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## OPENING OF LAND OFFICES

### OFFICIAL NOTICE TO FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

For the Allotment of Choctaw and Chickasaw Lands — Wednesday, April 15, the Date—Of Interest to Prospective Allottees.

On Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes will establish, at the town of Atoka, in the Choctaw Nation, and at the town of Tishomingo, in the Chickasaw Nation, offices for the allotment of the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations at a special election held September 25, 1902.

Applications for allotment of land in the Choctaw Nation must be made at the land office at Atoka, Indian Territory, and applications for allotment of land in the Chickasaw Nation must be made at the land office at Tishomingo, Indian Territory.

Citizens and freedmen of the above tribes and duly identified Mississippi Choctaws will be permitted to select their allotments in either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

For the guidance of prospective allottees attention is especially invited to the following provisions of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, (32 Stats., 641):

"Section 11. There shall be allotted to each member of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes, as soon as practicable after the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of his enrollment as herein provided, land equal in value to three hundred and twenty acres of the average allotable land of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, and to each Choctaw and Chickasaw freedman, as soon as practicable after the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of his enrollment, land equal in value to forty acres of the average allotable land of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations; to conform, as nearly as may be, to the lines and boundaries established by the Government survey, which land may be selected by each allottee so as to include his improvements. For the purpose of making allotments and designating home-

steads hereunder, the forty-acre or quarter-quarter subdivisions established by the Government survey may be dealt with as if further subdivided into four equal parts in the usual manner, thus making the smallest legal subdivision ten acres, or a quarter of a quarter of a quarter of a section.

"Section 12. Each member of said tribes shall, at the time of the selection of his allotment, designate as a homestead out of said allotment land equal in value to one hundred and sixty acres of the average allotable land of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, as nearly as may be, which shall be inalienable during the lifetime of the allottee, not exceeding twenty-one years from the date of certificate of allotment, and separate certificate and patent shall issue for said homestead.

"Section 17. If, for any reason, an allotment should not be selected or a homestead designated by, or on behalf of, any member or freedman, it shall be the duty of said Commission to make said selection and designation.

"Section 43. Applications for enrollment as Mississippi Choctaws, and applications to have land set apart to them as such, must be made personally before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes. Fathers may apply for their minor children; and if the father be dead the mother may apply; husbands may apply for wives. Applications for orphans, insane persons, and persons of unsound mind may be made by duly appointed guardian or curator, and for aged and infirm persons and prisoners by agents duly authorized thereunto by power of attorney, in the discretion of said Commission.

"Section 70. Allotments may be selected and homesteads designated for minors by the father or mother, if members, or by a guardian or curator, or the administrator having charge of their estate, in the order named; and for prisoners, convicts, aged and infirm persons by duly appointed agents under power of attorney; and for incompetents by guardians, curators, or other suitable person akin to them; but it shall be the duty of said Commission to see that said selections are made for the best interests of such parties."

The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

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### HAS A GRAND SHOWING.

Grand Secretary of Territory Odd Fellows Furnishes a Report.

G. H. Alexander, grand secretary of Odd Fellows of Indian Territory, has kindly furnished the following figures and facts from his forthcoming report to the Grand Lodge at the annual meeting April 14, to be held at Checotah.

The membership December 31, 1901, the date to which the previous annual report accounted, was 4,480 and during the year from that date to December 31, 1902, there was a net gain of 998 after deducting the dismissals and deaths from the number of new members received during the year. Total membership December 31, 1902, 5,478, which shows a net gain for the year of about 22 per cent. During the same year there were added 21 new lodges to the 102 reported for the previous year, and there have been three more since the date of closing the report, so that the Grand Lodge is now composed of 126 lodges, a gain of 24 lodges in a year and two months.

The financial statement is made up from March 8, 1902, to March 14, 1903. After paying the expenses of the Grand Lodge in April last year there remained \$331.36 in the treasury, and since that date the expenses paid have been \$2,589.57, and there yet remains in the treasury \$3,676.18, showing that the receipts in the year have been \$5,134.39. There is, in addition, \$1,639.20 of cash in treasury to the credit of the Orphans' Home, so that the treasury actually holds \$5,315.38 at the present time.

In a financial statement at large, the property of the several lodges is figured at about \$85,540, and the Orphans' Home is worth \$25,000, these, with the cash in treasury, making a total of about \$116,000 of property for the slightly more than five thousand members. The receipts for the year average about \$1 per capita of membership. The showing presents a very healthy condition of Odd Fellowship in Indian Territory.

At the approaching grand meeting it is expected that Grand Sire John B. Goodwin, of Atlanta, Ga., will be present, part of the reason for the distinguished compliment being that he may have the pleasure of dedicating the Orphans' Home.

The home is completed and the superintendent and his family are in charge, but no children are to be received until after the dedication.—Phoenix.

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## FLOOD CONDITION BETTER

### RIVER STATIONARY AT NEW ORLEANS AND FEELING IMPROVED

A Break Near Natchez Floods Fine Old Plantation—Now Believed the Yazoo Lands Will Not Be Overflown By Flood.

New Orleans, La., March 25.—Though reports from all points south of Helena are of a rising river, the Mississippi in front of New Orleans is practically stationary, the gauge tonight marking 20.1. That fact naturally caused much relief here, since it means that the river will have less difficulty in carrying off the high water that is coming this way. The levee board continues its preparations for the maximum flood promised by the weather bureau. The weather is clear and sunny.

Trouble is still being experienced with reckless craft in the river, which exceed the speed allowed by the governor's proclamation. In other years of flood it has not been an altogether rare occurrence that people living along the levees have taken into their own hands the enforcement of the proclamation by the use of rifles, and threats along that line are being made now. It may be said, however, that the large majority of steamboat and steamship men are obeying the instructions of the authorities.

Good reports come of the condition of the levees in the Ponchartrain district, on the east bank of the river, from Baton Rouge to New Orleans. They are now undergoing a severe strain, but President Leake still believes the entire system will be held. The Mississippi and Illinois Central railroads, which would be affected by any serious break in this territory, are co-operating with the levee board and the planters in the work of strengthening the line.

The break near Dowells, on Bayou LaFourche, has relieved the tension against those levees, and no other crevasses are likely there.

Natchez, Miss., March 25.—A break in the private levee at The Briers, one of the best plantations in the county, located about 21 miles below the city, flooded the place, and it is now from four to five feet under water.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 25.—Another day of fair weather, combined with a diminished rate of rise in the river, has raised high hopes in the hearts of the dwellers behind the levees, and while the danger is not yet past, it is now believed that the rich Yazoo delta will be spared the calamity of an overflow.

### INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Expected Falling Off of Eighty Million Has Not Happened.

When Congress wiped out the war revenue tax the expectation was that the receipts from internal revenue sources would fall off about \$80,000,000 during the present year.

The receipts for the eight months from July, 1902, to the end of February, 1903, have just been tabulated by the internal revenue commissioner, and they indicate that the falling off will probably not exceed \$50,000,000.

The total receipts from July 1, 1902, to February 28, 1903, have been \$154,699,020, a decrease of \$28,342,724 from the same period of the preceding year.

The receipts from spirits increased during these months by \$6,933,554. The tobacco receipts decreased \$3,377,158.

Congress decreased the tax on manufactured tobacco from 9.6 cents per pound to 6 cents, which accounts for a decrease of \$4,889,751 from this source.

Fermented liquor receipts decreased \$16,633,383, the tax on beer having been decreased from \$1.60 a barrel to \$1.

Miscellaneous receipts decreased over \$13,000,000, largely because of the removal of the tax on legacies.

### "HOT AIR" CONVENTION.

Nominates a Ticket for City Officials at Wapanucka.

Wapanucka, I. T., March 25.—At a "hot air" convention last night, held in the Skeen hall, a ticket was named for city officers. The purpose of the mass meeting was to get a free expression from the citizens, but as usual the meeting was controlled by one element, and it happened this way: A few nights ago they held a caucus, where two men were endorsed for mayor. Last night the same two names were placed before the assembly and on motion nominations closed.

The names endorsed were: W. N. Barker, mayor; John Enfield, recorder. The following were named for aldermen: F. A. Riner, Frank Juhan, Mr. Farris, Walker Bond and W. Z. Gibson; E. O. Loomiss, treasurer; Kern Hall, assessor; C. M. Crowell, city attorney; M. J. McKen, scavenger.

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