

LANE WOULD PUT INDIANS TO WORK

Secretary Will Make Experiment on the Flathead Reservation.

TOPPENISH, Aug. 13.—The Flathead Indians on the reservation in Montana are going to be put to work by Secretary Lane, who consulted with the water users on the Yakima reservation today. He said that before he made his trip to Montana he had doubts about putting the Indians to work, but that he is going to try the experiment.

"The government must take care of the old Indian," the secretary said, "but we must give the others a degree of independence and throw them on their own resources.

"Along this line I am going to make an experiment on the Flathead reservation of having the Indians cultivate the lands under irrigation there. The government is spending several thousands of dollars developing irrigation projects, and I am going to see if I cannot get the necessary tools and get the Indians to work.

"I had a pow wow with them, at which they said they were willing to work. Indian labor as a rule is not very consistent. He deserts you when the dance time comes around, but the more warlike the Indian tribe the better workers they are."