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JOHN JORDON stock has "took a tumble."

The delegates are expected home this week.

Congress will adjourn next Monday, the 25th inst.

The press throughout the country is decidedly against the Pinkertons.

Another term of congress is about closing and the Cherokee nation is still intact.

During the last three years 27,610 Indians have been naturalized and taken their allotments of land.

Good hay is bringing seven dollars a ton in St. Louis, of which the railroads get four dollars for hauling.

The prospect of waiting another year for the opening of the Strip sets heavily on the stomach of the average boomer.

The Tablequah press has at last wakened up and discovered that there is something wrong with the Strip transaction.

L. L. Duckworth, from Goingsnake, reports that a large majority of the full-bloods in his district are in favor of allotment.

CITIZENS of this country should lose no time in securing for themselves and children a tract of good land while it is possible to obtain it.

The unanimity with which the press and people are asking what Chief Harris went to Washington for is both amusing and suggestive.

This time next summer politics in this country will absorb the attention of the public and patriotism will flourish like a green bay tree.

COL. PHILLIPS was the attorney for the cattlemen on the Strip last season; this year he is the attorney for the Cherokee nation against them; see?

A GREAT many wire fences that have been recently cut by the sheriffs of Cooweescoowee and Delaware districts have been again put up by the owners.

MR. PEEL's supply of turnip seed was exhausted last Saturday. Farmers in the fifth Arkansas district will have to look to some other source hereafter.

A REGULAR daily task is a safeguard and a blessing. A boy is better off as a day laborer than as an idler, however genteel. Any useful task is better than idleness.

If there is any other way of regulating the settlement of the public domain and the intruder questions, save by allotment, will some anti-allotment organ please indicate it?

If our laws are so amended as to meet the twelve juror requirement, will the amended law cover cases that antedate the amendment? is a question discussed in legal circles.

THE land question is growing more serious every year. As little as is said about it, four-fifths of the citizens of the nation are landless. Unless a change in the land tenure is effected the rising generation will not be "in it."

INSINUATIONS are always either false or cowardly. Truth and courage need neither cloak nor veil. If a man's intentions are straight-forward and honest he will resort to no secrecy and have few explanations to make.

THE United States, by virtue of its courts in this country and at Fort Smith, is maintaining a standing army of deputy marshals, but when the Dalton boys want to rob a train they do it in the most approved fashion and are not taken in tow by the marshals either.

THE CHIEFTAIN again calls attention to the unjust system of taxation in vogue in this nation. The invested funds belong to the whole people and the interest therefrom runs the government. Therefore all pay the same amount of tax, regardless of their financial condition.

THE recent cutting of wire fences affords one of the most incontrovertible arguments in favor of allotment of lands in this nation yet brought to the notice of the public. It shows the utter absurdity of holding lands in common and the unavoidable conflict of interests. No remedy will ever be satisfactory other than to give each individual his or her pro rata share. Each citizen should know where his lines are and be confined strictly thereto.

When the intruders are removed it will be in carrying out the provisions of the Strip agreement. But if they return we will have no more "Strips" to give the United States to have them removed. Therefore to forestall any further trouble the country had better be allotted at once.

WHEN Jacob wrestled with the Lord and prevailed, his name was changed to "Israel." When Col. Phillips wrestled with the National party and prevailed his name was changed to "Quliki," and now that he has prevailed over the Downing party he can again be called "Col. Phillips, attorney for the Cherokee nation."

MR. JOHN JORDON has got himself into a very unenviable position in his attempt to say who shall settle upon the Strip in the event of the ratification of the agreement. Jordan presents the ludicrous spectacle of one who has "bitten off more than he can chew" and every attempt he makes at an explanation the worse it appears.

THERE seems to be a growing sentiment among the people that Chief Harris should call a special session of council for the purpose of regulating our jury system, for as it now stands we are in a measure powerless to punish crime. Another matter that needs attention is the wire fence. We need a law making an all wire fence legal, especially for the prairie districts where timber cannot be had.

THE Title-Shufeldt matter is engaging some attention and promising to become more interesting. An ejection case was set for trial before Clerk Trott in this city yesterday but dismissed on an informality in the papers. It is reported that Shufeldt has a large force of men who will maintain him in possession of the building in controversy at Lenape, whereas the chief has directed the sheriff to uphold the laws.

MUCH is being said these days about the struggle between capital and labor, and the strikes and up-heavals in different parts of the country clearly indicate that there is something wrong in the relation of one to the other. Lovers of the human race are anxious and vainly seeking a pacific solution of the problems involved. The attention of both pulpit and press is turned to this all absorbing topic, and various and sundry remedies have been suggested. The moral and intellectual differences between men are so wide that it seems impossible to so regulate the money-getting powers of all as to avoid or prevent some becoming millionaires while others are paupers.

WHENEVER the world sees fit to adopt the golden rule as its governing principle, then, and not till then, will strikes cease and labor and capital find their true relation, one to the other.

EX-CHIEF D. W. BUSHYHEAD was in Vinita last Saturday and talked freely and interestingly of matters connected with the Cherokee government. In reference to the Strip matter the gentleman expressed himself as of the opinion that the agreement would ultimately be ratified in its entirety. He did not think that Mr. Jordan could be of any assistance to any one in getting a place on the Strip; that it would simply be a matter of proof as to who were entitled to hold land there under the clause allowing 70 persons to hold 80 acres each. Mr. Bushyhead, when asked, said he believed the intruders would have to go when the Strip agreement was ratified, and gave it as his opinion that to avoid further complications the Cherokee people should allot their lands as speedily as possible; that it was absolutely necessary in order to protect ourselves against intruders and the monopolists among our own people.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. Proceedings of the Late Convention at Ft. Gibson.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Sunday school association of the Indian Territory was held at Fort Gibson, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12th and 13th.

There was not as large a gathering of delegates as in former years, yet the Cherokee, Choctaw and Creek nations were represented by prominent Sunday school workers, and delegates were present from the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Cumberland Presbyterian churches. Prof. A. C. Bacone was elected president. Dr. Wm. Paxson, of Springfield, Mo., gave several most interesting and instructive addresses on the Sunday school as a power, a review of the Sunday school work in the west, south and southwest, and on the study of the Word. Notwithstanding the intense heat these addresses were listened to by good audiences with the closest attention, and all gained much information from them concerning Sunday school work at

large and more thorough bible study. Committees were appointed for each nation to set a time and call together local conventions similar to the county conventions in the states. The committees for the Cherokee nation was Rev. Walter P. King, of Tablequah, Mr. Gideon Morgan, of Tablequah, and Rev. H. H. Goode, of Fort Gibson.

The question as to a change of time for the annual territorial convention was discussed and left in the hands of the executive committee to settle, October being considered a better time than July.

The Hon. Z. T. Walrond, of Muskogee, by request, gave a very clear statement of the question concerning the sale of beer in the Indian Territory, and the following resolution passed and ordered sent to Washington:

Resolved, By the Sunday school association of Indian Territory in its sixteenth annual convention assembled at Ft. Gibson, that we, as citizens of the United States and of the Indian Territory claim and expect the protection of just and salutary laws; especially do we urge the necessity and indispensability of the laws which were intended to protect the people of Indian Territory from the business of selling intoxicating liquors; we respectfully invoke the attention of congress to the fact that the Federal court at Paris, Texas, against the decision of every other judge having jurisdiction in Indian Territory, by a decision on a technicality, annulling the plain intent of the law, has literally flooded the Indian Territory with beer; that one town of 500 population is consuming a car load of beer daily at the cost of 25 cents per quart bottle; that every town in Indian Territory, with the exception of less than a dozen, have suspended local prohibition and are licensing the traffic, and the whole territory outside the towns' limits is unprotected. We respectfully urge upon the administration that it exercise its powers to prevent licensing, and upon congress to supplement our legislation so that the intent of our laws may not be defeated by mere technicalities.

Among those present were Rev. Wm. Paxson, D. D., Springfield, Mo., Hon. Z. T. Walrond, Muskogee, Rev. M. F. Williams, M. D., Muskogee, Rev. A. J. Essex, Muskogee, Prof. A. C. Bacone, Indian University, Rev. D. N. Allen, Vinita, Prof. Jno. McCarthy, Vinita, Rev. F. Hurd, Vinita, Rev. R. C. Parks, Wagoner, Mrs. S. E. Jackson, McAlester, Mrs. L. J. Stapler, Tablequah, Rev. W. R. King and wife, Tablequah, Miss Florence Caleb, Park Hill.

Jos. Mc C. LEIPER, Secretary.

FROM THE OSAGE NATION. Education and Improvement—Fourth of July Celebration.

July 4, 1892. EDITOR OF THE CHIEFTAIN:—A two weeks' stay on this reservation has produced a familiarity with the country and the condition of the people generally. Through the humane efforts of their present agent, L. J. Miles, and their present acting assistant chief, T. L. Rogers, the Osages are fast being pushed forward to civilization. A few days ago I witnessed the closing exercises of their schools and say that the majority of the pupils would compare favorably with the youth of any of their neighboring nations, and from the appearance of the three large school buildings in the agency, to say nothing of the three or four large mission schools scattered over the reservation, one would think that this country would soon become an educational center. The Indians are rapidly throwing aside their ancient customs and adopting civilized habits. They are settling in the rich valleys and along the water courses, and not a few of their own fine farms with neat cottages tastefully furnished. They, as a people, are very fond of stock—horses more so than cattle—of which they raise a great many. In spite of all the civilizing influences being brought to bear upon them they still occasionally indulge in the old custom of "smoking horses." I had the pleasure of witnessing a ceremony of that kind a few days ago; 30 or 40 ponies, half as many heaves and a large number of blankets and other goods were given by the half-breeds to the Big Hills.

The national Osage convention finished its labors last Friday, after a stormy session of ten days; the result is, Black Dog for principal chief or governor, the half-breeds having made a complete failure in trying to get in their man.

The fourth of July was celebrated at Pawhuska. Some four or five hundred people met here to rally around the stars and stripes, as well as to rally around the carcasses of three or four beavers which were being roasted. We had a grand time. After a long and plaintive prayer by the chaplain for the occasion there came forth strains of delicious music made by the celebrated band from Elgin, Kan. The next to take the stand were a dozen beautiful little half-breed girls who sang, "Rally 'Round the Flag," greatly to their credit and also to that of the na-

tion; the Declaration was read; several interesting speeches by good speakers, winding up by a speech from Black Dog, the present candidate for governor, who is a splendid specimen of the American Indian. I judge him to be about 35 yrs., stands full six feet two inches. Among other things he said his heart was pleased to see so many of his people taking an interest in celebrating the fourth, and he urged them in great earnestness to look to the education of their children and prepare them for that great day when all Indians would be folded under the wing of the great American eagle. The balance of the day was given to a general filling up of the inner man; roast beef, bread and coffee was in sufficient quantities for all, as usual here. General good feeling and perfect order prevailed throughout the day. The agent was present and took a lively interest in everything, mingling freely with the people, who love and respect him and look upon him as a benefactor, knowing that he has their interest at heart by what he has already accomplished for their good.

It is a sad fact that the old Indians are rapidly passing away; there are piles of stone on a hundred hills which mark the last resting place of some departed one.

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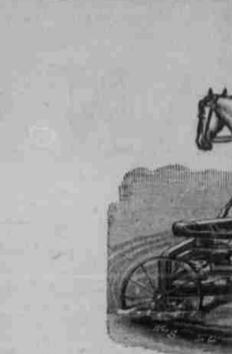
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