Siberian Atrocities.

Vienna, Dec. 13.—Dr. Molotkoff, a well known Russian medical expert, has published an account of his investigations of the condition of lunatics in Siberia, from which it appears that, with the exception of the great towns, there are no asylums throughout the vast country.

The Siberian custom is to chain a lunatic up like a savage dog, and to keep him thus for the rest of his life. Dr. Molotkoff found one peasant who for eighteen years had been tied to a stake by a chain only one yard in length. His own son had forged the fetters, while his wife and children were living comfortably in a cottage a stone's throw distant. In another case Dr. Molotkoff found an old man of 65 who had been chained to a spot for twenty-four years without once being removed.

Another young man was chained to the ground so tightly that he could neither stand nor sit upright, and but for the doctor's intervention, would have spent the rest of his life in a recumbent position.

The best opportunity ever offered in heating stoves in Ardmore is now offered by WEEKS BROS. 14tf. Practical Tinners and Plumbers.

W. S. Kennedy and W. A. Duke, former citizens of Marietta, have moved to Ardmore and embarked in the meat market business on Caddo street. Their families will join them within a short time. We welcome these business gentlemen to Ardmore and trust that their business will be successful.

As a cool weather suggestion there is nothing else as appropriate as a Leader heating stove. Sold by Spragins.

City Suffers for Water.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—Anchor ice clogged the intake pipes of the local waterworks system in Lake St. Clair during the night, and the city suffered from a water shortage until nearly noon. It was so serious during the early hours of the morning that a number of factories were compelled to suspend for the day because for the lack of water. It is estimated that 3,000 or 4,000 men were compelled to be idle and lose one day's pay on account of the water famine.

Use Ardmore coal. The Laidlaw Lumber Co. sells it. 2-tf

24-karat gold plate novelty clocks at 14-tf. A. A. BULARD & SON'S.

The holiday rates to the Southeast this year via the "Rock Island System," Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R., are unusually low, with additional dates of sale and long limit. Ask your nearest ticket agent for full information.

Mad Mullah Slain.

Aden, Arabia, Dec. 13.—A rumor has reached here of the assassination of Mad Mullah in Somaliland. The report was brought to the coast by a native runner from Garrereo via Berbera. The Mullah is said to have been killed by a spear thrust in the stomach, inflicted while he was praying.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Arnold & Myers of Springer has this day dissolved, J. M. Arnold continuing the business and R. N. Myers retiring. J. M. Arnold will collect all debts due the firm and assume its indebtedness and will not be responsible for any contracts made by R. N. Myers. J. M. ARNOLD,
Dec. 10, 1902. Springer, I. T.

House Numbers.

If you have not had your house numbered come to this office and we will see that it is done right.

THE NELSON BILL.

True to their instincts of misrepresentation, the Republican organs which during the late campaign villified and lied about the Indian Territory, and made a canvass upon the theory that the people would be deluded as easily as convinced in any other manner, are just now busy falsifying the Nelson bill.

Particularly they attack the provision of the Nelson bill relating to the school lands and assert even when the very wording of the bill proves them falsifiers, that it means the destruction of everything else in Oklahoma, and that Oklahoma will be compelled to support the Indian Territory schools.

The breadth of such statesmanship could be measured with the hair off the tail of a horse.

If the territories are united in one state there will be no Indian Territory. It will be the state of Oklahoma, and one section will get no more benefits than another. There are no sections in a state. Its people are one, its interests one and its aims are one. The absolute puerility of the argument advanced by those desperate two-staters is past intelligent understanding.

They are not able to comprehend that if there is no school land taken out of the Indian Territory for leasing purposes, there will be just that amount more of land occupied by actual settlers and upon which taxes will be paid for the support of the government, and that under this just law of compensation the portion now embraced in Indian Territory will pay a much larger amount of state taxes than will the present area of Oklahoma.

But to the main question. Section seven of the Nelson bill is as follows:

Sec. 7. That upon the admission of the state into the Union sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in every township in Oklahoma territory, and other lands, equivalent to sections sixteen and thirty-six, in every township in Indian Terrtory, shall be granted from the public domain in Oklahoma territory, in lieu of sections sixteen and thirty-six in every township of Indian Territory, except sections sixteen and thirty-six in either territory, or parts thereof, that have been reserved, sold, or otherwise disposed of by or under the authority of any act of congress: Provided, That said indemnity lands, in lieu of sections sixteen and thirty-six of the townships in the Indian Territory, shall be selected in such manner as the legislature may provide, with the approval of the secretary of the interior, and shall be granted for the support of the common schools of said proposed state of Oklahoma: Provided further, That sections sixteen and thirty-six embraced in permanent reservations for national purposes shall not at any time be subject to the grant, nor to the indemnity provisions of this act; nor shall any lands embraced in Indian Territory, military or other reservations of any character be subject to the grants or to the indemnity provisions of this act until the reservations shall have been extinguished and such lands be restored to and become a part of the public domain.

It will be seen by this section that 3,777,883 acres of government land, "of indemnity lands in Oklahoma are to be selected in lieu of sections sixteen and thirty-six in the Indian Territory These indemnity lands are not in any way lands which are already set apart for Oklahoma. They are to be taken entirely from the present public lands of the territory, and will in no way affect the lands or the school fund that is already the heritage of the Oklahoma people.

According to the report just issued by the secretary of the interior, there are in Oklahoma at the present time 3,777,883 acres of government land, of which over 3,000,000 are located in Beaver county.

The amount of land which would be equivalent to sections sixteen and thirty-six in the Indian Terrtory will be about 1,500,000 acres.

One-half, therefore, of the government land located in Beaver county alone would compensate for all the sections sixteen and thirty-six in the Indian Territory.

It must be remembered that this land in Beaver county does not belong to Oklahoma or any city of Oklahoma. It belongs to the government of the United States, which has the power to assign it to Oklahoma for school purposes if it chooses, and the people of Oklahoma would have reason to be grateful for the valuable gift.

When the government owns the land and proposes to donate it to the state of Oklahoma, what business is it of ours where the land given us is located? What difference does it make whether it is in the northwest or the southeast part of the proposed state? Neither Oklahoma nor any of its citizens own this land or have anything to do with it, nor would they lose anything by receiving a gift of 1,500,000 acres of land, that anybody knows of. Perhaps these wise two-state grafters know, but they have failed up to this date to make it plain.

Suppose that one-half of the public land in Beaver county is set apart as indemnity lands for the school sections in Indian Territory. That land is not now taxable and it never will bring a cent of revenue to the territory so long as it is government land It is not in any way adapted to agriculture. It is now being pastured by cattlemen, who pay nothing for its use. If it were set apart for school land it could be leased to these cattlemen and the state could get a revenue where it now gets nothing at all. And in the meantime the sections numbers sixteen and thirty-six in the area now comprised in Indian Territory would be settled by industrious farmers, who would be paying taxes into the state treasury every year.

The Nelson bill thus makes ample and just provision for school lands to equal the lands now held in Oklahoma for school purposes. It makes a gift of 1,500,000 acres of public land, which now belongs to the government and not to Oklahoma, and it further provides that the legislature of the proposed state shall select the lands.

The bill is just in its provision for school lands, as well as in all other features. Oklahoma loses not one cent and the government makes up with its own lands what the Indian Territory is not able to furnish.

The same elements of private graft and political charlatanism that opposed single statehood and lower taxation during the late campaign are now opposing the Nelson bill. They are not content with reviling the bill, they must lie about and misrepresent its provisions for the evident purpose of keeping up the deception which has been unmasked by the senate.

The Nelson bill speaks for itself. It has proven that the two territories can be united with justice to both and special privilege to neither, and while it proves this it has also proven that the leaders in the two-state campaign prior to the election in this territory deliberately misrepresented facts and stuffed the people with lies in order to carry their plot for two states in its unholy completion.

They are dying hard, and with the same old lie on their lips. But the death rattle is in their throats.—Oklahoman.

We have a big assortment of art squares, and all the undesirable ones will be returned December 17. Make your selection at once.
14-tf. A. C. YOUNG.

New Through Car Lines from Memphis to Pacific Coast.

The "Rock Island System," Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, have established through personally conducted tourist sleeping car lines to California and Portland, Oregon.

The California car leaves Memphis every Tuesday at 9 a. m., Little Rock 1:15 p. m., South McAlester, I. T., 10:50 p. m. same day, Oklahoma City 2:40 a. m. Wednesday, El Reno 3:40 a. m. arriving El Paso, Tex., Thursday morning and San Francisco Saturday morning.

The Portland, Oregon, car leaves Memphis every Thursday on the same schedule arriving Denver 7:30 Saturday morning, Ogden Sunday morning and Portland Monday morning. 7-5t

Have you secured your tickets for the Rebekah banquet and ball next Thursday?