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United States Court for the Southern  
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the Chickasaw Stock Association of  
the Indian Territory, and the official  
organ of the city.

## TERMS OF U. S. COURT.

At Ada—Begins September 28, 1903  
holds two weeks, and February 15,  
1904, holds three weeks.

At Tahlequah—Begins October 19,  
1903, and holds two weeks, and Feb-  
ruary 29, 1904, and holds three weeks.

At Chickasha—Begins November 2,  
1903, and March 21, 1904, each term  
two weeks.

At Ryan—Begins November 16,  
1903, and April 4, 1904, one week each  
term.

At Purcell—Begins November 23,  
1903, and April 11, 1904, each term  
one week.

At Pauls Valley—Begins November  
30, 1903, and April 18, 1904, three  
weeks at each term.

At Ardmore—Begins December 21,  
1903, and May 9, 1904, seven weeks  
each term.

## 4 O'CLOCK EDITION

Ardmore, Friday January 1, 1904.

January 1, 1904.

Happy New Year to all.

Resolved, That your resolution  
stick.

Ardmore has done well in the past;  
help make its future better.

Shawnee is being flooded with coun-  
terfeit 50 cents and one dollar silver  
pieces. The officers are making a  
thorough search for the counterfeiters.

Nineteen hundred and three has  
seen wonderful progress in the growth  
of Ardmore, and by a continued united  
effort, 1904 will witness still greater  
developments.

The Washington Post says that St.  
Louis should have sent a delegation  
of her boosters to secure the national  
convention. They have a reputation  
for allowing nothing to get away from  
them.

Mr. Rockefeller has just given the  
Chicago University a present of a mil-  
lion over a million and a half, but he  
has not yet announced what the in-  
crease in the price of refined oil will  
be.—Houston Post.

Guthrie and Oklahoma City are both  
entertaining the territorial teachers  
this week. In conformity with the  
eternal fitness of things, Oklahoma  
City is entertaining the white and  
Guthrie the colored.—Oklahoman.

This year is leap year. Will the  
young ladies please have their propo-  
sitions ready at 12:01 a. m., January  
1, 1904? Take time by the forelock,  
and those who have missed out dur-  
ing the past year can get two boys  
when the last stroke of the bell has  
died out.

"A Novata man discovered a pimple  
on the side of his nose," says the At-  
vertiser, "and attempted to remove it  
with an ointment. But the pimple  
flourished like a green bay tree and  
soon grew to the size of a turkey.  
When the man began to investigate  
he discovered that his bottle of oint-  
ment had been misplaced and he had  
been using his wife's hair developer."

Gen. John C. Black of Illinois, com-  
mander-in-chief of the Grand Army,  
can not complain that republicans are  
ungrateful. He draws \$100 a month for  
"total disability," and President Roose-  
velt has made him a member of the  
civil service commission. If his dis-  
ability is total how can he earn three  
salaries and a pension at the same  
time? Still Candidate Roosevelt had  
to do something to enable him to carry  
Illinois.

Did you swear off this morning?  
"If you don't mean to keep your  
oath, don't make it," says a New  
York preacher. "If you do well," he  
continued, "you will stand by your  
resolves until the middle of the month.  
It is an old trick. We have all played  
it and for the remaining eleven and  
one-half months we have reflected on  
its futility." In short, he advises that  
it is better not to resolve at all than  
to resolve and fail by the wayside.  
Some of us differ from this view.  
There is something to be gained by  
being "good" a little while. Perhaps  
we may die before that half month  
up and go to our reward, whereas if  
we had not resolved, who knows  
where we'd go?

## A MISER AND HIS MONEY.

"Starving and \$50,000 lying within  
reach of his hand."

Friendless and a fortune staring  
him in the face.

Deserted and surrounded by wealth.  
So died an old man, out in Nebraska,  
the other day.

An old man of 80, living alone, and  
a fortune beside him a useless for-  
tune, because it could not buy him  
friends or food.

The man was a miser. He loved  
gold so well that he had no time, no  
desire to love anything else, and prob-  
ably if he had found the opportunity  
and the will, he would have fought  
them both down, because it might  
have taken a few dollars to pay his  
emotions.

He had gathered in and hoarded up  
his coins one upon another, piled  
them up in little sacks, rolled them  
in even rolls, and died in the midst  
of them, hungry and thirsty.

He had spent all the best years of  
his life accumulating his wealth. He  
could have had every comfort, every  
luxury. He could have had wife,  
family, home friends, and he had noth-  
ing, nothing absolutely nothing but a  
lot of money that he could make no  
use of.

As he lay dying he could stretch  
his fingers and draw his beloved rich-  
es close to his cold heart his trembling  
arms could gather it in, all into their  
weak circle, and get all of it togeth-  
er, yet could not bring him the bit of  
bread, the sup of water, for want of  
which he died.

What a poor man he was, what a  
miserably poor creature!

What good was his money to himself  
or to any one?

What good? Why it was not worth  
the dirty rags and paper in which it  
was wrapped.

Not one dollar of it had ever gone  
to charity. Not one cent had ever  
been given to a little, ragged beggar,  
not one nickel to a hungry woman,  
not a dime to a poverty-stricken  
church.

His money all lay beside him as he  
died the harvest of rigorous saving  
and exacting self-denial.

How the silver dollars and the filthy  
bills would have laughed and sneered  
at him if they had the power. How  
the coins would have jingled against  
each other mockingly, and the bills  
flaunted themselves derisively before  
his dying eyes.

How they would have taunted him  
with their nearness and their use-  
lessness.

He could not take his wealth with  
him, it could not even be buried with  
him, and he died as he lived, poor,  
friendless and alone.—Kansas City  
World.

The New Year, as is customary,  
was welcomed in by ringing of bells,  
blowing of whistles, shooting of fire-  
works and singing and singing—all  
kinds of noise. Watch night services  
were held in several parts of the city,  
and in the retired seclusion of many  
homes the young folks watched for  
the passing moment of time which  
brought into existence the year 1904—  
leap year.

Even the evangelists have awakened  
to the importance of advertising. At  
the present time the territory is well  
supplied with evangelists, the major-  
ity of whom run pictures of them-  
selves in the local papers, together  
with their advertisements, just like  
any other kind of business. This  
demonstrates that printer's ink is not  
only useful in saving dollars, but in  
saving souls as well.

A headless body was found in the  
woods near Boston the other day.  
Perhaps it was the Republican party.

## Soper the Only Candidate.

William McNett, present Republi-  
can national committeeman for Indian  
Territory, has retired from the race  
for reelection, throwing his support  
to Philip L. Soper of Vinita, who is  
now the only candidate.

The announcement came after a  
conference held recently between Mc-  
Nett, Soper and Judge W. H. H. Clay-  
ton. The Choctaw nation organization  
controlled by Clayton remained loyal  
to McNett until Soper's election was  
conceded.

Soper will not be a candidate for  
reelection as United States attorney  
for the northern district and will as-  
sist McNett in succeeding himself as  
attorney for the western district.

## The Fire Last Evening.

Yesterday afternoon late an alarm  
of fire was turned in from Palmer's  
gin, and the department lost no time  
in getting there. The fire originated  
in the seed house, presumably from  
a match, but was extinguished before  
the fire department got ready for  
action. No damage was done.

## Legal Holiday.

Today being the first day of the  
year, is legal holiday and in conse-  
quence all government offices, post-  
office, etc., are closed. We notice  
that the union barber shops are closed.

Subscribe for the Ardmoreite.

## ABOUT CHICKASAW NATION

A FEW FIGURES WHICH WILL  
TELL OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY

Its Size, Wealth, Fertility, Crops,  
Towns, Churches, Schools—The  
Position a Cotton Crop Occu-  
pies—Wealth of Farmers.

After a careful compilation of fig-  
ures, which has taken the Ardmoreite  
some time to collect, we in the brief-  
est manner possible present the fol-  
lowing which shows the unlimited  
wealth and resources of the Chicka-  
saw Nation:

The Chickasaw Nation comprises  
1,202,108.95 acres of land, every foot  
of which may be used profitably.

In this nation there are about 200  
towns, great or small, and as many  
churches and school houses. The  
schools are supported by subscription  
except in the larger towns.

Some of these towns range in popu-  
lation almost to the city mark. There  
is one of 10,000, one of 8,000, three  
of about 3,000 and seven of 2,000 or  
more, and so on down to mere post-  
offices.

The chief crop of the country is  
cotton, for the growing of which there  
are now 268 cotton gins, which have  
up to date turned out for this season  
about 91,000 bales of the average  
weight of 500 pounds which has sold  
at a price ranging from 10 cents to  
13 cents per pound, besides 1,000  
pounds of seed cotton to each bale,  
which is in constant demand at not  
less than \$14 per ton.

Besides this staple of total export,  
there are thousands of head of cattle,  
more than this country could consume  
in years. Hay, alfalfa, wheat, oats,  
corn and other feed stuffs produced in  
trainload shipping quantities each  
year, and the farmers have enough  
sweet potatoes, pumpkins, molasses  
and meats of their own at home to  
last them until the yield comes again.

Besides this the farmers have now  
on deposit in the banks of the Chick-  
asaw Nation \$1,352,135.56 with sev-  
eral banks to hear from.

There are about forty of these  
banks, located in 26 towns and oper-  
ating on a capital of about \$1,500,000.  
The idea that merchants are in a  
flourishing condition follows naturally.

There are men who live in the lit-  
tle island towns who have even up  
following the plow to accumulate a  
worthwhile fortune as great as  
\$275,000, and that within the memory  
of young men. That this is the place  
for the energetic fortune-hunter is  
plain, but a plain truth is that this  
is the ideal place for the man who is  
willing to work and live at home,  
where he can raise the finest fruits  
and vegetables of almost every de-  
scription, besides this he can gather  
a hundred bushels more than he can  
use of the very finest kind of pec-  
ans each fall.

For further information address  
THE ARDMOREITE.

## SMITH STRUCK BY ENGINE.

Knocked From Santa Fe Track Last  
Night—Injuries Slight.

Last night about 8:20 o'clock T. L.  
Smith started home and was walking  
along the old main line of the Santa  
Fe, north of the old depot.

Upon reaching the water tank he  
saw a freight train standing on the  
track and stepped on the other track  
to avoid the same.

At this juncture a locomotive came  
along the track occupied by Mr. Smith,  
going north, with the tender in front,  
which, Mr. Smith said, struck him in  
the back, knocking him from the  
track to the ground between the  
tracks.

Mr. Smith's head struck a cross tie,  
inflicting a painful but not serious  
wound on the forehead. The lick in  
the back, we are told, is not serious,  
and with the proper care Mr. Smith  
will be up in a few days.

## At the Jail.

Ray Johnson, a white boy 20 years  
of age, was brought in by Deputy Mad-  
sen from Chickasha, charged with  
stealing goods of the value of \$15. He  
was placed in jail in default of bonds-  
men.

The same officer brought in another  
young white man, 21 years old, charg-  
ed with larceny. He was also placed  
in jail.

## Texas Has General Rain.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 31.—Bulletin  
from more than twenty Texas points  
today show that a general rain is  
falling over the entire cotton and  
grain belt and much of the cattle  
range country.

It is raining from the Indian Ter-  
ritory to the Gulf and from Texarkana  
to the Brazos river and beyond that  
stream.

## CITY GOVERNMENT.

R. W. Dick..... Mayor  
John L. Galt..... Police Judge  
D. E. Booker..... Chief of Police  
J. H. Mathers..... City Attorney  
G. H. Bruce..... City Clerk  
Frank Butt..... Treasurer  
W. R. Roberts..... Ass't and Collector  
Bob McGee..... City Scavenger  
J. W. Moffett..... City Physician

## Aldermen.

First Ward—R. Hardy, J. S. Mc-  
Charen.

Second Ward—J. S. Mullen, C. F.  
Fraley.

Third Ward—C. L. Byrne, R. W.  
Randol.

Fourth Ward—W. A. Gilliam, W. F.  
Whittington.

## Board of Health.

Dr. J. W. Moffett, city physician;  
Dr. S. S. Carr, J. W. Smith, Walter  
Hardy, Mayor R. W. Dick.

## Committees.

Finance—R. Hardy, chairman; C.  
L. Byrne, W. F. Whittington.

Street and Alley—The aldermen for  
each ward are the committee for their

## BLANTON & BERKSHIRE, General - Insurance - Agents

Office Up stairs in new Ledbetter building,  
Second stairway west of the Whittington.

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respective wards, with the mayor as  
chairman over them all.

Police—C. F. Fraley, chairman; J.  
S. McCharen, W. A. Gilliam.

Fire—W. A. Gilliam, chairman; C.  
F. Fraley, R. W. Randol.

Waterworks—C. L. Byrne, chairman;  
W. F. Whittington, R. Hardy.

Ordinance—J. S. Mullen, chairman;  
R. W. Randol, C. L. Byrne.

Cemetery—R. W. Randol, chairman;  
W. A. Gilliam, J. S. McCharen.

Sanitary—J. S. McCharen, chairman;  
C. F. Fraley, J. S. Mullen.

Improvement—W. F. Whittington

chairman; R. Hardy, R. W. Randol, C.  
L. Byrne.

## SANTA FE EXCURSIONS.

Sunny South Handicap Shoot, Bren-  
ham, Tex., Jan. 16 and 17. Rate  
\$12.50.

Local holiday excursion to points on  
line of G. C. & S. F. railway. See tick-  
et agent. Date of sale December 23  
24 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

See ticket agent for summer tour-  
ist rate.

W. A. DASHIELL, Ticket Agent.

Subscribe for the Ardmoreite.

## St. Belmont Clear Havana Cigars

Are made from the  
finest leaf Havana offers.  
They

"Are Really Excellent."

WAPLES-PLATTER CIGAR CO., Dallas, Tex.

## To My Customers

And to every reader of the Ardmoreite I send

## New Year Greetings

And wish for you a prosperous year  
during 1904. If you have bought

## Saddles and Harness

During 1903 from Johnson, it follows as night  
the day that you have been pleased with your  
purchase, and I invite you and your friends to  
trade with me during the new year, I want to  
call your especial attention to my

## LIQUID HARNESS DRESSING.

Its use imparts to harness and traveling bags a  
beautiful soft jet black luster that will not smut or peel  
off. My stock of Saddles, Harness and Farmers Supplies  
for the year 1904 will continue to be the largest and best  
selected in the Indian Territory.

## L. J. JOHNSON,

The Saddler,

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