

DR. A. C. CHESTED  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

WELLER, NEVADA, JANUARY 4, 1932

Dr. Albert A. Morse,  
449 Senate Office Building,

Washington, D. C.,

Dear Sir:-

For your information and use, I offer you the results of a survey of the Indian residents of Wells, Nevada, as to their conditions and needs for the present winter.

There are seven families, or rather, groups residing in Wells at this time. They consist of-

30 adults and 13 children.

All these groups are reasonably well housed, and five groups have fuel, or means of getting same from hills near Wells.

Three groups aggregating 13 individuals have not sufficient food at this time, and have no means of improving this condition for at least three months. Their chance for earning is so small as to be almost negligible, only ~~very~~ infrequent jobs or family washing are available.

In normal seasons these Indians find work on horses for the entire summer and fall, but the hay crop was so small that they worked much shorter time during the summer and fall of 1931. In consequence of short hay crop, cattle and sheep have been shipped to Lamo and other points and fewer men are required for the winter feeding. All this has contributed to the present destitute condition of these Indians.

I feel that the need of the three groups is acute and this need will continue until early summer.

Respectfully,

A. C. Chested

Deeth, Ned

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 193.

Mr. W. J. ...

Elko Nevada

Dear Sir -

Bruce Lane inform  
ed me that you wanted  
to know about the Indian  
we saw and I am glad  
to write you in regard  
to their welfare.

There are seven Indian  
two men, two women, and  
three children, nine seven  
and five years old.

All adults able to work  
but all idle except one  
squaw who works for me  
wife occasionally. They are  
good, honest workers and  
have a good warm house

and plenty of fuel.  
I interviewed them today  
and they need more bedding  
and their food supplies  
won't last much longer.  
Enclosed find a list of supplies  
they will need to survive  
the winter.

Will be glad to assist  
you in any way in this  
matter.

Very Truly yours  
S. P. W. Muller

5 blankets  
6 lbs flour  
1 " sugar  
50 lbs beans  
10 lbs coffee  
10 " salt  
5 " baking powder

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

Carson Indian School,  
Stewart, Nevada.  
May 10, 1932.

Hon. Tasker L. Gaddie,  
U. S. Senator,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I have your letter of May 5, 1932, enclosing one which you received from Gima Jones, Indian woman of Wells, complaining that I do not treat the Indians of Wells as well as Indians in other parts of the State.

I appreciate your sending this matter to me for my comments.

Gima is a widow living at Wells. She is a shrewd woman and writes to me nearly every week. She would lead me to think, when I see her, that I have been most fair and just to her and the other Indians at Wells. The fact is, until a year or two ago none of the Indians at Wells received any help from the Federal Government, and it is even now doubtful whether or not they can be classed as ward Indians. We now have a field matron stationed at Elko, and she has been instructed to see that all the old and indigent Indians at Wells receive help. I have personally visited every family there twice during the winter and am giving assistance to all who need help. We do not treat Indians any place any better than we do those at Wells.

Gima herself is receiving help every month from us, and during the past two or three years I have spent as much as \$200. or more, to make her house more comfortable.

We will look carefully after the indigent and old Indians at Wells, as we have been doing, and I believe if you would write Gima that you have confidence in our management of Indian affairs, it would have a wholesome effect on her, and might save you a great many further complaints from this source.

I will continue also to be very considerate of Gima and her family.

Very cordially yours,  
*Frederic S. Meyer*  
Superintendent.

Mr. A. B. ...  
Washington, D.C.  
June 21, 1901

I am going to write  
you to-day. Well we are all  
not in a good condition not con-  
fortable, so to-day we talk about  
it to day. Long ago we had  
writing to Government order he  
promised to pay us five  
thousand dollars every year for  
twenty years. But now we see  
that money immediately under  
treaties provided, you people  
got to obey the Government  
order, so to-day we want you  
to act on it. We need  
thing were not comfortable, so  
that's the reason why we are  
all suggest it.

to J J

Mr. Johnnie Thompson  
Wells,  
Quincy,

P.S.

The names that I got  
are the head names  
from our own club

Mr. Mackay Jensen

Mr. Jim Myers

Mr. Harry Stanton

Mr. Johnnie Thompson

Answer immediately if you  
can.

Wetzel, Nevada  
June 29 1873

Dear Sir:

I am going to write to  
you today, I hope you  
I found to tell you I  
won't want to hold that  
Government idea I mean  
you people with believe  
in law of treaties of the  
States, that were Indians  
you to do that now, by this  
time, because when you  
disobey the treaties then we  
Indians not comfortable.  
So that's reason why  
We want you to do that

truly

Johnnie Thompson  
Wetzel, Nevada

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449 Senate Office Building.

July 6, 1932.

Mr. Johnnie Thompson,  
Wells, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I acknowledge receipt of your  
two letters under date of June 28, 1932.

I want to assure you that the  
Senate Indian Committee is in full sympathy with your  
cause and trust that the Subcommittee will be able to  
visit Nevada sometime during the summer.

Senator Odie, of your state,  
has insisted for some time upon having the Tameak Indian  
matter straightened out. Senator Odie is very much  
interested in your affairs and I trust that you people  
will appreciate his interest in you.

When I visited Nevada last  
Fall I found that Senator Odie's plan for the Tameak  
Tribe was justified and I, personally, feel that the  
government has the responsibility and duty to straighten  
out your affairs.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. A. Grand.

My. A. Ground.  
Washington D. C.

Star Valley News,  
Aug 15, 1957

Dear Sir,

I am going to answer your letter to-day. ~~It~~ It is, three month ago, I certainly was very glad to hear from you. Will you please give food to me a little edately. Because I am starved now not comfortable. So I want you to help me. I need it very bad.

Truly yours  
Chief

Johnnie Thompson  
Star Valley News,

P. 5.

Government promised us  
some money that  
is in treaty stipulation so we  
had been waiting for many years  
passed by were kept waiting for  
it but not received it.

449 Senate Office Building.  
C O P Y

August 20, 1932.

Mr. J. J. Thompson,  
Star Valley, Nevada.

Dear Mr. Thompson:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant and am pleased to advise you that the Committee will visit Nevada and the Senators will make personal inspections of practically all the Indian colonies in Nevada, including Wells, Ruby Valley, Elko and other places along the Southern Pacific between Elko and Lovelock.

The Committee intends to go into the matter of the claims of the Lovelock tribe for their alleged unlawful dispossession of their reservation at Ruby Valley.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A. I. Grover.