

NEW STATE IS LARGE

SIZE OF OKLAHOMA EQUALS THAT OF KANSAS.

In Population It Exceeds Sixteen of Present Commonwealths of Union—Agricultural Future Bright with Promise.

Kansas City.—Oklahoma and Indian Territory will make a state substantially the same size as Kansas. This is smaller than most of the states west of the Missouri, but the new commonwealth will come into the union with a much larger population relatively and with much more definite resources than almost any other state has had within the last two or three generations.

According to the federal census of 1900, Oklahoma had a population of 398,831 and Indian Territory 392,060, making a total census population for the new state of approximately 800,000. There is no doubt that the population of the new state at the present time is more than 1,000,000.

The new state will have two representatives in the senate, but it will be fully entitled to them, because it will begin with a population larger than that of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware, Florida, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Washington or Oregon.

The two territories have much in common. Upon their prairies were located great reservations set apart by the government as the red man's home. Oklahoma is made up of such reservations as, by treaty or purchase from the Indians, have been given later to white settlement. Both lie at the meeting place of north and south. Upon their fertile acres may be grown wheat or cotton, corn or sugar cane, oats or tobacco. Neither the blizzards of Nebraska nor the heat of the south is felt. Equal access is given to the gulf ports and to the eastern markets.

They differ as western Kansas differs from Missouri. The western end of Oklahoma, with an altitude of 3,600 feet, is a semi-arid buffalo grassed, treeless plain—a sodded floor as far as the eye can reach, suited for cattle grazing and not for farming. The eastern end of Indian Territory, 3,000 feet lower, is a thickly wooded, well watered, rolling section, as certain of rainfall and crops as Illinois. It is rich in timber and fitted for intense agriculture.

Between these, over an expanse of 400 miles east and west, and 225 miles north and south, are all the gradations of altitudes and moisture. Each section has its limitations and its advantages, and each offers to the prospective settler or investor some benefit.

Three "openings" have made Oklahoma—the original one, in 1889, taking in the central portion; the Cherokee strip, in 1893, including the northern side, and the Kiowa, Comanche and Arapahoe lands in August, 1901, which gave to the whites the southwest corner. The first and second were opened with "rushes," wherein the first man on a claim after the signal for starting became its possessor. The last was a drawing, the order in which applicants might file on claims being determined by lot.

Oklahoma includes what was formerly the western portion of Indian Territory, with the public land strip north of the Texas panhandle. The public land strip ceded to the United States by Texas at the time of its annexation, was by oversight not included in any of the adjacent states or territories, and until its incorporation in Oklahoma territory was known as No Man's Land.

Oklahoma is for the most part an upland territory, rising gradually toward the north and west, the most important elevations being the Wichita mountains in the southern section. Oklahoma is fairly well watered by the Red and Arkansas rivers and their affluents, but many streams are so saturated with alkaline salts as to be at times unfit for drinking purposes or irrigation. The rainfall is much lighter and less uniform than in Indian Territory.

The history of Oklahoma dates from 1866, when the tribes to whom the lands of Indian Territory had been granted ceded the western portion to the United States. Though forbidden by the proclamation of President Hayes, many efforts were made to gain forcible possession of Oklahoma by expeditions from Kansas, Missouri and Texas.

Potato Patch an Eldorado.

Something like gold mining profits will be possible soon without the trouble of sifting deeper than is necessary to turn up the homely potato. This week's issue of a London agricultural paper, which is specially devoted to potatoes, gives particulars of an extraordinary crop of potatoes grown by one of its correspondents from the new variety Eldorado, which last year was worth more than its weight in gold. From one pound of seed he raised 3,433 plants, many of which sold at \$20 each.

College Yell Means Death There.

In this country when the college yell goes along the street the disciple of the quack life only feels bored and wonders why the police do not do their duty, but in St. Petersburg the grand duke who hears it pulls down the iron shutters and crawls under the bed.

Notoriety or Miracle, Which?

An American girl has refused to become the bride of a titled foreigner. She is a relative of the Vanderbilts and an heiress. In the absence of full particulars one is unable to decide whether this is a miracle or the result of a wild desire for notoriety.

STRIKES HIDDEN ROCKS.

When your shin of health strikes the hidden rocks of Consumption, Ennui, etc., you are lost, if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. J. W. McKinnon, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes: "I had been very ill with Pneumonia, under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better, when I began to take Dr. King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief, and one bottle cured me." Sure cure for sore throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed at J. E. Jackson drug store, price 50 and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Cuba which became one huge sign board for the advertisement of milk and patent medicines as soon as the American invasion took place has retaliated now by a bill to make the use of patent medicine a crime. This country is going to have a "dope evil" of its own if the patent medicine business is not checked by legislation.

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Opposite Tazewell Supply Company

GERMANS STUDY PLAY

KAISER'S COMMISSION OBSERVE ENGLISH LAD'S SPORT.

As a Result of Investigation There Are Now Over 400 Parks in Empire Where Games and Fun Are Indulged In.

Berlin.—A German royal commission was sent to England to observe the sports of the boys in the English public schools and the plays of the people in the parks and playgrounds. This commission spent several weeks in visiting schools and playgrounds. On its return to Germany it published a report, in which the English games and English encouragement of games were spoken of in the highest terms, and a number were recommended for introduction into Germany.

Through the assistance of the emperor and the minister of education this report was officially circulated throughout the empire and the play movement was launched on a high tide of official approval. Within four years after this there is a record of more than 400 playgrounds, being established. Play leaders, who were required to have accurate knowledge of the growth of the heart and other vital organs and to be trained educators, were placed in charge. These leaders are on duty on the Wednesday and Saturday half holidays and after school every day.

The English commission was in part a cause and in part a result of an interest in play that is based on profound physiological and sociological considerations. The congresses of hygiene that have been held in Germany of recent years have emphasized the necessity of abundant exercise in the open air in order to maintain health and to ward off disease.

The congresses on tuberculosis have had a still greater influence, for they have emphasized the germicidal value of sunlight and the tonic value of fresh air to the lungs and the general system and have proclaimed that life in the open air is the best preventive and cure of consumption. Then it became evident, too, that the English athletic field filled nearly the same place in English life that the beer gardens did in German life and that it was much better to play than to drink. Play not merely prevents drinking by providing a strong competing interest, but it makes strong the constitution, so that the drinking indulged in is less injurious.

All of these conferences and ideas have borne fruit in the establishment of playgrounds. The Germans have become thoroughly convinced of the value of play and have set out in an intelligent way to promote it.

Perhaps the most successful of all the methods used to excite interest in the subject has been the play congresses, of which there have been five. The first of these was held in 1889 and the last one in 1902. There is to be another in 1905. They have been held in different cities and have called together from all parts of Germany men who are interested in play.

They have included among their speakers sociologists, physical trainers, physicians and prominent educators. The presiding officer has often been an official of high rank. Aside from the papers and discussions, which were the main work of the congresses, there have always been tournaments or exhibitions of games, so that the practical and theoretical aspects of the question were presented side by side.

POE POEM BRINGS \$1,000.

Daguerrotype Portrait of Poet Sold for \$21 at Sale of Collection of Late T. J. McKee.

New York.—A manuscript copy of Poe's poem "Ulalume," all in the poet's own handwriting, sold for \$1,000 at the second day's sale of the McKee manuscripts and portraits.

The collection under the hammer is said to be the last of the famous library of the late Thomas J. McKee. The Poe manuscript is unique. It consists of five sheets and ten stanzas of 104 lines. The last stanza is not in the printed version of the poem.

The manuscript was sent by Poe to Miss Susan Ingram, of Richmond, Va., with a letter declining to attempt to explain the poem, as he agreed with Dr. Johnson's bitter and rather just remarks about the futility of explaining what, if worth explaining, would explain itself. This letter was sold for \$160.

A daguerrotype portrait of Poe brought \$21. A manuscript diary of John Howard Payne, kept while he was consul at Tunis, went for \$20.

World's Oldest Legislator.

A number of congratulatory messages have already been received by Hon. David Wark, LL. D., of Fredericton, N. B., a member of the Canadian senate and the oldest legislator in the world, who has celebrated his one hundred and first birthday anniversary. The senator is enjoying good health, but has not yet attended the present session of the senate. He expects to go to Ottawa, however, before the close of the session. Senator Wark was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and came to this country when a boy. He entered the New Brunswick legislature in 1842 and was appointed to the Canadian senate in 1867. In politics he is a liberal, and in religion a Presbyterian.

No Fun in Being Czar.

Another coronation has been put around the czar's palace, but it must be pretty hard to get much comfort out of a coronation that has to be continually watched by some other coronation.

Farms For Sale

B. J. Johnson, Jr., Narrows, Va., has for sale some large and well improved River farms, good for both grain and grazing, and well located, at reasonable prices



Mrs. Fred Urath, President Country Club, Houston, Texas.

"After my first illness I did not seem to be any more, although the doctor prescribed a course which he considered very proper. Instead of getting better, however, every day, my husband said that I had Wine of Cardui for my cure, and sure it would do for me. For it is the medicine and was very grateful to my health and health of my mind. In two weeks I was out of bed and in a month I was able to take up my usual duties. I am very satisfied with its results."

Wine of Cardui reinforces the organs of generation for the relief of pregnancy and child birth. It prevents miscarriages. Mrs. Urath takes Wine of Cardui for the coming of her child. Mrs. Urath had taken Wine of Cardui before her baby came she would not have been weakened as she was. Her rapid recovery should convince every mother of the very expected nature. Wine of Cardui regulates the menstrual flow.

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1:33 p. m. 7:02 p. m.

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10:05 a. m. for East Radford, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Norfolk and all points on Shenandoah division, Pullman sleeper and cafe car Roanoke, Parlor car Roanoke to Norfolk, Pullman sleeper Roanoke to New York via Hagerstown

8:20 a. m. daily East Radford for Roanoke and intermediate stations and the Shenandoah Valley. Pullman sleeper Welch to Philadelphia via Hagerstown.

6:40 p. m. for Roanoke, Lynchburg, Richmond, Norfolk, Pullman sleeper to Roanoke and Lynchburg, Richmond and Norfolk cafe car.

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8:55 a. m. for Kenova, Port-mouth, Columbus, St. Louis and the west. Pullman sleeper to Columbus Cafe car.

8:20 p. m. for Kenova, Portsmouth, Cincinnati, Columbus, West and North-west. Pullman sleeper Bluefield to Roanoke and Lynchburg, Richmond and Norfolk cafe car.

6:00 a. m. and 2:30 for Welch and intermediate stations.

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Laxo is sold by all druggists.

Price 35 cents per bottle.

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For Sale By JOHN E. JACKSON.

OUTDOING EXPETATIO NS.

We are always glad to print in the Clinch Valley News a story about a remarkable success achieved by advertising, and especially so when the article advertised is one of superior merit.

Not so very long ago Jno. E. Jackson one of Tazewell's most enterprising druggists, succeeded in getting the Dr. Howard Co. to allow him to sell their Specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia at half price, as an introductory offer.

The results of this advertising have been phenomenal, and there has been hardly a week without Jno. E. Jackson being obliged to order fresh supplies.

Such was his confidence in the remedy that he personally guaranteed every package of the Specific that he sold, and agreed to refund the money if it did not cure. His faith was well founded for out of the hundreds of packages he has sold, only one has been returned.

D. P. Davis, of Berea, one of the best known druggists in Virginia, writes: "The Success of Dr. Howard's in our city is wonderful. I received my first consignment the last of July, and since then have sold hundreds of packages, and cannot get it fast enough to keep my customers supplied. I have not had a single bottle returned, although I have guaranteed every one, and have nothing but praise of merits. This is a record unsurpassed by any remedy that I have sold in the twenty-five years I have been in the drug business."

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

AMERICAN TURNS CHINESE.

Portland, Ore.—One of the most remarkable cases ever brought to light by the police of Portland is that of Lick Yi, now 14 years old, and of white parentage. This lad, although an American by birth, has lived as a Chinese, with Chinese, wearing a queue and oriental garb, and he speaks the language of the celestial kingdom exclusively.

Patrolman Galbraith made the discovery and reported the case to Capt. Moore. Chief Hunt will probably take up the matter and see if there is anything that should be done by the officials. Nothing like this strange case has ever come up for consideration in the history of the city.

As the matter stands, the boy, although an American, does not know it, for when he was but three months old, a Chinese woman now living in Astoria secured him from his mother and kept him for many years. He is now living in a Chinese establishment at the northeast corner of Fourth and Pine streets.

It is a case, the police declare, where an American-born lad has been robbed of his nativity and the privilege of growing up as others, being deprived of even the knowledge of the difference between his present life and what he should have been. He has none of the features peculiar to the Chinese, but, being raised as one of them, has similar manners.

LITTLE GIRL IS A MARVEL.

Mary Ada Hendricks, 12 Years Old, Without Arms, Uses Her Toes Like Fingers.

Owingsville, Ky.—Twelve-year-old Mary Ada Hendricks, who resides with her parents in Ansel, Wayne county, Ky., is undoubtedly the most wonderful girl in the United States—barring Helen Keller.

Although born without arms, Miss Hendricks can perform many feats that a girl possessed of the usual number of arms would be proud to be able to perform. Miss Hendricks is a natural musician and plays the piano, French harp, accordion, banjo, and violin. She uses her toes in playing all these instruments with the exception of the French harp, and her rendering of musical numbers is excellent.

In playing the piano Miss Hendricks sits on a stool placed above the keyboard, and in that manner is enabled to reach all the keys. A violin is manipulated pretty much the same as the banjo.

Miss Hendricks cuts and makes the prettiest of artificial flowers. They cannot be told from those made by the two-armed species of girl. She can sew very nicely, and at writing she is right at home. She is very fond of reading and is an exceptionally good scholar. Miss Hendricks is also an adept at rock-throwing, and can throw a curve that would be envied by a baseball twirler. She can cast the rocks a considerable distance.

FORTUNE FOR OLD DISHES.

Set Buried in Days of Indian Attacks Is Now Valued at About \$10,000.

Oneonta, N. Y.—There has been much interest in the suit pending over the possession of the rare old dishes dug up on a farm near West Edmeston, in this county, in 1903. The suit has been settled out of court and the dishes go to the heirs of the Burdick estate, who owned the farm upon which the dishes were found. The point of law is still unsettled.

There are 80 dishes in the set, all of the finest china, and they were buried by Percifer Carr, agent of Lord Edmeston, during the days of the Indian attacks previous to the revolutionary war. They were accidentally dug up by Marion Cheesebrough, the tenant of the Burdick farm. Two grandsons and two granddaughters of the late Henry F. Burdick, who have long owned the farm, will divide the proceeds of the famous dishes. The collection is valued at about \$10,000.

Collectors have been much excited by the find and are awaiting for an opportunity to buy from it. It is considered the most valuable old crockery in existence.

Fixes Life of Money Germs.

Paper money will carry disease germs for one month; metal money will carry such germs only 24 hours, according to Dr. Thomas Darlington, president of the New York city board of health, who has been experimenting with bacteria on money and who presented the result to the national house committee on banking and currency. The germs of only two diseases have been experimented with—consumption and diphtheria—and both of these may be communicated from one person to another on money.

Green Carnation at Last.

A. C. Stillson has been trying for six years in California and the east to produce a green carnation, and at last he has succeeded. He refused to explain the process, except that prepared soil is used. Except for the stripes of green, the blossom is a duplicate of the ordinary white carnation. The petals are tinged with vivid green, radiating from center to edge in deep stripes.

Once Painter, Now a Mayor.

Robert Buckell, who in 1866 was a journeyman house painter in Terre Haute, Ind., has just been elected Lord Mayor of Oxford, England, for the third year, and, returning home, he revolutionized the political methods in the staid old English city.

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J. F. Hurt, President, J. R. Laird, Secretary.

NOTICE!

The Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Va., will receive bids up to noon on the 31st day of March, 1905, for medical attention to all small-pox cases in said county for the term of one year, beginning the 15th day of April, 1905, the bids to be made separately for magisterial districts. Said bids shall be filed with T. E. George, clerk of said board, on or before said 31st day of March, 1905. The right will be reserved by the board to reject any or all said bids.

F. THOMPSON, Chairman Board Supervisors.

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Insurance Headquarters, Tazewell, Virginia.

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A GOOD, STOUT SLED.

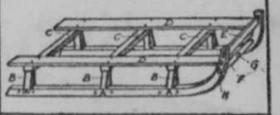
One of the Best of Winter Vehicles Can Be Made in the Farm Shop. This is the season when the virtues of the farm sled are thoroughly apparent. To be entirely satisfactory a sled should be well shaped and strong, while as light as may be. A National Stockman writer's plan for such a sled appears to be very desirable and is as follows:

The best sled is made from runners with a natural crook. These runners may be sawed from a small crooked tree body or from a log having the main root dug out and cut off two and a half or three feet from the stem of the tree. A small blue ash nearly always has a good "sled root," and it is often found in elm or white oak.

This log is taken to the sawmill and the runners sawed out eight feet long on the bottom, two inches thick and seven inches wide. A log one foot in diameter will make two sets, and the charge for sawing them is 50 cents a set. It is best to have them seasoned, but many good sleds are made from freshly sawed lumber. Plane your runners smooth and shape out one for a pattern. When you get it "just right" use it to mark the other by.

The sled known as the knee sled, as shown here, is generally admitted to be the best kind of sled made. Cut mortises at A A in each runner, cut mortises to be 1 by 3 inches and four inches deep. The front mortise should be one foot back of where the crook turns up and the rear one one foot from back end of runner.

For knees (B B) use the very best of timber. Make the knees fourteen inches long and three and a half inches square. Cut tenons on each end, the lower three and three-quarters inches long and 1 by 3 inches in size to fit the mortise in the runner. The upper tenon is cut at right angles with the lower one and should be one-fourth of



PLAN OF A FARM SLED.

an inch lower on the outside than on the inside. This gives the sled a slight flare and adds greatly to its strength. For the benches (C C) use tough timber 3 by 3 inches and four feet long. Mortises are cut two inches from the ends and are made 1 by 3 inches for the tenon on the upper end of the knees. Before driving the knees down put a light bolt on each side of every mortise in the runners and benches. This will require twelve 5/8 by 3 inch bolts and twelve 5/8 by 2 inch bolts. The place for these bolts is marked X X on the runners and on the benches.

For fenders (D D) use oak or ash and bolt them down to the benches, as indicated in the cut by dots. The front gate (E) is of the same stuff as the fenders, 1 1/2 by 6 inches in size. The roller (F) is made from a 4 by 4 inch stick tapered from six inches each side of the center mortise (G) to the ends, which should be two inches in diameter and be handied with iron bands.

Bore a five-eighths inch hole in each runner at H and bore holes (five-eighths) five inches deep in the ends of the roller. Get wagon skein bolts 5/8 by