

KEEPS TRACK OF 'INDIANS' COIN

Government Will Not Allow Alienation of Property Bought With Price of Allotment.

A rather interesting and somewhat unusual document has just been filed with the register of deeds. It is a warranty deed by which E. S. Buckman transfers to William Gordon and Sarah Gordon the house and three lots at 171, 173 and 175 West Fourth street for \$1,650. The interesting part of the deed is a stipulation on the back of it. This is an agreement between the Gordons and the president of the United States that the Gordons will not sell, mortgage or encumber the property inside of 25 years without the consent of the president.

This agreement is caused by the fact that the purchasers of the property are Indians. The house and lots were bought with the proceeds of the sale of some timber on a piece of land which was allotted by the government to a daughter of William and Sarah Gordon. The daughter died some time ago and later the parents sold the timber which was on the allotment and purchased the above property with it. As the allotment could not be sold without the consent of the government, represented by the president, the same rule holds good on the property purchased with the proceeds of the sale and therefore this agreement is made.

Another interesting thing in connection with this sale is the fact that one of the parties was required to put his thumb mark on the check. This is because the party can not write and in all such cases the government requires the Indian to make a thumb mark on checks or other papers. The government has copies of the thumb marks of all these people and always identifies the mark before the deal is closed.