

# Indian Chieftain.

VINITA, IND. TERR., DEC. 14, 1899

## Local Railroad Time Tables.

MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS  
GOING NORTH.

No. 1, M. K. & T. Express	11:30 a. m.
No. 2, Freight	1:30 p. m.
No. 3, Freight	3:30 p. m.
No. 4, Freight	5:30 p. m.
No. 5, Freight	7:30 p. m.
No. 6, Freight	9:30 p. m.

GOING SOUTH.

No. 7, M. K. & T. Express	11:30 a. m.
No. 8, Freight	1:30 p. m.
No. 9, Freight	3:30 p. m.
No. 10, Freight	5:30 p. m.
No. 11, Freight	7:30 p. m.
No. 12, Freight	9:30 p. m.

ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY

Train 201 west-bound	10:00 a. m.
Train 202 east-bound	5:00 p. m.
Train 203 west-bound	12:47 p. m.
Train 204 east-bound	11:41 a. m.

## LOCAL NOTES.

Mrs. William Ward is sick.

Herman Killbrew is employed at W. W. Miller's.

Pryor Farley has been very ill for the past few days.

Have your engraving done at the Bee Jewelry store.

Bruce Robison is back at his old place at J. C. Gray's.

The son of William O'Neal, of Woodley, died Tuesday night.

Mrs. T. F. Thompson is able to sit up again after a short illness.

Taylor Crutchfield goes to Oklahoma City today for a few days visit.

To have beautiful clear white clothes, use Red Cross Ball Blue.

Red Cross Ball Blue delights the laundress. Large package only 5c.

Mrs. H. T. Elliott, living some distance south of the city, has typhoid fever.

Dr. F. B. Fite is going to erect a three story building at Muskogee, 5x125 feet.

C. W. Collins of Kansas City arrived this week on a visit to his nephew, Tom Collins.

L. W. Buffington and family returned from a month's stay at Tableau, Monday.

Miss Mabel Miller is cashier at the Umbro store during the absence of Miss Ledbetter.

Charley McComb proudly led a fine span of mules out of town Tuesday—a new purchase.

Miss Mattie Williams is endeavoring to form an elocution class, to be instructed down town.

The first issue of the college journal will appear January 1st, under the management of Mr. Atkins.

The little child of the family living on the Aunt Nancy Dameron property on the east side, died Tuesday.

The council had just as well let the lawyers have the \$4,300,000 for if they don't some of our big guns will.

Remember I do engraving on gold and silver, plain or ornamental. August Schillecker, jeweler and optician.

Mrs. Dash and daughter, of Clinton Co., Mo., left for Texas yesterday after a week's visit with Mrs. Crandall.

A. L. Churchhill came home from Little Rock yesterday. The weather that burg he says was horrible.

Dr. Bagby went to Welch Monday and will drive five miles into the country west of that town to see a patient.

Dr. M. C. Marrs came up from Alton, I. T., Sunday to attend the funeral of his father which took place today.

Robert H. Kern, of St. Louis, arrived in the Cherokee nation Sunday, looking out for another freedman couple.

A child that was severely burned with carbolic acid was brought to the office of Drs. Fortner & Bagby Monday for treatment.

Miss Mary McClellan accompanied F. and Mrs. Claud Shelton home on Tablequah and will remain during the holidays.

Revenue Inspector, Frank C. Churchhill is gone to Vermont to spend the holidays and will return about the first of the year.

Dr. Pinquard lost every particle of his apparatus in the Harris fire but as soon as finished will take the same caution in the new building.

Miss Cora Welch came down from Lyons Tuesday, where she had been attending college, returning to her home at Seneca, last evening.

Mrs. Ledbetter and daughter, Miss Lillie, left Sunday evening for Lindville, Ark., to visit relatives, and will remain until after Christmas.

C. S. Shelton returned Sunday from Tablequah where he has been during the session of national council, sitting in the capacity of clerk of the lower house.

Miss Gash, the art teacher of the High, has fitted up an art room in the Patton building for the benefit and convenience of the married ladies who wish to take art.

No man can work well with a torpid liver or constipated bowels. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters will quickly remove this condition and give you a pleasure.

Mrs. Garrett, aunt of D. S. Cummins, died at Adair Sunday and her remains were brought up on the train this morning and will be taken to Adair this evening for burial.

Richard Kilgore died yesterday eight o'clock at the Two Friends restaurant and was buried in the afternoon under the auspices of the grand jury, of which he was a member.

Blotting after eating, indigestion, flatulence or water brash, may be quickly corrected through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It strengthens digestion, cleanses and regulates the bowels. Sold by Chapman & Briggs.

**That Throbbing Headache**  
Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their worth for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your system. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by A. W. Foreman and people's drug store.

## Greatly Afflicted.

The family of Dr. Owen is greatly afflicted and deserve the sympathy of the community. The wife is dangerously ill, and the young child born Monday died during the day.

## To Conduct a Revival.

Rev. H. J. Pool went to Chelsea this morning and will hold a revival meeting on the Verdigris river for ten days before returning home. He and his family will occupy the congregation at parsonage.

## A Nuisance Always.

The town cow has tired of dead grass and sunshine, and is now doing business on the streets, strictly, much to the disgust of the hay and corn haulers and people from the country who make the mistake of loading up their wagons very far in advance of themselves.

## A Juvenile Society.

The White Shield society met at the home of Mrs. Stretch Saturday, December 9th, and organized a Y. W. P. T. U., with Miss Della Masterson president, Miss Goldie Pillars secretary, and Miss Myrtle Williams treasurer, and will hold their next meeting at the same place next Saturday at 3 p. m.

## The Teachers' Association.

The second meeting of Indian Territory Teachers' Association occurs at Wagoner on the 25th, 29th, and 30th of this month. As will be observed by the program, an interesting session is to be expected. The importance of these meetings to the up-to-date teacher cannot be over-estimated and every active member of the profession should attend. It is a pleasure to learn that Vinita is to be well represented.

## No Reward Yet.

Although the Jennings brothers have been "doing time" in prison for several months, their captors have not received a cent of the reward offered. Ostensibly the delay results from the attempt of other parties besides Bud Ledbetter and Paden Tolbert to get part of the reward. They say that had not the others acted the coward capture would have been made near Sapulpa a week before it was effected and these parties would then have been entitled to a part of the reward.

## Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest blood and nerve remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by A. W. Foreman and People's drug store.

## CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

### A Sickening Spectacle too Frequently Complained of.

Exhibitions of cruelty to animals are far too frequent in our city and, as stated, there is no cure provided by the Arkansas statute, possibly one can be found within the town limits by the council. The price of corn and hay in this country leave no excuse for a man working a poor, worn out team to death. And if a man is inclined to be so heartless he owes it to the community to refrain from distressing exhibitions of cruelty in the presence of ladies and children. We hope the city attorney will try and find a way to abate what is a frequently complained of sickening spectacle.

## CAN'T STAND THE RAISE.

### Hay Business is Now at the Starvation Point.

The proposed advance in the St. Louis hay tariff is now stated to be 40 cents a ton. The general freight agents, however, state that the advance has not been definitely determined upon and it is possible the announcement was dropped as a "feeler." If so, the railroad people probably know by this time that an advance would mean a suspension of shipments from this country until such time as the price could be advanced to the consumer. Hay is being hauled 4 or 5 miles to Big Cabin at from 40 to 60 cents a ton and this is a fair per cent of the price which the seller receives. The hay business, at the present price of wire, is at low ebb now, and 40 cents a ton advance in freight would be prohibitive.

## FORMERLY OF VINITA.

### Town has Turned Out Several Successful Railroaders.

J. C. Finch, of Parsons, general freight agent for the Katy in Oklahoma and western Kansas, the successor of Mr. Bates who went to San Antonio, passed down the road yesterday. Mr. Finch was agent for the same company at this place a few years ago and while here his child died. A good many "formerly of Vinita" railroaders have reached very good places, as occurred to the writer by meeting F. B. Drew, general freight and passenger agent for Kansas, a moment later, who came in on the same train. Mr. Drew said he well remembered his first job at Vinita. He made up a cash report showing \$33,000—a big business for any town. Mr. Drew went to Adair on a freight, which had been passed by the eye at Oswego.

## TABLEQUAH LETTER.

### The Auditor's Office Fraud—\$4,300,000 Claim.

The first day of the extra session of the Cherokee national council was a dull one. The bill providing for the disposition of stray property in the Cherokee nation was not taken up by the senate during the regular session and was resubmitted to the lower house by the chief and came up today but was laid over and the house adjourned. This bill will be taken up tomorrow again. The senate never had a quorum today and consequently no business was done by that body.

The ten per cent men are here yet. Trasher and Troutman will both try to submit their propositions to the council if possible during the extra session.

A careful inquiry into the reported irregularities in the auditor's office, was made by The Chieftain reporter, and the facts ascertained seem to be about as follows:

The amount of tickets stolen from the auditor's office is \$13,586.00. These tickets have been compared and checked on the books but from the best information obtainable they have never been marked cancelled, therefore they are still on the market, although they are checked off on the auditor's books. Some parties burglarized the auditor's office recently and added a fraudulent entry of a credit of \$4,033.00 on the auditor's books. Since all registered certificates have been stolen the person who made the entry perhaps expected to get the warrants when issued and claim the certificates were filed with the auditor but had been stolen. It is therefore dangerous to purchase a national certificate. Even the treasurer had \$523.75 worth of bogus certificates worked off on him for which the national council saw fit to reimburse him with good warrants.

Council has passed a good law which the chief approved today providing that all warrants shall draw 6 per cent on their face from date of warrant to date of advertisement for payment. This does away with all the work of the treasury department and is a bill that should have been passed long years ago. Now that the treasurer has nothing to do, council should abolish the office and save the nation two thousand dollars a year. Since the auditor's office is so rotten and the auditor has nothing to do council would do a wise act to abolish this office also. The rottenness of the auditor's office is quite apparent when it is looked into and this matter should be investigated by United States authorities at once and the violators of the law brought to immediate justice.

The last proposition of William Reed Trasher for the purchase of the \$4,300,000 claim will no doubt come before the council in a day or two and is based upon the accounting made according to the agreement of Dec. 19th, 1891, which is as follows:

"Value of three tracts of land containing 1,700 acres at \$1.25 per acre to be added to the principal of the school fund \$2,125, with interest from February 27th, 1819, to date of payment.

Under the treaty of 1835: Amount paid for removal of eastern Cherokees to the Indian Territory, improperly charged to treaty fund, \$1,111,284.70, with interest from June 12th, 1836, to date of payment.

Under treaty of 1866: Amount received by receiver of public moneys at Independence, Kansas, never credited to the Cherokee nation, \$432.00, with interest from January 1st, 1874, to date of payment.

Under act of congress March 3rd, 1893, interest on \$15,000 of Choctaw funds, applied in 1863, to relief of indigent Cherokees, said interest being improperly charged to Cherokee national fund, \$20,406.25 with interest from July 1st, 1893 to date of restoration of the principal of the Cherokee funds held in trust in lieu of investments together with such interest and allowances as may hereafter be made and agreed upon between the Cherokee nation and the government of the United States.

On the passage of an act by the Cherokee council approved by the president authorizing the transfer of the indebtedness of the United States as above set forth, to him, Mr. Trasher or his assigns agree to pay 80 per cent of the amount within four months, and will deposit \$50,000 in a bank in New York City designated as a depository of funds guaranteeing the fulfillment of the contract.

## NO LIKE CHINEE.

### Mrs. Patton Receives a Letter from Ed. Halsell.

On Board Hancock Boat, enroute from Canton to Hong Kong, China, October 30th, 1899.

DEAR MOTHER—We reached the Chinese shore Wednesday evening at 11 o'clock, and have been on the go ever since. We took in Shanghai and adjoining country, then proceeded to Hong Kong. We gave up the trip to Peking as it would take about twenty days to go from Shanghai, and the weather gets very cold in that country at this season. The river Yang-Tze-Kiang is not navigable after November 15th, about which time the ice begins to come down, and by Dec 1st it is frozen up solid. We will see enough of the Chinamen in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Canton, Macao and several other cities, and we will not go to Peking, for when you see one Chinese town you see them all and soon tire of them. The filth and stench is something awful. Filth won't kill people or the Chinamen would all be dead, especially the poor class. Instead of washing their clothes they grease them, and will eat anything they can pick up. Their health is attributed to the fact that they never drink water but always drink tea. Wherever you see them at work you will find a tea pot with an apparatus for making tea, and everything they eat is cooked well, their principal food being rice and fish. The fish of course is eaten most any way; poor people boil it or eat it raw. They also like pork but never have salt meats as we do. You can see whole pigs hanging up in the markets nicely baked. They have all kinds of dried meats, such as fish, rats, duck and also cat. Special places you can go and get nice cat soup and you can see the kind of cats that are used, but if they are able everything is cooked in grease.

Canton is a city of three million people; four hundred thousand live on the water. You see some fine boats or houses on the water, a great many of them two stories high. When they want to go visiting they pull up stakes and take house and all. You get to Canton by boat on Pearl river; it is very wide and flat and Canton is where the river comes around a hill. It's very wide with about ten feet of water. Canals run through the city and everything is taken in on sampans, or what we would call tugs or flat boats. There is not a vehicle of any kind in the city and the only way of traveling is by Sedan chairs, or walk. The streets are six feet wide on an average; no side walks at all. They are celebrating the fire of God or flower parade.

The streets were lit up at night by Chinese lanterns, and their music almost ran us crazy. The band consisted of one horn, agong, a fiddle with two strings with rosin pasted on it so the musician can grease his bow as he plays, a wooden drum, and flat sticks which they knock together. They sing a regular Shawnee "stomp" dance song and during the flower parade they keep this racket up all night.

What the destiny of the Chinaman is, is hard to tell. We visited the execution grounds but there was no one to be beheaded that day. Four persons had been executed three days before and the decapitator offered to show us the heads for ten cents, Mexican, but we declined. While we were at Shanghai we went to a South Methodist mission to church. The service was very impressive. A Chinese girl led the choir and played the organ, and they sang our old Methodist hymns in Chinese. The sound was there, but the tongue, no! Their voices were good and they all joined in the hymns. We took tiffin with Miss Richardson, a missionary who was sent to China at the time Pauline went to conference at Little Rock. Miss Haygood was very ill and had been for some time. A Chinaman preached that day, so after services Miss Richardson interpreted the sermon for us.

The filth, superstition and ignorance in China is something awful to see. They worship Buddha, and images and wooden or stone gods. Every man keeps his god in his house and burns incense and prays to him. Every Chinese boat has eyes painted on it. I asked a sampan man what good those eyes did and he replied: "Boat have no eyes, how can boat see go?"

We go to Manila tomorrow, but will probably have to come back to Hong Kong to get a boat for India. Will be at Bombay, India, about December 1st. Have received no mail yet; ours has likely been misplaced, as these people are very slack in such matters.

As we are nearing Hong Kong, will close. Yours truly,  
ED. L. HALSELL.

# SOME HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS!

If our advice is acceptable to you read the few suggestions we have to offer in regard to buying

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Offerings in Silk Neckwear.

It is impossible to describe the beautiful goods we are showing in endless variety, prices from 50c to \$1.50.

Silk Suspenders from 75c to 2.00.

Silk square Mufflers, from 1.00 to \$2.00.

Wool and Cotton Mufflers, from 25c to 1.00.

The New Shape Muffler from 75c to 2.50.

Hats—Fedoras and Derbys, from 1.50 to 3.50.

Silk Umbrellas—3.00 to 5.00.

Silk and Linen B'kfs—Many new ideas, from 25c to 1.00. Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c to 75c.

Gloves—Kid and Mocha at 1.00 to 1.50. Kid and Mocha, silk lined at 1.75.

Overcoats and Suits,

Boys Overcoats and Ulsters from 1.75 to 5.00.

Boys Suits from 1.00 to 5.00, Vestees, Reefers and long pants.

Men's Overcoats in Box and Ulsters, from 3.50 to \$15.00.

Men's Suits at 5.00, 7.50 and 10.00. Special prices for Holiday Presents.

Men's Slippers—Low and high cut Romeo, at 1.25 to 2.00.

Smoking Jackets and Fancy Vests. "Vestwo," double and single breasted vest combined, from 4.00 to 6.00.

Jewelry—Our prices are the very lowest.

In Our Dry Goods Department.

A nice fur collarette from 2.50 to 12.50.

A fur muff from 1.00 to 5.00.

A ladies or child's jacket from \$1 to 15.00.

A ladies fine plush cape from 3.50 to 15.00.

A nice dress pattern from 3.50 to 20.00.

A nice set of table damask from 2.50 to 10.00.

Half dozen pair linen towels 1.50 to 4.50.

Fine rug from \$2 to 8.50.

Something desirable in toilet articles—Manicure sets, desk sets, nail set, embroidery scissors, bon-bon spoons, orange spoons, nail files, etc.

We guarantee that any of the above articles would be highly appreciated the one receiving it.

## E. H. Ratcliff Mercantile Company.

Vinita, Indian Territory.

## A FAMILIAR CHARACTER.

### Dick Kilgore, Unfortunate Race Horse Man, is Dead.

If ever the Vinita fair gives another exhibition one familiar character will be missed about the race track and stables—Dick Kilgore, whose death is reported elsewhere. Some years ago Kilgore owned a little sorrel horse—Dick Bassett—which he knew was a good one, but somehow could never make win a race. He held the horse at a fabulous price but finally got afraid of it, and traded it for a span of horses, worth perhaps \$125. But while Bassett could accomplish nothing in Kilgore's hands a change came when the animal passed to another and very shortly afterwards it made a record at New Orleans and so far as known has been winning races ever since. There was nothing the matter with poor Dick's horse but the fellows the owner was thrown in contact with around the race course were "no swift" for him.

"I'm tired of that spirit of pandering to the whims of those few fullbloods who demand a place on the delegation, simply as fullbloods," said Joe Thompson yesterday, on learning of the proposed delegation of four. "That of itself is not sufficient reason, and strangely, it is about the only one they set up." "Further, with the Indian agent, Dawes commission and J. George Wright in our midst, what is the use to send four delegates and an interpreter to Washington?" The person addressed could not answer.

Ernest McDaniel, formerly editor of the Tulsa Republican, has returned from Manila, where he went more than a year ago with the famous First Tennessee Infantry, a regiment as old, almost, as the government itself, and which has been baptised in the blood of no less than four wars. He was in several of the bloodiest battles that took place in the Philippines but escaped without injury. Mr. McDaniel brings with him a "certificate of merit," signed by President McKinley.

If the investigation of the auditor and treasurer's offices at Tablequah continues, a bigger steal than the Creek warrant fraud may be discovered. Encouraged by the success of the "nigger steal," a general onslaught has been made upon the funds of the nation.

## DOCTOR AND PRESS.

### The banquet in the Heim building was a brilliant affair and a sumptuous feast.

Dr. Brazzel presided as toast master, and the various subjects were well presented by the speakers, and we will say in connection here that "The Doctor and the Press" was not very well handled, but the program generally was carried out successfully. It was nearly 12 o'clock when the banquet closed, after which a number of young people returned to Cobb's hall and engaged in dancing until about three o'clock this morning.—Wagoner Sayings.

The above was clipped from the banquet given in honor of the Indian Territory Medical Association at Wagoner Tuesday night. It is unfortunate that the esteemed Sayings did not more fully express itself upon so important a matter.

"The Doctor and the Press" is certainly a most fruitful and timely topic for a good speech on such an occasion. Both professions have attained a high standard in the Indian Territory. It is universally admitted that no states in the union can show an abler or more progressive newspaper press in proportion to numbers than is found in the Indian Territory, and the same thing may truthfully be said of the medical profession.

The halo of mysticism that has for centuries hung around the profession of medicine and surgery has to a great extent been dispelled by the diffusion of general intelligence, largely through the medium of the untrammeled American newspaper. Time was when the masses of the people have been considered impertinent had they sought to look within the veil, or to question mysterious medicine.

Along with the education and enlightenment of the people has come a better understanding between the respectable element in both professions. The newspapers are the chief auxiliaries of the noble profession of medicine and surgery. But it is pertinent to remark in passing that there are still those in the medical profession, as in all other lines of life, who object to the calcium light of honest newspaper criticism, and are wont to contend that the public should know nothing of the profession, and that the people should remain separated by an impossible gulf from the holy of holies occupied by the doctor. Happily for the people, these antiquated fossils

## are nearly extinct and in perhaps another decade will be found only in museums and histories.

Neglect or malpractice on the part of physician now would be promptly met by a criminal procedure in the courts, or by a civil suit to recover damages. The broad-minded, well equipped physician has nothing to fear from honest newspaper criticism—in fact he welcomes it, but it is the peevish charlatan, the incompetent blunderer, who rails at the press, and tries to hide himself with the panoply of professional ethics.

A grand banquet and reception was given at Little Rock Tuesday night, commemorating the completion of the Choctaw railroad to that city.

On account of the prevalence of smallpox in the Choctaw nation, an order against cake walk's in South McAlester has been issued.

The national council no doubt acted wisely in rejecting all the bids offered for the collection of the \$4,300,000 claim.

**Special Holiday Rates**  
For students and teachers. To enable students and teachers of Educational Institutions to visit their homes during the holidays the M. K. & T. Ry., will sell (on certificate plan) tickets at one and one third fare to points in Missouri and Kansas, and one and one fifth fare to points in the Indian Territory. Tickets on sale on closing day of school and day following, (not later than Dec. 14,) and limited to return not later than Jan. 10th.

For particulars relative to "certificate plan" etc., call on J. T. Clapper.

## PREPARED Paints

Why put your good money in to a painter's hands to buy material for painting your house when you can get the product of years of experience for less money? The old system of preparing paint from the raw material as it is used has long gone into practical disuse. Without the application of the scientific process it is next to impossible to secure the same shade in two separate lots of paint, to say nothing of the quality. This trouble can be avoided by using prepared paints handled by us.

**P. G. Browning,**  
PHONE 30.