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JACOB YOE, of Bentonville, has been appointed U. S. marshal for the western district of Arkansas.

The supreme court of Missouri has decided that a pack of cards is not a "gambling device" within the meaning of the law.

The Indian Journal suggests that the new collection law of this country is not just. The non-resident wholesale merchant is enabled to collect his bills by law, while the local merchant is kept out of court because his bills do not generally reach \$100.

It is asserted that all the old timers in the National ranks in Cooweescoowee district are to be retired for the purpose of giving place to the young men of the party. We can fancy a grin passing over the visages of "Scrim" and Jess Cochran at this announcement.

U. S. MARSHAL JONES, of Kansas, connection with the matter of superfluous deputies in Oklahoma was sufficiently established in the mind of the president to induce him to appoint Dick Walker and remove Mr. Jones. The acts of Mr. Needles, of the Muskogee court, in the same connection, are undergoing an examination but he will, no doubt, be vindicated.

It would not take a jackass ten guesses to tell who that "southern senator" is, who proved himself to be such a friend of the Cherokees in his defense of their rights during the late session of congress, and reported in a recent number of the Globe-Democrat as having grown furious on hearing that Chief Mayes had decided not to call the council together to receive the commissions and their proposition with due respect and honor.

The attention of the readers of THE CHIEFTAIN is invited to the correspondence between Commissioner Wilson and Chief Mayes, published on first page. Mr. Wilson notifies the chief that he has the appointment of one of the commissioners to negotiate for the cession of our strip lands to the United States, and wishes to know when will the council be convened, or a commissioner or a delegation be appointed to confer with them on the subject and to receive their propositions.

COURT IN COOWEESCOOWEE. We were there. There was a pleasing novelty in the surrounding wholly at war with the common and serious idea of a court of severe justice between man and man. The house is white and in a clump of forest trees that are buttoned to a strip of woodland on the east and to the edge of Dog Creek prairie on the west.

TWO CANDIDATES. ADAIR, J. T., MAY 19, 1890. EDITOR CHIEFTAIN:—Will you grant me a little space in the columns of your valuable paper?

The court, Hon. Geo. Bengt, dispatched business with no usual ability and promptness. He displayed, in his readiness to meet and dispose of questions and knowledge of law, the experience and qualifications of an old occupant of the wool sack.

A CHANGE FOR DIPLOMACY. Should the Cherokee people eventually decide to sell their strip lands, dollars and cents should not alone be the consideration for their relinquishment to the government.

It is perhaps ever have to secure the advantages that are possible in the sale of their lands out west. The market price of the lands is a mere secondary consideration and should be regarded as such, in negotiating with the commission a cession of the lands. The establishment of our government on a firmer basis, the removal of all hindrances to a perfect and complete enjoyment of all our rights as a nation and a people, and as secured to us by a fair and honest interpretation of the treaties between the United States and the Cherokee nation, and renewed guarantees of safety in our possessions, are all possible in negotiating a sale of the outlet. The relinquishment of the right of the United States to settle civilized Indians east of the 96th meridian; the payment of all dues to the Cherokees by the government of the United States; the right to sue in any of the courts of the United States for such dues, if refused to be paid, and for redress of grievance by reason of trespass upon Cherokee lands or any of their reserved rights; the immediate and unconditional removal from the country of all persons declared to be intruders by the proper authorities of the nation, so that the Cherokee people may be left in the complete and undisturbed enjoyment of all their rights—these and all others of equal or inferior importance should be entered as considerations for the surrender of our strip lands to the United States.

THE STRIP AGAIN. SALINA, I. T., MAY 18, 1890. EDITOR CHIEFTAIN:—The question of sell or no sell soon will absorb all other questions before the Cherokee people; so then, what ever is best for us to do should be the aim of all. If we can get five dollars per acre, payable in bonds as long time and as big percent, as possible, payable semi-annually, pro rata and per capita, then I for one say sell—if not, let the government force it from us.

TO GET THE MARKET VALUE FOR OUR LANDS, as we would for a beef steer, concluding the transaction with "here's yours and here's mine," should not therefore be the entire purpose. That is not all the value there is in our lands. It may be their intrinsic worth, but there is something in them far more valuable than dollars and cents. It is national security, peace and prosperity for all time to come—protection to our rights and our country from intrusion, now more needful than ever before in the history of the Cherokee people.

TO DO OTHERWISE would be a figurative resemblance to the occupants of a sled flying at appalling speed over Russian snows, through illimitable forests, pursued by a pack of ravenous wolves, which to delay in their course pursuit, a victim to their hunger is thrown out, which only increases their thirst for blood and renews a more determined chase, to end with a monogram of a terrible struggle for life.

EDITOR CHIEFTAIN:—Will you grant me a little space in the columns of your valuable paper? The political ball has begun to roll and I desire to give it a push in its onward course to victory. I would like to mention, as candidates, the names of two men whom I know to be well qualified for the respective offices, if elected thereto. First, I would name Ed. Adair, of Chelsea precinct, for sheriff, and Wm. Trotter for clerk. I could mention others for other offices, but will give someone else a chance to name their favorites.

Now in conclusion, let me say that I hope every citizen of the Cherokee nation will be up and doing, and place good men in the field, and see to it they are elected. Yours Truly, J. B. B.

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