

THE SILETZ RESERVATION.

The Indians to have Their Lands Allotted to Them.

The Albany Herald has the following regarding the Siletz reservation, which is mostly in this county, and which occupies almost one-third of the area of the county.

The Siletz Indian reservation, some seven miles from Yaquina, will soon be an Indian ranch no more. According to the Yaquina Post the Indians have been demanding that the lands be allotted to them and the tribal relations be broken up for several years past. A year or two ago the initiatory steps for dividing the lands among them were taken, but owing to the drunkenness and general unreliability of the then agent at the Siletz, the plan was not carried out. The Post says that a gentleman every way qualified to allot these lands has been appointed, or at least been offered the position, and the matter will be proceeded with at an early day. After the lands are allotted among the five hundred and odd Indians on the Siletz, the balance will be sold at auction, and the money so received will be used as a fund to help the newly made American citizens in their new departure of depending upon themselves, on their own exertions for a livelihood. There are some two hundred and fifty thousand acres of land, much of it good for agricultural purposes, timber lands of the finest quality, granite, gold-bearing quartz, coal, water-powers, fisheries, etc. After the Indians have secured their allotment, which is 160 acres to each man and wife, 40 to 80 acre tracts to each child, according to age, it is said there will be over 200,000 acres left, which, of course will be sold.