

two to three years for the land to recuperate. Moreover there has been drought, and the hot winds have dried the lands.

A delegation of the Indians go to Minton (the new agent) to protest. Minton is arrogant and ugly. Insinuate that the Chiefs have been favoring the T Bar T outfit because of personal favors. Chief Hardface ~~returns~~ speaks for his people. It is true they have favored the T Bar T. They (Now dead) made a compact with old Colonel Todhunter Kemper, who had always treated the Indians fairly and squarely. This compact the Indians wished to keep with his son and daughter. It has been profitable to the tribe to lease the land to the T Bar T. If the cattle are driven from the Indian lands and shee sheep substituted it will mean ruin to the Reserve and lean years ahead for the Indians.

Minton orders the Indians back to their teepees. He says he is Master of the Reserve and threatens them with martial law on the Reserve if they dare to set the Government at defiance.

The Indians retreat murmuring.

Messengers are riding to spread the news to the ranchers. Young Indian boys riding like lightning. Cowboys and cattlemen ride from all parts to protest the bringing into the country from another state a huge herd of sheep. The T Bar T men and other cattlemen declare they will never allow the sheep to pass.