

live. Our *Free Common Schools*—free to all the inhabitants of the land, is the cradle of liberty, its birth place, and the only sure guarantee of its abiding with us.

While we give the people due credit for their private enterprise, let us do away with the necessity for such schools, by bringing the Public School within the reach of every child in our Territory. Let us hold out this powerful inducement, to those seeking new homes in the West—that if they cast in their lot with us, we will guarantee to their sons and daughters a good education.

#### INDIAN SCHOOLS.

In traveling over the Territory during the Summer, I learned that many of the Indian tribes were anxious to have schools established amongst them, in order that their children might be taught to read in our language. And while in Paoli, Lykins County, I understood that the head chief of the Indians in that county or those in the immediate vicinity of Paoli, had been talking about establishing a Boarding School, in order to accommodate all the young people of the Tribe. They have several thousands of dollars to set apart for that purpose by the General Government, which cannot be appropriated in any other way.

It would be well for the Legislature to pay some attention to this matter in justice to the people of the county, and in justice to the Indians. The experiment has been tried, that Indians can be taught. Then, when they have the money within themselves, ready and waiting to be used for this purpose alone, let us take some action and make some provision, so that they can derive some benefit from our civilization.

The Indian appeals to our humanity, to our higher intelligence for light. Let us take them by the hand, and lead them along step by step, until manhood takes the place of savagedom, until the superiority of our intelligence will have penetrated their darkened souls, and they will stand forth as men. The policy of past ages, and other States south of us, will not do for us, we must look ahead and not behind. Let us extend the benefits of our heaven given rights, and the blessing of civil and religious liberty to every inhabitant of our common country. They are all God's creatures, and have as inalienable rights to the soil as we or any others. I would suggest that inquiry be made concerning the wants of this class of our people, and when the means can be