

By a timely stroke and judicious management I think those on the outside could be induced to come on the reserve, and I can see no better time than the present.

Accompanying this please find report of teacher at Lapwai.

In conclusion, allow me to express the hope that, with liberal and necessary appropriations on the part of the Government, I may in another year be able to make a much more flattering report of progress of this tribe.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JNO. B. MONTEITH,

United States Indian Agent, Nez Percés Indians, Lapwai, Idaho Territory.

Hon. F. A. WALKER,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

No. 37.

OFFICE OF THE INDIAN AGENT FOR THE NEZ PERCÉS INDIANS,
Lapwai, Idaho Territory, October 1, 1872.

SIR: I am pleased to submit the following as a supplement to my annual report.

I forwarded some time ago estimates for buildings at this agency and asked for appropriations therefor. It gives me pleasure to report that since my annual report was forwarded the appropriations asked for have nearly all been allowed and received. We have received appropriations for building two churches—one here, the other at Kamiab—a hospital building, the completion of the school-houses, building boarding-houses and dormitories; also an appropriation for breaking and plowing land.

The Indians are highly pleased with these appropriations. Immediately upon receipt of the appropriation I commenced getting out the necessary lumber, and have already let contract for completing school-house and boarding-house for present use, and dormitory for girls. Work is now progressing on same.

I shall push these improvements along as fast as I possibly can, with a due regard to good work and material, and early in next season will have all the buildings in process of erection. Our saw-mill here, and at Kamiab as well, are running in the day time, while the grist-mills run at night. The two dwelling-houses asked for, and for which no appropriation has yet been made, are all that is wanting now to make every one comfortable, and they are absolutely necessary.

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No. 38.

FORT HALL AGENCY, IDAHO TERRITORY,
September 5, 1872.

SIR: In compliance with Department instructions, I have the honor to submit the following annual report of the condition of the service at this agency.

Reservation.—This reservation is ample in size, and is as favorably located as is possible within the limits of Idaho or Utah. The climate is mild, and the country better adapted to raising cattle and horses than any of which I have knowledge. All crops of grain and roots must be irrigated; but with Indian labor the expense is light, and the yield will average with the Atlantic States. Fortunately, game and fish are not found near the reservation in quantities sufficient to subsist the Indians, and they are obliged to rely upon the agricultural resources of the reservation, which can be developed sufficiently to subsist a great many more than it will probably be called upon to do. The boundary-lines on the south and east should be run. Whites are settling and improving lands within the limits of the reservation, and until the lines are run this will continue. The people of the country are divided in opinion as to the southern and eastern boundary.

Treaty.—This reservation was provided for by the Fort Bridger treaty of July 3, 1868. It was to be set apart for the Bannocks, who were parties to that treaty. It was stipulated that they were to be provided for as liberally as the Shoshones. The Government has failed to meet its engagements in this respect, and the Bannocks have been compelled to lead a vagabond life, drifting from Boise City to the game country northeast of Bozeman, Montana, and south as far as Fort Bridger, Wyoming Territory. If the Government will only keep good faith in the performance of the treaty stipulations with these people there will be no difficulty. They can remain at home, as they