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Congress in 1887 when it passed the General Allotment Act tried to do what it thought was best. Congress really thought it was doing a favor for the Indians. And, measured by the mores of the time, it was about the nicest thing to do. Unfortunately Congress was dealing with a people not temperamentally suited. It was a gift they were not able to appreciate.