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## SINGLE STATEHOOD CONVENTION

Called to Meet at Oklahoma on Tuesday, January, 6, 1903.

Headquarters of the Single Statehood Executive Committee, December 22, 1902.

A convention is hereby ordered to be held in the city of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the 6th day of January, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. to be composed of 500 delegates from the territory of Oklahoma and 500 delegates from the Indian Territory, to be selected in the manner herein provided:

All male persons in the two territories, without regard to race, political affiliation or religious belief, who favor the immediate union of the two territories are invited to meet in mass convention in accordance with the suggestions herein made, to elect delegates and alternates to attend the convention as above stated, for the purpose of discussing the subject of a single statehood and to take such steps as the wisdom of the convention may deem necessary to bring about the desired end.

The apportionment for the Indian Territory shall be as follows:

One delegate for each postoffice and one delegate for each 1,000 population, or majority fraction thereof, in the towns and cities of the Indian Territory.

The delegates from each of the said counties in Oklahoma shall be selected at mass meetings held on or about Saturday, the 3d day of January, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m. in the county seats of the counties, in the Commercial Club rooms, or if no Commercial Club rooms then in the courthouse of said counties.

The delegates from the Indian Territory shall be selected by mass conventions held on or about Saturday, the 3d day of January, 1903, the said conventions to be held in the Commercial Club rooms, city hall or courthouse in the cities and towns or at some appropriate place near the postoffices in towns having no city hall, Commercial Club rooms or courthouse.

The chairman and secretary of said mass meetings shall preserve a list of the delegates and alternates so selected and sign same as chairman and secretary.

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## VENEZUELAN NOTES.

President Roosevelt will reluctantly accept the office of arbitrator. If the powers insist on it.

Castro welcomes the selection of the president.

England has formally declared war against Venezuela.

The allies have formally invited President Roosevelt to act as arbitrator.

The blockade continues. Kaiser William suggested President Roosevelt as the arbitrator.

Germany would accept President Roosevelt's acceptance as sufficient guarantee.

Accrued results, in part: Monroe doctrine acknowledged by Europe; Roosevelt accepted as arbitrator; South America convinced that Uncle Sam is the only protector from European aggression.

The kaiser is grieved to hear that the American people distrust his government.

Holland is strictly neutral.

Castro's health is unimpaired.

Bowen's assistant, Lieutenant Johnson, from Dewey's fleet, is at Caracas.

Anti-foreign feeling is still intense at Caracas.

American trade with Venezuela is being damaged by the blockade.

The food supply at Caracas is running low.

The allies cannot catch the Venezuelan gunboat Miranda.

## Mr. Root May Retire.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The retirement in a few months of Secretary Root and the rumored intention of the president to appoint Governor Taft as his successor, while not capable of official confirmation, now seems probable. Pressure of private business has long demanded that Root lay aside his official duties, but he did not desire to do so until Cuban independence, Philippine peace and army reorganization were effected, all of which conditions have now reached a favorable stage.

## Death of Judge Durant.

Judge A. R. Durant died at his home at Grant, I. T., last night of consumption. The deceased was about 60 years old and was one of the most prominent citizens of the Choctaw Nation. At different times he held the positions of supreme judge, attorney-general and national secretary. The town of Durant, I. T., was named for his father.

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## Greeting.

TO ALL of our patrons and friends, readers and advertisers, we extend greetings of the Season, and wish them, one and all, a Happy, Happy Christmas, and a bright and glad New Year.

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### NEWSPAPER MAN WEDS.

Robbins of the South McAlester News Succumbs to Cupid.

In the parlors of the bride's mother on Grand avenue, and witnessed only by the immediate members of the family, Mr. Henry P. Robbins, editor of the South McAlester News, and Miss Ida Chinn, president of the South McAlester School of Music, were united in marriage by Rev. E. D. Cameron, pastor of the Baptist church of this city. Rev. Talmage of the Bowman M. E. church pronounced the benediction.

The happy young couple left on the afternoon flyer for Galveston where they will spend ten days.—South McAlester Capital.

### Christmas Tree.

There will be a Christmas tree at South Ardmore Baptist church Wednesday night, Dec. 24. An interesting program has been arranged and everybody is invited.

### Paul Valley's Big Levee.

Hugh Johnston has returned from Pauls Valley where he has been supervising the construction of a levee for that city, which is intended to keep the waters of Rush creek from inundating the city during excessive rains.

The levee is two miles long, and is from two to thirteen feet high, having a crown from six to eight feet wide. The dam has 20,000 yards of dirt in it and cost the city \$4,000.

A box of Eldos, the famous Ardmore cigars, is a good suggestion for a holiday gift. H. D. Hardie, manufacturer. 18-6.

### THE VENEZUELAN TROUBLE.

President Roosevelt Urged to Refuse Post of Arbitration.

London, Dec. 23.—An important and lengthy communication dealing with the British views of arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute was made by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. White, this evening. It was transmitted immediately to Washington.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The formal proposals of Great Britain and Germany that President Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute did not arrive here over night, nor were they at hand when the cabinet met, but it is expected they will reach Washington within a day or two.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the president to decline the invitations as arbitrator. This pressure comes from newspapers, from public men and from senators and representatives in Washington. Senator Cullom called at the state department today with a bundle of telegrams, all energetic protests against the embarkation of the president upon this arbitration scheme.

The manager of Kloski's opera house calls attention to the Hans Hanson company, appearing here on the evening of January 2. The company is no ordinary one and the merits of both the play and player, are joined in the production of one of the most charming stories ever delineated. This method is taken of calling personal attention to the date, January 2, and the company giving assurance that theater-goers will receive more than their money's worth in pleasure.

## APPALLING EARTHQUAKE

RUSSIAN TURKESTAN DEVASTATED BY DISTURBANCES.

Thousands of Persons Killed—The Effect of the Shock is Horrifying. Water in Wells Disappeared. Ruin Everywhere.

Ashabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 23.—Even the worst of the earlier reports of the recent earthquake disasters at Andijan quite under-estimates the appalling loss of life.

A telegram today from the site of the catastrophe puts the number of victims in the native quarter of the town at 4,000. Already 800 corpses have been disinterred from the ruins.

The state treasury, containing five million roubles, is in ruins and excavations to get the money are carried on under a strong cordon of police. The water in wells has disappeared and a general subsidence of the site of the town is feared.

The shocks continue with increasing violence. The area of seismic disturbances comprises 200 square verstis. The Russian population is camping at railroad stations.

An elegant new line of babies', children's and misses' shoes at Hamilton & Co's Shoe Store for Christmas trade. 14-tf.

1847 Rogers Bros' knives and forks at Bulard & Son's for \$3.25. See? 19-tf.

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