

better results will have obtained before that time. No one can form any idea, excepting by personal examination, of the rough and broken country of the Gunnison and White Rivers--the old home of the White River Utes--and I shall hope for a peaceful solution and settlement of this complication without necessity for military operations.

The cattle, mining, and agricultural interests have greatly increased in this department, especially in the Territories of Utah and Wyoming, and in that part of Idaho belonging to it. Along the base of the Big Horn Mountains, especially west of Fort McKinney, beautiful farms have sprung up; fields of wheat, oats, and barley, and hundreds of thousands of cattle, are now to be found where only two or three years ago was the land of the Indians and the Buffalo.

The department has been economically administered and the condition of the service improved. At its ensuing session Congress will be requested to make an appropriation for the new post at the junction of the Duchesne and Green Rivers, in Utah, on the reservation selected for the future home of the Uncompahgre Utes.

In the Department of the Missouri small raiding parties of Apache Indians, the remnant of Victoria's band, joined by a few young men from the Mescalero Reservation, in all not to exceed sixty in number, caused widespread alarm and serious loss of human life in Southern New Mexico last winter. The band came in from Mexico, south of Fort Cummings, and after making a raid of extraordinary boldness, recrossed into Mexico near their point of entrance. They killed a number of people, and, I am sorry to say, received but little punishment in return. This same band re-entered Southern New Mexico in July, and raided the same region of country, killing Lieut. G. W. Smith, Ninth Cavalry, and several people, and again escaping into