

given to the Territory by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States.

All these, with the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache and Wichita Indian reservations just opened, give the Territory a settled area of 24,000,000 acres, 1,725,646 still being included in Indian reservations.

This, in brief, is the story of the creation of Oklahoma Territory, but of the long struggles to secure the various enactments of Congress required to bring it about, of the successive great rushes of settlers to the country, of the struggles to build up here an ideal American commonwealth, and of the great measure of success attained, volumes might be written.

In the little more than a decade which has elapsed since the creation of the Territory, the people have accomplished here more than any other community has ever accomplished in a quarter of a century. The story of the achievements of this people, whose progressiveness, energy, industry and American citizenship has never been equaled, reads almost like a fairy tale, and the great and lasting results attained can only be realized by him who comes and views and ponders.

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GEORGE III, King of England, being very fond of Mr. Whiston, celebrated for his various strictures on religion, happened to be walking with him one day in Hampton Court gardens, during the heat of his persecutions. As they were talking upon this subject, his majesty observed, "That however right he might be in his opinions, it would be better if he kept them to himself." "Is your majesty really serious in your advice?" answered the old man. "I really am," replied the king. "Why, then," said Whiston, "had Martin Luther been of this way of thinking, where would your majesty have been at this time?"