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INDIAN AGENT SHOENFELT'S AN IMMENSE ONE.

Weights About 325 Pounds and Embraces all Manner of Vouchers Claims and Such Like—Total Royalties from the Tribes.

Muskogee, I. T., April 23.—United States Indian Agent Shoefelt has forwarded to the commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington, his quarterly account for the quarter ending March 31, 1905.

The report weighed about 325 pounds and embraced all manner of vouchers, claims, etc. The receipts for the last quarter show a decrease of about \$40,000 as compared with the preceding quarter, which amounted to over \$1,000,000. This is explained by the fact that the royal Creek payment was received by the agent during the previous quarter. The Choctaw nation leads in the amount collected by a big margin, with the Creeks last.

The individual payments to Indians for oil, gas and coal leases, show some increase, but this is not included in the general collections for the tribes. The total royalties collected by Colonel Shoefelt for the last quarter for the different tribes was as follows:

Chickasaw nation \$42,383.26, Choctaw nation, \$127,159.08, Cherokee nation, \$341,880.54, Creek nation \$23,201.42.

Cattle taxes collected for the Chickasaw nation amounted to \$10,558.79, Choctaw nation \$6,459.42.

Collections on oil and gas leases for individual Indians was as follows: Chickasaws, \$28,249.45; Creeks \$2,665.14.

Receipts from sale of townsite maps were \$114.75; public property \$93.50. Including the balance on hand at the beginning of the quarter and the amount remitted, the total was \$641,874.78.

JOB FOR ROOSEVELT.

Offered and Will Accept the Presidency of Harvard.

Cambridge, Mass., April 23.—President Roosevelt is slated to be president of Harvard university to succeed President Eliot at the close of his term if he is willing to accept. It is the general belief of the university that unless something unforeseen occurs he will be willing to take up the work then. He has shown great interest in Harvard at all times and he would enter upon the work with great enthusiasm. At the coming commencement President Roosevelt is to attend the 25th anniversary of his class.

The efforts which have been made to secure a large endowment for the university have been partially successful and it is expected that at the commencement announcement will be made of \$3,000,000 raised for the fund. President Roosevelt's class will give \$100,000 of this sum.

Great preparations are being made for the commencement exercises in June.

SHOT AT HIS OWN DOOR.

Aged Farmer Living Near Asher Meets Violent Death.

Shawnee, Ok., April 23.—Sheriff Grace was notified today that John Crowe, an aged farmer living near Asher, thirty miles south of this city, had been shot and instantly killed there Friday night. Investigation revealed the body of Crowe lying in the doorway, life being extinct. A gunshot wound told how he met death. It was evident that the party who did the shooting had called Mr. Crowe to the door and shot him as he opened it.

Deputy Simmons after looking into the affair, placed several under arrest. Coroner Fleming went to Asher today to conduct the inquest. From parties it is learned that Mr. Crowe was killed by a gunshot charge, which struck his head just behind the ear, and that the weapon was held so close to his head that his hair was burned. A shot-gun with one barrel empty is said to have been found at the house.

TRAIN LOADS OF CATTLE.

Coming From Texas to the Territories and Kansas.

San Angelo, Tex., April 22.—Solid grain loads of cattle, most of them double-headers, are going out daily for Oklahoma and Indian Territory pastures and some few destined for Kansas. Up to the middle of May there will have been some 1,128 carloads of cattle shipped from this point, as that many have been ordered to go over the Santa Fe. The cattle come from the territory around San Angelo for a radius of 200 miles.

Some excellent shipping accommodations are afforded here that cattle are brought a long distance to be shipped from here. The Santa Fe people have improved their service in every way possible and shipments are moved with the utmost facility, which is all contributing to the benefit of San Angelo.

After the cattle shipping will begin the mutton movement, the shipments of fat range muttons to market. There are several hundred thousand fat muttons now ready to go to market, but they will not be shipped until they have been sheared, so that they will not go until May.

Mutton buyers, mutton speculators, why buy the muttons in advance from the sheepmen, expecting to hold them and sell at an advance, are now here operating among the sheepmen. Some years these mutton buyers lose and other years they profit, very considerable, but their business is an uncertainty.

EMULATES JESUS

COLORADO FANATIC DIES BY CRUCIFIXION.

Perished in Agony—His Religious Ecstasy Carried Him Through Without Feeling Pain—Member of Order of Penitents.

Trinidad, Col., April 23.—On a cross, just as Jesus died centuries ago, a fanatic member of the Penitents is reported to have died yesterday at Torres, Las Animas county, Colorado. Several Trinidad people claim to have been among the eye witnesses, but they agreed among themselves not to talk for publication. According to a report current here, however, the victim was nailed to a cross of his own formation and died in agony that he did not seem to feel, wrought as he was into a delirium of religious fervor. The story of the crucifixion is vouched for by Henry B. Robinson of this city, who says a crowd of Mexicans had been eye witnesses and were discussing the tragic scene.

QUARANTINE OFF.

Texas Cotton Seed Can Now be Shipped to the Territory.

It is announced from the local offices of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific that the quarantine on shipments of cotton seed from Texas to joints in Indian Territory and Oklahoma has just been removed.

Because of the boll weevil in Texas the shipments to the places named have been forbidden. It being thought that the appearance of the pests there could be largely prevented by such an action.

The quarantine has been in force for over a year and its removal is a matter of much pleasure to the dealers in cotton and cotton products.

Cotton Increase.

Work on the new compass at Pauls Valley is progressing rapidly. Rain of late, however, has interfered somewhat with the progress of H. H. Pennington of this city, who is superintending the work of construction, was in the city this morning and said that farmers in that section are increasing cotton acreage instead of decreasing the crop, as reported. He says the increase is due to the fact that the season is late and that weather conditions interfered with the planting of corn. Much new lands, he reports, has been broken this season and many new people are settling in the territory.

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DELIVERY OF DEEDS

BEGIN IN CHICKASAW NATION ABOUT MAY 10.

Business Interests Will be Materially Benefited Thereby, at Same Time Complications May Arise from Issue as it now Stands.

The business interests of Ardmore are rejoicing over the announcement that Gov. Johnston will begin the delivery of deeds about May 10. Equal in importance to the work of allotments is the signing of the deeds and thousands who have been patiently waiting for patents to their lands will be greatly pleased to know that the Governor of the Chickasaw nation has at last determined to sign patents, thus giving the allottee privileges that could not have been otherwise enjoyed.

In connection with the signing and delivery of the patents an important question has arisen and that is, whether the deeds will be dated from the time the certificate of allotment was issued or from the date of delivery. It is hoped that the deeds will date from the original allotment, as the time cuts considerable figure in the disposal of the lands.

Many who recognize the importance of the deeds say that the action of Gov. Johnston will be of vast benefit to the Chickasaw nation, as in a short time lands will be open to absolute purchase for the first time in the history of the country.

Gov. Johnston's determination to sign the deeds may bring about some complications. It is remembered that Secretary Hitchcock has ruled that all deeds must be signed by him.

Chadman Dixby thinks that steps to be taken by the Governors will cause endless trouble. For instance, a contest may be filed on an allotment before a deed is delivered in the Choctaw nation in open defiance to the Interior department.

The reason assigned is because the patents have not been approved by Secretary Hitchcock. Other persons may come in and contest and file on the same allotments. This would mean two patents for the same allotment, one approved by the department and the other not recognized.

LOTTERY OFFICES RAIDED.

Postoffice Inspectors Seize \$1,300 in Cash and \$10,000 in Tickets.

New Orleans, La., April 23.—The offices of the Mexican Lottery Company were raided today by local officers and a post office inspector.

Ollie S. Smith and George E. Smith, in charge of the office, were arrested for violation of the lottery laws of the State.

After they had been released on bond they were arrested on a United States warrant, charged with a violation of the interstate lottery law.

Ten thousand dollars in tickets for the May drawing, \$1,500 in cash and a lot of paraphernalia were captured.

Statehood Edition.

The big statehood edition of the Kansas City Journal made its appearance yesterday and copies of its were in great demand today. The paper contains much valuable information concerning the Indian Territory and will be of immense value to Oklahoma and Indian Territory in its coming fight for statehood. In fact the object of the edition was to aid the territories in their fight for self autonomy. Hundreds of pictures are used in the paper, among them being photographs of the many important towns. Ardmore is represented with pictures of the Whittington hotel, the Postoffice block and photos of several prominent citizens, Judge Townsend, C. M. Campbell, W. B. Johnson, C. O. Bunn, Sidney Suggs and others.

The edition will be sent to every member of Congress and thousands will be distributed throughout the country.

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PROMINENT VISITOR

CHAS. J. KAPPLER OF WASHINGTON IS IN THE CITY.

Authority on Indian Laws and Compiler of Indian Laws and Treaties. Speaks Interestingly of Statehood Legislation, Etc.

Hon. Chas. J. Kappler, a prominent attorney of Washington, D. C., and compiler of Indian Laws and Treaties, which are used extensively, is in the city on a brief visit. Mr. Kappler has been in Indian Territory for the past two weeks, having visited some of the most important towns. Although this is not his first visit to the territory he is greatly impressed with the growth of the town and he thinks that with favorable legislation the country will go forward.

It may be said that Mr. Kappler shows great familiarity with existing conditions in Indian Territory. For a number of years he was private secretary to United States Senator Stewart, Chairman of the Senate committee on Indian affairs, and he has made a complete study of Indian affairs with the result that his advice is always asked when legislation is pending. For fifteen years he was connected with the United States Senate.

Mr. Kappler was seen by a representative of the Ardmoreite this morning and he discussed the territory situation, saying that it was the general sentiment in Washington, that Indian Territory and Oklahoma would be admitted as one state before the 4th of March, 1906. It was conceded by many senators and representatives that Oklahoma and Indian Territory are ripe for statehood. Mr. Kappler thinks that the new state will become one of the richest and most populous in the Union.

"My reason for saying that statehood would be granted by March 4th, 1906, said Mr. Kappler, is based upon the fact that tribal relations of the five civilized tribes cease on March 4th, 1906 and the object is to have the tribal governments. Such a consummation would prevent any confusion which might arise should tribal relations end without provisions being made to meet such an emergency.

Touching upon the deed proposition he says that the trouble is due to the fact that Secretary Hitchcock desires to approve the patents of the allottees, he says that some 8,000 that were delivered to Green McCurtain for his signature are being delivered to the Indian allottees and these without the approval of Secretary Hitchcock. There are some 25,000 more deeds held by the Dawes commission, he said, which will not be turned over to the tribal governors, but will probably be sent to the Interior department. The tribal governors maintain that the department had nothing to do with the approval of the deeds.

He thinks that there are many instances where the removal of land restrictions would be of great benefit to the country in general. However, if but few restrictions are removed under the provision of the Indian appropriation bill, which was manifestly intended to allow the allottees, competent to transact their own business, to sell their surplus land, there is some consolation in the fact that it is only a question of a short time when by the terms of the agreement with the various tribes alienation will be permitted.

The question of taxation for the new state is an important one, said Mr. Kappler. When the new state is created, he said, it will become necessary, in order to provide revenue, for the state to tax not only city and town real estate but county and farm lands. "The easiest way out of the difficulty, in my opinion, is to allow allottees to sell their surplus lands, whereupon they would become immediately taxable. If this is not done the new state will have a hard time securing sufficient revenue unless it imposes exorbitant taxes on all its wealth that is produced above the ground, as well as that raised from below in addition to personal taxes."

Mr. Kappler is accompanied by his

wife and they will remain here for a day or two.

CHARGE OF FORGERY.

Prosecution Growing Out of an Indian Allotment.

Paris, Texas, April 23.—In Commissioner Latham's court at Tallhina, I. T., J. A. Edwards and A. M. Robertson of Ardmore and Sam Minor, who lives near Tallhina, were held to the grand jury in bonds of \$2,000 each on charges of forgery.

The allotment rulings provide that when Indian children die after their claim to land accrues under the Dawes treaty, but before allotment takes place, the claim survives to the parents or other heirs, but it is necessary that administration papers shall be taken out to establish the claim. The relative can have himself appointed administrator or can execute power of attorney to some one else and can sell the claim before allotment.

Abis Coff, a fullblood Choctaw, was entitled to three claims on account of three of his children who died before allotment, but being a Snake Indian and opposed to the new order of things, he refused to file on a claim for himself or for the children. The government therefore made an allotment to him and it is alleged that the three men endeavored to purchase the claims to which he was entitled for his children, but he refused to have anything to do with the matter.

It is further alleged that the men forged Coff's name to a power of attorney and that after the allotment was selected and filed on they forged Coff's name to a deed to the same.

JAPAN'S EVIDENCE

AGENTS OF MIKADO MAKE PERSONAL INSPECTION.

And Find Russian Ships in French Harbor of Kamranh—Using the Bay to Refit and Repair the Vessels.

Tokio, April 23.—The navy department has issued the following statement of indisputable witnesses who personally observed and report as follows about the second Pacific squadron in Kamranh Bay:

"Two cruisers, one with three masts and two funnels, Dmitri Donikol type, the other with two masts and three funnels, were seen cruising inside the harbor. Two four-masted merchantmen and one funnel steamer are anchored outside the entrance to the harbor. Five vessels resembling battleships are anchored inside the harbor. Two battleships with two masts and three funnels, flying admiral flags, are anchored inside the harbor. Six warships are anchored in single formation and lay outside the harbor off the southern entrance. Heavy smoke can be seen rising inside the harbor."

Although the report does not say so, it is believed that Admiral Rojestvenski is using the harbor to clean his ships, coal, adjust torpedoes, clean his guns, prepare his ammunition and receive fresh stores.

Easter Edition.

There has been a very active demand for the Easter edition of the Ardmoreite and hundreds of copies are being sent out of the territory and in some instances to the old country. This is indeed a compliment to the paper, and it is to be hoped that the edition will fully answer the purpose for which it was intended—to properly advertise Ardmore. The paper contained many interesting facts concerning the city and country and will be of immense value to prospectors and persons in the old states who contemplate locating in Ardmore and the Chickasaw Nation.

Judge Hosea Townsend said that the edition was one of the finest that he had ever seen for a town the size of Ardmore and that the citizens should be proud of it.

It is learned here that many Indians in the Choctaw Nation who have received deeds to land are forwarding them to the Interior department for approval. Land men say that this is a good plan and that it will probably avoid trouble in the future.

READY FOR BATTLE

RUSSIANS AT VLADIVOSTOK EXPECTANT OF VICTORY.

Men and Material Sent from St. Petersburg to do Repair Work on War Vessels Which May Get Damaged—Other Items.

St. Petersburg, April 23.—The dispatches say, the Russian armored cruisers Rooda and Grombol and the protected cruiser omatyr are cruising outside of Vladivostok ready to make a diversion in favor of Admiral Rojestvenski at an opportune moment.

The admiralty has sent an immense amount of material for repairing ships to Vladivostok and is now sending many dock yard laborers and mechanics there to take part in the work of refitting Admiral Rojestvenski's vessels in case he achieves a victory.

Over 600 men left St. Petersburg for Vladivostok by special train tonight. An immense crowd saw them depart amid great enthusiasm.

New York, April 23.—A dispatch from Saigon to a newspaper of this city, asserts positively that the Russian second Pacific squadron was still in Kamranh Bay on Friday. The correspondent says the Russian vessels, which number about fifty, are short of stores and that French and German steamers, including the Eva and Daular, are carrying immense quantities of supplies from Saigon. The steamer Gridan has been sold for \$60,000 to be used for conveying stores, and another steamer has been chartered for the same purpose.

The British steamer Hindu is unloading at Saigon, adding to a store of 45,000 tons already accumulated by Russian agents. Five colliers will convey this fuel to the squadron.

Another Russian squadron, consisting of seven battleships and cruisers (Vice Admiral Nebogotoff's) is said to be expected hourly to join Rojestvenski. It is believed in Saigon that one portion of the Russian fleet will then go to meet the Japanese, while the other will make a wide detour to reach Vladivostok.

Paris, April 23.—It is officially confirmed that Emperor Nicholas has personally sent an order to Admiral Rojestvenski to leave French waters.

Paris, April 23.—The French Government has been officially informed that Admiral Rojestvenski has left Kamranh Bay today. Its destination is unknown.

London, April 23.—A special dispatch from Hongkong says that all shore leave of the crews of the British warships has been stopped and the dock yard employes on their Easter leave of absence have been recalled so that the ships can be made ready for sea at the earliest possible moment.

Heading a Telegram.

There are two members of the racing fraternity, both ardent horse owners, whose early education was sadly neglected, and neither can read. Both consent to the best of their ability their shortcomings in this regard. One of them received a telegram the other day, but he could not read it and did not wish to expose his ignorance. He met the second horseman, and as he was looking anything but pleasant he was accosted with:

"What's the matter? You look like trouble."

"Trouble? Sure. Just read that." And he thrust the telegram into his friend's hands.

"Well, I should say it was trouble!" was the unexpected reply. "I'm sorry for you, old fellow." And the telegram was handed back, neither being any wiser as to its contents.

At this juncture a stable boy came whistling along, and the recipient of the message halted him with a jocular remark and after quizzing him awhile said:

"I'll bet you can't read, son."

"Huh, that's where you're way off! I can read as good as you kin."

"Well, let's hear you read that. If you can't it's a two bit piece for you."

The harmless telegram was read, and now both of the men are wondering what the other meant by saying the message denoted trouble. San Francisco Chronicle.

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