

Wright suggests a point called Beaver creek, on the north side of Bear Paw mountains.

From the Flathead agency no annual report has yet been received, but by letter from Agent Wells it appears that the Indians on the reservation require much to be done for them, in order to relieve their wants and improve their condition. Those who went out on the usual buffalo hunt have returned very destitute, having lost many horses, &c., by the acts of marauding Blackfeet. The band in Bitter Root valley has suffered the loss of their entire crops by the visitation of the grasshoppers and crickets. At the agency the prospects of a good harvest are reported as favorable.

A considerable number of Bannocks and Shoshones range in the southern part of Montana, with whom it was, at one time, believed no treaty had ever been made; but recent information leads to the conclusion that they are parties to the treaty negotiated in 1863, at Soda Springs, by Governor Doty, not yet ratified. Reference herein is made to them in my remarks under the head of "Utah superintendency." This office recommended, in February last, that Congress be asked to appropriate \$20,000 to provide subsistence, clothing, and selecting a reservation for them.

IDAHO SUPERINTENDENCY.

There are in this superintendency about 5,500 Indians, comprising the Nez Perce, Lower Pend d'Oreille, Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Kootenay, Bannock, and Shoshone tribes.

The Nez Percés only have a treaty with the government, and, by their treaty of June 9, 1863, are provided with a diminished reservation. By direction of the President, two reservations have been set apart for the other tribes; one in the northern part of Idaho, upon which it is proposed to locate the Coeur d'Alene and other Indians in that vicinity; the other at Fort Hall, designed for the Bannocks, Shoshones, and all straggling Indians in the central and southern parts of the Territory. That at Fort Hall, as a permanent location for the bands named, is dependent upon the consent of Waskakee's band in Utah, known as the