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VINITA, IND. TER., AUGUST 23, 1888. MISSOURI had a frost last Friday night.

The fast mail between Chicago and Kansas City is to be discontinued.

Over fifty newspapers have suspended publication in Kansas within the past six months.

The Dawes bill, in relation to the marriage of white men and Indian women, was approved by the president last Friday week.

It is currently reported at Tahlequah that the Cherokee Strip Live Stock association were willing to pay \$200,000 for the lease, but that some of the National members of the council objected to the offer. Is that so?

J. MILTON TURNER having failed to secure the passage of the \$75,000 appropriation for the Cherokee freedmen, has turned his attention to making democratic speeches. He is anxious to go to Indiana and endeavor to "swamp" Congressman Owen, who was a persistent objector to his measure.

The editor of the Chetopa Democrat made a drive recently of fifteen miles into this territory and took especial pains to examine the corn. He says: "We failed to see any that had suffered from dry weather. If the corn crop throughout this section of the country is anything like as good as it is south of town we will have more corn than the railroads will be able to haul to market before spring."

A MEETING of all citizens who favor an honest and intelligent method of disposing of the strip lease is called at Claremore on Thursday of this week. This means the political burial of some members of the present council. The people seem fully aroused to the gravity of the situation and the party which hereafter selects such nominees may expect defeat—and will not be disappointed.

THE CHIEFTAIN AND THE ARROW.

A friend enquires if we "are going to pass over the scurrilous attack in last week's Arrow," from an arrogant and ignorant correspondent at Coody's Bluff. Certainly we are. The subject is unworthy of notice and the writer too insignificant. Besides, the CHIEFTAIN can afford to be magnanimous—its record and its skirts are clear. By the way, the relative position of the CHIEFTAIN and the ARROW are aptly illustrated by occurrences of last week. The Arrow received a communication from a correspondent, denying a statement made in the CHIEFTAIN, of which said correspondent could not by any possibility be informed, and the paper published it. The same week the CHIEFTAIN received a column or more of the documentary evidence from the Interior Department at Washington showing the editor of the Arrow's connection with John W. Wright and the famous Indian bounty frauds. The CHIEFTAIN did not publish it. Malice and hatred enter not into the CHIEFTAIN and it will not stoop to a contemptible act.

TIT FOR TAT.

Senator "Squaws" bill to declare all Indian women who marry white men citizens of the United States is only a pattern after a law of the Cherokee nation by which we have been converting white men into citizens of the Cherokee nation, who marry a Cherokee, Delaware or Shawnee Indian woman. The senator was down here a few years ago and must have "caught on" to the way this marrying business is conducted, and how the Indians were getting the best of it, if there is any best in it, and it was to keep things "sorter" even he was moved to the measure. The two laws are not very far apart in effect but the United States being a mile bigger than the Cherokee nation may have some decided advantages in this industry, and yank things around in sundry crooked ways, despite the counter claim of this or any other nation. We are ahead of Mr. Dawes in that his bill does not scoop in Indian men who marry white women, while our law, regulating intermarriage, does. He seems to be only after our women, as a good many of us are after his, but without fear as to a change of citizenship. No our women are at a disadvantage compared to our young men, in the marrying business.

Just as it has been with us all the time, the offspring of such unions as the senator recites in his bill, will be, as a legal consequence, citizens of the United States, and under the protection of their laws.

It is in this, it seems, the bid effects of the bill are to be experienced, together with such other troubles as will naturally grow out of a conflict of jurisdiction and present existing relations that are not to be disturbed by the bill itself. An Indian woman who marries a white man does not forfeit any of her tribal rights, but in respect to them, remains just as she was before marriage. To what extent she and her husband, and their offspring, will be subject to the tribal laws, can only be determined, perhaps, by that which is individual, or separate and distinct from that which is the common property of all. If tribal rights are to be continued, such rights must be subject to the tribal laws, and therefore, when the rights of property in an improvement are in dispute, such rights of property can only be settled by the laws of the country. That far, if not further, will such persons be subject to and under the protection of the tribal laws.

THE DOWNING PARTY CONVENTION.

The two political parties of this nation have reduced to a custom a grand annual meeting, at which gather representatives of the parties from the nine districts, and all who wish to attend. Much preparation is made to feed the people by contribution in beef cattle, hogs, sheep, flour, sugar and coffee. These occasions, although intended to be political, are as much social as otherwise. Men, women, and children gather in from many miles around, and the appearance is more of a camp meeting character to casual observers than a political meeting. The proceedings are prefaced with sacred music and prayer, and the utmost decorum and solemnity observed. If there is any institution among men that needs the purifying influences of religion, it surely is politics, not alone among the Cherokees, but in as big a thing as the United States.

While a portion of the people are engaged in feasting and social intercourse, the representatives who consist of captains of the districts, with the head captains of the party, are closely engaged in political matters. Various subjects of a political nature are discussed and, as a consequence, speech making is in requisition.

At the meeting of the Downing party in Tahlequah district, beginning on the 13th inst., and continuing several days, the principal subject that engaged attention was the lease question, and the chief and such members of the national council who supported him in his views as to the manner the lease should be effected, were unanimously approved in what they did in the cause, while council was in session. Like an intruder in a hornet's nest was a petition attempted to be circulated at the meeting, asking the chief to approve the \$175,000 bill to lease to the old association. It met not only with disfavor, but with emphasized condemnation of the people present. Resolutions, instead, were unanimously adopted in approval of the chief's course and a lease for the highest amount possible, to be obtained by advertising for the highest bidder. The meeting, throughout its continuance of three days, was perfectly harmonious and a unit in sentiment upon all public measures. The number of people in attendance were about as usual at such a meeting—1200 or 1500—during the first and second days, but dwindling to 150 or 200 in the afternoon of the third day.

MORE RESOLUTIONS.

Council Warmly Censured for its Arbitrary Action. During the afternoon session of the second day, Aug. 14th, 1888, the general convention of the Downing party at the old convention grounds on Fourteen Mile creek, the following resolutions passed unanimously:

Whereas, the national council failed to lease the grazing privileges on the strip lands, lying west of the 96th meridian, during the call session of council on account of the chief and council disagreeing in regard to price; Therefore, be it resolved: That we fully endorse the action of the chief in refusing to sign the low bid offered by the Cherokee Strip Live Stock association, and we hereby pledge him our hearty support in the future in his endeavors to obtain the largest amount possible for the above named privileges.

Be it further resolved: That we condemn the action of the national council in voting let, for \$125,000, and for their attempt to lease said grazing privileges for \$135,000, and then passing a bill for \$150,000, and finally for their treatment of the North & West Texas Cattle Co., and the Waco Cattle Co., by giving the preference after they had been formed to bid \$175,000 by the Waco Cattle Co., bidding \$185,000 per annum, and we fully endorse the action of the chief in withholding his signature from said bill when he had a bid of \$135,000 from the Waco Cattle Co. Be it further resolved: That

the Downing party is in favor of obtaining the full value of the grazing privileges on said lands west of the 96th meridian, and in order to obtain it, we favor the proposition of the chief to advertise for bids, and said bids should be sealed and secured by the first semi-annual payment being deposited in the national treasury; and, that a day be named by the chief during the coming session of council when said bids should be opened in the presence of the chief and both houses, and said privileges be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, and the money be paid to the people as council may direct,—provided, that no bid be received for less than \$175,000 per annum.

Be it further resolved: That the captains in each neighborhood call the people together for the purpose of obtaining their views and giving the expression of the people in general.

Be it further resolved: That the CHIEFTAIN, Telephone, Capital and Advocate, who have been independent and bold enough to stand up for the rights of the people in advocating the most money for the strip, we hereby extend our thanks, and they should receive the thanks of the whole Cherokee people; and we request the above named papers to publish these resolutions. [Signed] ARCH SCRAPER, Chairman. GIDEON MORGAN, Secretary.

An Open Letter to Jess Thomas.

ALLWELL, IND. TER., August 18th, 1888. MR. EDITOR INDIAN CHIEFTAIN, DEAR SIR:—Permit me to correct a falsehood that I heard that Mr. Jess Thomas, of Vinita, I. T., has been telling. Some date of last fall Jess Thomas, Jack Spurlock and Henry Donnelly came to my residence on Tallala creek, on the hunt of stolen horses. Jess Thomas says that when they came up to my barn they saw his horse in a drink and while they were getting a drink the horse was taken out and run off.

This is positively a lie. When they came, I was in the barn lot. I stepped to the gate and opened it and invited them down. We shook hands. I invited them to feed their horses which they did. They led their horses into the barn. Their horses occupied three stalls out of five that the barn contains. They had a chance to see all that was in the barn or on the premises, and a man cannot see a horse in the barn from the out side of the lot, as they claim, and they got their dinners and went on their way back to Vinita. If Mr. Thomas said this he is a liar, a coward and thief, for taking it. Respectfully Yours, E. DAWSON.

"Brick" Pomeroy has just issued another book, entitled "Reaching for Hearts." It contains thirty-four of his noted Saturday Night sketches, and in paper covers are sent for 25 cents, by the Advance Thought Publishing Company, 234 Broadway New York. Same amount of choice reading matter as \$1.50 books contain. Send for it, or send \$1, and get this and three other books by the same author.

GERMANY still mourns her heroic Emperor Frederic, and few can read without interest the well illustrated sketch which opens Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for September, tracing his whole career. "The Old Inns and Taverns of London," frequented by wits and ages, is a chatty and pleasing pictorial article in the same number. Mr. McCann tells of "The Romantic side of John Randolph's Life," bringing that eccentric statesman vividly before us with pen and pencil. "A Well-dressed Frump" is the rather deceptive title of a charming sketch of the Waxwings, a family of birds known in many parts of the country. In "Queer Corners at the Capital" Mr. Croffutt shows that our seat of government, if not able to boast of the royal relics of centuries, has quaint and strange objects that are seldom noticed, and which he pictures. "Religious Mercenaries in India" gives Miss Norris a theme, while "Methods of Magicians" will interest young and old. "Duluth and its Environs" tells of one of our wonderful Western cities. "Market Day at the South" carries us to another part of the country, and is a bright bit of description. "The Theory of Sound" brings science within the reach of all. The serial novel, "The Grave Between Them," deepens in interest, and the short stories by Hildreth, Mrs. Denison, C. R. Harker, Lucy Blake and others, with "Daisy's Dilemma," a story for the young, makes up a charming array of fiction. The number abounds in most attractive illustrations, the frontpiece being very taking.

N. B. Simpson is very sick. Robert Dobkins was a caller Wednesday morning. The fare from Vinita to Fort Smith via the Valley Route is \$5.15. The weather is growing cooler and the approach of fall is indicated. The Chickasaw election resulted in a victory for the ticket headed by Governor Guy. A great deal of sickness exists in all directions and the doctors are on the move all the time. The man who plowed and planted his corn early has, without exception, made a crop. And this is the case nine times in ten. The Cowessaw circuit court convened Monday to dispose of the Markham-Lewis log case. No report has yet been received.

W. T. Whitaker was up from Pryor Creek this week. He is anxious to embark in business again and would prefer buying someone out to establishing a new house.

The town commissioners will probably have Adair and Pryor Creek platted soon and hold sales at both places. They are being strongly urged to do so by residents and others.

The Vinita fair received very flattering notices from nearly all neighboring papers. Arrangements with the aeronaut have been concluded and this year the balloon ascension is a certainty. The \$1000 base ball premium will be competed for by six clubs and will prove an interesting feature of the fair.

The Arrow, published at Fort Gibson, says that the Cherokee authorities unite in a most earnest appeal to the department and the president to have Agent Owen forthwith removed from his office. The Arrow is just a little premature in assuming that its columns re-echo public sentiment. On the contrary it appears to be the only paper published in the territory that is waging war against Agent Owen.—Atoka Independent.

WANTS, FOR SALE, LOST, STRAYED, STOLEN. [Each notice of the character indicated, not exceeding fifty words will be inserted two weeks under this heading for fifty cents.] STRAYED—A bay filly, 1 year old past breeding, L. on left shoulder. A bay filly 3 years old, marked on both sides, same brand. \$50 reward for information leading to recovery. T. T. LAWRENCE, Vinita, I. T.

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Take Notice. All parties are warned against allowing my wife, C. B. Dail any credit upon my account, since August 17th, 1888, or accepting any bills of sale signed by her since date named, as they will not be honored. Any person receiving or holding any property or monies from her belonging to me or which have belonged to me, will be dealt with as the law provides. The said C. B. Dail is welcome to a home at my house and to maintenance by me as she always has had, at any or all times. Birth of child, that she is particularly invited and requested to return and to make my house her permanent home. 50-3 S. W. DAIL.

Inherited Disease. No fact of nature is more pregnant with awful consequences than the fact of the inheritance of disease. Modern science, which has eliminated so many of our superstitions, and shed a new light on the ominous words of the Scriptures, "The sins of the fathers, shall be visited upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation." Fifty per cent of cases of consumption, insanity, idiotism, epilepsy, and other nervous diseases, are hereditary in origin. It is a sad and terrible fact, that many of our most distinguished scientists truly say: "No organ or feature of the body is exempt from the chance of being the subject of hereditary disease." Probably more chronic diseases, which permanently modify the structure and functions of the body, are more or less liable to be inherited. The important and far-reaching practical deductions from such facts are obvious to reflecting minds, and the best means for preventing or curing these diseases is a subject of intense interest to all. Fortunately nature has provided a safe and reliable remedy, and the remedy is the world-famous Peppin's Specific, a pure vegetable compound—entirely free from all alcohol, poisons. To the afflicted it is a blessing of inestimable value. An interesting treatise on "Blood and Hereditary Diseases" will be mailed free on application. The Peppin Specific Co., Drawer 3 Atlanta, Ga.

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