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## Republican Ticket.

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The colored school will open Monday we presume in the new school building. All parents who do not live too far will evidently try to get their children in.

The big battle is on between the Japs and Russians. This will be the telling battle of the war, and the indications are that the Russians will be victorious.

There is a move on foot to pave Second street from Okmulgee avenue to Elgin avenue. When this is done Second street will be one of the best business streets in the city.

Our city schools have been delayed in opening on account of not having the buildings finished and connections with the sewerage. This will possibly be done in the near future and school will open within the next two weeks.

It is believed that this winter the laws of Oklahoma will be extended over the Indian Territory by an amendment to the Hamilton statehood bill. If that is done there are some lively times just ahead for the politicians of both parties of both territories.

The prohibitionists are making a close organization for the control of this territory. They have enlisted all of the ministers in their behalf, and are reaching out after the common herd. There will be a battle royal when the time comes for the voter to decide whether or not the country shall be wet or dry.

There will be a meeting of the entire Territorial Republican Press Association at Guthrie, O. T., on Monday, Nov. 21, 1904. All Republican editors are expected and invited to be present. Col. Clarence B. Douglass, the president, has extended an invitation to all Republican editors to be there.

The payment of the loyal Creak claim has been transferred from Muskogee to Okmulgee. This will be a great help to the merchants in that locality, and we presume that is the reason the change was made, and now other towns are howling that they may have a chance to fleece the dear people who receive money from the government.

Holdenville seems to be in a condition that brings bad luck. Sometime ago some cussee down there blew up a hotel with dynamite that was to be used for the accomodation of colored people, and now it comes that several of Holdenville's prominent citizens are indicted for looting a bank, and one of them is under \$50,000 bond.

It is reported that the school board will sell the old Dunbar building and lot. Why this is done is a mystery to us. We remember not long ago that the attorney for the board stated that the Dunbar building would be used for the colored youth. Remember that the colored children lost one whole year in school in order that this old shack might be built, and now the school board comes along and says we will take this. Instead of moving the building in the third ward and giving those little children down there a chance to go to school they simply knock out the chance. Now we wonder if this non-partisan school board considers that they are treating us right. If they do, then we think they have a very poor conception of what is just and right.

The A. M. E. church is about completed, and it seems that there is as usual to church building in Muskogee, something rotten in Denmark. We are informed there are no windows, that they have been paid for, but for some reason have failed to appear. It seems to be not only the custom, but to be the rule that almost every church that has a few thousand dollars at their command when they start to build run in the hole, even though the calculations have been made prior to commencement that sufficient funds are on hand to do the work. Just who is responsible in this instance at this time we are not prepared to say, but latter on will say to the best of our ability.

Our city council has decreed that there shall be no more shacks built within the fire limits, and the city recorder shall issue no more writs for the building of shacks. And, yet, immediately after that decree one of the city dads proceeded to

build a shack, got arrested by the city marshal, and fined by the city mayor, refused to pay the fine, refused to appeal, and yet is not in jail. Now why is this difference made between a common old cuss who gets drunk, which is a violation of the law, and a city councilman who violates the law? We think that all law breakers should be treated in the same way, be they rich or poor, high or low, and it is a bad precedent to establish that one man can be convicted of a crime and not be put in jail when he refuses to pay a fine and refuses to make bond or appeal and then another man who does the same thing is thrown in. "Oh, consistency thou art a jewel."

There are several superstitious people about this town, both colored and white. They believe in spooks and buried treasures. There is one man—he is a white man—who has spent a hundred dollars recently buying dip needles and other instruments that are said to locate buried treasures, and there are a great many colored men—old men—who are fools enough to bite at this same bait, and it seems to us since a couple of them have got in jail for being such dam fools that the others would quit or at least take warning from what has happened to others of their ilk. The fortune tellers who are following shows and payments get in their work on this class of ignorant people, rob them, and cause them to get into serious trouble by following their advice.

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