

Indian Chieftain.

VINITA, IND. TER., DEC. 2, 1897.

Local Railroad Time Tables.

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS.
 No. 1, N. & T. Express 4:45 a. m.
 No. 2, Hannibal St. L. & T. Ex. 5:45 a. m.
 No. 3, Freight and Accommodation 1:45 p. m.
 GOING SOUTH.
 No. 2, Mo. K. & T. Express 11:30 p. m.
 No. 4, Tex. St. L. & T. Hannibal Ex. 10:25 p. m.
 No. 3, Freight and Accommodation 1:30 p. m.
 ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY.
 Train 225 west mail 12:30 p. m.
 Train 226 east mail 5:30 p. m.
 Train 227 west local 10:00 a. m.
 Train 228 east local 7:30 a. m.

LOCAL NOTES.

The "Novelty."
 Dr. Morgan is here.
 Ice wool fascinators. Gray's.
 Comforts and blankets at Gray's.
 Blankets of all descriptions at Gray's.
 Examine holiday goods at Dr. Foreman's.
 Buggy harness \$6 to \$30 at Lee Barrett's.
 Farm for sale; enquire of J. T. Brackett.
 Opening today—everything at the "Novelty."
 Want a wooden pump? Enquire at this office.
 The slaughter sale is still going on at W. T. Davis'.
 Cotton and wool blankets just received at Gray's.
 Send us order for pecans. Lynch Mer. Co., Tulsa, I. T.
 Fide assortment of candies, stationery, etc., at Balentine's.
 Pecans at 50c a peck and grapes at 25c a basket at Balentine's.
 The boys are catching more jack rabbits now than for some time.
 The lowest prices ever made on hats at W. T. Davis' big slaughter sale.
 Pecan crop is fine. Send us your order. Lynch Mer. Co., Tulsa, I. T.
 Will meet all competition on chickens and eggs, potatoes, etc. J. C. Gray.
 Give us order for your winter supply of pecans. Lynch Mer. Co., Tulsa, I. T.
 Ladies' McIntoshes, regular \$1.50; the whole lot for 50c at J. C. Gray's.
 Handsome holiday goods ever brought to Vinita. A. W. Foreman.
 Got a sick horse? Bring it in. David B. Morgan, veterinary surgeon is here.
 J. M. Jeans & Sons will pay the highest price for turkeys. Get them in quick.
 A sure enough good shoemaker in the shop. Bring in your repair work. Lee Barrett.
 California dried pears, peaches and dried fruits of all kinds on hand at Balentine's.
 Some bargains in books—well, bargains in everything in the house at the "Novelty."
 Colds quickly caught are more quickly cured by Beggs cherry cough syrup. People's drug store.
 Oyster supper at Kelso tomorrow night, proceeds to be applied on ceiling the school house.
 A boy named Marmaduke Welt, whose home was near the M. K. & T. stock yards, died last Sunday.
 Fine saddles, best line I have ever shown, and for sale at "mark down" prices strictly. Lee Barrett.
 Dates of L. O. Ellis, dentist: Pryor Creek, Nov. 21st to Dec. 5th Chouteau, Dec. 6th to 11th.
 The railroads are lined with bums nowadays. From two to a dozen camp on Bull creek every night.
 Mr. Meredith, of Afton, came over last Thursday and assisted the orchestra at the Thanksgiving ball.
 A whiskey peddler was brought in this week who was "shot up" somewhat in capture, down near the orphan asylum.
 The Tablequah Army will hereafter advertise all stray property. It will be taken from the reports of the sheriff each week.
 Holidays are not here but Dr. Foreman's goods suitable for the occasion are here. Call often; they are being opened every day.
 David B. Morgan, veterinary surgeon, is in Vinita stock and is invited to bring in their sick horses.
 A good line of rubber boots and shoes going at cost at W. T. Davis'. Go get what you want out of this stock before it is all gone.
 Feed store and coal yard opposite McClellan block, east of track. All orders promptly delivered. Wagon yard in connection. J. H. Davis.
 A horse walked onto the railroad bridge across Bull creek Tuesday morning and fell off, a distance of about fifteen feet, killing himself.
 Judge Shackelford has been appointed attorney for the Cherokees in their fight on the citizenship question against the edicts of the United States court.
 We do not mean to revolutionize business in Vinita, but we will sell you goods at prices that will suit you better than they will our competitors. The "Novelty."
 Judge Thomas and the hunting party had a good time and, as one of them said, killed all they could eat. Considering a hunter's gastronomic ability they may be said to have had pretty good luck.
 The Right Rev. Theo. Meershart, D. D., bishop of Oklahoma and Indian Territories, delivered a lecture at the Catholic church Tuesday night on the subject: "The church of Christ." The bishop is a bright man and at Guthrie, his home, is very popular.
 Mr. Milford and his nephew, Mr. Campion, spent last Friday at Rogers and in that vicinity, looking into the fruit growing industry of northwestern Arkansas. Mr. Campion owns a large farm in the valley of the Red River of the North, but owing to the severe winters thinks strongly of making a change. He left Tuesday of this week for Asheville, N. C., to spend the winter.

PERSONAL NOTES.

John McClellan came up on Tuesday's train from the south.
 Tom Sanson, the very jovial Muskogee attorney, came up this week to attend court.
 Dennis Flynn and W. C. Renfrow, they of Oklahoma fame, were in the city a few days since.
 W. W. Miller went to St. Louis Monday evening to buy another supply of furniture and hardware.
 G. M. Haltom and family went to Texas last week, the gentleman to Keenville and Mrs. Haltom to visit a sister at Terrell.
 Mrs. Campion, Mr. Milford's sister, leaves this morning for her home in Minnesota. An informal "afternoon" was given in her honor by Mrs. Milford yesterday, to a few friends.
 Mr. John Farnsworth and his daughter, Mrs. Ashby, left here Friday for Topinka Monday because of the illness of her baby, thus being denied the pleasure of being present at Mrs. Soper's house party.
 THE BRIEF announcement last week of the marriage at Chelsea Wednesday of Mr. L. B. Nash and Miss Bertha McSpadden was read with a full measure of interest by their many friends in this city. The result was that on the arrival of the bridal couple next day, on their way to Ft. Gibson, quite a number of persons were at the depot to offer congratulations and best wishes. In the car, old shoes and rice, galore, showed plainly that a hearty goodspeed had been given them on their departure.
 PAST FEBRUARY the grand jury indicted a large number of gamblers and those running gaming houses and gambling devices. When the indictments were returned Judge Springer allowed the marshal to go out and collect a maximum fine of \$10 from each one who desired to plead guilty, and so they were never arraigned in court at all. As a result of that loss, and we believe illegal, way of disposing of criminal cases, there are more gamblers and gambling dens running in this town now than ever before in its history, and in view of the indifference of the court, the grand jury will be slow to indict them again as it did last winter.

THANKSGIVING night was one of great enjoyment to the Vinita young people. The ball given in the new Halsell block, for the benefit of the band, was a grand success, both socially and financially. The brass band played the grand march, after which the orchestra took charge of the music program. The ball lasted until two o'clock, and was delightful from first to last. Oysters and a general supper were served at 10 o'clock, to which all did ample justice. The receipts of the series of benefits amounted to about \$72, most of which will be cleared by the band boys, and will go toward buying more and better instruments. The boys will, in time, secure a splendid set of instruments by these public entertainments. A concert will likely be given in the near future.
 JUDGE THOMAS passed sentence upon Wm. Smith, the Southwest City rapist, Tuesday afternoon. In the course of his remarks the court said that the wisdom of a great many acts of congress was to be seriously questioned and that the act allowing juries to convict criminals charged with capital offenses "without capital punishment" was one of them. The judge said further that in his opinion the prisoner had committed a crime for which his neck should be broken, instead of the life sentence, as fixed by the jury. Smith was sentenced for his natural life at hard labor in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. Millege Barker, convicted of harboring criminals (the Green boys) was sentenced to five years and two months in the same prison. Dick Adams was arraigned on five criminal charges, and pleading not guilty was returned to jail.
 CAPTAIN WHITE has given all parties to understand definitely that no drunkenness will be tolerated at the election here next Monday, and that any suspicious place where it is evident that whiskey is kept will be raided. Captain White stated to a representative of this paper that he had no sort of interest in the result of the election, other than his desire in common with other good citizens to see the better element control, but that he was fully determined that the scenes enacted on the streets a year ago should not be repeated next Monday. The Captain merits and will receive the hearty support of every law-abiding man, woman and child in Vinita. He is in a position to do this town a service that cannot be estimated, and if he succeeds in suppressing drunkenness and debauchery of a large contingent of our population next Monday, he will have done something that has not in recent years been even attempted. It will be a new departure for a certain element here to run an election without whiskey.
 THE DEATH of Wm. P. Henderson at his home in this city last Saturday night of paralysis, removes one of the old Cherokee land-marks and a well known character withal from our midst. "Bill" Henderson was a noted type of Cherokee halfbreed, the product of the "war time" period in Cherokee history. In politics he displayed in a marked degree the cunning sagacity for which his race is justly noted. Twice he was elected to represent Delaware district in the Cherokee senate, and once held the office of district sheriff. W. P. Henderson grew up among the Cherokees without the advantages of an education, but was a man of large and varied information, having the gift of "mother wit" to an extent that rendered him the equal of many a man of education and training. He enjoyed the distinction of being the first Cherokee to enter a campaign on the issue of allotment of land, and succeeded in the election, which he did in 1889, when he was the second time elected to the senate.
 When convinced that he could not live, he called a few of his friends about his bedside and made a will, an unusual thing for an Indian to do, and faced death with the stoic courage of his race. In this brief notice

of his demise it is but just to the dead to note that his home had ever been an asylum for the orphan children of his people. A few years ago a Cherokee man and his wife both died the same day over in Delaware district, and left a large family of destitute and homeless little ones. Henderson took the whole family of waifs into his home and cared for them and raised them. A few years ago in this town an unfortunate woman died leaving two little twin babies. Henderson and his wife brought the little orphans home from the grave of their dead mother, and now the two neat and clean little Indian girls can be seen playing around the home of the deceased or on their way to school, most any day.

ON THE MORNING after the tragic death of Aleck Chouteau, in Jeff Blevins' "doggy" in the McClellan building on the east side, which occurred Thanksgiving night, a reporter of THE CHIEFTAIN visited the scene, and surveyed the place and the surroundings.
 The body had been removed, and the blood stains partially washed from the floor. Three or four seedy and dissipated looking young fellows were leisurely punching billiard balls across a dirty and somewhat timeworn pool table. Two bear-eyed customers stood with their ventricles planted against the bar, while the bartender was filling their glasses with an amber looking mixture from an oak barrel branded, "choice apple." In a little side room cut off from the main room was a small card table, at which sat four boys not yet out of their "teens", smoking cigars, swearing and playing "seven up" by turns. These youths were good looking, and very well dressed fellows, apparently the sons of well-to-do fathers and painstaking mothers. They occupied the same chairs probably occupied by the quartette who were playing at the same table the night before at a game commenced for the drinks but which ended in tragedy, the funeral of one of whom was now going forward in another part of the town. A broken window pane back of the table showed where the dead man had fallen in his expring agony. The chair in which he died was sitting when he received the fatal bullet in the head, had toppled back against the window, and blood-stains, and a quantity of the victim's brains were still sticking to the window casing, having probably been overlooked by the man who had washed the blood from the floor.
 PAST THURSDAY night Aleck Chouteau was killed by John Davis in Jeff Blevins' saloon, in the McClellan building, on the east side of the track. The deceased, with Boss Bluejacket, Deck Tittle and John Davis, went into Blevins' place about ten o'clock at night and sat down at a table to play for the drinks. In a short time Blevins heard them quarrelling and went into the little room cut off from the saloon for a card room, and saw Deck Tittle standing with an open knife in his hand, which he put into his pocket, open. Blevins asked them to be quiet and retired, but in a few minutes he heard loud talking and went in again, and found John Davis standing with a revolver in his hand drawn on Boss Bluejacket. Aleck Chouteau was sitting opposite Bluejacket and said something to Davis, who turned quickly and fired, the ball striking Chouteau in the head at the upper edge of the forehead, coming out near the base of the brain, back of the ear. The victim died in about three-quarters of an hour, never regaining consciousness after receiving the shot. Conflicting statements have been made by those who saw the shooting, some claiming that the shot was accidental, and it is possible that such was the case, as it is conceded that there had been no difficulty between the men. It is a deplorable affair and deeply to be regretted by all. The existence in our city of such death traps is no credit to those in authority.

NEXT MONDAY our annual election of the city officers occurs. It is perhaps the last election under the present order of things that will take place in Vinita. What the powers of our city officials will be after the first of next January is in a measure problematical. However, there are records to preserve and municipal matters that will need the attention of clearheaded, honest business men, and the voters of the town should bear this in mind. In office as in private life, men are to be measured by their life work. "By their fruits ye shall know them," is a grand truth that can appropriately be applied to public or private life, as well as to christianity. There are two tickets in the field and the campaign, as usual, has begun to wax warm.
 The men composing the two tickets are all representative men, and all have their friends and followers. Some of them are professional politicians, and are evidently after the "loaves and the fishes," and are striving, as a matter of course, to "get to the front," and stay there. Every man on each ticket occupies his particular place in the community, and stands for some principle or standard, known to the citizens of the town by his life or inclination, and will demand and receive the support of their admirers and those that approve of their standards of morality.
 So far as THE CHIEFTAIN is concerned, it will continue to work and vote for a high standard of manhood and of official integrity. The present city government is not what it ought to be in a community like Vinita. We take it that no man, whether official or private citizen, has the moral right to maintain that which is a menace to good government and dangerous to the youth of the town. The chief objection to Mayor Buffington and Marshal Parks is that cider joints and gambling dens have run free and unmolested, as also houses of ill fame, spidre games, and other immoral and illegal institutions. A number of large property holders have also been allowed immunity from the payment of their taxes, which action will scarcely be defended or approved by any good citizen. One instance is

cited also of the illegal collection, and retention of money due the city. The collection of licence, under our law, devolves upon the city clerk, but when one of the circusmen was here during the fall the marshal collected the \$50 in cash, and he and the mayor kept the cash and turned in "city scrip" in lieu thereof. This was of course an unlawful proceeding and ought to be beneath the dignity of a public officer.
 G. W. May bored a well on Randolph Ballard's farm near Needmore, on Horse creek, and at a depth of sixty feet struck a fine vein of natural gas.
 At Claremore last Friday night Bud Wayburn, the city marshal, and Bill McClain got into a difficulty and a scuffle over the possession of the marshal's pistol. The weapon was discharged, the ball passing through McClain's foot near the instep causing a painful wound and one which may necessitate amputation.
 I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising.—John Wamaker.

If you wish to invest in good deeded lands in a fruit and farming country at the low price of \$10 to \$25 per acre, write to J. W. Carpenter, Bolivar, Polk Co., Mo. feb 10
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 He who invests one dollar in advertising that business.—A. T. Stewart.
 J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for forty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of "eczema." He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's witch hazel salve, the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. P. Shanahan. 8
 Missouri is sending a great many railroads and coal miners to Tulsa and vicinity, two or three gangs of men and teams having passed through Vinita during the past two weeks.
 About this time of the year look out for advertising "fakes." The media which carries the information you desire to impart, to the home, is the one which will bring returns, and no other will do so.
 The richest of Klondike finds is Beggs little giant pills. They cure not only constipation, sick headache and biliousness, but relieves all kinds of disorder. Take no substitutes. People's drug store.
 Bill Rattlinggourd was held by the commissioner in \$700 bond charged with robbing the United States post-office at Foyil last summer.
 Miss Della Day, writing from Waterloo, Iowa, says: "My hair has been falling out for the past two years, and could get nothing to stop it until I tried Beggs hair renewer. One bottle stopped it completely. People's drug store.
 G. A. Van Hall, the leading druggist of Butler, Mo., writes: "We are having splendid success with Beggs blood purifier and blood maker. It is one of the best sellers we ever had and gives satisfaction to all who have tried it. We take pleasure in recommending it. People's drug store."

Acknowledgment.
 VINITA, I. T., Nov. 19, 1897.
 Friends of Every Race and Nationality: My long stay with you has made us all acquainted, and I feel that I have made warm friends with all. For your liberal patronage with me in the grocery business I want to heartily thank one and all, and still solicit your patronage with a much better stock than ever before. Your humble servant,
 D. HICKS GROCERY CO.
 To The Public.
 We have been shut down for about three weeks putting in new machinery, but have now started up better equipped than ever before. For the remainder of this season we will give 35 pounds of good flour and 10 pounds of bran per bushel for wheat testing 60 pounds; less test in proportion, when all flour and bran is taken out. Flour, bran and meal always on hand for exchange.
 AFTON MILLING CO.,
 H. R. Gill, Manager.
 Afton, Ind. Ter.
 Joe Goodpasture was arrested at his home on Horse creek Monday and brought before the commissioner charged with assault with intent to kill Tom Cantrel. The commissioner discharged him.

City Tickets.
 MAYOR: J. T. Gantner.
 COUSHEL: C. C. Cornsner.
 M. Daniel.
 Johnson Falten.
 Sam Frazier.
 MAYOR: T. M. Buffington.
 COUSHEL: W. H. Sheehan.
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Nice Dried Apples, per lb	5
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Gallon can Grapes for	25

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