

## Indian Chieftain.

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THE Muldrow Register came out

last week double its usual size and

with handsome write ups of a num-

ber of its citizens.

THE Telephone has again been

resurrected after its rather long

slumber. Typographically it shows

a decidedly neat appearance.

THE arrival of Bill Cook at Fort

Smith a few days ago drew a great

crowd of curious people who

wanted to see the man who was

supposed to have figured in so

many holdups and murders.

BILL COOK was arranged before

Judge Parker at Fort Smith, Tues-

day and pleaded not guilty to each

of the three counts. He is charg-

ed with robbery on two counts and

with taking government money on

one count.

THERE are a few echoes from the

Strip payment that are not un-

interesting. One man is said to

have \$60,000 on deposit, who a

year ago had no visible means of

support. This is what the finan-

ciers would call an unearned div-

idend.

THE chief reasons why the press

of this country has not received

a reasonable measure of respect is

because it has not respected itself

and hence does not deserve and

should not expect it from the pub-

lic. All cannot be Greeleys, but

all can be gentlemen.

An innovation is promised in

Tablequah journalism by the re-

organized Telephone, which says

a medium has long been needed to

answer THE CHIEFTAIN. We in-

terpret this to mean THE CHIEF-

TAIN's arguments and gladly wel-

come the novelty and congratulate

Tablequah.

THE Quapaws have petitioned

the secretary of the interior to allot

their lands, giving each 200 acres.

They have already allotted their

country among themselves, but

want the matter ratified by the

secretary of the interior. The

Pawes commission assured them

last summer that favorable action

could be obtained in their matter

before the department.

It is now reasonably sure that

the Shawnees, Delawares and

Free men will draw their per

capita share of Strip money some-

time during the coming summer,

and something over two million

dollars will be distributed in this

nation. The greater portion of

this money will be paid to people

living in the upper districts—the

country contiguous to Vinita—

and this with the court that we

are sure to get will make business

good and swell the growth of our

city. Surely Vinita is on the high

road to success and will be the

queen city of the whole territory.

"The good that men do lives

after them," is as true of editors

as of any people living if not more

so. If we print something good

about anybody we never hear of

it, but if we say anything men

don't like, we hear of it very soon.

We may say some people a hun-

dred compliments and they never

hear of it or notice it; they evi-

dently take it as a tribute to their

greatness; but when anything is

said about him that is not compli-

mentary he gets up on his ear in

great shape. We know a number

of people who it is easy to say

something good about any day

in the week, and we also know

others who it is mighty hard to

ever say anything good about and

tell the truth, but they are the

ones who expect the most.

THE leaders of the National

party about Tablequah are making

a great effort to call out a third

ticket for the chieftaincy. As the

matter now stands with Bob Ross

as their standard bearer they have

no show in the world of winning

the election in August. Those

who really favor allotment should

not be led into any such a decep-

tive scheme by the wily Nationals.

As much as THE CHIEFTAIN be-

lieves that allotment is the inevi-

table solution of the Indian prob-

lem, it would not favor an allot-

ment ticket and a campaign

fought out on that basis, for the

simple reason that it could not win

in the present state of affairs. Be-

side, allotment of lands in the

Cherokee nation will come in its

own good time, not through any

political party in this nation, but

by congressional legislation. The

thing for every honest voter in the

Cherokee nation to do this year is

to rally around Sam Mayes, make

him chief, and save the country

from destruction by falling into

the hands of the people whose only

desire is to plunder it. The pres-

ent is a time when the interests

of the Cherokee nation are at

stake.

Is Webb Vann a Member?

The city council met in called

session last Saturday and passed

an ordinance requiring all citizens

of the Cherokee nation living in

Pryor Creek to procure permits

for or see that the non-citizens in

their employ have them. All citi-

zens violating this ordinance are

subject to a fine of not less than \$5

nor more than \$10. Entered.

kept in the hands of the very  
safest men that can be found. No,  
if a third ticket is put out it will be  
at the instigation of the Nationals  
in order to split the Downing vote.  
No attention should be paid to the  
movement by those who favor al-  
lotment, because this campaign  
can have no bearing whatever on  
the subject of allotment of lands  
and this will not be the issue.

THE CHIEFTAIN has repeatedly  
called attention to the danger and  
the dire consequences of carrying  
concealed arms. Hardly a week  
elapses without the occurrence of  
some awful tragedy on account of  
somebody having a pistol in his  
pocket. Every man who carries a  
gun wouldn't like to admit that he  
was carrying it to kill somebody  
with, but such is the only logical  
conclusion and sooner or later that  
will be the result. A man with a  
pistol in his pocket feels like he  
ought not to take an insult and will  
get into trouble oftener than if un-  
armed and with far more disas-  
trous results. We know some  
good men, who carry pistols and  
they don't realize that they are not  
only violating the law continually  
themselves, but set the example  
for others and thus become a men-  
ace to society. In the absence of  
whisky and pistols there would be  
few killings to report from this  
territory or anywhere else.

WHAT will the CHIEFTAIN do in  
the event an allotment candidate  
comes out for chief? That paper  
should not have been so hasty in  
closing a deal to support the can-  
didate, for it may find itself in a  
very embarrassing position be-  
fore the campaign ends.—  
Arrowphone.

THE CHIEFTAIN would rather  
have an honest man for chief, who  
opposed allotment, than have a  
scoundrel who favored it—see?

### OUR TABLEQUAH BUDGET.

Liberal Party Re-organization—A

Rose Boomerang—Notes.

TABLEQUAH, I. T., Jan. 21, 1895.

The coming out of the Liberal

party, which is now a foregone

conclusion, will cut quite a swath in

Ross' vote in this district. In-

deed, it is now believed by many

who are posted on how the vote

goes, that the Liberals will be the

means of restoring the district to

the Downings, as most of the "sore

heads" voted the National ticket

at the last election on a promise

from that party that the old Liberal

element would be remembered in

one way and another when the

Nationals got in power. Now the

disgruntled Liberals say they will

not help any party but their own

in the future, and as they have

never, as a body, voted the Down-

ing ticket, their support will be

lost only to the Nationals.

The Liberal party, however, are

confident of cutting a much wider

swath at the next election than

they did four years ago. Their

principles of allotment are much

more respected now than then, and

their leaders here declare they will

never grow smaller or compromise

their votes again because of defeat.

Hon. Gideon Morgan is perhaps

the most enthusiastic Liberal in

the district and he is confident the

party will elect some of their men

this time. He has avowed his in-

tention of devoting considerable of

his time and eloquence this sum-

mer to stumping the nation in the

interest of the party. Mayor

Ridge Paschal is another ardent

supporter of Liberal party prin-

ciples, and says he will go his full

length again and vote for any man

the party nominates for chief, to

run on an allotment platform.

There are several other prominent

politicians in this district, who are

now preaching Liberal doctrine

and will do battle against the two

old parties during the present cam-

paign.

Chief Teebe, in the absence of

Chief Harris, who is yet in Wash-

ington, has appointed Hon. P. H.

Holland as district judge, of Going-

saw to fill out the term of Judge

Joe Starr, deceased.

Citizens of Tablequah are great-

ly elated over the news that this

city is to be one of the U. S. court

towns. A company to build a

large court house has been organ-

ized and work will commence on it

shortly.

The marriage of Mr. Phil W.

Samuels of Pryor Creek to Miss

Florence McSpadden of this city

will take place Wednesday at the

Methodist church in this city, and

the popularity of the couple makes

the coming event one of more than

ordinary interest.

Jim French has replaced his

former tutor, Bill Cook, as an ex-

traordinary desperado. Last Tues-

day night he and one Sam McWil-

liams went to the house of Joseph

Glad, living on the Tablequah and

St. Gibson road, and called Mr.

Glad to the door. After opening

the door Glad recognized the band-

its and fearing robbery quickly

closed it in their face. This en-

ragged the two highwaymen that

they at once began firing through

the door, wounding Glad and his

wife in the arm and seriously

shooting a Miss Marshall through

the hips. It is thought the latter

will recover. French and McWil-

liams then left without further

damage.

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## INDIAN TERRITORY COURTS.

Features of Improvement in the

Pending Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.

The passage by the House of the

senate bill relating to the United

States court in the Indian Territory

offers a prospect for remedying

some of the troubles from which

that region has been suffering.

Certain amendments have been

made to it, but none apparently

which should come to a deadlock

on the bill or that cannot be dis-

posed of easily in conference.

In 1890 congress passed an act

creating this court, giving it juris-

isdiction over the criminal offences

technically known as misdemean-

ors, and the next year this juris-

isdiction was somewhat extended.

It has also jurisdiction in civil

cases. But with a white popula-

tion, which has become very large,

the dockets of this court are over-

loaded. Again, the United States

commissioners cannot finally try a

misdemeanor, but, on the showing

of cause, can only bind over the

parties to appear in the court.

Thus, upon the latter an undue

amount of business is thrown. The

bill passed by the senate, which

was approved by the United States

judge in the Indian Territory

made two leading changes in the

existing provisions. One was that

of providing that the commis-sioner

or can pronounce final judgment

on certain misdemeanors where

the fine does not exceed \$300, while

rights of appeal to the district

courts in the territory are granted

in other cases. The compensation

of the commissioners is limited in

the bill as passed by the house to

\$2,000 a year, although it was said