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VINITA would not object to being made the court house of a new district.

THE defeat of the Nationals seems to be more complete than at first claimed.

CHEROKEE affairs received an airing last Monday morning in the Globe-Democrat.

SOUTHERN Kansas papers say that the boomers are invading "no man's land" by hundreds.

ELIZABETH GARRETT of Baltimore has a fortune of $12,000,000. Mrs. A. T. Stuart has two and a half times as much.

A STREET car strike was inaugurated at St. Louis the second day of the fair, and it has been in progress ever since.

MRS. FAIR, formerly wife of the Nevada senator, is worth $4,000,000, and the first wife of Senator Tabor has $2,000,000.

IF the members of our national council desire to do something which will make the people call them blessed, let them provide for a few bridges.

THE total corn crop of the United States for 1885 is estimrted at 1,436,236,000 bushels. Excess over last year 184,640,000 bushels. Almost a failure wasn't it?

CHIEF BUSHYHEAD is in Washington. We hope through deference to the choice of his people, if from no other reason, he will not associate with W. A. Phillips.

THE man or set of men who rely upon manipulating the next Cherokee counsel by the use of money are doomed to disappointment most dire. Don't you think so?

AS USUAL the Muskogee Journal ate crow again last week. But then, they are accustomed to it down therea nd so it does not sicken them as it might anyone else.

ELEVEN to five with two contests is undoubtedly the position of our senate on the proposition to reelect Phillips. About time the ring were bidding their old friend good bye.

A REWARD of a guinea was offered for every printer's error discovered in the new version of the Bible, Oxford edition. Only three guineas had been paid out at last accounts.

AT THE Ohio election held last Tuesday Judge Foraker, republican, defeated Governor Hoadly for re-election. Appearances point to the election of a full republican state ticket and a majority of the general assembly.

OF SEVEN young men who graduated from an eastern college a few years ago, four are teaching school, one is editing a newspaper, one has been elected to congress and one is a curve pitcher for a professional base ball club.

A GERMAN scientific journal recently made the statement that it would be beneficial to the eyesight to print books in dark blue ink on pale green paper. The first volume printed according to this method, "The Natural History of the Women of Berlin," has just made its appearance.

AN ENGLISH inventor has made a coiled spring for driving sewing machines. A few turns of a handle winds up sufficient power to keep a machine going at full speed over an hour. It is completely under control as to the rate of stitching and stopping, and can be applied to any machine.

SENOR CAMPERO, a wealthy merchant in Puebla, Mexico, put up a notice that he would give $1.00 to every really needy person who applied. He kept his word. The number of applicants, though large, was not excessive, and now the merchant could be elected to any office he wants in that city.

PRINCE BISMARCK once fell ill on a journey and had to call a strange doctor, who questioned him so closely that the great man was enraged. Thereupon the physician said: "If you wish be treated without being questioned you should send for the veterinary surgeon, who is accustomed to physic in that way."

THE salaries of the British cabinet are: Secretary foreign affairs and lord of the treasury, $50,000; chancellor of the exchequer, $25,000; lord high chancellor, $50,000, lord lieutenant of Ireland, $100,000; lord president of privy council, $20,000; secretary for colonies, $25,000; home secretary, $25,000; secretary for war, $25,000; secretary for India, $25,000; first lord of the admiralty, $22,500; lord chancellor of Ireland, $30,000; president board of trade, $10,000.

WALNUT LOGS IN COURT.

The manner in which the case of Morgan versus the Cherokee nation was disposed of at the late term of the circuit court at Tahlequah deserves some notice. The suit was instituted upon the act entitled, "Liability of the Cherokee nation to her own citizens," to recover damages sustained by Mr. Morgan in the seizure and sale of a lot of walnut logs by the sheriff of Tahlequah district under "An act in relation to walnut logs seized by executive authority," approved December 16, 1881. The court dismissed the suit on the grounds that he had no jurisdiction of the case, because it properly belonged to the court designated in the act in relation to walnut logs seized. Further, that the plaintiff had forfeited his right to complain, in neglecting or refusing to avail himself of the remedy provided in the act—that is, to do some tall swearing that the logs were cut for his own use which he must specify, and not in violation of law. This because there was no violation if the seizure of the logs by executive authority was not an usurpation of power that belonged to some other officer. He must also furnish, when his case came before the district court, evidence in support of what he is required to swear, before he is permitted to sue for his property. To prove something in relation to an act performed before the law was made requiring such proof. The law has the appearance of being the product of some muddled solon who in his anxiety to cover every circumstance the case demanded, exacted more than the constitution fully warrants. The law in force prior to the seizure of the logs mentioned in section one, of the "Act in relation to walnut logs seized by executive authority" forbids the sale of lumber or timber to non-citizens, and makes it a penal offense to ship any timber beyond the geographical limits of the Cherokee nation. There is no provision in this act, compelling the claimant of walnut logs or other timber, cut while it was the only law in force in relation to timber, "to execute and file with the clerk of the said court (district) his affidavit setting forth the description of the property (walnut logs) claimed, and that it was cut for his own use which shall be specified." This much of the law is retroactive because it requires of the owner of the logs to swear certain things about them though they were his property long before there was any law compelling him to swear so and so. It would be as equally consistent to pass a law compelling every citizen of the nation to go before the district clerk and swear that the horses and cattle he claims as his personal property are legally his, and that he had not stolen any of them; and should he refuse or neglect to swear as the law directs, to sell to the highest bidder for the benefit of the nation. Timber standing upon the public domain is the common property of the people, but when cut by some citizen for his own use or that of some other citizen, it becomes personal property as much so as horses or cattle. To compell a citizen to swear certain things about his property of which he has become legally possessed under the laws of the country, requiring no swearing; and to prove what he is required to swear by a provision of a retroactive law, prior to which there was no necessity in law compelling him to swear so and so, and to prove what he swears, is just a little more than the constitution will bear out, and a good deal more than any one is willing to submit to. Especially if he has not taken the precaution to inform his neighbors about what he is doing or intends to do. He must not engage in any business until he prepares himself with witnesses to prove certain things, should there be a law enacted requiring him to swear, and to prove what he swears, that he is innocent of offenses that may be named in the law.

The penalty against selling lumber or timber to non-citizens or shipping it "beyond the geographical limits of the Cherokee nation," extends only to the act consummated. There is nothing against the presumption that it was to be so sold or exported, not even seizure by any authority to prevent such sale or exportation, let appearances be what they may. The nation's remuneration for the damage sustained was the fine imposed,—not less than fifty nor over one hundred dollars. Offenders were willing to pay the fine for the privilege of shipping lumber, and many went before the courts and acknowledged judgment and paid the fine as they would a tax. If the fine was too small to prevent the traffic or to be a decent royalty to the nation for lumber shipped in all possible quantities, it is no fault of the citizen who engages in such business but of a lot of law-makers who knew nothing of the value of our timber or of the large shipments possible by rail or water, for which the fine of $50.00 or $100.00 as a royalty was wholly inadequate.

The title of the act is an index of its intent. The law plainly provides for the disposition of a certain lot of walnut logs seized by executive authority. The logs are mentioned in section one. They are referred to as "such logs," as "heretofore described," as "seized and sold," and as "said logs," in all the sections of the act, and if the rules of grammar cut any caper in Cherokee law, the act is special and covers only the logs mentioned in section one. Mr. Morgan's logs were seized and sold long after the law was enacted. Another proof that it is special is the placing of the suits provided for in the act within the jurisdiction of the district court, which is wholly inconsistent with our established judiciary, as the amounts involved in the real value of the logs ran into thousands of dollars.

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UNCLE JACK TALKS.

VINITA, I. T., October 12, 1885.

EDITORS OF INDIAN CHIEFTAIN:—In your last paper you published a communication from *** under the head of "Go Work in my Vineyard." I, who have lived among the Cherokees for more than three score years and ten, do wish to investigate and therefore ask that he point out the section of country, if any such exists, (which I deny) where a lawful marriage is an exception among the people. Also where women are changed so often that you may not be surprised to find a new one presiding after a week's visit. I suppose that the three star man not only saw stars, but sights that others do not see while traveling; and he must be a Christian as he preaches morality. One of the commandments says "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." I believe in stopping gambling and immorality, and I believe there are entirely too much of both in this country. But that in six hours' ride of any place in Cooweescoowee district ,such looseness of morals prevail as is asserted, I do not believe and challenge this star gazer to define section by boundaries so he can be contradicted or can establish his wild assertion. In some cases he will find what he in his wisdom says is not a lawful marriage, is a lawful marriage. Cohabitation as man and wife by a couple is a marriage here among citizens, and the holding themselves out to the public as such also has been decided in various states of the union as marriage enough to govern property and legitimacy of children.

Let your correspondent resurvey his ground; tear down his assertions or establish them, and if he persists in maintaining their correctness let him sign his name so that an intelligent people may know who is misrepresenting them. While I believe calling in a minister or official to perform the marriage ceremony is best, yet all who do not are not guilty of living together without a legal marriage. In such cases it not infrequently happens that they live together just as happily and are as true to one another as those who have had the ceremony read to them, and I doubt if there are as many or more frequent changes of life partners than among those where ministers first and divorce courts and lawyers afterwards, get in their work.

UNCLE JACK.

ST. LOUIS is to have a new union depot.

TENNESSEE stands at the head of honey producing states according to the census.

A NEW bicycle has been invented which has a spring coil, is wound up, and runs without being forced by the feet. It simply has to be guided.

LEW WALLACE says the sultan is as shrewd and capable as any monarch in Europe to-day. He adds: "One of the world's greatest wars will happen before the crescent disappears from the Bosphorus."

AT OGDEN, Utah, they sound the curfew bell at 9 o'clock in summer and at 8 o'clock in winter. Boys or girls under sixteen found on the streets after that hour are liable to arrest. This, if enforced, would be a sure cure for hoodlumism.

TO MAKE a serviceable telephone, from one farmhouse to another, only requires enough wire and two cigar boxes. First select your boxes and make a hole about half an inch in diameter in the centre of the bottom of each, and then place one in each of the houses you wish to connect; then get five pounds of common iron stove-pipe wire, make a loop in one end and put it through the hole in your cigar box and fasten it with a nail; then draw it tight to the other box, supporting it when necessary with a stout cord; call by rapping on the box. At 200 or 300 yards conversation is as easy as though carried on by persons in the same room.

THE CHEROKEE COUNCIL.

We give herewith a list of the members of next council and their position with reference to the reemployment of W. A. Phillips, *so far as we are able to learn.* We intend to keep this list standing and will cheerfully place "Anti-Phillips" after the name of any member who holds such views, or we will remove the words in any instance where we are incorrect. In many instances we had no means of ascertaining and thus have probably omitted designating many opponents to Phillips in our list.

COOWEESCOOWEE DISTRICT.

Senate—S. H. Mayes, anti-Phillips.
" D. W. Lipe, anti-Phillips.
Council—George Mayes, anti-Phillips.
" Nelson Foreman, anti-Phillips.
" Albert Morris, anti-Phillips.
" James Walker, anti-Phillips.
" Austin Lowery, anti-Phillips.
" Marrus Daniels, anti-Phillips.
" George Bibles, anti-Phillips.

DELAWARE DISTRICT.

Senate—L. B. Bell, anti-Phillips.
" W. P. Henderson, anti-Phillips
Council—Ben Choateau, anti-Phillips.
" J. L. Thompson, anti-Phillips.
" William Howell, anti-Phillips.
" Frank Lamar, anti-Phillips.
" John Miller, anti-Phillips.
" Alex Hawk, anti-Phillips.

SALINE DISTRICT.

Senate—Clark Going Shake,
" George Sanders.
Council—Frank Conseen.
" Swimmer.
" Big Acorn.

TAHLEQUAH DISTRICT.

Senate—Albion Spears.
" Edward Grease.
Council—Tom Hendricks.
" Coose Thompson, anti-Phillips.
" George Downing.
" Hunter Brown.
" Ben Catcher.

GOINGSNAKE DISTRICT.

Senate—John D. Buffington, anti-Phillips.
" John Gritts.
Council—Watt Christie.
" Wolf Coon.
" Ike Clinton.
" Dick Dannenburg.

CANADIAN DISTRICT.

Senate—C. J. Harris, anti-Phillips.
" S. W. Gray, anti-Phillips.
Council—Henry Lowerry, anti-Phillips.
" Franklin Gritts, anti-Phillips.
" Richard Crossland, anti-Phillips.
" George Downing, anti-Phillips.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

Senate—John Cookston, anti-Phillips.
" Connell Rogers, anti-Phillips.
Council—G. B. Foreman,
" Dick Waters.
" Jack Walker, Jr.
" Jack Brown.
" John Raincrow or Walkingstick (said to be contested.)

FLINT DISTRICT.

Senate—William Young.
" John Tulsa.
Council—French Rowe.
" Lewis Cochran.

SEQUOYAH DISTRICT.

Senate—John Gunter, anti-Phillips.
" Stephen Teehee.
Council—Thomas Blair, anti-Phillips.
" William Holt.
" Cy Seaboll.

JAY GOULD's yacht cost $500,000. It was built by Cramp of Philadelphia.

IS does not promise to be so easy sailing for Wm. A. Phillips, agent and adopted citizen of the Cherokees and once a member of congress from Kansas by the grace of the Republican party. His agency has been a fat thing for himself, but it is likely to terminate shortly. The new Cherokee senate contains a decided majority against him and the progressive Cherokees hope soon to be releived of his expensive officiousness.—Chetopa Statesman.

Who adopted this man?

Two Indians in a village near Quebec were recently discussing the form of the earth. One affirmed that it was round because men had traveled in a straight line and come back to the same place. To this it was replied that men were apt to travel in circles, as they often do when lost. Then it was urged that white men said so, and they knew more than the Indians, but it was answered, white men often lied as the Indians very well knew. A practical philosopher solved the whole difficulty by driving a stake into the ground and placing an apple on it at night. In the morning the apple was still there to his great satisfaction; whereas, he said, if the earth had revolved in the night the apple would have fallen off.

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To the Public.

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J. W. SKINNER,
N. SKINNER.

Vinita, I. T., October, 7, 1885.

A Card to the Public.

The undersigned hereby expresses his gratitude to the public for the liberal patronage which has been accorded the late firm of Skinner Brothers. The business will be conducted henceforth by J. W. Skinner, and the fair dealing and couteous treatment which has been shown customers by the late firm in the past will be continued in the future. Respectfully,

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