take kindly to the change and a delegation of them offered to go to Washington at their own expense and enter a protest--Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T. September 27, 1889.



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Walter L. Stabler has tendered his resignation as agent of the Yakima Indian agency.

He has failed to find the duties of his office as agreeable as he had anticipated and this taken in conjunction with the fact that his chief clerk, John G. Boyle, upon whom he largely relied, has determined to quite the service and remove to Olympia, has induced Mr. Stabler to seek release from duties which have become burdensome--Yakima Herald, February 26, 1891.

The dispatches announce that Jay Lynch has been appointed to succeed W.L. Stabler as agent of the Yakima Indians.

Mr. Lynch is a resident of Dayton, Columbia county, and will be remembered by those who met him in June, 1890, when he was at this place looking up mortgage indebtedness and other financial statistics for the U.S. census. He is a strong supporter of John B. Allen and was at Olympia during the last senatorial contest favoring the election of Squire--Yakima Herald, March 5, 1891.

Father Wilbur

Rev. J.H. Wilbur, Indian agent at Ft. Simcoe, W.T., succeeded in arresting Skamiah, an Indian chief of a small band of Indians camped opposite Celilo. The chief has lately been making mischief among the other Indians and it had become necessary to remove him to the reservation, for which place Mr. Wilbur started this morning.

-- The Dalles Mountaineer, Dec. 4, 1868



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Rev. J. H. Wilbur, Indian agent at Fort Simcoe, was in town yesterday and paid us a friendly visit at our sanctum. He is engaged in collecting the Indians that have been living about our town for sometime, with the intention of sending them to the reservation. We are glad of this, as the amount of filth and disease that they are scattering around promiscuously is perfectly astonishing. If possible, these poor human beings should be kept away from the haunts of civilization and should not be allowed to become contaminated by their more civilized brothers.

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Jay Lynch will be the next agent of the Yakima Indians. There seems to be no question regarding the outcome.

Agent Erwin , who has recently been in Washington will not deny the report and in fact says he thinks he has considerable basis. Mr. Erwin probably knows more about it than he is willing to divulge but The Herald has good reason to believe that the appointment will be made within a few days.

Mr. Erwin's resignation has been in the hands of the administration for some time. Mr. Lynch , who will be the next incumbent of the office was agent a number of years ago. He is at present resident of Dayton, Wash. and Frank Williams of Ellensburg, his brother-in-law. He was succeeded at the agency by Timothy Byrns who toyed too long over his cups and finally got into trouble. His successor was Capt. Priestly a very pleasant gentleman and a democrat who came from Wisconsin and died here while on a leave of absence.

W.L. Stabler was the next agent and he had for his assistants John G. Boyle, Mose Adams , Si Wiley and several more old soldiers. The GAR has indorsed him under promises of his taking care of some of the members, but when P. Sanford Burke applied for the position Mr. Stabler concluded it was time to declare the snap off and he sent in his resignation. An inspector took charge of the reservation and it was along time before the accounts were finally adjusted--Yakima Herald, June 17, 1897.



## Indian Agency

Almost 90 years of age , Maj. Jay Lynch who served as Indian agent and superintendent of the Yakima Indian reservation for 16 years died Saturday morning at his home in San Diego Calif, where he lived in recent years.

Maj. Lynch was appointed agent at Ft. Simcoe in 1890 and served four years. He was succeeded by L.T. Erwin but was again appointed agent in 1897. In 1902 the term Indian agent was discontinued and Lynch was named superintendent. He was succeeded by S.A.M. Young in 1909.

During his term in office the plan of assigning lands to the Indians in severalty and leasing of farm lands were started. He was instrumental in the passage of laws permitting establishment of towns such as Toppenish and Wapato.

The family includes the widow and a step-son, Sol Voorhees-- Yakima Herald , January 31, 1937.

Sam Chappell is spoken of favorably for agent of the Yakima

Indian reservation. He is said to have strong endorsements. *April 18, 1889*