

FLYNN HOME PROJECT

It is Thought Will be Discouraged by Flynn.

PLAN TO RAISE MONEY Is Framed Meanwhile and a Committee Named.

Guthrie, O. T., May 21.—Numerous propositions to give Dennis Flynn a home by popular subscription have been made in the last three days simultaneously. One comes from Pawnee, another from 18772 and the other from Guthrie.

It is said here by intimate friends that Flynn will not accept the gift of a home from the settlers, but will be the promoters to drop the agitation of the matter. He may issue a public letter questioning that the plan be omitted.

In the meantime the agitation is being kept up. The Perry Enterprise says: The people of the United States, in their gratitude to Dewey, presented him with a \$50,000 home in Washington. Dennis Flynn is certainly equally as much a hero to the farmers in the Cherokee strip, in that he not only saved some \$100,000, but made it possible for many of them to retain their homes. That they never would be able to pay for the price stipulated by the bill opening the country for settlement. Dewey did not stand in need of a home, but a grateful people presented him one to show their appreciation. Dennis Flynn does not need a home, but it would be the fitting and grateful thing, now that he is unable to find a home in Washington, to have a residence in the Cherokee strip, to show his appreciation of his labors in that territory. Why not do it? The Guthrie Capital publishes this note:

"Dennis is one of the noblest virtues exemplified today by the human race, and to the American citizen it has been displayed to show his appreciation of duty whenever and wherever duty has been well performed."

"Today, on thousands of green spots in our glorious country are being erected monuments erected to the memory of men who have been true in the performance of their duty to our people; and in the presence of those monuments one stands as upon hallowed ground."

"As at Manila, where our noble Dewey faithfully performed his duty to his country and people, who trusted implicitly in his ability, so has Oklahoma's straitened hero, our noble Flynn, faithfully performed his duty to the large constituency of our territory, who has put their trust in his promises to secure simple justice for their long patient hardship and toil."

"It seems very proper, therefore, as an evidence of their appreciation for the earnest efforts put forth in their behalf, that the homesteaders of this territory erect to our honored statesman a home, a most fitting and practical monument, wherein the resident may, in later years, when casting the lengthening shadows of his earthly life, rest in the peaceful assurance of the grateful love of thousands who have shared the benefits of his work 'well done.'"

"Believing that this suggestion will find favor in the hearts of every homesteader and of every other person benefited by the free homes bill, we desire to add thereto the following plan for giving the same practical form."

"That subscriptions be opened in every bank in this territory where any person residing in this territory, who has been benefited by the free homes bill, may have an opportunity to subscribe in and no more, and thereupon pay the said sum to the bank; and that on the first day of each month each of such banks forward all monies so collected on such subscription to the treasurer of the Flynn home committee, hereinafter provided for, to be held by such treasurer under proper bond as a fund to be used by such committee for the purchase of suitable grounds and for the erection thereon of a suitable home for the Hon. Dennis T. Flynn."

"The location of the home and the selection of the plans and specifications therefor and all other details to be arranged and provided for by the said Flynn home committee, to be formed and selected as follows:

"All homesteaders in this territory for whose benefit the free homes bill has been passed are hereby requested to meet at their respective country seats at 10 a. m. on Saturday, June 16, 1900, for the purpose of electing by ballot one person from each county in this territory whose name and one

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part thereof is included within the provisions of said free homes bill, which persons so elected shall be given a certificate of election, signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting wherein such committee has been selected.

The committee so selected shall meet at Perry, O. T., at 2 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, June 9, 1900, for the purpose of forming a permanent organization, when and where such further steps shall be taken by such committee as may be deemed proper to carry into execution the above suggestions.

DICK T. MORGAN, President Oklahoma Free Homes League. T. J. TAYLOR, Territorial Committee for Noble Co. JOHN C. HUGHES, Vice President for Pawnee County, Oklahoma Republican Club. C. R. RENFRO, Guthrie, O. T. F. H. GREER, Guthrie, O. T.

Bryan is a fine specimen of robust and vigorous manhood, because he is in good health. To keep your blood in a healthy condition, use the Blood Purifier and Blood Maker, and you will be strong and healthy. It's guaranteed to give satisfaction. J. P. Allen, Doekum & Higginson, Geo. Van Werden.

TO THE PATIENT HOUSEWIFE Free Homes Means More Than Any Other of the Family.

Guthrie, O. T., May 21.—An editorial on the passage of the free homes bill in the Perkins Journal is a little out of the ordinary run. It reads this way: "Free homes means a great deal to Oklahoma wives. Ever since the opening of this territory the wives of most, in fact, all, of the homesteaders have worked hard and in many cases suffered privations, that when the time came, the claim might be needed without a mortgage. To them the passage of the free homes bill means a better dress to wear to church, a new rocking chair to rest their tired bodies, or finer shoes and a better hat for the little girls, more presentable clothes for the boys. The homesteader himself may indulge in a better shirt but it is not he alone that rejoices. His entire family is not only made happy but can now have more of the necessities and perhaps a few of the luxuries of this life. The wife of many a pound of butter, or down of eggs had been put in the old sugar bowl on the top shelf of the kitchen cupboard to help pay for the home. The children have gone barefoot in summer to save the price of a pair of shoes. Now it is changed; the farm can be dealt with at the expenditure of these savings. The wife of many a man will start anew. Every woman in Oklahoma is today saying 'To Flynn be the glory.'"

PERRY'S GRAND CELEBRATION Huge Crowd, Immense Enthusiasm.

Perry, O. T., May 21.—The people of this vicinity Saturday wound up one of the most magnificent demonstrations to-day over the passage of the free homes bill ever made in the Territory. Until 2 o'clock people from this and adjacent counties poured into the city by the thousands, and at 2 p. m. a grand parade around the square, headed by the Children's Band of Perry, was had. Everybody had a tin horn and an enterprising timer made some extra large ones for the larger boys.

At 2 p. m. the speaking commenced at the northwest corner of the square, the Hon. Dick L. Morgan presiding. Many speeches were made by the farmers and speakers generally of this vicinity. At night there was the finest display of fireworks from the court house square ever had in the territory. A special man and assistant from Kansas City were secured to attend the display, which lasted for two hours.

The man Stone, who was so badly turned on Monday last while firing an arrow in a precarious condition.

WHAT IF HE DID LOSE HIS BET Will He Be So He 8423 Ahead of the Free Homes Game.

Guthrie, O. T., May 21.—A Perry some time ago in arguing over the free homes bill, one Philip bet Will that it would become a law during the session of congress. He accepted the proposition, and the board was taken up personally with the election of a representative of each county for the session year. Elder E. L. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, was elected to be being among the unanimous choice of the board. The salary was fixed at \$100 per month.

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STRANGE INDIAN RITES

Otterskin Religionists Hold a Revival Meeting.

FORTY-TWO DOGS EATEN

One of the "Converts" a High School Graduate.

Guthrie, O. T., May 21.—An interesting account of an Indian ceremony last week is given in the Stroud Messenger. It says: The three score and ten Ottawa members of the very ancient otterskin religion, held a three days' and three nights' revival meeting on the Wapukwan allotment, about ten miles north of Stroud, last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Most of the other members, of the united tribes of the Sacs and Foxes, and some white folks attended the solemn, heathenish, ridiculous entertainment. Senator Nishkook officiated as the grand master of ceremonies, while the irrepressible Billy Harris acted as general roustabout. The faithful, unadorned Ottawa members prayed all of last Monday and Monday night, while several of the young sinners were getting gloriously drunk in the adjacent bar. The Indian police hauled twelve of the first sinners early Tuesday morning. Most of Tuesday was consumed in initiating two new converts into the "Eleschian mysteries" of otterskin and "Bleschian religion. The two candidates for breechcloth honors had to fast three days and nights, and the two ponies heavily laden with provisions for the new members, were tied outside the heathen sanctum sanctorum, without getting a mouthful of food or water for three days and nights, or until their future masters had their members carried on Wapukwan. The members carried an otter skin, which they used for "shooting irons."

"Shooting irons" are made of fifty otter skins, all of them having been owned by their very distant progenitors away back on Lake Michigan several hundred years ago. Some of the otterskins are said to be about 40 years old, and are considered of more value than many points or quarter sections of choice bottom land, that those that fall onto their face when touched by the otter skins, can see all their dead relatives and the beauties of the happy hunting ground. Most of the converts were of the Sacs, but one of the converts was a high school graduate.

While the wallowing in the mud proceeded in the "holy of holies," the forty-two dogs that were strangled and searched before sunrise were skinned and boiling in seven huge soap kettles. Sixty barrels were intended for the feast, but owing to the bad weather, the rice in dog fish and for other weighty reasons, only forty-two were strangled, cooked and devoured for religion's and health's sake. The nearly incessant rain on Tuesday didn't dampen or "throw a wet blanket" over the barbarous orgy.

The high priests and lesser priests marched round and round about the sacred "dog soup circle" for three long hours, praying and singing, grunting, hooting, "shooting" one another with the grinning heads of the holy otter skin. The new converts, one of them the graduate of a high school, were stripped naked and marched in the rain all afternoon. The grand dog soup feast took place on Tuesday evening. The flesh of the forty-two barrels was devoured in about thirty minutes, after which the devout dog eaters cleaned their greasy hands on their long hair and rubbed the dog bones over their heads.

Rides in a "Free Homes" Wagon Blackwell, O. T., May 21.—Berry Scroggins, who was on a wagon on a bet on the passage of the free homes bill, was discovered by the police.

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