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Progress is but the child of opportunity and work.

Lethargy on the part of citizens makes many towns back-sliders.

Concurrent with the birth of statehood there will be a season of mourning in Kansas.

President Roosevelt will go down in history as the creator of the adamant south.

Now that the Frisco has a direct line into Kansas City lower rates will naturally be expected.

Municipal pride is the civil equivalent of the esprit de corps that makes certain regiments famous.

President Roosevelt, if unrestrained, will prove to be the greatest organizer that Democracy has ever known.

All the contests before the national council, it is said, are now ready, and on the 4th of next month the fur will begin to fly.

Secretary Hitchcock is to decide the "equitable side" of the oil lease question, and the Cherokees are anticipating him by pricing crepe.

"Political expediency" is the elastic phrase that covers everything from political cowardice to the mire and muck of personal degradation.

Inasmuch as the attending physicians declare they don't know what caused the death of President McKinley, there may be some doubt about Czolgosz's guilt.

That Booker Washington dinner will cause acute indignation in many Republicans who have heretofore swallowed everything that Washington has dished out.

When the members of the territory bar finish picking out laws in that export tax ruling of the attorney general, it will look like a "hatched" Kansas joint.

President Brewer says the college is succeeding even better than the opening week indicated. This year is the beginning of an era of prosperity for this excellent school.

The country is getting very tired of the Schley inquiry. Two Spanish fleets were destroyed and sunk in less time than it's going to take to investigate the man who did more than anyone else to win the Santiago battle.

There is too much of the appointive and too little of the elective in a territorial form of government. The territory has suffered a babes of maladministration and should be sufficiently cured to side step a prospective spell in a territorial purgatory.

In inviting Booker T. Washington to dine with him at the White House, President Roosevelt has not raised the negro race in the social scale, but lowered himself in the eyes of the Caucasian race the world over. The "strenuous life" of the President is carrying him on an erratic and dangerous course.

From the number of prominent people who are declaring in favor of single statehood there is reason to believe that it will be accomplished very soon. Nearly one million people without the pale of local self government, within the bounds of the United States, is an anomaly that will not be permitted to continue.

The republican scheme to admit Oklahoma to statehood and afterwards annex the territory piecemeal, will not be allowed to materialize. No valid reason could be given for such action other than for the purpose of a species of gerrymander calculated to give the territory a republican representation in congress.

To go into partnership with Oklahoma is about the bitterest dose imaginable, but the people of the territory see nothing ahead of them but carpet-bag rule, and statehood is the only escape. Our hope is to outvote, and then control the populist and turbulent Oklahoma crowd. The Indian territory will be compelled to make a wry face, but will take the medicine, whether it prove an emetic or a purgative, or both.

Kansas City is showing the enterprise that makes cities by following up the opening of the Frisco short line with a strong bid for an extension of trade relations in the territory. A circular calling the attention of grain and cattle shippers to the advantages of shipping to that city has been sent to all territorial shipping points. It is just such little strokes when the iron is hot that moulds fortunes for the individual and prosperity for the community.

There is no nation rich enough to allow a part of its natural wealth to lie idle, as it is in the Indian territory.

The Frisco has handled 1837 car loads of apples from the Southwest already, and the shipping season has just begun.

The people of the territory want a straight self government, and will look with suspicion upon the governmental cocktails being compounded by interested politicians.

It is announced from Washington that the Indians of North America are now civilized and will be allowed to think for themselves. This may be the dawn of the millennium — to the Indians.

The politician whose license to office was never issued by the people upon whom he is inflicted, may delay statehood, but it is certain to come as his political demise, when the people have a voice in their own government.

Since Roosevelt has wiped out the color line in White House society with such marked success, Mrs. Roosevelt has undertaken to set the pace in dress reform. We will now get a touch of the strenuous life of the 20th century.

The Oklahoma single statehood advocates will find a changed sentiment in the Indian territory from that which they met at the South McAlester convention. Conditions have changed and it is a different class of people who are now declaring in favor of statehood. The Oklahoma crowd of politicians who are now pushing the matter may hurt the movement. Until a certain element get out of the way not much will be done.

If the sentiment of nine-tenths of the citizens of the Cherokee nation could be crystallized into an agreement, allotment and a final distribution of tribal property would result as soon as men and money could accomplish the task. There is no hindrance to the work among the Cherokee people. Conditions have become intolerable and they are crying out for relief.

One thing the territory should have along with statehood is compulsory education. No boy or girl of school age should be permitted to remain out of school. If their parents are not able to supply them with books the city should see that they are supplied. There are too many boys in their "teens" who spend their days and a good portion of their nights on the streets.

Today in Oklahoma City statehood, single, double, raw, or the half-shell and done brown, is being considered and thoroughly discussed. Time has been when we were partial to a choice, but in the present trend of events where conditions alter cases, we are ready to accept any old kind of statehood either with Oklahoma or Cuba, just so we can be recognized as creatures of the realm, a humble condition which we do not even enjoy today. Yes, let statehood come and come P. D. Q.—Ardmoreite.

An inter-territorial convention called by the executive committee of the single statehood organization to meet at Muskogee on Thursday the 14th of November. The meeting is to be in the nature of a general convention and is to be composed of 600 delegates, three hundred from each territory. The basis of representation being one delegate for each post office and a delegate for each 1000 or majority fraction thereof. This move is to memorialize congress to admit to statehood the Indian territory and Oklahoma. Let Vinita and the Cherokee nation be properly represented.

It will do the wild, hysterical Oklahoma crowd good to get back into the Indian territory. Those people like to kick over the traces at the slightest provocation, and they naturally want things to run a little loose. There are men in office in both territories who don't want to see the laws enforced; there are husbands and wives who fret and chafe in matrimonial bonds, and boys in knee pants who want to run the governor, and saloon keepers who would no sooner think of keeping the law than they would sign the cold water pledge. Yes, statehood would cool those fellows off and we must have it.

Every citizen interested in the development of the territory should attend the mass meeting Saturday. On the character of the representatives sent by the different towns to Holdenville, the success of the territorial exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair will, in a large measure, depend. The question of an exhibit, showing the territory as it is, should enlist the attention of the most lethargic citizen and create an interest in the public generally. Every citizen should have a personal interest in this important matter, and display it by aiding, Saturday, in the selection of the delegates who are to represent Vinita at the convention.

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The Commercial Club urgently requests all farmers living along the road to render assistance at once, so that the work can be completed before a heavy rain comes, which would necessitate a great many additional repairs.

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# LINES DEFINED.

Statehood Struggle Will be Between Political Parasites and the People.

PRESENT BONDAGE Of the Territory Makes Easy Pickings For the Politicians And They Will Attempt The Defeat of Single Statehood.

The most troublesome stump that will have to be grubbed from the road to statehood will be the politicians.

From Flynn in Oklahoma to the puny political parasite that clings to the soiled skirts of the Federal carpet-bagger, they are preparing to fight for their political existence, which will end with an elective era in the territory.

The Oklahoma view of the probable alignment of forces and a general resume of the situation, is condensed in the following excerpt from a dispatch from that territory to the Kansas City Times:

"The single statehood convention to be held at Muskogee November 14 will be the supreme effort of the two territories to secure a single form of government at the next session of Congress. The issue will be squarely divided between the political and commercial interests of the territories. Politicians in both territories who expect to seek preferment under future conditions, as a rule are in favor of separate statehood. Many have fortified themselves already and do not propose to lose a single advantage that has come to them in the upbuilding of their personal machines. This selfish view is bitterly opposed by men who wish to see all avenues of trade and industry opened without restriction. This is especially true in Indian territory whose undeveloped natural resources are as rich as can be found in any state in the Union, Oklahoma, than which a better agricultural section cannot be found, cannot be compared with Indian territory acre by acre. The vast coal deposits of Indian territory are practically untouched, although for years her mines have furnished a large percentage of the coal supply of the Southwest. The field notes of experts sent out by railroad companies to examine the interior of Indian territory are astonishing in the record of discoveries made. They show not only vast deposits of coal, but deposits of oil; asphaltum, manganese, zinc, lead, ochre, granite, marble and commercial clays. These riches lie within reach, but conditions prohibit their development."

"Each county should have a register of deeds, also, so that all initial conveyances may be recorded and each county have a complete set of records. It will not be long before many deeds will be being made by the Indians. The Creeks already have the power in a modified form. With the consent of the secretary, they may dispose of 120 out of each 160 acres of their land, and after five years from last March will be able to give clear titles. The recorders should be paid in fees, and thus save the government a great deal of expense.

"Oklahoma and the Indian territory should remain within the boundaries of one state. All the Indian reservations should remain such until the times named in the various treaties have expired, and the local governments have passed out of existence, on March 1, 1906. The treaties with the Indians having expired, the Indians also should come within the jurisdiction of the state government, with the same rights and duties as other citizens.

"If this plan is adopted we will break no faith with the tribes with which the Dawes commission has made agreements, and avoid Eastern opposition to statehood on this ground. The Republicans can hardly object to the scheme, because, with a Republican majority in Oklahoma, they will be able to select two United States senators and two congressmen. The people of the Indian territory can hardly object, because they will be directly represented in congress and will no longer be absolutely at the mercy of legislators who do not know their needs and have not their interests directly at heart."

# COMPROMISE VERDICT.

John Nelson Convicted of Manslaughter at Independence Yesterday.

John Nelson arrived here Tuesday on the Flyer, from Independence, Kas., where yesterday he was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for the killing of Albert Morris, at Coffeyville, several weeks ago.

The attorney for Nelson entered a notice of appeal and, pending the hearing, Nelson was released under \$10,000 bonds.

The verdict is accepted as a compromise and Nelson is hopeful of acquittal.

Advocates of Temperance.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Indian Territory will hold its annual convention in South McAlester, Oct. 29th and 31st. An executive meeting will be held the day before and the day after, at which meeting all officers and superintendents will be expected to be present. Rates have been secured on the different lines of railway for one and one-third fare, on the certificate plan. Pay full fare going and ask for a certificate every time you buy a ticket, and return home for one-third fare. It is hoped that the delegates and friends of temperance will plan to be present and enjoy the good things being prepared. Some of the noted national workers will be with us. We expect to have a grand time. We will be favored with three first class lectures on the nights of Oct. 29-30-31. You will be welcome. Mrs. K. L. E. Murrow, President Mrs. N. E. Oliver, Secretary.

A Hallowe'en Magazine.

Superstition Trail, a powerful tale of the west, by Owen Wister, and illustrated by Remington, is the opening story in the Hallowe'en Number (October 25) of The Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia. Other attractive features are: new episode in the Love Affairs of Patricia and a striking poem by Holman F. Day, Mr. Day's lullaby, The Night of the White Review, tells a weird tale current among Gloucester fishermen. It has all the savor and movement of Mr. Kipling's Dipse Chanters, and a strength and originality all its own.

Chief Buffington returned last night from Tablequah. He reports health good at both the seminars, but there are 14 cases of typhoid at the orphan asylum.

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# Gave up THE Search.

The man who started out last week to find a store where he could equal the values offered by the Jumbo Store has given up the search, and acknowledges, as do other investigators, that the thing is impossible.



# Warmth Means Health.

Its time now for you to be looking out for winter's warm things; these cool days will be bad for health unless you are dressed for comfort.

- Ladies' heavy ribbed fleeced vests and pants, regular price 35c, sale price 25c
- Ladies' fleeced union suits, regular price 35c, sale price 25c
- Children's fleeced vests and pants sold everywhere at 25c, as long as they last. 15c
- Children's wool lined hoods, only a few left. 5c

Ladies' wool fascinators for winter wear, assorted colors, worth 25 to 35c, go in this sale at 15c

DRESSY WAISTS. There are many nice styles of ready made flannel waists in our stock for you to select from and just to your liking. See our line at \$2.50 and \$3

READY MADE DRESS SKIRTS. This department has grown to be one of the most important in our store. We are receiving new skirts almost daily. We have a few broad crease dress skirts trimmed with applique down the side, actually worth \$2, in this sale at \$1

A few styles in brilliantines and blue serge, regular price \$3 but we offer them in this sale at \$1.75

DRESS GOODS. Slick finish Venetian cloth, the finest thing out for ladies waists and house dresses, double width, worth 20c, in this sale at 12 1/2c

French flannel, 32 inches wide, fleece back, all new, stylish patterns, regular price 12 1-2c, go in this sale at 8 1/2c

# Ladies Capes.

A good plush cape, fur trimmed, at 98c  
Double cloth cape, fur trimmed, at 75c  
Extra heavy long plush cape at \$3.50  
Other styles at 4.98, 6.00 and 7.50

We have a large line of ladies' short jackets, last years' styles, purchased at a bargain. If you need a jacket it will pay you to investigate these.

# Children's Jackets.

Double breasted box coat, 8 to 12 years, 50c  
See our trimmed misses jackets, box style, at \$1  
Children's long coats 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25

# BLANKETS AND COMFORTS.

Don't wait until snow flies to pick out your winter blankets and comforts. We have some of the best all wool blankets that we have ever offered to our friends.

10-4 all wool blankets, pair \$3.50. All wool California blankets, pair \$5  
Large double cotton blanket in this sale for 50 cents.  
You will wonder where we got this one, 10-4 wide, all cotton, for 39 cents

# Clothing Offerings.

Good clothes are a kind of good manners, and few men can afford to disregard them.

We have just received a shipment of suits, all wool, 18 oz. extra heavy navy blue, worth 12.50, go in this sale at \$7.50

Our line of California all wool suits, large plaid, worth regularly from 12.50 to 15.00, go in this sale at \$10

Twenty-five suits, worsted and cassimere, square and round cut, especially put up for strong wear, regular price 12.50, \$7.50

If you are a little short on cash drop in and let us show you four or five new styles at \$5; well made of good material, and worth the money.

# A Word About Shoes.

It is not necessary for us to tell you how good our shoes wear—just find a customer and you'll be satisfied about the wear. See our Children's oil grain heavy shoes, 8 to 12, at \$1.00

Misses heavy oil grain shoes, 13 to 15, 1.25  
Ladies' heavy oil solid lace shoes at 1.00  
Ladies' Kangaroo calf winter shoes at 1.50  
Old ladies' shoes, warm lined for cold feet, 1.50  
Men's heavy kip boots at \$1.50 Boys' heavy kip boots at \$1.25

# QUEENSWARE.

Is it a little weak in spots? If so we can not only repair breaks but offer you some beautiful new patterns at a very low price. Semi porcelain white cup and saucer at 50c. Semi porcelain white 7-in plates 50c. Set knives and forks 75c. Four piece glass table set 35c. Lots of good things to eat in our grocery department. Give us a trial order and we will endeavor to please you.

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