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## QUICK REPLY

COMES FROM WHITE HOUSE REGARDING INVITATION.

Which President Heartily Appreciates No Arrangements yet Made for Trip South—Invitation Will Receive Careful Attention.

Only a few days ago the Chamber of Commerce through a committee composed of Henry M. Furman, T. N. Robnett and W. A. Ledbetter sent an invitation to President Roosevelt to visit Ardmore, when on his Southern trip.

Yesterday Mr. Furman received the following reply which will be read with interest:

My dear Sir:—The letter of the 15th instant, signed by yourself and others, extending to the President a cordial invitation to visit your city has been received and he heartily appreciates your courtesy. No arrangements have yet been made, however, for a southern trip, but should the President decide to visit the South he will give

your wishes careful consideration. Very truly yours,  
B. F. BARNES,  
Acting Secretary to the President  
MR. HENRY M. FURMAN,  
Ardmore, I. T.

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TELEPHONE NEWS.  
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**Roff.**  
A prosperous Christmas week has opened for Roff. Business is extra good and everybody seems cheerful.

**Marietta.**  
Court begins here today and the streets are crowded.

**Lebanon.**  
Charlie Hillsberry and Miss Little Bridgman were married here yesterday.

George Wilson, who has been very ill, is reported better.

The election of a new set of school trustees was held here last Friday and the following were chosen: J. W. Wilson, J. A. Orr and L. V. Shilings.

If you are thinking of buying a typewriter, buy the best—the Viable Writing Underwood. This machine took the Grand Prize at the World's Fair and is for sale on easy terms by G. P. Selvidge, Agent for Chickasaw Nation, Ardmore, I. T.

Hudnot's, Palmer's, Pinauds, and R. and G's perfumes and toilet water. Lon Frano has it. 18-61.

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## CITIZENSHIP STATEHOOD

STEPHENS OF TEXAS INTRODUCES BILL FOR APPEAL.

One Citizenship Court Case to go to the Supreme Court of the United States to Test Validity of Decision—Little Introduces.

Special to The Ardmoreite.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Representative Little from Arkansas has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to remove the disabilities of all Indians, not of full blood and thus permitting them to sell all of their real estate except forty acres to be held by them as a homestead.

Representative Stephens from Texas has introduced a bill in the House authorizing the appeal of one case from the Citizenship court to the Supreme Court of the United States; he hopes in this way to test the validity of the numerous decisions of the Citizenship court in setting aside the judgments rendered in favor of many citizens of Indian Territory in the United States courts; and should the Supreme Court sustain the appeal and reverse the judgment of the Citizenship court, it would result in giving a new trial in all these citizenship cases or in restoring the old judgments to their former validity.

Neither of these bills have been considered in the committee for the reason that the chairman has failed to call a meeting of the Indian Affairs committee of the House and it is understood that his committee will not be called together until after the holidays.

Senator Platt of Connecticut has resigned from the Indian affairs committee of the Senate for the reason that he has succeeded the late Senator O'Hara as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and Senator Dillingham was appointed to fill the vacancy on said Indian committee.

There is no probability of a re-instatement of the Citizenship court and it is also generally understood here that when the Dawes Commission term expires on July 1st, next that they will not be re-instated but one man will be appointed to wind up their unfinished business.

### VOTED ARDMORE OUT.

At Yesterday's Meeting, Ardmore Franchise Was Given to Temple.

Mr. H. B. Bracy, president of the Ardmore base ball team, returned last night from Dallas, where he went to attend yesterday's meeting of the Texas League. The league officials held a meeting in Dallas on the 11th, when action was taken toward transferring the Ardmore franchise to Temple, because of the long jump the Texas teams are required to make to Ardmore, which is the only town in this section able to support a team in the league. The matter was not definitely disposed of at that meeting, however and Mr. Bracy was appointed a committee of one to go to Oklahoma City and see if the base ball promoters of that city desired to enter the Texas League. Mr. Bracy went there Friday and ascertained that Oklahoma City had already secured a 1905 franchise in the Western Association and that the Iowa (Kau.) team is to be transferred to Oklahoma City. This decides Ardmore's fate in the league and yesterday by a vote of 4 to 2, the Ardmore franchise was given to Temple. Fort Worth and Ardmore's own vote were cast in favor of this city, but Dallas, Corsicana, Waco and Austin were in favor of Temple. Should the Western Association deal at Oklahoma City fall through, then Oklahoma City and Ardmore will be given franchises instead of the two weakest towns now in.

Mr. Bracy states that an effort will now be made to form a Territorial League and if this cannot be accomplished, the Ardmore team will play independent ball. At any rate a strong ball team will be maintained here next year.

Our store is Santa Claus' headquarters for Christmas shoes and slippers.

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ONE OR TWO CHANGES IN INTRODUCTION OF BILL.

A Ten Year Prohibition Clause to be inserted—Constitutional Delegates to be 55 from Oklahoma and 54 from Indian Territory.

Special to The Ardmoreite.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—A wired report that the Senate Committee on Territories favorably reported the Hamilton Statehood Bill to the Senate; it encloses herewith full information concerning same.

The Senate Committee on Territories by a vote of 6 to 4 today authorized a favorable report on the statehood bill providing for the admission into the Union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to become the state of Oklahoma, and of Arizona and New Mexico, to become the state of Arizona.

The bill is the one originating in the House in the second session of the fifty-eighth congress, but has been amended materially by the Senate Committee. The closeness of the vote practically makes it certain that there will be a minority report.

Tomorrow Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee, will submit the majority report. The opponents of the bill will contest its passage on the floor of the Senate.

Those who voted today for the bill were Senators Beveridge, Dillingham, Nelson, Dick, Burnham and Keen, all of whom are Republicans. Senator Hard, republican voted against the bill, together with Senators Bate and Newlands, democrats. The fourth vote against the bill was that of Senator Patterson, who was absent, but recorded as voting. Senator Clark, of Arkansas was also absent.

The most important changes made in the House bill are the insertion of a clause prohibiting traffic in liquor for a period of ten years in that part of the proposed state of Oklahoma, now known as Indian Territory, and the elimination from the House bill of all provisions with reference to suffrage except the following:

"That said state shall never enact any law restricting or abridging the right of suffrage on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude."

As passed by the House, the bill specifically permitted the proposed states, if they desired, to abridge suffrage on account of sex.

Among other amendments made to the House bill are these: Reducing the delegates from the territory of Oklahoma to the constitutional convention from 60 to 55, and increasing the number from Indian Territory from 50 to 54; reducing the number from New Mexico from 70 to 65, and increasing the number from Arizona from 40 to 44; requiring that all state officers of Arizona shall speak, read and write the English language. I am informed that this statehood bill will be put on the calendar and will be made the regular business as soon as the Philippine bill is gotten out of the way, which will be shortly after the holidays.

### A. J. MILBURN DIES.

Fatal Ending of the Tragedy Enacted at Milburn Friday Night.

Judge Henry M. Furman received a telegram this morning from W. J. Milburn at Milburn conveying the information that A. J. Milburn died this morning. An account of the shooting appeared in Sunday's Ardmoreite and was as accurate as it could be obtained at that time.

The telegram read "Uncle died at four forty-five o'clock this morning."

Signed, W. J. MILBURN.

It is expected that a preliminary hearing of the case will be taken up at once before the Commissioner at Tishomingo.

### To Spend the Holidays.

The following young ladies were in the city Saturday night from Bloomfield, where they have been attending the Indian Female Seminary, en route to their respective homes to spend the Christmas holidays: Misses Lucy and Nancy Young of Berwyn, Joseph McGee of Wayne, Vera, Rowena and Winona Burks of Pauls Valley, Peachie Colbert of Wayne and May Belle Winnie and Maude Johnson of Milo.

### FROM AN INDIAN VIEW.

Speaks of Treaties of Long Ago and Asks that Prohibition Prevails.

In a communication addressed to the editor of the Ardmoreite a correspondent says:

"While much has been written on the territory situation in the past two years the half has not been told, if you will please give me this space, I will present a few facts of vital interest to the people of the territory."

"In 1818-20 there was begun by General Jackson and Hines (upon the part of the United States) and the Chief and Headmen of the Choctaw people upon their part and completed compact and agreements whereby the Choctaw people were to part with and sell to the United States all their lands in Mississippi, and to buy the lands west of the Mississippi river beginning at a point on the banks of the Arkansas river 100 paces from old Ft. Smith, thence up said river to the mouth of the Canadian river, thence up the Canadian river to its head or source, thence due south to Red River, thence down said river on its south bank to a point due south of the beginning, thence due north to the beginning to have and to hold to them and their heirs as long as they remain as a tribe and live on it."

That boundaries of no state or territory should ever be extended over their country without their consent.

The Indians Consent.

Intoxicants of every kind should forever be kept out of their country by the U. S. government and the Indian government should and did cooperate fully in this and signed and sealed and delivered with the faith of the great nations pledged by President Fillmore.

In 1830 and concluded in 1831-32 that famous removal treaty was had at "Dancing Rabbit" court house and to the new country we came.

In the treaty all the foregoing solemn pledges were repeated. The treaty of 1825 which preceded this one gave us these assurances. Again in 1837 when the Chickasaw people bought an interest here with us, this same assurance was made. In 1857-1866, 1898 and 1902 treaties were signed pledging the faith of the great nation through its commissioners, congress and its president that all those things should be kept.

It would now seem that an attempt is being made to have the treaty abrogated and allow the sale of liquor in the Five Civilized Tribes.

Are the sacred treaties to be wiped out and liquor to be sold to the Indians?

The people of every state in this union are hereby asked, entreated and requested to protect the Indian against the vices of liquor before it is too late. Ask your neighbor, ask your friends, ask your Senator and pray to God that the past now be remembered and that the treaty pledged to us be kept.

### Chamber of Commerce Active.

The Chamber of Commerce will make a strong effort to have congress pass legislation during this session looking to the removal of restrictions on the alienated lands of the nation. A committee representing the Chamber of Commerce will draw up a memorial requesting congress to pass legislation to this effect. Such a law, it is claimed, would greatly please the business interests of the territory. It is also said that leading Indians would be in favor of such a law. Referring to the removal of these restrictions, it is stated that Congressman Little of Arkansas has introduced a bill which provides for the removing of restrictions on Indian lands excepting homesteads. The new bill also exempts miners from his posing of any of their lands.

### ASLEEP AT THROTTLE.

Engineer Slumbered While Train Dashed Into Another.

Manhattan, Kas., Dec. 17.—A Rock Island train ran into a Union Pacific train which was standing on a crossing of the two roads here today. Five persons were injured as follows:

Fireman McKay of Belleville, badly scalded, may die; Engineer Henderson of Belleville both legs hurt; head brakeman, name unknown, of Kansas City, seriously; Fred Wheatley, Manhattan, stockman, back injured.

The engineer, said he had been asleep. Immediately after the wreck the engineer went to the caboose and fell in to a sound sleep from which he cannot be aroused.

Holiday presents for men at W. H. Byrd & Co's 18-61

## SHIPS AT SEA

FORTY JAPANESE SHIPS WILL RECEIVE BALTIC FLEET.

Will Be Accorded Elaborate Reception—Greatest Sea Fight Now Imminent—Russians Must Give Battle or Retreat.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Japanese have dispatched a fleet of forty vessels to meet and destroy the Russian Baltic fleet.

The news has come to this government from official sources at Tokio, the original source of the information being the American consul on the island of Formosa. Recently the Hearst news service announced exclusively that the Japanese had forfeited the Pescadore islands, which are located off the coast of the island of Formosa. It is now apparent that the Japanese had the coming sea fight in mind and had established at the Pescadores a base of operations.

The news to this government is contained in the following:

"Tokio cable.—It is reported that a Japanese fleet of forty vessels passed Pescadore islands yesterday, going south. This report has been confirmed."

The report was cabled first to the American minister at Tokio and was cabled here today.

The large number of Japanese vessels seems to be explained by the fact that the Japanese have taken the precaution to send colliers and transports with the warships. The Russian vessels may attempt to escape or avoid battle and the Japanese would be obliged to remain at sea for perhaps two or three weeks, and are prepared for this emergency.

The big sea fight which is to make history is therefore imminent, and it has been discussed as the most important in modern times. The intentions of the Russian government are apparently guarded with great secrecy. No one knows what plans the Russians have made to meet just such a contingency as disclosed in the important dispatches of today. It has been supposed that if the Japanese moved any important body of the fighting vessels south, as in the present case, the Vladivostok squadron would attempt to get out and join the Baltic squadron. The Japanese have dispatched a fleet of forty the Port Arthur squadron, so that no help can be expected from that quarter even if the Japanese withdraw all of their big vessels from the blockade there.

One of the naval experts said tonight:

"If it be true that Japanese have sailed in fighting force south of Formosa, only two things can happen the Russian Baltic fleet will be annihilated on the east coast of Asia south of Formosa or it will sail back as soon as its scout ships have notified it of the presence of such a formidable Japanese adversary."

### A MURDER DISCOVERED.

Dog Unearths Head of Human Being—Evidently Murdered.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 17.—A resident of June's City, Oklahoma, today discovered a dog in his yard chewing flesh from a human skull. Investigation proved that the dog had torn the skull from the body of a man who had been buried near by. The body proved to be that of W. A. Agee. Further search developed the fact that Agee had been killed in his kitchen, as there were evidences of a desperate struggle. Agee owned a horse and had \$15,000 in cash in his possession, of which it is said was probably the motive of the murder. He was very old and came to this country from Tennessee. He was a veteran of the civil war.

For health's sake eat Solomon's very best bread. Every loaf has his name on it. 19-1m

He makes little out of life who is always on the make.

Depreciating others will not help the world to appreciate you.

The service of another is a sower a cure for our own sorrow.

Worship is more in looking up than in bowing down.