

# REFERENCE THE BEST

## The Western Farm Profits Are Away in Excess.

Mr. George H. Barr, of Iowa, holds every acre of land in Saskatchewan, Iowa. These he has fenced and rented, either for pasture or cultivation, at a paying good interest on the investment.

Mr. Barr says that farm land at home in Iowa is held at \$150 per acre, while in Saskatchewan it is held at \$25 per acre.

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# The Interiors

## An Indian Reservation Tale by ROBERT AMES BENNETT

**F**OLLOWING the killing of Agent Nosen and threats of an outbreak among the Indians, Capt. Floyd Hardy, U. S. A., goes to Lakotah reservation as acting agent to quell the trouble. He is wounded from ambush, and falls in love with Marie Dupont, who pursues him. She neither accepts nor refuses his proposal of marriage, because she and Vanderyn are intimates. Hardy learns the Indians are disaffected because Marie's father, Jacques Dupont, is a wily post trader, and Dagland Vanderyn, agency clerk and nephew of Senator Clemmer, have cheated them in an illegal tribal land deal, and purposes to fight the wrong. He makes friends with the tribesmen and calls a council at the mine. What occurs there—how desperate conspirators work against the captain—is told in this installment.

### CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

Hardy was greeted with a murmur of welcome and admiration, and the crowd made a path through their midst to the inner ring of the chiefs. Followed by Redbear, Vanderyn and Olna, he walked along the passage between the living walls of silent, furtive-eyed Indians, and sent him on the blanket that he had spread for him beside old Tiwakona. Shortly before the start down into the valley Vanderyn had again borrowed his superior's writing and fountain pen. He now sat down at Hardy's shoulder, with the pad and pen ready.

After a ceremonious salute the head chief crier announced the purpose of the council. This was followed by declarations from three orators, whose main purpose seemed to be to give an exhibition of their ability in painting word pictures. When they had finished, Tiwakona arose and warned the hearts of his people with an impassioned eloquence of their duty to the chief of the Longknives, who had come to be a father to the tribe.

Hardy then explained the good that had resulted on other reservations from the taking of land in several tracts, and advised that the council name a delegation of chiefs to go on to Washington and ask for the confirmation of the new treaty. More than once during Redbear's interpretation of the acting agent's statements Olna

### CHAPTER XV.

#### A Lover's Promise.

When, midafternoon of the next day, the two white men and the pair of Indian police emerged from the canyon. Marie's cheek looked so pale. Vanderyn was still as gray and good-humored as at the start of the journey. He even volunteered to interpose if you went down to the office.

"It is very kind of you to make the offer," replied Hardy in rather a stiff tone. "If Dupont is at home, may I tell you to send him to the office?"

"Certainly," replied Vanderyn, and all the way down to the agency he chattered gaily. When they came to the house he handed the papers to Hardy and his hand in friendly parting. "See you later, be sure to stop off your whiskers in time for sport. You'll need to look you up."

Dupont soon clumped into the agency office, fably cooing with Jovial friendliness.

"Howdy, howdy, Cap," he greeted. "Marie, she says she'll look to see you at supper, Mr. Van says you don't mind. Anything I can do, just call on me. I'm ready to call quits now, if you are."

Hardy accepted the proffered hand and exchanged a cordial grip. "This pleasure is very much, Dupont," he responded. "We will all go work together for the tribe. I give you my best wishes that you will be very successful."

"We got a fair show to, seeing as how you ain't going to let on about it in your report. Now, just tell me—Merely a few words as interpreter," said Hardy. "I wish one of the police at once to ride over to the agency and get the documents. There consisted of brief notes, He then murmured to her something that at first brought a shadow into her joyous face. He then left her radiant with happiness.

When the leading men of the tribe had signed the papers and Redbear and Olna had attested as witnesses, Vanderyn thrust the documents into his pocket and went to join Hardy. As he handed over the paper that Hardy signed, he remarked that if there was no objection, Redbear and his sister would remain in the mountains with their grandfather and uncle, and request that the government for the delegation to come on to Washington.

"You are ready to return to the agency with me?" asked Hardy.

"Very well, indeed, if you wish," answered Vanderyn.

"Very well," said Hardy. "The girl will remain here and you will come with me."

Vanderyn shrugged, smiled good-humoredly, and vaulted into his saddle.

Still doubtful of his companion, Hardy took the papers, Redbear and Olna in lead, and rode out to where the brother and sister stood in the midst of their grandfather's immediate family. Redbear handed Vanderyn's statement that she wished to remain in the mountains, he took ceremonial leave of the noble old chief, and returned to the agency.

During the brief interval Vanderyn's gay humor had disappeared. He met Hardy with a frown, and held one eye upon the chief as he wrote that morning. Seeing that Hardy was dressed to himself, Hardy tore open the envelope and read the brief note which came from the younger man.

"So," he said, fixing the younger man with a level glance, "your resignation—to take effect at once. It is dated yesterday."

"It would have been dated and presented a week ago if I had had the slightest idea you were going to insult me as you did yesterday," Vanderyn burst out angrily. "You had no right to do so, unless you intended to accept your resignation. If you insist on my acting on it."

"You see," said Vanderyn. "I've had enough of your lightness. I'm a free man now—not your clerk."

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Hardy saw the frank sincerity in his companion's eyes, and responded to the assertion with an instant apology. "You see, Mr. Vanderyn, I beg your pardon for misjudging you. You are a regular show cards and spades to the angels! I'm out for the good things of life, and I make no bones over it. But that doesn't prevent me from being a blooming benefactor as well. If you wish to know the real reason why I'm resigning, it's because I have planned to go on to Washington with the delegation, and pull wires to get the bribe a slice of graft for their miserable land."

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"Of to get the handling of the tribal funds," suggested Vanderyn. "There'd be a fat slice of graft for somebody out of all those millions."

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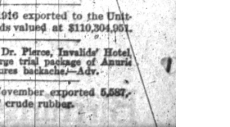
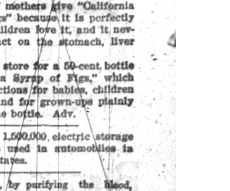
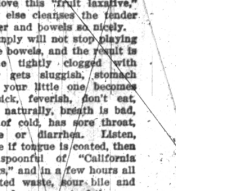
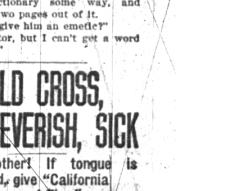
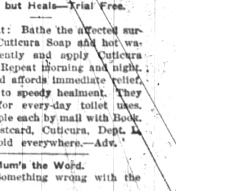
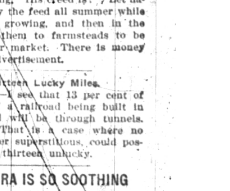
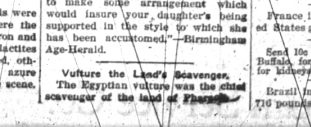
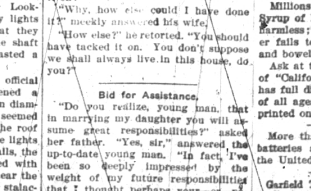
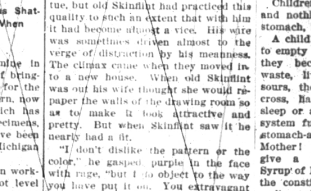
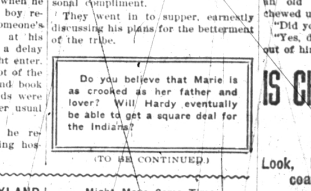
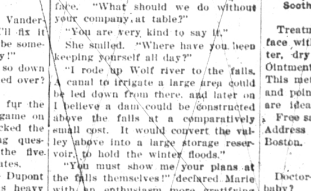
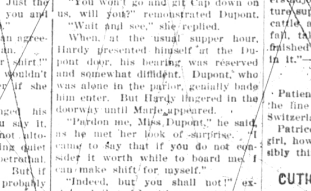
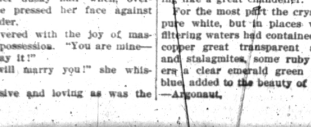
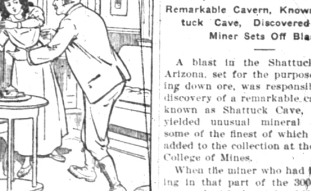
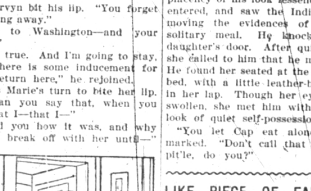
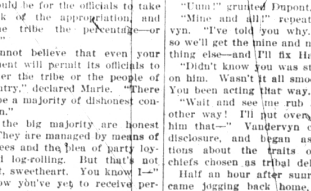
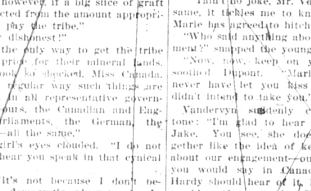
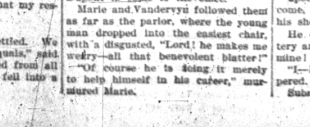
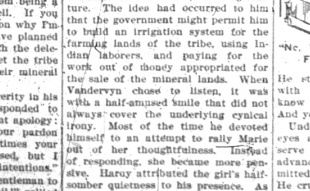
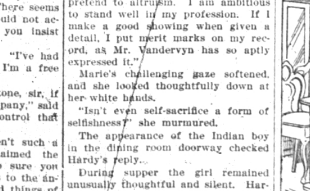
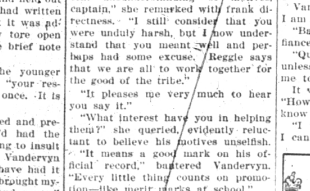
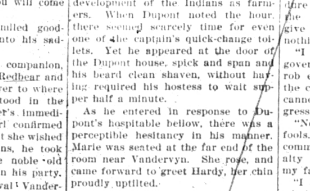
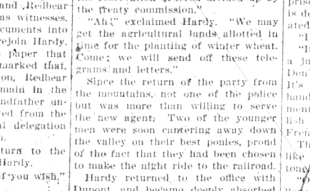
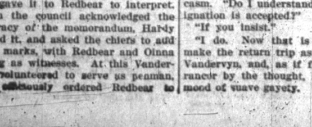
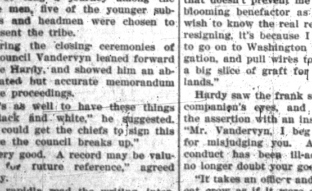
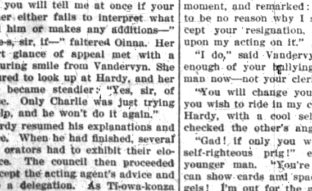
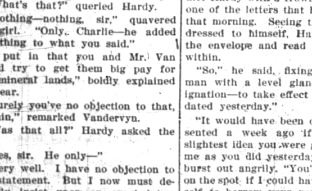
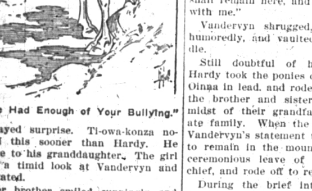
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Hardy is greeted with a murmur of welcome and admiration, and the crowd made a path through their midst to the inner ring of the chiefs.

Redbear, Vanderyn and Olna, he walked along the passage between the living walls of silent, furtive-eyed Indians, and sent him on the blanket that he had spread for him beside old Tiwakona.

After a ceremonious salute the head chief crier announced the purpose of the council.

When they had finished, Tiwakona arose and warned the hearts of his people with an impassioned eloquence of their duty to the chief of the Longknives, who had come to be a father to the tribe.

Hardy then explained the good that had resulted on other reservations from the taking of land in several tracts, and advised that the council name a delegation of chiefs to go on to Washington and ask for the confirmation of the new treaty.

More than once during Redbear's interpretation of the acting agent's statements Olna

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