

# The Muskogee Cimeter.

### MISS MURPHY DEPARTS FOR ARKANSAS.

Will Return to Arms of Waiting Parents 'Till Fall.

"Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

Down at Wilton, Arkansas, a town located on the K. C. S. railroad, way in the interior of the most noted state in the Union, two old people, with a host of younger ones as escorts, may be seen tomorrow morning anxiously awaiting the arrival of the morning train. They are man and wife. Mother and father, awaiting the approach of the train which will bring back to them the living joy of their hearts—their baby daughter.

The telling signs of many years have perhaps crept upon their kind faces—and all of these years could not have been free from cares and worries—but whatever the reminiscence of these signs for once more at least, their dear old hearts will grow light in fond anticipation of the happy reunion with their baby girl, and in this moment of joy doubtless their thoughts will revert them back to other days when they were young. Days that have passed away forever, but their memory lingers still; days when life held its sweetest fascination, happy days of youth!

The father and mother are Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Murphy and the daughter is Miss Magnolia. O. B. Murphy, who left today for Arkansas, Miss Murphy came to Oklahoma last November to visit her sister, Mrs. A. J. Temple, of Checotah. In January of this year she was appointed a public school teacher at Evans, Oklahoma. Her term there was highly satisfactory and she was beloved by her pupils. On the first of June she entered the Normal at Eufaula and there won scholastic laurels as one of the best in her division.

Last November, at a teacher's convention held at Rentiesville, Miss Murphy created a great sensation by her dramatic recitation of "The Polish Boy," and later in December she rendered another recitation—"The Bridal Wine Cup" at Checotah.

Those who have heard this girl recite and know anything about the beauty of elocution, must admit that here is a wonderful power, and her poetical conceptions may be classed with those of the masters.

Miss Murphy will return in the early fall to resume her school room duty as teacher, in which capacity she finds much pleasure in serving her people.

In the meanwhile her many friends will miss her and yearn for her presence.

### WHITE SOUTHERN SHERIFF RAVAGING WHITE GIRLS.

Used His Position to Get Young Girls so as to Rape them—Shows Depravity of Southern Whites.

(Piedmont Advocate, N. C.) A white man, a sheriff of Savannah, Georgia, it is reported by the Associated Press, used his position to commit criminal assault. The report says he has for some time been committing such deeds by representing himself as a friend of poor girls whom he wishes to locate in good employment. The cause for which he stands accused now is that he arrested two young women on a false charge and in company with another man committed the deed. The details are certainly revolting and it brings to notice that this crime is by no means confined to Negroes and strenuous efforts should be put forth to put down this crime.—Boston Guardian.

You can see that rape is not confined to colored men.

The Kansas City Negroes are having much fun with T. T. Crittenden, the mayor. They voted as a man to defeat his home rule measure and on the night of its defeat they turned out with a hoarse and pallbearers and proceeded to have an effigy funeral of Crittenden and his supposed remains, which were carried out to Highland cemetery and buried among its colored occupants. It is thought now that Crittenden will bellow louder than ever for Negro disfranchisement.—Ex.

### NEGRO WEATHER MAN LOSES JOB IN SOUTHERN BUREAU.

Shifted From Pensacola to Mobile, Then Dismissed by Washington Order.

Mobile, Ala., July 12.—Elijah S. Handy, the negro who was assigned to the United States Weather Bureau here a few weeks ago, and upset the weather bureau of Pensacola and Mobile, has been let out of the local office on instructions from the Washington officials to Forecaster Aschenberger. To that point he would be sent or whether he would stay in the service, was not stated.

About two months ago Handy passed the civil service examination for a position in the United States Weather Bureau. When it was found that an assistant was needed in the Weather Bureau at Pensacola, he was sent there. The observer there complained of the Negro's incompetency and told him they must have made a mistake; that he was assigned to the Mobile office. Handy came to this city, and As-

stant Garrison was transferred to Pensacola, where he remained just 24 hours, when he was ordered back to Mobile. Quietly Forecaster Aschenberger set to work, and the recall of the Negro came last night.

### MACHINE TO WASH WINDOWS.

Invented by a Negro and Klaw and Erlanger Will Push It.

(Baltimore Sun) New York, July 9.—Window washing by machinery is the latest. Just a little electricity, steel, aluminum and cotton flannel, properly combined and directed, will probably save many lives in the future.

Thomas Johnson, a Negro, once a window washer, and for 22 years confidential clerk to A. L. Erlanger, the theatrical manager, thought of it, and J. Fluegelman, mechanical inventor, perfected the device.

A company capitalized at \$60,000 has been formed, and members of the Klaw & Erlanger Theatrical company are back of it. Charles Osgood is president. The new device has been patented in America, England, France, Germany and Canada, and within a short time it will be on the market.

It consists of a metal base, about 24 inches long, mounted on little wheels, which are to travel along the window ledge laterally. From the outer end of this base rises a brass tube of a height to fit the window, and alongside it is a rubber tube. The tube is connected with a brass cup which contains water and any cleansing agent, to be sprayed on the glass just above the rotary cleaner. The latter, in two sections, is attached to the upper extremity of the upright tube.

The water is sprayed on the glass, the wet rotary cleaner is set in motion by the motor in the inside of the base and the window is washed. Then the dry rotary cleaner is switched on and completes the work. The window is practically closed all the time, only a space of about six inches being open.

The operator does not have to go outside, thus eliminating all danger and the use of belts and chains. Another step forward.

### TEXAS TOURISTS RETURN.

Left Rentiesville Last Wednesday Night.

The Texas tourists who left Houston last week under the leadership of Rev. R. H. Nixon left this city last Wednesday morning for Rentiesville, from which place they started Wednesday night for Texas.

They all seemed satisfied with their trip to Oklahoma.

### THREE CIMETER BIG CELEBRATION AT CHECOTAH.

Two Days of Genuine Fun and Amusement.

Baseball, croquet, foot races, swinging and other sports will add to the attractions of the day. Old time barbecue to appease appetites.

Wednesday and Thursday, August the 4th and 5th will be days long to be remembered by the colored people of Checotah if the present plans of a few of the leaders there matures.

For several years the colored people of this town have been a back number so far as these merry-making entertainments are concerned, but after a brief consultation between the "old heads" a determined effort will be made to awaken in the people of that vicinity that joy-seeking spirit which is so common and appropriate at this time of the year.

Bills are being circulated now advertising this event. Among the speakers for that occasion are Hon. W. H. Twine, our editor, Mayor Robinson and F. P. Brinson of Rentiesville, Rev. J. M. Bryant and W. H. White of Eufaula.

Mrs. A. P. Blakemore of Porter was a visitor in the city Sunday. She returned to Porter Monday.

E. K. McDaniel of South McAlester was in the city on Wednesday.

R. H. Roebuck of South McAlester passed through the city today en route to Okmulgee.

Grand Chancellor A. E. Tyson of Wewoka was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. A. J. Temple, Rev. Woods, Mr. Buchanan and others of Checotah are in the city attending the Baptist Sunday School convention.

Rev. Robinson, mayor of Rentiesville, is attending the Sunday School convention in this city.

### PATENT TO NEGRO DENTIST.

Washington.—Patents have been issued to J. H. Smith of Little Rock on a machine for stoning fruit, and to W. J. Snow of Vilonia on a chisel.

J. H. Smith, to whom the patent for a machine for stoning peaches was issued, is a Negro dentist residing in Little Rock. The article on which he secures a patent is a machine to extract the stones from clingstone peaches. The contrivance weighs about ten pounds. Smith says that it will "stone" the peaches as fast as they are placed in it. He expects to perfect the invention in a short time so that it will be automatic.

Remember, Mr. Skeptic, this is from Arkansas.

### MONEY TO LOAN.

On real estate or personal property at lowest rates. R. H. BEARD & CO., 220 N. Third St. Ground Floor Chicago Bldg.

Mrs. A. T. Clark of this city departed yesterday for Columbus, Miss, to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

### T. MILLER, LOAN BROKER.

Loans on all articles of value. 105 South Main, Muskogee, Ok.

### Special Bargains.

Ten acres of good farm land near the city of Muskogee; will go at a snap bargain—act at once. Address A. J. Smitherman, Muskogee, Okla.

### Essentials.

"You have an original idea for a novel?" "Yes," answered the publisher. "Do you mind telling the plot?" "Oh, the plot's no secret. But I'm not going to give away the title or the cover design."

The Musketeers of Success. "I owe my success in the walking line," says Edward Payson Weston, starting out at 71 on his pedestrian trip across the continent, "to just three things. They are pride, principle and pluck. If you haven't any of these, don't try any real long walking."

This is good advice, sound and sententious. It might be extended to other pilgrimages than those from salt water to salt water. Pride, principle and pluck are the three musketeers that every man needs in his service.

Was the King's Fiddler. James Blair, widely known throughout Scotland as the king's fiddler, has passed away at Aberdeen, aged 83. Blair and his father, Willie Blair, had been connected with the royal family as players of strathpeys for over 60 years, and James trained the prince and princesses of that day in the art of Highland dancing.

For years James Blair acted as the special fiddler of King Edward, with whom and Queen Alexandra he was a great favorite.

### TOO DEEP FOR ENGLISHMAN.

Neat Bit of Wit with Which His Insular Brain Was Unable to Cope.

A young woman of Irish descent went to a tea that was given on a recent Sunday afternoon for the artists of one of the opera houses. After she had listened to the babel of tongues in the drawing room for a while for the singers were talking in French, German, and Italian, she went into the library, where one of her acquaintances was presiding over the tea table.

With a beautiful assumption of fluttering embarrassment, the young woman leaned over the table and faltered out: "I don't know how I came to do it, but do you know I only came with eight languages to-day, when I meant to bring 12. I've looked in my muff for the others, but they are not there, and do you know, I feel positively embarrassed without them all." And with this she went on her way.

Now, the woman at the tea table thought this a pretty good bit of wit, and when a young Englishman came up to her to have his cup refilled she told it to him. He looked at her blankly and then said with a puzzled air:

"What an extraordinary piece to carry them! Do you think she meant it?"

### GARDEN THAT IRVING LOVED.

Writer's Pride and Pleasure in Old-Fashioned Grounds at Home in Sunnyside.

The gardens at Sunnyside, planned by Washington Irving, followed the old-fashioned order. He loved a riot of color, and the plants and flowers which he frequently cultivated and watered repaid him with their best. Over the porch clambered vines that he trained with his own hand. One of these, brought by a friend from Abbotsford, and said to have been taken there from Melrose abbey, was his particular delight. It climbs there still, shading the porch and the iron porch chair—and that, too, is there—in which Irving used to sit in the long drowsy summer afternoons reading a book.

But the gardens themselves have disappeared in more formal plantings. Sunnyside, also, under the radical improvements ordered by the author's grand-nephew, is scarcely recognizable for the house that Irving left. While still occupied by descendants of the author, it is no longer their property.

### White-Faced Girls.

Powder is worn more than usual this spring. This fashion note can be observed on the faces of the average girl from 18 to 23 years old anywhere in town, says the New York Times. Just what or who is responsible for the introduction of this purely Parisian facial fad is not easily ascertained. But the result is to give the average young woman one set on Broadway or Fifth avenue an effect of unwholesomeness—almost ghastliness in fact—that is decidedly unpleasant. Of course, the observer only has time to note that it is the lower part of these girls' faces that is unadorned with this deathlike mask. The upper part almost invariably is hidden by the drooping brims of the peach-basket or coal-scuttle hats.

New Kind of Tape Measure. Tape measures are so useful and indispensable to the dressmaker in their present form that it would seem as if it were impossible to improve on their construction. Yet this has been very easily accomplished in a tape measure recently patented by a New York man. A short piece of flexible, springy material is combined with the end of the limb tape measure. The end is thus made self-supporting. The value of thus having a small portion of the end of the tape-measure stiff and unbendable will be apparent where small measurements are to be made; the necessity of holding the end of the tape measure is eliminated. The measuring can also be accomplished much more quickly and with accuracy—something impossible in a limp tape measure, where small measurements are made.

English and American Gallon. The English gallon is ten pounds of water at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The American gallon weighs only 8.33 pounds. The difference, therefore, is 1.67 pounds. The American gallon is equivalent to 3.785 liters.

Inventor of Hansom Cab. The hansom cab was the invention of Joseph Aloysius Hansom, an eminent English architect, who flourished about 75 years ago. He invented what he called the patent safety cab about 1833 and died in 1883.

Knows Better Now. "My wife was willing to go anywhere with me before we were married, and now I never can get her to go out with me."

"Probably she used to think you were respectable."—Houston Post.

### DO WELL WITH THEIR FARMS.

Canadian Indians in the Province of Saskatchewan Both Industrious and Prosperous.

The Indians of the great Canadian prairie province of Saskatchewan are disproving the theory that an Indian won't work unless he has to. They are becoming industrious and prosperous.

There are nearly 8,000 Indians in the province and last year they had about 2,000 acres under crops. They raised 150,572 bushels of grain and roots and 36,000 tons of hay, worth \$136,025.

The department of Indian affairs reports that the Indians are turning more and more to the soil for a living. The agent of the Assiniboine agency, which may be regarded as typical, writes:

"I was greatly pleased to find that the area under crop was almost double what it was the year before. The land had about 600 acres of wheat and 200 acres of oats. The Indians of this agency are beginning to farm on a large scale, and if they continue to do as well as they have in the last two years there will be some good-sized farmers among them. One man had 155 acres in crop and another 125 acres and several had 70 acres each. There was a decided improvement in the way the land had been farmed."

### SWELLING "THE DIDN'T CLUB."

Hendrik Hudson Is Added to the Ranks and Awful Possibility Suggests Itself.

The overlong procession of great men who didn't do the thing that made them famous has a new recruit. On the heels of Paul Revere, lately unhorsed, comes trotting along old Hendrik Hudson, who, it now appears, did not discover the Hudson river at all. Just who did do it is not known, but who didn't do it is fixed beyond all question forever, and that man is Hendrik Hudson. On the whole, however, we think that Hudson's name is likely to stay out. There are so many millions of people who have discovered the river since it first became known that there is a certain distinction in not having done it, and from this we may as well let the sturdy old Englishman with the Dutch name profit. We shall look with interest for the next member of "The Didn't Club." Peradventure it will be Mr. Carnegie, and they'll be telling us he never discovered America.—Harper's Weekly.

### Repeating a Newspaper.

Dr. Macklin used to tell a story of man proud of his great mental retentiveness. He offered to give any proof of it desired, and was asked to read a newspaper and then to repeat every word of it from memory. The host held the paper while the man repeated it verbatim and every word in its proper place.

The surprise of the host, however, was even greater and his skepticism taxed beyond bounds when the visitor, to show how easy the feat had been, offered to repeat the words backward.

"This is impossible." "Not at all. If you will listen, I will do it." And he did it. Beginning at the end of the last word of the last column, he went to the beginning of the first word of the first column without an error. Dr. Macklin fails to give this prodigy's name.—Sunday Magazine.

### A Wall Street Confession.

The broker runs the most profitable end of the game. Perhaps you have never realized that most New York stock exchange houses with any sort of clientele maintain their offices on what they make on interest charges, which every monthly statement shows, and which not one of a hundred speculators can verify. The commission and interest charges that go to the brokerage firm make the percentage an almost impossible one to overcome. This percentage is far bigger than in roulette. Do you think you can win in the long run playing roulette? If you think you can, then go ahead and speculate. If in doubt, then let me tell you that in almost three years I had over 200 accounts, and not only have I never seen anybody make any money to keep, but I have seen many a fortune wiped out.—Everybody's.

### How Teacher Got Even.

A New York teacher took occasion recently at a public meeting to criticize the good taste of women teachers who sit and laugh and otherwise amuse themselves while they are present for the supposed reason of improving their minds by listening to the speakers. The teachers were naturally indignant and declare the teacher took this method of getting even with them because some of them giggled when she stumbled as she walked across the stage, the men restraining all impulse to laugh.

### A Too Hilarious Firecalk.

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### WILL WELCOME MOVEMENT.

Male Sex Can Be Counted on to Indorse Abolition of Washing and Scrubbing.

Mrs. Tillingham of Titusville propounded this conundrum to the State Federation of Pennsylvania Women at a recent meeting:

"What effect, think you, will an endless round of cleaning and scrubbing, washing and ironing have upon a human soul? How far toward the ideal in moral and spiritual development will such a soul be able to advance?"

The effect of these things upon a human soul, if it be the soul of a man, is altogether detrimental. If a man comes home during the progress of spring cleaning and finds his books all dusted and misplaced in the bookcase, his slippers hid carefully away where he cannot find them, the book he was reading concealed behind a row of volumes on the upper shelf, his papers all gone, buckets of suds here and there for him to fall into when he trips over the broom handles that have been so placed as to entrap him, pieces of soap cunningly disposed on the floor so that he will place his foot upon them and slip, he will be apt to say things which will damage his soul and shake his family. It is not hard to answer this conundrum proposed by Mrs. Tillingham of Titusville. The effect upon the human soul of cleaning and scrubbing is ruinous. And when the man with the soul gets up in the early morning and discovers his bare foot upon the carpet tack, so placed with the business end pointing to heaven that he will be sure to stop upon it, the ruin of that soul is accomplished. There is not a man within the four seas who will not arise promptly and with zeal to second the motion of Mrs. Tillingham of Titusville to abolish scrubbing and cleaning.

### PANAMA GOOD OBJECT LESSON.

All Nations Will Profit by the Sanitary Standard Set by Great Undertaking.

The building of the Panama canal and the sanitary record of the Japanese in their war with Russia are the two great object lessons of recent years, demonstrating that such can neither work nor fight to the best advantage unless protected from infectious and preventable diseases.

The civilized nation which will hereafter put an army in the field or undertake a great engineering problem without first preparing the way by adequate sanitary engineering and equipment will be regarded by the other nations, says the Medical News, as quite as foolish as a government which would build a vast fleet of modern warships and then arm them with muzzle-loading ordnance of 100 years ago.

An epidemic of typhoid fever in a military camp should be considered a greater disgrace to an army than a defeat in battle since defeat may come in spite of the greatest exertions and the highest wisdom, while typhoid and yellow fever would be the result of ignorance or disregard of well-known laws of prevention. All nations will profit by the sanitary lesson of the Panama canal.

The scourge of yellow fever against which the French struggled in vain, has not been there since May, 1906, although it exists at several points to the north and south of the canal zone. Bubonic plague has not appeared since August, 1905, but that disease also has broken out not far away. No case of smallpox has been reported during the year.

### Freckled on One Side.

For years this particular young woman had been troubled every spring by having her face decorated by a coat of "perfectly awful" freckles just as soon as the sun began to put on its customary vernal power. She made up her mind recently to beat Old Sol by staying indoors, and arranged to do a lot of family sewing, not so much as a Lenten penance as to overcome the desire to sally forth into the streets. So for the entire six days she remained alone at home in her apartment while her mother was away, sitting at the window, always with one side of her head to the sunlight. When her mother returned the first thing the old lady did was to exclaim: "Why, Ellen!" The daughter sighed. "Yes, mother," she said. "Old Sol got in his fine work as far as he could. One side of my face is a mass of freckles."

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