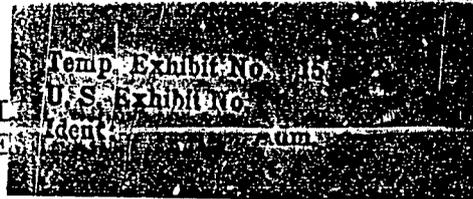


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NAVAJO AGENCY, N. MEX.,
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SIR: I have the honor to submit my third annual report of the Moquis Pueblo Indians under my charge at this agency.

CONDUCT.

Like the Navajos they have enjoyed a peaceful and quiet year, nothing happening to disturb the even tenor of their ways except an occasional wrangle with some neighboring Navajos, growing out of trespass upon stock, crops, and watering places. These troubles, however, are usually of slight character and easily adjusted. There were fewer disturbances this year than last. Heeding the advice of the agent, the Navajos are learning to respect the Moquis' rights. As a means of preventing these occurrences it might be better if the Navajos could be excluded from the Moquis country altogether, but this would be a difficult thing to do. For years a considerable number have lived there with established homes and farm improvements, which they are loath to leave. As a general thing the two tribes as a whole get along very well together.

The Moquis are naturally industrious, and with the annual aid from the Government in wagons, tools, and farm implements are enabled to make a fair living from the products of the soil and stock. Their annual wool-clip is about 20,000 pounds; of this one-half is sold, and the balance fabricated into wearing apparel and blankets. The crops are estimated as follows:

Corn	bushels..	40,000
Melons		15,000
Wheat	bushels..	75 to 100
Pumpkins		5,000
Squash		5,000
Peaches	bushels..	300

The corn is mostly ground into meal for bread—grinding it by hand with two stones, in the old way. I think a small horse-power mill would please them.

HOUSES.

The five families who moved down from the rock-ribbed mesa top have completed new houses by aid of the lumber furnished them; in time, others will desire to follow their example.

ANNUITY GOODS.

The annual supplies were issued in May. Some of them make good use of the wagons, hauling freight from the railroad to Kean's Cañon. The agent labors under a great disadvantage by not having a store-house for the safe-keeping of these goods until distributed.

Superintendent Gallaher, of the school, has no room to spare; in fact not enough for his own uses. I have twice estimated for a suitable building for the purpose. The agent can ill afford to have property for which he is responsible exposed to unnecessary waste.

SCHOOL.

The school opened at Kean's Cañon last fall is a complete success, as I had anticipated it would be. Under Superintendent James Gallaher it could hardly be otherwise; he is the right man for the work. This school is already a credit to the service, and if continued as begun will soon be among the best. These Indians take more readily to education than the Navajos.

CENSUS.

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The census, as near as can be found, is as follows:

Total	2,215
Males over eighteen years of age	716
Females over fourteen years of age	704
School children between the ages of six and sixteen	420

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. S. PATTERSON,
U. S. Indian Agent.

The COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.