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Respectfully referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for his consideration and for proper action on the matters herein referred to. The Department to be advised as early as practicable of the action taken thereon, ~~in the column, left for that purpose, of the synopsis of this report.~~

This report to be returned to the Department files.

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Respectfully returned to the Department files as requested

Asst Commissioner

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Carson City, Nevada, June 17, 1886.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to submit the following report on Agency and School affairs at the Nevada Agency, Nevada:

A G E N C Y:

This agency comprises two reservations: The Pyramid Lake and Walker River reserves. The Pyramid Lake reserve contains 322,000 acres of mostly mountainous and desert land, including the Pyramid Lake a body of water 40 miles long by about 12 miles in width. Of this great body of country only about 800 acres is suitable for agricultural purposes of which 600 acres is divided into small allotments and under good state of cultivation. The chief products raised by the Indians are grain (wheat & barley) and alfalfa hay.- the latter being the principal crop. The Walker River reserve contains 318,815 acres, including the Walker Lake a body of water 40 miles in length by 8 miles in width, of the same character of land as Pyramid Lake reserve. About 1200 acres of the bottom land along the river is agricultural land, three fourths of which is divided into 54 small farms cultivated

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by Indians. Their crops are the same as those of Pyramid Lake reserve. The remainder of the lands of both reservations are best adapted for stock raising.

The irrigating plants at both reservations are kept in good order and afford ample supply of water for irrigation of all the land susceptible to cultivation. The new dam built at Walker River upon my recommendation of last May two years ago was substantially and well built and has proved a decided success. The old dam at Pyramid Lake reserve has been kept in good repair and the necessity for a new dam is not so apparent as two years ago.

The new bridge built last year at Pyramid Lake reserve is a strong well built structure and a creditable improvement

The buildings at the agency headquarters have all been renovated and put in first class condition. They have just received a fresh coat of paint inside and outside.

The buildings at Walker River reserve are in good repair but will require painting during the ensuing year.

The sanitary condition of the Indians is good and they receive good medical treatment.

The office affairs are in good shape and the business of the office is well attended to and dispatched in an intelligent and satisfactory manner. The office should be supplied, however, with a fire proof vault to file away

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current records and books. There is a good supply of brick and lime on hand and the only ~~[illegible]~~ expense necessary to incur to contruct the needed vault would be the employment of an irregular mason and the purchase of a pair of vault doors.

The number of Indians under the control of this agency is as follows:

Pyramid Lake Reserve:

Males over 18,----------	188
Females over 16,----------	173
Children between 6 & 16,----------	134
Children under 6,----------	58
T o t a l:	514;

Walker River Reserve:

Males over 18, ----------	173,
Females over 16,----------	120
Children between 6 & 16,----------	135
Children under 6,----------	62
T o t a l:	490.

The Indians of both reservation are in a fair state of civilization, industrious, progressive, self-supporting, and there condition is such as to warrant the allotment of their agricultural lands in severalty. Steps should be taken at once to have their arable lands lands surveyed and allotted. When this is accomplished there is no longer any need of this agency,- which should be abolished. The Pyramid Lake affairs and Indians placed under control of a local super-intendent at the agency boarding school; the Walker River affairs and Indians transferred to the Carson Indl. School.

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The present condition of the Indians and affairs of this agency are such as to demand the consolidation of school and agency affairs at the earliest possible date. The interests of the schools and the Indians would be enhanced and the service materially benefitted.

The only complaint the Indians have is the occupancy of there reservation by stockmen & trespassers. This has been a troublesome question for many years and should be settled. These Indians are intelligent, law-abiding, obedient to departmental orders, and should be protected in their rights. If the propositions contained in the agreement made between these Indians and the Government on October 17, 1891, could be put into force and effect, it would accomplish the desired results. The scheme proposed in Senate Bill #3, introduced by Senator Stewart in last Congress, would not solve the problem but only complicate matters more than ever. The reasons assigned by Agent Wootten in his letter to the Commissioner dated February 11, 1896, presents a true picture of the situation. In addition, however, to the many objections set forth in opposition to the proposed legislation, I desire to submit that if the waters of the Truckee river, which is the only source of supply for Pyramid Lake, are diverted from the river for the purpose of supplying the proposed canal, the lake will in a few years go dry;and, as the lake is full of fish which furnish the Indians 9/10 of their

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food supply, these Indians will be made paupers and will have to be wholly supported by the Government, whereas, at present, they are virtually self-supporting.

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PYRAMID LAKE BOARDING SCHOOL:

This school plant is in first class condition. The buildings have recently been thoroughly repaired and painted inside and outside. The plant is well supplied with water from a large tank filled by two hydraulic rams. Water is piped throughout the first floors of all the buildings. The ventilation, arrangement of the class rooms, domitories, employes quarters, and drainage of all the buildings are good. The sewerage is best that can be devised on account of the peculiar location of the buildings. The school is in need, however, of a first class bath-house with at least twelve bath-tubs. The present facilities for bathing the children are very poor;- the accommodations only permit two persons to be bathed at time and it requires a whole day day to give the pupils an ordinary wash.

The school garden has been enlarged and now contains about 8 acres, being sufficient land for garden purposes.

The dairy is supplied with ten good milk cows and the school has abundance of milk and butter.

The average attendance last month was 101. The school

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can accommodate, however, 120 pupils, and this number will no doubt be enrolled during the ensuing school year. The attendance is regular and the pupils are well clothed and fed.

The literary department is fairly successful but no further advancement can be made in this branch until a complete re-organization of the school is effected. The school-room work is under the supervision of a principal teacher and 2 assistant teachers. Nothing more than primary work is done nor can be done, as the children have made little or no advancement in this line.

The industrial department is under the supervision of a matron, seamstress and industrial teacher. The boys are taught how to perform manual labor necessary about a farm, while the girls are instructed in the art of sewing and general household duties.

In many respects the school is doing well, but it can never be made a successful school under its present management. The agent has for some time assumed the duties of superintendent in conjunction with his position, and while he is anxious to make the school a success, nevertheless he lacks executive ability and especially so in school matters never having had any experience in educational affairs, and is unable to manage or control the educational affairs of a school of this magnitude. A live, active, experienced

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educated man is required as superintendent to lift this school out of it's present chaotic condition. There is no discipline whatever in the school outside of the class rooms, both the employes and pupils are totally oblivious to the fact that there is any head to the institution. With a competent, experienced superintendent in charge this school can be made a success and a credit to the service. From a business standpoint the consolidation of the school and agency affairs is the only solution of the problem;- so long as this agency is permitted to continue as it is no beneficial results can ever be obtained.

I recommend for your favorable consideration the following propositions:

A G E N C Y:

1st. That the agricultural lands on both reservations be surveyed and allotments made to the Indians in severalty

2nd. When this is accomplished that the agency be abolished. Pyramid Lake to be placed under a bonded superintendent of the agency boarding school, and Walker River under the jurisdiction of the Carson Industrial school.

3rd. That a vault be built for use of the office by irregular labor and a pair of vault doors be purchased in the open market.

4th. That the southern portion of Pyramid Lake reserve (including the town of Wadsworth) be cut off from the reservation as proposed in the agreement of Oct.17, 1881.

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5th. That all stockmen and trespassers be removed from both reservations.

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1st. That a suitable bath-house furnished with 12 bath-tubs be built at Pyramid Lake boarding school.

2nd. That a superintendent be placed in charge of the Pyramid Lake boarding school at the commencement of the ensuing fiscal year (Sept. 1) at a salary of $1000.- per annum; pending the consideration of the question of consolidating the agency and school affairs as herein recommended.

D A Y S C H O O L S:

WALKER RIVER DAY SCHOOL:

This school has attendance of 30 pupils, about 1/4 of the children of school age on the Walker River reserve. From a literary standpoint the school has never been a success, and there is no industrial work connected with the school. The children of school age could be readily accommodated at the Carson Training school, well fed and clothed and educated, which cannot be said of them in there present condition. If the Walker River reserve is placed under the Carson school as suggested and recommended the superintendent would have no trouble in securing these children.

WADSWORTH DAY SCHOOL:

This school was closed the 1st of January and the children transferred to the Pyramid Lake boarding school.

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There is no doubt that there is a sufficient number of small children living in Wadsworth to warrant the opening of this school, but I consider it best to take no action in this direction until a consolidation of the agency and school affairs at Pyramid Lake can be accomplished.

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P. McCormick
U. S. Indian Inspector.

Sir

I am aware that I am not expected to send in a type written report. I regret being compelled to do it, but on account of a sore hand could not write without pain & have had to dictate it.

Respectfully
McCormick
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