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THE JIM TITTLE JUDGMENTS.

The present political campaign in this city has brought to the front an issue that will doubtless have its weight in turning the tide of the battle next Tuesday—the judgments held against the old incorporation, aggregating several thousand dollars, by James M. Tittle.

The manner in which these judgments were attained, and the efforts that have been made to collect them from the taxpayers of Vinita, is a part of the history of the town. That they are unjust and should be resisted by every good citizen of this municipality will readily be conceded.

That Mr. Tittle intends to urge, and compel if possible, the liquidation of these judgments by the new incorporation there can be no doubt, and that his sympathies are with the so-called Democratic ticket in this city election is well known. The personnel of the two tickets stand as an infallible proof that he would have no pull with the one, and that he might have with the other.

Political thought and action, with perfect freedom, is the heritage of every man, but reason should not be clouded, nor calm judgment set aside by the bitterness of partisan politics. The ticket that has, either sought or unsought, secured the support of Mr. Tittle and his friends contains the names of some of our very best citizens, but it cannot be denied that such might be in a hopeless minority should the entire ticket succeed at the polls.

This subject narrows itself down to a single proposition. The Tittle indebtedness will have to be resisted by the incoming administration. It is with the voters next Tuesday to say who will make the resistance.

Doubtless the object of all the men on both tickets who are now running for office is substantially the same, namely, the general progress and well-being of the town. It is only a question of ability and it will be the duty of the people to select by their votes, the men whom they think will do them the most good.

CHEROKEE COUNCIL.

D. W. C. Duncan returned from Tablequah Tuesday night where he had been attending the extra session of the Cherokee council. Council adjourned Tuesday for a day or two on account of the National nominating convention at the Tucker Spring ten miles northwest of Tablequah, at which place candidates were to be named for chief, assistant chief and circuit judges by the National party. Mr. Duncan thinks that there has been a reversion of sentiment to some extent among the fullbloods in reference to the Curtis bill. Some of the leading fullbloods are now talking in favor of trying to effect a treaty with the Dawes commission, more favorable than the Curtis law.

There seems to be a gradual inclination among the fullblood element to submit to what they now consider the inevitable, and to agree to allotment and a relinquishment of tribal relations.

The chief submitted the Curtis law in full to the two houses of the council for their consideration and information, and suggested a commission to attempt to treat with the Dawes commission.

Arrangements are being made to file suit against the Delaware according to the provisions of the Curtis law for the recovery of the 157,600 acres of land set apart for them. Another week will probably bring the final adjournment of council.

There is a good deal of bitterness being manifested by a few persons on both sides in our city campaign that could very properly be dispensed with. Men who are not liberal enough to accord fair treatment to their opponents, and who insist on tugging in their personal grievances, are not the kind of men to conduct elections. It is a good time for the sober, thoughtful portion of our people to check the rising ambition of the boomer element, led by a few transient fellows, before serious harm is done. Freedom and citizenship in some men are mistaken for license to destroy all existing conditions and rush into a more exciting existence. Put the break on these fellows, effectually.

CHIEF MATES in his recent message to the Cherokee council presents the Delaware case very clearly and enters into an argument showing the true status of the Delaware in this nation. There is little doubt that the courts will set the Cherokee right in this matter of arbitrary legislation. The Delaware are subject to the same "conditions and restrictions" as to holding land as native Cherokees. That is the children born to the registered Delaware were to share in the final allotment as though they were Cherokees.

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In our grocery department we will offer some attractive prices for Saturday's trade.

W. R. BADGETT

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday August 16, 1898, an election will be held in Vinita, I. T., for the following officers of the incorporated town of Vinita, as recently incorporated, to-wit: One major, one recorder and five aldermen. Said officers are to hold their office for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. All male inhabitants of the territory incorporated under the age of twenty-one years, who are citizens of the United States, or of either of the five civilized tribes of Indians, who have resided within the incorporation for six months prior to the 15th day of August, 1898, will be entitled to vote at such election. B. F. FORTNER, E. M. HATFIELD, JAS. B. BUCKENALTER.

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