

THE CHIEFTAIN

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And the good that we can do.

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RETIRED.

Business of another nature requiring our attention causes us to retire from the editorship of the CHIEFTAIN. We rather regret this ourselves, as it is our chosen profession—a profession we have been raised up to almost, and one we love when all is congenial. "Circumstances alter cases," and it takes fitness to stand up and on footing such an enterprise as we undertook in the establishing of the INDIAN CHIEFTAIN, which we have not—that is not enough to do justice to ours, or our patrons. The paper has made its mark as young as it is and whatever that be we are not ashamed of it. To those who have subscribed on our account we ask their most charitable indulgence and will say that if they understood our condition financially, physically and otherwise, they would willingly say we have done right—in this we are conscientious. To our political friends who may think strange of this we will say that we propose to hang on to the old ship—the same craft we have been sailing with since we returned to our home in this country. You need not doubt this for we mean it and hereafter as in the past you will find our shoulder to the wheel ever ready to share along the old ship—our first and only love—clinging to those principles as enunciated by the late lamented Chief Downing, who framed the Northern and Southern element of our people so completely.

Our late bereavement, which perhaps our readers are acquainted with, has almost unfitted us for business at present—especially such as one has to do in editing a journal.

It may be our pleasure in after years to again take up the pen among our people, and as we look into the distant future we almost fancy that the time is not far away. But however, our people will always find us in the front, battling for their rights and upholding their nationality—a nationality we are proud of—in fact one we dearly love.

Mr. R. L. Owen and Wm. Hollingsworth will carry out all advertising contracts and subscriptions to the CHIEFTAIN.

"Closed for repairs," gentle reader, and after repaired you may hear from us again. "Closed for repairs," yes, 'tis a solemn sentence, but 'tis true.

Yours forever,
GUY IVEY.

On account of his business at Tahlequah this week, R. L. Owen, our new editor, was compelled to be absent, but you will hear from him next week through the columns of the CHIEFTAIN.

The editor of a Texas Greenback paper advertises for a wife who knows less than he does. He is probably joking. Nobody can possibly know less than the editor of a Greenback paper.—Texas Siftings.

The ways of the whites are being learned fast by the reds, and especially by the Cherokees who can put up a job in their legislative halls equal to Jay Gould or Vanderbilt. It is nearly time they rustled for themselves as they show sufficient ability to do it.—Texas Live Stock Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Captain Scott, of Arkansas City, Kan., is here to consult with the interior department respecting the conflicting leases of lands in the Indian Territory, made by the Cherokee Nation to various cattle men of Kansas and Missouri for grazing purposes. This is the inauguration of a big fight between the original lessees, who are small cattle owners, and the large companies who are striving to acquire control of these lands to their prejudice.

Our merchants are taking stock this week and collecting accounts. More bills are poked under the individual noses of the public than have been seen for a long time. We are seeing where and how we stand. Thus it is year after year till finally we shall reach the last inventory. That shall include more than merchandise or property. Humanity, charity, obedience to the Divine Will shall then be of enduring value. Let us consider them as we "take stock" how we are fulfilling our duties to humanity and to God. While we count the treasures laid up below let us count the treasures laid up above.

U. S. Court for the Territory.

A short note from Hon. Thomas Ryan informs us that the bill providing a court for the southern portion of Kansas and the north half of the Indian Territory west of the civilized tribes, passed the house in the early part of the last session, and now lies (locked away) in the senate. The bill was introduced by Mr. Ryan, and he never let up until it had received the endorsement of the body of which he is a member. It seems, however, that our senators can't gather sufficient courage to have it brought to the attention of the upper branch of the legislative department. It is a measure which should be insisted upon, not for the benefit of any town in Kansas, but in the interests of justice, and the protection of the Territory against the hostiles and jetsam of society that congregates within its borders. Numerous crimes committed in that debatable land go unpunished, simply because witnesses cannot be induced to tell what they know for fear of being compelled to go to Fort Smith. To illustrate: We know of one man who has spent two-thirds of the past year in traveling to and fro from the Territory to Fort Smith in order to testify in a criminal case continued from term to term. The fees allowed by statute will not make the man whole for time and money expended in his efforts to further the cause of justice, to say nothing of the wearisome rides he has been compelled to make.

Before going further, it might be proper to say that Mr. Ryan's bill could be advantageously amended by designating one place for holding the terms for which it provides. That place may be Wichita, Wellington, Winfield, Caldwell or Arkansas City, for among the general public interested in having the court is concerned. But there is no need of holding a term at Fort Scott, save to gratify the ambition or seize the financial purposes of lawyers and other belonging to that locality. Fort Scott is east of the east line of that portion of the Territory attached to Kansas by the bill, for judicial purposes, and while it may be more convenient for witnesses to go there than to Fort Smith, no valid reason exists why they should be compelled to travel one hundred miles more than is absolutely necessary. However, the court is needed, and if one term is to be held at Fort Scott in order to please Mr. Haskell's immediate constituents, so be it, rather than have the bill fall altogether.

The bill now where Messrs. Ingalls and Plumb can take hold of it, and if they understand the situation in the Territory to the extent they have led the public to believe, they will give the measure their immediate attention and see that it is pushed along as fast as possible.

Since the above has been put in type, we find the following in the Wichita Times:

Senator Sloss and Representative Allen to-day simultaneously received such a telegram from Senator Plumb, stating that the bill providing for holding a term of the U. S. court at Wichita had passed the Senate.

All last part of the Territory west of the civilized tribes and north of the Canadian, is attached to the district of Kansas. South of the Canadian is attached to Texas, a term of court to be held at Graham. The first term in the former district, under the bill, will be held at Wichita in September next.—Caldwell Commercial.

The Nation's Words.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Indian policy of the Secretary of the Interior, as indicated in a recent letter, was to-day given definite shape by the promulgation of a circular by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the guidance of the several Indian Agents. This circular contains a series of rules, the first of which provides for a court of Indian offenses at each inspection agency, to consist of three men selected from the most intelligent, moral and reliable of the tribe, who shall hold stated sessions and hear and adjudge offenses. The court is empowered to enforce their decisions, the only appeal being to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington. Each Judge is to be appointed for a term of one year, subject to removal at any time at the discretion of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Each Judge is also to receive \$20 a month salary. This court is to have jurisdiction over all

INDIAN OFFENSES

enumerated in the new rules. The first of these offenses named are the sun dance, the calf dance, the war dance and all other so-called sports assimilating thereto, the penalty for which for the first offense is the withholding of rations for fifteen days, and for the second offense the withholding of rations for not less than ten days or more than thirty, or by incarceration in the agency prison for a period not exceeding 30 days or both.

Another Indian offense designated is plural marriage, the penalty for which is a fine of \$30 or work at hard labor for a period of twenty days or both. The proceeds of this penalty are to be devoted to the benefit of the tribe to which the offender belongs. Relations are also to be withheld from husbands who fail to support their wives.

Medicine men are also held to be offenders against the civilization of the agencies, and any attempt on their part to prevent the attendance of children at the agency schools, or to influence the tribe to continue their heathenish rites, are to be punishable by ten days' solitary confinement on bread and water.

The destruction of any tribal

property is also to be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days, or until such time as evidence satisfactory to the court is presented that the offense will not be repeated.

Each agent is instructed to present the new rules to the several tribes at once, and to send nominations for the judgeships as soon as possible, so that no time may be lost in the establishment of the new system.

LETTER FROM W. E. CARSON.

EDITOR INDIAN CHIEFTAIN.—Lately while scanning the columns of the CHIEFTAIN my attention was attracted to the inspiring verse which graces its title page. The thoughts that followed a perusal of those lines, have induced me to address a few remarks to you, with reference to your enterprising journal.

In the first place I must congratulate you upon the success already obtained by the CHIEFTAIN, and also express a hope that during the year we are just entering, it may be still more prosperous, but above all that it may be the means of remedying many execrable evils. Let it be ahead on the onward march of progress and enlightenment, ever liberal and unprejudiced, thus carrying out its self appointed task of working for the good of the people.

It is absolutely imperative in this enlightened age, that newspapers should be neither too conservative, nor unduly biased, but that broad views and progressive ideas should prevail. This is necessary, for there can be no doubt that a newspaper exerts a certain influence over the minds of its readers, many of whom regard the editorial utterances in the same manner, as was the "Delphic oracle," of old. Editorial opinions in many are accepted as gospel, so that whether we regard it as affecting politics, education, or religion, one thing is certain, the influence exists.

This being the case, is it not important, therefore, that in all cases, nothing but that which is strictly true should be published? Of course party politics will ever make a great difference between newspapers, but difference of opinion should never cause the publication of false statements. In any case it seems clear, in order to see both sides of a question that we must read antagonistic journals.

I must notice while relating this subject, the wrong and absurdity of an editor publishing that which he must surely know, to be incorrect and which may induce erroneous notions in the minds of the readers. For instance: I lately saw an extract on a contemporary, regarding an astonishing discovery in the planet "Jupiter," with the aid of a gigantic telescope in Washington, and the editor even had the audacity to gravely discuss the subject of this wonderful scientific metropolis. Probably some of his readers were foolish enough to believe this nonsense, and I regret to say that the publication of such worthless stuff is an every day occurrence.

I hope the CHIEFTAIN will not follow the general example, but respect the dictates of truth and reason.

These are the thoughts which have occurred to me. I mention them, as I hope (and I believe most readers do) to see the CHIEFTAIN strike out in a new path from its contemporaries. Too long have people seen but one side of a question, let the CHIEFTAIN firmly and liberally give an opinion on all subjects, especially regarding politics and laws, in the spirit of its text:

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Apologizing for trespassing at this length on your valuable space,
I am,
Sincerely,
W. E. CARSON.

As Owen writes in an open, who lives on the edge of the world and smokes cigarettes, he is a very interesting expression which he has written. Wandering at dusk he found one surrounded by a pack of dogs, and pondering upon the possibilities of raising more enough to purchase a long-eared pig for his dinner, his attention was attracted by a white object on the lawn. Curious examination showed it to be a rabbit. In the shadow of some shrubs the little animal sat on its haunches, with ears erect. He chuckled to himself as he saw how could save the money he was going to borrow to buy the rabbit with, and get the rabbit. He climbed the fence, undisturbed by the four-inch gash in his well-worn trousers, and stole softly upon the unsuspecting rabbit. The rabbit never stirred. Taking of his elegant tail, that he had stood Dunlap off for that morning, he pounced upon the poor thing and jammed the hat down over it, and the two white ears stuck up through the top of the hat. It was an inch rabbit.—Chicago Herald.

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