

STATEHOOD IS THEIR THEME

Single Statehood Is Now the General Desire.

CHANGE OF SENTIMENT

Indian Question Is in a Fair Way of Settlement.

Guthrie, O. T., March 26.—People outside of the territory of Oklahoma doubtless wonder how it happened that the people all over this great country just at this time seem to be unanimously in favor of single statehood.

One does not have to look very far into the dim past to remember that only a short time ago this matter of separate or single statehood was a debatable question among the people of Oklahoma. It will be remembered that some of the democratic leaders in congress encouraged the separate statehood advocates, in the belief that if two states could be made of the territories each would be democratic and thus add to the prestige of the democratic party in the national congress.

It has come to pass in these latter days that one can hardly find a man in either of the great parties who aspires to leadership even in a ward caucus who will admit that he is ever in favor of anything but single statehood. This great change of sentiment has been brought about by changed conditions both in Oklahoma and in the Indian Territory.

When the territory of Oklahoma first began to aspire to the dignity of statehood it was thought that the Indian question would not be settled for years and many of the people in Oklahoma thought that if they consented to single statehood Oklahoma would have to wait perhaps for a quarter of a century for the Indian territory to get ready to be admitted into the union along with Oklahoma as a sovereign state.

It is different now. The Indians have consented to the allotment of their lands and now it can be seen that the Indian Territory is about ready for statehood. The people here have always been ready for immediate statehood and they have opposed to anything that was liable to delay it. They again there have been changes in the conditions and circumstances. This great country which only a few years ago was one immense cattle range and a little later represented at statehood conventions by politicians from numerous small villages and farmers who did not farm, but who were holding down a claim to sell to some prospective settler has given place to an empire that has within its borders all that goes to make modern civilization.

The Oklahoma of today is a broad expanse of finely improved farms with commodious farm houses, churches, schools, villages and great commercial centers in which are collected fabulous wealth. Railroads form a net work all over the country and the trains drawn by double headers cause the earth to tremble as they proceed to the markets of this continent with their immense loads of the products of Oklahoma or make for the seaports to pour their cargoes of golden grain into the channels of the world's trade.

The farmers of Oklahoma are at this time a factor to be considered in the matter of statehood. In politics and every thing that is to be done for the well or woe of the people. Formerly politics may have had something to do in shaping events, but while there is sometimes business in politics, business will not tolerate politics in her council chamber. Business interests are today having more to do with the shaping of the destinies of Oklahoma than in politics and in the mean time the farmers of Oklahoma have an idea that they know a thing or two about business.

The Oklahoma farmer thinks that his business demands single statehood and the politician who came round to argue anything else will have great difficulty in securing a hearing. The farmers of this territory think that the railroads are holding them up and they are holding their time. When the Oklahoma farmer raises a crop of wheat and fires up the engine, with coal to thresh it, he knows that the railroads have charged him about the same price for bringing that coal over from the Indian territory that they would have charged to bring it from the mines of Colorado and then when he goes to send his wheat to the port of Galveston (not very far from here) he thinks that he has to pay the railroads freight on his wheat to Kansas City and then back to Galveston or the coal of that.

The Oklahoma farmer grins. His teeth then he throws a shovel full of coal into the furnace of his threshing engine and he grins then much as he grins when he has floured out that coal shipped from the mines of South Australia to his nearest station will not come under the head of interstate commerce and that his representative in the state legislature will be something to say about the freight on coal and he grins again. He has a brother farmer down in the state of Texas who makes some more equitable railroad rates on grain to the milling centers of the Lone Star state and to Galveston.

The Oklahoma farmer is for single statehood and who will wonder at it. He is not a fool by a considerable and the politicians have fallen in line with him.

TAKES SCHOOL CENSUS.

Hobart Has Nearly 1,000 Children of School Age.

Hobart, March 26.—J. R. Hunter has just finished taking the census of his school district, which is as follows: First ward, 154; second ward, 20; third ward, 164; fourth ward, 182. For the territory outside the city limits, but attached for school purposes, 136 making a total of 516. In the city alone there are 682 pupils of school age. This is a good showing for a city less than three years of age.

When the town was first opened everything, of course, had to start from the ground. There were no school buildings or anything else that required schools, except the children. It required several months to erect suitable school houses for the accommodation of the 600 to 700 children that were then in the district. This prevented opening public schools until about the first of January, 1902, when the doors were opened to the public. Since that time the schools have been in session nine months out of each year, this rounding out the third year of their existence. In the meantime, the city voted \$100,000 in bonds for the purpose of erecting a suitable school house on the south side of the city for the accommodation of the increased school population. This is an elegant brick structure.

WEDDINGS ARE NUMEROUS

Various Sections of Oklahoma Are Represented

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FEW

Quiet Ceremony at the Home of Bride the Rule

Guthrie, O. T., March 26.—There have been numerous wedding in different sections of Oklahoma this week.

Mr. A. E. Johnson and Miss Nellie Welken were united in marriage at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening at the home of Praluit Judge Goodrich. The wedding was a quiet one. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. HERRICK were the only witnesses.

The room in which the ceremony was performed was artistically decorated with flowers and potted plants. The bride wore a beautiful white silk gown and carried a large bouquet of white roses.

The bride is well known in this city, having lived here for the past two years, having formerly resided at Jola, Kansas. She is one of Guthrie's most beautiful and attractive young ladies.

Mr. Johnson is known and recognized as being one of the best business men in Guthrie, having successfully managed the Johnson Commission company's business for a number of years.

The following marriage licenses have been issued in Guthrie: William Terrell, 21, and Miss Hannah Forbes, 21, both of Mulhall; Will L. Matheson, 23, and Elizabeth Daniels, 23, both of Guthrie, who were married later on Monday by Judge Goodrich in the probate court room; Chauncey M. Stokes and Josephine M. Henry, both of whom reside in Albany, N. Y. This young couple were married Monday evening, about 7:30 a. m. at the home of a short visit in Texas, from which place they will return to their home in New York.

According to The Stroud Messenger on March 17, at the Probate Judge office at Chandler, George Fisher and Miss Lela Hines were united in marriage.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. W. R. Hines, living three miles southwest of Stroud and is highly esteemed by all who know her. She has grown from childhood into womanhood in that vicinity and is a most beautiful young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fisher, an honest and industrious young gentleman, living five miles southwest of town.

Two carriage loads of young people accompanied the young couple to the county seat and on their return a sumptuous wedding supper was served by the bride's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher will immediately go to housekeeping on the Kelso farm south of Stroud.

At Perry last week took place the wedding of Miss Myrtle Wright of Perry and Mr. Herman E. Yazel of St. Joe, Mo., Rev. C. H. White of the Christian church officiating. Miss Wright is well known in society circles here, and was a member of the famous Girls' Club of our city. The young couple left on the evening train for their future home in St. Joe. The marriage records show Mr. Yazel to be 24 and Miss Wright 22 years of age.

The indications are that the original members of the girls club will all be married by the close of this summer season. Next winter an entire new set of faces will constitute the Girls' Club. It is not known yet who will be chosen to fill the place made vacant by Miss Wright.

Frank McGonigal and Miss Lena Remit were married at Chickasha on Saturday, March 26. They went to Renfrow Monday to visit with the former's parents for a few days.

Rev. W. J. Moore of the South Methodist church at Hobart united in marriage Tuesday evening John V. Ferguson of Washita county and Miss Ida M. Moore of Greer county.

Chas. T. Bover and Mrs. Emma Miner were married at the South Methodist church at Hobart on the evening of the 16th, Rev. Moore tying the nuptial knot.

R. R. Mansfield and Miss Anna Weaver were married Tuesday evening at the residence of J. E. Brown, in South Hobart, Rev. W. J. Moore, pastor of the South Methodist church, officiating. The contracting parties will make their home on the groom's farm, twelve miles north-west of Hobart.

William Kerr, a moulder at the Choctaw foundry, and Miss Pearl Dyer were married Tuesday night at the bride's parents' home on West Main street, Shawnee, Rev. Southall of South Methodist church officiating.

John F. Porter of Pittsburg, Pa., employed by McCabe & Steen, railroad builders, in the engineering department, and Miss Sophia Dawson, who has been stenographer for Mayor Linden and T. S. Chambers, were married Tuesday night at 10 o'clock at the home of Dr. W. W. Wirt at Enid by Rev. L. T. Walters. The wedding was a surprise. The bride was attended by Miss Long and Miss Thelen. Miss Hughes played a wedding march. The bride and groom will go to Tulsa, where Mr. Porter is employed.

License to marry was issued at Enid Tuesday to Gene Loverson of Hudson, S. D., and Miss Hattie Bogart of El Reno.

Cards have been received at Oklahoma City from Mrs. S. R. Spencer of Sabetha, Kan., announcing the marriage of her daughter, Emma Pearl, to Mr. Lee Learned James of Oklahoma City. The wedding occurred on Monday, March 14 at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. James will be at home to their many friends after the 15th or April at 220 West Tenth street, Oklahoma City.

Mr. Joe Hallock and Miss Minnie Jenn were married at the home of the bride's parents in Geffe, Westchester county, N. Y., by Rev. J. E. Shaffer, an expert of the company which proposes to put down a test well at that place, contains much of interest.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nelson, of Sedan, on Wednesday evening, March 16, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives, Mr. Mason Stewart, of Alden, and

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Twister at Weatherford Did Considerable Damage.

STORM WAS DIVIDED

Buildings Blew Over and Porches Were Scattered.

Weatherford, O. T., March 26.—Just as we were already ready for press says The Democrat a small sized cyclone struck the business center of town and did considerable damage to property. The storm was divided, part passing just south and east of Weatherford and the other passing through the business streets and on over the northeast part of the city. The twister came from the southwest, but did not gain much momentum until it reached the Wolf building, across the alley from the Democrat office, and completely demolished it. The building blew over and the porch went up the street.

The awnings on the east of the First National Bank building were wrecked, as was the one on the old corner saloon building, now occupied by Lester, the tailor, and Frank Nichols, the harness man. The telephone company sustained serious damage, wires being broken and tangled until hardly a phone in town is in shape for use.

The Baptist church is badly wrecked being off the foundation about eight feet. While the baptistry, and floor is twisted all out of shape and some of the windows are broken out.

The Pearl cottage is leaving a trifle to the east and two doors were blown out the hinges and several windows broken out. This occupied by J. W. Ashby and family. Mrs. Wright's house last some plastering from the ceiling in the parlor room.

The storm passed on over through the northeast part of town doing much damage to barns, outbuilding and some of the smaller residences.

The wind was accompanied by some rain. Timbers, boards and debris from porches and awnings along Broadway were sent through the air in a blustering manner, and in spite of the fact that a great many people were out watching the storm one was hurt.

Quite a number of the windows among business houses were broken or blown out. The Weatherford Drug Company lost one, Suggs & Boyer one, while the Commercial Club rooms lost several.

Miss Mattie Nelson, of Sedan, were married, S. Kern officiated.

Mr. Walter Wise and Miss Alta B. Cole formerly of Ringwood were united in marriage on March 8, in Los Angeles, California, at the home of Mrs. Jesse Cole, an aunt of the bride.

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CHARGE OF SEDUCTION.

Said to Be Two Sides to the Story as Related.

DRUG STORE ROBBERED.

Thief or Thieves Gained Entrance Through Front Door.

Glencoe, O. T., March 26.—A bold robbery was committed in Glencoe when the city drug store belonging to F. J. Higgins was entered and \$160 was taken from the money drawer, and some whiskey was also stolen. The thief or thieves gained entrance through the front door, and the light which is left burning on the show case was turned low and to the wall, thereby making it easy for the robbery to be carried out.

The fact that one other theft has been reported this week is evidence that some people here at home are doing the devil's work, and while no arrests have been made, certain parties will be shadowed in the future, and some night watching by the city police will help bring the law breakers to bay.

White is arrested. Charged with embezzling from the Wells-Fargo Company.

Enid, O. T., March 26.—According to the Eagle, Warren W. White has been arrested on a charge of embezzling \$4000 from the Wells-Fargo & Company express. His crime is alleged to have been committed while he was in charge and station agent at Fairmont. He was arrested yesterday and brought to the city and taken before Judge Feger.

The amount of money taken is that derived from revenue of shipments made from that city together with collections made by J. J. Cunningham, passenger agent of the D. & G., is one of the witnesses in the case.

White waived preliminary examination and was committed to jail under a bond of \$50.

FOR WATER-WORKS SYSTEM. Workmen Are Excavating for Boilers and Power House.

Weatherford, O. T., March 26.—The Republican states that workmen are engaged this week excavating for the boilers and power house for the waterworks system. The first installment of material, consisting of 200 lbs. of lead, arrived yesterday. The boilers were taken from Burdick, Iowa, are on the way to Enid and the pumps from Quincy, Ill. The piping comes from Birmingham, Alabama, and has been shipped. In a week or ten days work will begin in earnest and the system completed as rapidly as possible.

Territorial Charters issued. Guthrie, O. T., March 26.—The following charters have been issued from the office of territorial secretary Griggs:

R. M. Kelso Lumber company of Shawnee with capital stock of ten thousand dollars. The following in copartners: R. M. Kelso, Henry Kinschberger and R. E. Binkley are also the directors and the trustees.

The A. E. Nelson Cotton company of Shawnee with capital stock of \$25,000, formed for the purpose of buying, selling and shipping cotton. The incorporators are R. M. Kelso, A. E. Nelson, Henry Kinschberger who own all the stock in the company.

The Greengrass Co-operative Mercantile company with capital stock of \$100, the incorporators are C. F. Youngman, W. E. Toler, A. Conner, F. M. Toler and J. Kelly.

National commissions were issued to W. P. Dalton of Oklahoma City and E. J. Livermore of Hobart.

Four Thousand Money Orders. Okemore, O. T., March 26.—Postmaster Sherman states that he sold four thousand money orders during the year of 1903, amounting to \$2,000,000. Five or six of these were foreign orders which is a great convenience to our foreign born population says The Eagle.

Had Narrow Escape. Edmond, O. T., March 26.—The Kater-prize says that Ivan Burghman had a narrow escape from drowning Thursday by falling into a well. He was leaning over the well when his dog jumped upon him, causing him to lose his balance and fall into the well. But in falling he caught hold of some barbed wire hung to the well and held fast until his father rescued him.

Mail Goes to Cleo. Carson, O. T., March 26.—Mail is now delivered to Cleo from the Orleans at a point west of town says The Headlight. Service began last Sunday and portions of the Cleo postoffice get their daily newspapers on Sunday for the first time in many months. It is said that most of the mail to Cleo is carried on the Orleans.

Arrested a Farmer. Guthrie, O. T., March 26.—An Ardmore dispatch says Federal officers arrested today M. Littrell, a farmer, in connection with the killing of Walter Hare, a member of the Choctaw tribe of Indians. Littrell made a plea of self-defense.

HOW OIL IS FOUND. Geological Survey is Depended on to Locate It.

Guthrie, O. T., March 26.—The following report submitted to the Sherman Commission club by H. E. Shaffer, an expert of the company which proposes to put down a test well at that place, contains much of interest.

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