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ADOPT RESOLUTIONS IN INTEREST OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

Our Friendly Neighbors on the East Are Taking Up Our Burden and Through Their Congressmen Can Accomplish Much.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 30.—Hon. Sidney Suggs, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Ardmore, I. T., Dear Sir: Replying further to your favor of December 17th, beg to hand you herewith copy of resolution adopted by our board of directors. You will also find enclosed clipping from the Daily Gazette of this city of even date. Whenever we can serve the interest of your people, please command us. We are receiving a copy daily of your paper which is read with interest by our members. Many thanks for same. Yours truly, GEO. H. BROWN, Secretary.

The Arkansas Gazette of Dec. 30 has this to say in the premises:

Hon. Sidney Suggs, president of the chamber of commerce and editor of the Daily Ardmoreite of Ardmore, I. T., recently visited both Little Rock and Memphis in the interest of the proposed law to give Indian Territory a delegate in congress. While here Mr. Suggs made his headquarters at the board of trade, and on his return home the chamber of commerce of Ardmore communicated with the local commercial organization urging its cooperation in securing the passage of the bill introduced in congress by Mr. Curtis on the 10th inst. The main points in the bill are covered by the following extract:

"Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that a delegate to the house of representatives of the United States may be elected by the male inhabitants of Indian Territory, who are citizens of the United States, twenty-one years of age, and who shall have resided in said Territory six months prior to said election; and said delegate shall be entitled to the same rights, privileges and emoluments as are exercised and enjoyed by the delegates from the several other territories of the United States in the house of representatives. The first election shall be held at such time and place and be conducted in such manner as the acting chief justice of said territory shall appoint and direct after at least thirty days' notice, to be given by proclamation; and at all subsequent elections the time, place and manner of holding elections shall be designated by the acting chief justice of said territory until otherwise provided by law.

"Sec. 2. That the number of votes cast at each voting precinct for every person voted for as such delegate shall within three days be certified, sealed up and transmitted by mail to the clerk of the court of appeals of said territory, who, in the presence of the acting chief justice of the territory, shall open and canvass the same. The person having the greatest number of votes of the qualified electors, as

hereinbefore provided, shall be declared, by said acting chief justice, elected; and a certificate thereof shall be accordingly given by said acting chief justice.

"Sec. 3. That the United States marshal of each judicial district shall pay all the necessary expenses incurred by said election upon the certificate of the United States judge of the respective districts; and the sum of \$5,000 or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of said election; provided that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to inhibit the government of the United States from annexing said Indian Territory to Oklahoma Territory or from giving to said Indian Territory a complete form of government; provided, further, that nothing in this act shall be construed to impair the rights of persons or property now pertaining to Indians in said territory."

Congressman C. C. Reid, to whom the secretary of the board of trade referred the matter, replied as follows:

"Morrilton, Ark., Dec. 23.—Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your letter of the 22d inclosing a letter from Sidney Suggs, resident of the chamber of commerce, Ardmore, I. T., also a copy of the bill to provide for the election of a delegate from Indian Territory which papers I herewith return. As to my opinion in regard to the proposed measure, I will say that I am heartily in accord with the general purpose of the bill—that is, to provide that Indian Territory may be represented by a delegate in congress. This is highly important from the fact that this section has no one directly interested in their affairs in congress. It is a matter of simple justice to them. A state with a legislative department of its own could better afford to be without representation in congress than a territory wholly dependent upon congress for legislation upon every commercial and domestic interest. There are some features of the bill that I do not like and that I should vote to amend, notably the broad provision that 'the first election (and all subsequent elections) should be held at such time and place and be conducted in such a manner as the acting chief justice of said territory should appoint and direct.' I think the power given here is too broad and might be badly abused in the hands of an acting chief justice who was so disposed. Some general manner of holding the election, it seems to me, should be prescribed by the statutes. Aside from this I should be glad to support the measure. I am very truly yours, CHAS. C. REID."

Following this, both Mr. Reid's letter and the other documents were referred to Hon. George B. Rose, chairman of the board of trade legislative committee. Mr. Rose approved the step to secure the delegate because, among other reasons, of the close trade relations between Arkansas and the people of the Territory, and he feels it the duty of the people of Arkansas to do everything possible to assist them.

Yesterday a majority of the directors of the board of trade adopted the report as well as the following resolutions, a copy of which has been sent to Mr. Reid and to the Ardmore Chamber of commerce.

"Whereas, This board of trade, having been visited by the Hon. Sidney Suggs, president of the chamber of commerce of Ardmore, I. T., in the interest of the bill introduced in congress by Representative Curtis, providing for giving the said Indian Territory a delegate in congress; and

"Whereas, Having given the subject special investigation through our legislative committee, Hon. George B. Rose chairman, and at the hands of our member of congress, Hon. Chas. C. Reid, and the reports being favorable to such legislation as is proposed; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the Little Rock board of trade, as a matter of justice to the people of the Territory and in the interest of the commerce of the country, most urgently recommends the passage by congress of a law that will give them representation by a delegate to be selected by the voters of said Territory."

Silas Hare Weds.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Former Representative Silas Hare of Sherman, Texas, who succeeded Tirockmorton and lost his seat to Bailey, and Mrs. Mary L. Kennedy of Washington were quietly married in Baltimore last evening.

The bridegroom is 76 and the bride is 63. They kept their intentions a close secret. Mr. Hare cloaking their movements by announcing his departure to Texas for a month's visit.

* NEWS OVER THE 'PHONE. *

Burneyville.

We have a good school here now with Rev. Vaughter as teacher. This week will end the cotton picking. The gin has turned out about 700 bales.

Milo.

A big crowd of young folks is here to attend the New Year musical entertainment at J. W. Johnson's.

Eik.

There are many movers passing through, going both north and south.

Graham.

There were many out to enjoy the big dance at J. A. Fowler's last night.

Madill.

Judge Gullet is here this week. Commissioner's court is in session.

Mrs. Whitehead, the wife of our former city marshal, died last night.

Mrs. Judge Henderson is very ill.

The young people have had a dance every night this week.

The people are out with their bill books, notwithstanding this is New Year's day.

Tishomingo.

The young people had a big dance at the club rooms last night.

Earl.

There is a religious debate in progress here.

W. F. Mayo has returned from a visit to Arkansas.

Fate Bayne and wife have returned from a visit to Arkansas.

Jack Green returned yesterday from Arkansas, where he has been visiting.

A wise man will not teach a girl to skate unless he is engaged to her or expects to be.

Sometimes you are playing a losing game when you win.

STILL PRESSING CLEVELAND

MURPHY OF TAMMANY FAME VISITS EX-PRESIDENT.

And Urges Him to Again Become a Candidate—A Humorous Interview Which Occurred Between the Two—Asks Questions.

To the Ardmoreite.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The other day Mr. Murphy head of the great Tammany organization in New York City, visited Princeton and had an extended conference with ex-President Cleveland on the question of the election of a Democratic nominee for 1904. It is well known that Murphy desires Cleveland's nomination, believing that with the Democratic standard placed in Cleveland's hands next fall the result in New York is a foregone conclusion. It should be remembered that a result in New York state is of great moment in the campaign. With the solid South which is conceded to the Democrats, it will only require eighty electoral votes to elect a Democratic president. New York state alone has half this number and it would only be necessary for the Democrats to carry New Jersey, Connecticut and Illinois, or Indiana and Illinois, or California, Illinois, and New Jersey or a half dozen of the smaller states to elect their ticket.

It is because of Murphy's confidence in being able to carry New York state with Cleveland that he is now urging the former president to again become a candidate.

The following humorous interview between Murphy and Cleveland is said to have occurred:

"Hello Murphy! Glad to see you at Princeton again."

"Glad to see you, Mr. Cleveland, and particularly glad to see that the rheumatism has left you."

"Yes, I'm in tip top condition once more. How are all the boys and how do the plans for dinner come out?"

"Both the boys and the plans are in excellent shape, Mr. Cleveland. The boys are awaiting your speech at the dinner with much impatience. I am finding it a little difficult to hold them in. They are for Mr. Cleveland to a man. And I am unanimous on that point myself."

"Thank you, Murphy. Now give me a line on McClellan."

"Well, sir, George is a nice boy. I like him. He is tractable and grateful. There is good service in him for the organization and the party. But, as you know, George is young. We need not hurry with him. He can wait for the bigger things. He has no beard and can carry an Manhattan or in New York state until his beard grows. Still, it is good just now to have George in stock. If we need him we can use him at once."

"I see an occasional reference to a Judge Parker, Murphy. From up-state somewhere. Tell me something about him."

"Yes, there is such a man, and there are people who want him nominated for president. How many of them there may be I really don't know. I understand, however, that neither party has ever gone to the bench for its candidate, and I see no reason why the Democracy should depart from the rule now. McClellan holds over him there. Men have gone by the way of a majority to the white house. Am I right?"

"I know of one such case," assented Mr. Cleveland with a smile. "Murphy, there is something level about that head of yours. You have evidently made a study of politics. But answer me on this point. The demand is for a New Yorker, and Princeton, you know, is in New Jersey."

"Oh, well, Mr. Cleveland, don't let that disturb you. You know what the poor girl on trial said to the judge about her baby. Jersey is such a little state it ought not to count against you. Princeton is simply your place of post. Seven years must have set you up again in full vigor. Your heart has always been with us in New York, and in politics as in sentiment, the home is where the heart is. You are a New Yorker enough all right. Leave that to us."

"Why, Murphy, hanged if you are not something of a poet. I am proud of that over your acquaintance. Goodbye. Hope to see you in five minutes at the dinner."

"Hope to see you in the same shape here, Mr. Cleveland. If you think it prudent, try to tell us then just where you stand as to the presidency."

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES

DEATH OF AGENT CHALMERS CAUSES FURTHER DELAY.

The Report of Mr. Bonaparte Special Representative of the President, Has Nothing to Do With Acts of Department of Justice.

To the Ardmoreite.

Washington, Dec. 31.—It now seems practically certain that the investigation recently made of the charges against F. L. Soper, United States attorney for the Northern district of Indian Territory; Ben Colbert, marshal of the Southern district of Indian Territory; Judge Burwell, United States district judge, located at Oklahoma City, and a number of other Territorial officials, will have to be made over again. Special Agent Chalmers, who investigated all of these cases, is very ill and doctors now hold out but little hope for his recovery. No reports were prepared by him on any of these cases, and no information has been furnished the department with reference to the charges made against any of the federal officials. He is now here in a hospital and is not expected to recover from the illness from which he has been suffering during the past six weeks. Accordingly, the department is making preparations to send another special agent to the Territory to go over the same ground formerly gone over by Major Chalmers. Mr. Bonaparte, special representative of the president, recently conducted an investigation in Indian Territory, but no matter what his report may be, the department of justice will investigate the charges against its own officials by its own special agent.

The attorney general takes the position that when charges are made against officials and employees of that department that they should be investigated and reported on by officials of that department. If he is satisfied that the officials under him have been derelict in the performance of their duties, then he will remove them. If he is satisfied they have been faithful in the performance of their duties then they will not be removed no matter what reports are made by special agents of the interior or other departments of the government.

It is hardly probable, however, that Mr. Bonaparte will investigate all of the cases under consideration. His mission is merely to investigate the condition existing in Indian Territory so far as it pertains to government officers becoming officials of corporations or other companies organized for the purpose of defrauding members of the tribes. He has no authority to go into the charges generally preferred against Ben Colbert, marshal of the Southern district of Indian Territory or Judge Burwell of the district court in Oklahoma. For this reason it is necessary to send another agent to the territories to cover these cases.

After spending Xmas with friends in the city, Mrs. T. J. West bought a supply of Blue Ribbon flour from J. B. Smart and returned home to Davila.

A BIG VERDICT.

Ben Garren Gets Judgment Against Santa Fe for \$10,000.

In the case of B. F. Garren against the G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., which occupied four days in trial the jury came in Tuesday afternoon after being out only three hours and turned in a verdict assessing the plaintiff's damages at \$10,000.

This is the second time the case has been tried in the court here, the former jury giving a verdict for \$5,320. That verdict was reversed by the court of appeals and it came back for rehearing with the above result. Garren, who was a Santa Fe fireman, lost his foot the 21st of May, 1901, at Saginaw by the turning of a step, which precipitated him under the wheels as he attempted to climb on the engine.—Clebourn Enterprise.

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