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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, Mont.,
December 23, 1891.
Notice is hereby given that the following-
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim,
and that said proof will be made before A. C.
Warner, U. S. Commissioner, at Choteau, Mont.,
on March 1, 1892, viz:
JOHN R. STATELER,
who made pre-emption D. S. No. 11499 for lot-
3 and 4 section 1, township 1, and SE-1 NE-4 sec-
tion 2, township 2 north, range 3 west.
He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence on and cultivation of
said land, viz: J. Alfred VanBuskirk, John
Hoffmann, Louis Anderson and Solomon H.
Brown, all of Dupuyer, Montana.
S. A. SWINGETT, Register.

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FROM THE NORTH.

BLACKFEET AGENCY, Jan. 11.—Editor
MONTANIAN: Last Friday was an un-
pleasant day, being ushered in by a
northwest breeze accompanied by a
light snowfall which continued through-
out Saturday, making one think of what
he did with his summer's wages; but on
Sunday the weather had moderated to
the extent of being a genuine May day,
thereby creating a discussion as to
whether it would not be advisable to
exchange overcoats for linen dusters.

Saturday, being a day set apart for
the issuing of rations, called together
both the old and the young who reside
in the immediate vicinity of the stock-
ade. Your correspondent saw many
familiar faces among them, the possessors
of which were but a few short years ago
residing in mansions and enjoying all
the luxuries of life; their provisions, etc.,
hailed to their very doors in a delivery
wagon, but now carrying an Indian's
rations home on their backs, or drawn
by travo dogs. Lo, how the mighty
have fallen! To see a man or woman
who has enjoyed all the pleasures of
civilization, put on the war paint and
blanket, seems like a dream. Whilst
they are endeavoring to adopt the old
traditional ways of the blanket Indians,
the blanket Indian is progressing in
civilization and is fast adopting the
ways of the whites. Good substantial
log houses have taken the place of the
teepee, and are furnished with stoves,
furniture and provisions in abundance,
which makes the inmates feel as proud
as Jay Gould with his vast millions.
All of this has been brought about un-
der the able management of Major
Steell, who watches over his wards with
a vigilant eye. Gambling, like the whis-
key trade, is prohibited upon the reser-
vation; poverty has taken a back seat,
and peace and plenty reign triumphant.

Among the many officers who are
employed at the agency are noticeable:
Harry Lambert, chief clerk; E. C. Garrett,
issue clerk; Chas. Anthony, head farmer;
James Brown, assistant farmer; Thos.
Dawson, carpenter; James Perron, inter-
preter; Baptiste Rondin, butcher. E. C.
Garrett also holds the position of U. S.
Commissioner, whilst John Nabors holds
down the office of U. S. Deputy Marshal.

Ford, who is wanted across the line,
and a man who is charged with dispens-
ing spirituous liquors to Indians, are in
jail here awaiting trial.

Whilst the Indian chiefs were in Wash-
ington they visited the "Great Father,"
the navy yard, Smithsonian Institute,
Patent Office, Interior department and
the theatre. Wild animals seemed most
to strike their fancy, and are their chief
topic of conversation since their return.
The Secretary of the Interior presented
each of them with presents and money
amounting to about \$40 per head.

News reached here yesterday that old
man Lee, foreman at S. C. Burd's ranch
on Milk River, is down with la grippe
and in a critical condition.

One great drawback in the line of tele-
graphic communication has just come
to light here. For instance, the nearest
telegraph office is at Blackfoot station.
All messages to and from the Northwest
Territories have to be sent via St. Paul
and Winnipeg. The Western Union man-
ager at Blackfoot positively refuses to
send messages over any other line but
his own, which not only causes great
delay but considerable expense to the
sender of messages. As neither side of
the line is no longer a refuge for criminals,
and as the objects of both governments
is to capture and try escaped criminals
as speedily as possible, something
should be done at once to rectify the
this unnecessary delay. More anon,
SYN-AX.

The agricultural department has been
sampling, by analysis, sugar beets from
all parts of the country. The Washing-
ton beets are 14 75-100 per cent sugar;
those from Montana are 13 14-100 per
cent, sugar Oregon is the only state be-
side Montana that shows a higher per-
centage than 13 Beets that show 11 56-
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION— TIMBER CULTURE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE,
HELENA, Montana,
December 24, 1891.

Complaint having been entered at this Office
by **FREDRICK W. BROWN** against
WILLIAM E. NORTH, for failure to comply
with law as to Timber-Culture Entry No. 1677,
dated November 18, 1886, upon the S 1/2 NE-4 &
NE-1 NE-1 section 13, township 23 N., R 7 west,
in Choteau county, Montana, with a view to
the cancellation of said entry; contestant al-
leging that claimant failed to plant any por-
tion of said tract to trees, seeds or cuttings
during the 4th year of entry, and that said
failure still exists.
Now therefore the said parties are hereby
summoned to appear at this office on the 13th
day of February, 1892 at 10 o'clock, A. M. to
respond and furnish testimony concerning
said failure, testimony to be taken before A. C.
Warner, notary public, at Choteau, Montana,
on February 6th, 1892.

GEO. M. BOURQUIN, Receiver.