

THE UINTAHS.

The third tribe or band of this region is the Uintahs, upon whose reservation the White Rivers have already been dumped, and where the authorities propose dumping the Uncompahgres. They are a good, industrious, sensible people, but the unwholesome leaven that their near neighbors, the White Rivers, pour into their ears may, someday, bear fruit in the shape of an outbreak. However, this is much more of a possibility than a probability, as the steadiness of these same fellows has always asserted itself in the past and ought to continue to influence them in the direction of their best interests in the future.

None of these bands, except the Uncompahgres, will be affected by the proposed allotment except that, as stated above, the Government will allow the Uintah reservation to be utilized for the allotting of the Uncompahgres. The Uintahs have been located on their individual places on the White Rocks, Uintah and Duchesne rivers, for many years past, and many already have farms in good condition and Congress has appropriated considerable sums of money (their own, by the way) annually, for the digging and overseeing of irrigation ditches. The White Rivers will not accept, excepting in rare instances, individual allotment.

Apropos of the statements regarding the Uintahs as farmers may be shown part of the 1896 annual report of Col. Randlett, the ex-agent. He says: "The Uintah Utes have made fine progress in farming. The plan of locating heads of families upon lands with the intention of eventually having the same assigned to them under provisions of the allotment laws has become well understood by this band. They are unanimously in favor of this plan and eagerly interested in having it consummated. The Uintahs will accept and improve upon any advantages that are provided to enable them to live in ways of civilization."