

INDIAN CHIEFTAIN

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M. E. BENTON, United States attorney of the western Missouri district was suspended by the president on Tuesday for making political speeches.

If you wish to know what the council is doing; what bills have been introduced and their purposes; what are the actions of committees on questions referred to them; in fact everything about council, take the CHIEFTAIN, because it's going to be there.

Our national council will meet soon, and an expectant public are looking forward to what its action will be in relation to some important questions for legislation. It is curious to know what will be the report of the delegation as to their official transactions while in Washington; for how much they obligated the nation to pay Phillips, and how it was that another railroad obtained the right of way through our country, despite treaty and the wish of the people—above all, the boasted decision by Judge McArthur, that we are an absolute, independent sovereignty. The people will be anxious to hear what the chief will say in his message; what things he will recommend for consideration and action by council, and what will be his account of our relations with the government of the United States.

"H-U-S-H; THERE'S A HEN ON." Can any one tell why it is that Claremore is getting to be such an important place, not so much on account of what it is but on account of what it might be in the course of railroad events. There's something in the condition of a demise thereabouts.

THE THREE INDIAN POLICIES. In his address at the fair, Dr. Bland said: "There are three Indian policies held by the people of the states.

First, there are those who believe the Indian to be an incorrigible savage, who can not be civilized, but must inevitably perish before the advancing tide of Anglo-Saxon civilization.

Second, there are many persons in the east, who believe that to destroy the tribal governments and break up the reservations by making the Indians citizens of the United States, and dividing their lands in severalty, is the true Indian policy.

Third, friends of the Indians who have a practical knowledge of Indian character, repudiate the first, as barbarous, and the second, as unwise. The National Indian Defense Association demands that the United States stand by the treaties and agreements with the Indians, and we believe that in a reasonable time the Indians will be prepared for citizenship and lands in severalty, but they are not now, and to force it upon them would be fatal to a large proportion of them."

"THERE'S MILLIONS IN IT." Rumor has it that a company of capitalists have organized to buy our western lands, and that an offer will be made to our council, when it convenes, to purchase the entire tract at \$3.00 per acre. If that is so, "there's millions in it," without the uncertainties of speculation. Col. Sellers went into to realize a fortune at. Should such an offer be made, not only the council but the people will have something to talk about and to determine the expediency of. An element in politics, which has heretofore been a mere ideal contingency, will now become a positive reality, and the question of sale or no sale must be considered in the presence of an actual offer to purchase. In the absence of any offer it was, and would be yet if there was no offer expected, easy to "tumble to the racket" of popular objection to such a thing, but now comes, as rumor has it, an offer of dazzling millions for that which brings us only one hundred thousand dollars a year. There's the rub, fellow citizen. 'Tis easy to determine one's line of policy when there is no other possible line before him, and as long as there was no offer of a reasonable price for what the authorities in Washington are pleased to call our "surplus lands," it took no effort to say, "no." But now the thing is reversed. In the possible reach of \$18,000,000 against a paltry surrendered ownership, the intervention of other tribes of Indians, and the probable acts of congress in relation to the lands, it will require no little thought to determine what would be the wisest policy to pursue.

People will be slow and cautious as they should be, in arriving at a conclusion. The question is an important one. It is no more so now than it was when there was no probable offer to buy.

Editorial: Have you not noticed how fast the Cherokees are incorporating themselves with the heterogeneous material, collected from every nation, tongue and kindred. They are fast softening, melting, fusing and running into the New England mould. The Saxon seems the true type to which the Cherokees are tending for their elevation. It is fast becoming the motive power. Let us see if it is so. He has set in motion the wheel of the manufacture; opened the best farms in the nation; raised the largest herds of cattle; built our colleges and given existence, character and efficiency to our common schools, and published the Old and New Testament in the Cherokee language. Go from district to district and you will find this same white man's character, telling on the industry and enterprise, the thrift and prosperity of the people. Don't cry out, half-breds, and say, that it is not so. Think before you speak, and you will find that your father or mother is of English descent. Ask who taught our schools, thirty and forty years ago; who are the principal teachers of our seminaries, who are our lawyers, physicians, preachers, most thriving farmers, mechanics, and merchants. I have given you the domestic fruits of our white men who have by assimilation and intermarriage been an advantage to the Cherokee people. The white element of the country has become an important factor in our civil and religious institutions. Truth is a strong leaven and though its work is unseen, it is sure to leaven the lump. Can we ride on the crest of a wave, and breast the roaring storm without our white fathers and mothers? S. S. STEPHENS.

HON. JOEL B. MAYES. GOVERNOR, I. T., October 18th, 1888. EDITOR CHIEFTAIN:—Hon. Joel B. Mayes, the present candidate for chief of the Downing ticket, was born, October 2nd, 1833, in the old nation east of the Mississippi river. He moved to the present Cherokee nation, in 1837, and has been a resident ever since, in the city of Claremore, since his arrival. He is the son of the late Samuel Mayes, who was well known among the Cherokees for his progressive and enterprising spirit as a farmer, and his general hospitality. His mother was an Adair, daughter of "Black" Wat Adair, and sister to John Thompson Adair, who now lives in Flint district, this nation. Mr. Mayes received his education in the primary schools, and at the Male Seminary, graduating there in the spring of 1855 or '56, among one of four members of the second class who first entered the seminary. After graduating he taught school two years, then located west of Grand river in Cooweescoowee district, and began stock raising which he followed until the war broke out in 1861. At the close of the war he removed to his old homestead where he has been living ever since, improving a large farm and accumulating some property. Immediately after the war he was appointed clerk of Cooweescoowee district. Under the old law the chief appointed them. This office he held for seven years with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. He was then elected circuit judge for the "northern" circuit twice. The first time to fill the unexpired term of Judge Rowe. He was afterwards elected to fill the same office, four years, the regular term. He then served two years as clerk of the citizenship commission. After this he was elected chief clerk of council. While in this office he was elected associate justice of the supreme court. After this he was elected chief justice of the supreme court, which he held until the term of office expired. In a recent political convention he was nominated by the party to which he belongs, for chief of this nation. The wisdom of that party in so doing is unquestionable; no better leader does this nation demand at present. Fitted by age, experience in different public offices, and by mutual endorsements, and ability, the satisfaction he will surely give, as executive of this nation, I might be pardoned for saying, is guaranteed already. He is one of a few of those men whom office has sought, and it cannot be truthfully said of him that in all his public life from the beginning to the present he sought the offices which he has so successfully filled. So in his nomination for chief, it was with considerable reluctance on his part that he consented to make the race. Not that he was afraid of being beaten, for in the political arena no man knows who will be winner of the race, but that he realized the duties and grave responsibilities of successfully filling the office if elected. Now that he is nominated let the citizens of this nation further show their confidence in him by electing him to their chief. Men should be elected for the public trust who have past records untarnished and unstained by dishonorable acts. We want public men who have a deep sense of the importance and responsibility of filling the different offices. Men who are patriotic enough not to sacrifice the interests of their people for the accomplishment of avaricious ends. The Cherokee people ask for and demand a change in the political management of this country. There are questions of national importance that threaten our existence as a nation. These questions have not been properly dealt with in the past. Of course the chief can do no more than instruct the council what is best to do, but it takes a man of wisdom to guard with protecting care the interests of the Cherokee people. The responsibility of filling the executive office of this government is so great that it demands a man with unquestioned statesmanship, broad views, and clear conceptions as to his actual duties, and the way of properly discharging them. It remains for the people to decide by the past record of the two candidates for chief who is the one best

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