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Capt. R. N. Pratt  
Carlisle School, Pa  
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Calls attention to attached  
newspaper slip relating  
to certain absconding  
pupils (Orages) from Juni-  
atta Institute, and their  
capture by Mr. Bridenbaugh.  
Suggests that these pu-  
pils & others now at  
said school be returned  
to Carlisle, from whence  
they were transferred.

Letter to Parsons, Nov. 7/85

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# Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Pa.

Runaway Indian Lads Taken Home.  
PITTSBURG, Nov. 1 [SPECIAL].—Principal P. H. Bridenbaugh, of the Indian school, at Martinsburg, Blair County, has returned to that place with the four Indian boys who escaped and were captured here on Thursday night. Professor Bridenbaugh will punish the boys by putting them at hard work. They had refused to work with the farmers, as others of the boys do. Webster and Dunlap, the largest of the runaways, were taken from the Carlisle Indian school, as incorrigible. Last Sunday they threatened to blow off Professor Bridenbaugh's head and when searched each was found armed with a pistol. They were disarmed and next day they persuaded the other boys to run away.

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I inclose a clipping from the Philada. "Press" of yesterday.

I have been sorry ever since the Osage children were sent to Martinsburg, that I recommended their transfer to another school. It has amounted to a disaster, as I said it would in my letter to you of August 17. written when Prof. Bridenbaugh was here, and in my later letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> October.

I had sent home, as you know, those who were esteemed bad of the party, before Prof. Bridenbaugh came. The two boys, whose names are mentioned as incorrigibles, were among the best



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in the School when here; so, too, was Embrey Gibson, who has, I believe, been sent home. I did not consider that there were any incorrigibles among those I sent home, much less among the party sent to Martinsburg. Both Webster and Robert Dunlap had been at Carlisle more than three years, and their conduct here gave us no cause of Complaint.

If it meet with your approval, to repair the mistake, I am willing to have the whole party return to Carlisle.

Very respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt  
Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Regt.  
Supt.