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## PAULS VALLEY HAPPENINGS

### BIG FALL FESTIVAL THERE NEXT WEEK.

Pauls Valley Railway Surveying Crew Nearing Headquarters—Big Fund for Improvement of Roads.

Pauls Valley, I. T., Oct. 5.—(Special)—Weather being favorable the Pauls Valley Annual Fall Festival and crop jubilee will be the biggest affair ever pulled off in the Indian Territory. October 9 the carnival opens and all kinds of preparations are being made to turn this city over for a week's jollification and festivity. All manner of attractions have been secured and the parades as arranged will be something worth traveling far to see.

Surveying Crew Near Pauls Valley. Pauls Valley, I. T., Oct. 5.—(Special)—Surveying crews of the Pauls Valley railway, from McAlester to Wichita Falls, Texas, via this point, are within six miles southwest of this point today. It is learned here today that the purchase of this was made Monday for the line and that the contract for grade would be let inside of three weeks. This railroad crosses the Santa Fe in the south part of Pauls Valley where right-of-way has been secured and the purchase of 30 acres for shops and terminal or division grounds was consummated this week.

Big Road Fund. Pauls Valley, I. T., Oct. 5.—(Special)—A fund of \$7,000 is being used in the improvement of roads and bridges and highways leading to Pauls Valley. Merchants of this place state that the opening of fall trade promises to make the coming fall the biggest business time in the history of Pauls Valley. Many new concerns are locating here, among which is the largest cotton compress in the territories now nearing completion.

Revival Meeting Closed. Pauls Valley, I. T., Oct. 5.—(Special)—A two weeks' revival meeting closed here last night. Over 1,000 attendance was the average of the meetings. Rev. Fitzgerald, who has been conducting the meetings, is a revivalist of great power and his work here has been characterized by remarkable success in his onslaught on the strongholds of sin.

Raid on Joint Men. Pauls Valley, I. T., Oct. 5.—(Special)—The authorities have been making life miserable for the joint keepers of Pauls Valley the past week. Raids were made yesterday and quite a quantity of booze was unearthed beneath the floor of one joint. Quite a quantity of substitutes was discovered and confiscated by Deputy Jackson. The following were arrested and bound over to the grand jury in the sum of \$300 bond: L. D. Bogue of Lindsay and John Stephenson of Pauls Valley. A vigorous war on bootleggers, introducers and whisky peddlers is being prosecuted by the vigilant officers.

Real Estate Activity. Pauls Valley, I. T., Oct. 5.—(Special)—Active interest in real estate affairs are becoming manifested in Pauls Valley. During the past week Oklahoma City parties have invested over \$12,000 here and a new addition to Pauls Valley will be put on the market. Inside property is awakening in values and demand. Building is active and not less than a million and a half brick will be required to build brick business blocks now planning to be put up by local and outside property owners. The two largest buildings will be a three story brick bank and office building by the First National bank and a three-story hotel by J. T. Jones and associated local capitalists, and hotel interests.

### RUSSIAN BUILDINGS COLLAPSE.

One Hundred Workmen Buried in the Ruins—Seventeen Rescued. St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—Five shop buildings in the course of construction collapsed today and a hundred workmen were buried in the ruins. So far only seventeen have been rescued.

### Progress of Ada Court.

(From Ada News.) In case 268, against W. K. Brown, the trial of which was concluded last afternoon, the jury this morning returned a verdict of not guilty. The grand jury made its second report, returning six more true bills. Case No. 253, Johnson Porter, assault to kill, charge reduced to aggravated assault. Plea of guilty. Fined \$50, one day in jail suspended. 229, 230, C. L. Roff, removing mortgaged property, both dismissed. 241, Tom Martin, perjury, continued. 242, Willie Coffey, aggravated assault. This case was tried this forenoon. The jury returned verdict of guilty. Defendant was fined \$300 and sentenced to six months in Ardmore jail. 385, Charley Cochran, weapon. Plea of guilty. Fined \$100; peace bond of \$300. 119, John Elrod, weapon, dismissed. 554, Doc Norman, gambling, dismissed. 218, Charlie Long, disposing liquor, plea of guilty. Fined \$100; peace bond of \$300. 93, Johnnie Johnson, charged with larceny of a horse belonging to Young Stroud in November, 1902. On trial at time of going to press.

## SEPARATE STATEHOOD.

Small Crowd Assembled to Hear Leader Haskell's Address.

C. N. Haskell of Muskogee, the big man in the separate statehood agitation, delivered an address on the issues involved at the court house last night. There was not a very large crowd out, and Mr. Haskell's talk was cut short owing to the fact that he desired to catch a train.

Mr. Haskell is a pleasant and fluent speaker. He dwelt at some length on the tax question, and said that it was not just that Indian Territory, now comparatively free of debt, should shoulder half of Oklahoma's indebtedness. Mr. Haskell laid particular emphasis on Indian Territory's rich and abundant resources, mineral, agricultural and otherwise, and said she needed nothing more than self-autonomy to make her one of the most prosperous and independent commonwealths of Uncle Sam's dominion.

The speaker denied the suggestion that the separate statehood movement will have a tendency to obstruct any kind of statehood legislation for the two territories, but affirms that it will show to congress and the whole United States that Indian Territory is anxious for admission into the union, and materially assist in bringing about that end.

Mr. Haskell expects to visit all of the towns in the Chickasaw nation, in the interest of his infant scheme, in several of which he will make addresses.

## THE PURSUIT OF MONK GIBSON

### CLEWS ARE DISCOVERED WHICH MAY ASSIST IN CAPTURE.

Horse and Buggy Found—Negro Arrested by Posse Who Is Supposed to Make Some Disclosures—Negro Probably Assisted.

Edna, Texas, Oct. 5.—Up to sundown there were no developments of an important character in the Gibson case. The situation remained practically unchanged. It is barely possible that some clues have been discovered that may lead to Gibson's capture. This afternoon about 5 o'clock Ed. Pickering arrived from Texana, bringing a hat which had been found between the houses of two of the Chinn negroes, possibly kinsfolk of Gibson. The hat was shown to the Gibson family, now in jail; the father thought he recognized it as the boy's. Other members said it looked like it, but could not say for certain if it was his hat.

It is also stated on good authority that a horse and buggy belonging to one of the Chinn negroes, a relative of Gibson, has been found about fifteen miles from Teana, where Chinn resides. A gentleman living on Sandles creek heard parties driving rapidly by his house about 3 o'clock this morning, going in the direction of where the horse and buggy were found. The supposition is that Gibson was being transported from the locality of the search to a place of safety in the Sandles brush.

William Smith, a colored man, was brought from Teana and incarcerated in jail this afternoon. The parties who brought him in could give no particulars of the arrest, beyond the fact that Smith had been turned over to them by the posse to be delivered to the sheriff. The prisoner had gone to his potato patch, and seeing so many men coming, he became frightened and ran into his house. The men asked him why he ran and he denied having done so. One of the posse struck him on the back of the head, inflicting a painful wound. He candidly stated that he lied to them, and for that reason they inflicted the wound.

From these circumstances, and the arrest of Smith, some developments may or may not come.

## MUTUAL LIFE CONTRIBUTION

### ASSISTS THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND.

W. F. Thummel Testifies That in 1904 He Received From Grannis \$2500 and Paid It Personally to the Campaign Fund Chairman.

New York, Oct. 5.—W. F. Thummel, legal counsel for the Mutual Life Insurance company, of New York, testified before the legislative committee today that he had received \$2500 from Vice-President Robert E. Grannis in 1904 and had paid it personally to the chairman of the republican national campaign committee. Thummel said the contribution had been suggested by "the danger that a democratic house would result in tariff and other legislation of such a character as would upset business and affect all policy holders."

### Guy P. Cobb Fined.

South McAlester, I. T., Oct. 5.—Guy P. Cobb of Ardmore, charged with introducing, whose case was brought to Atoka on a change of venue from Boston, pleaded guilty today and was fined \$810 and sentenced to thirty days in jail. The execution of the sentence was suspended during good behavior.

## LAND MADE SALABLE

### WITH RESTRICTIONS REMOVED LANDS GO ON THE MARKET.

Thousands of Acres of Good Farming Land Will be Turned to Good Use. Vigorous Policy of Indian Agent Brings Change.

Muskogee, I. T., Oct. 5.—At last the light has begun to break and Indian Territory farming lands are getting out from under the ban of departmental restriction, administered from Washington, and the land is opening up to the productive plow of the white man. This has come about through a vigorous policy under the rules now in force that places the removal of restrictions largely within the discretion of the Indian agent, and the agent is removing them.

Today there were seventy-five applications representing nearly 12,000 acres of land, returned from Washington, approved, removing the restrictions from land of allottees. This makes the land salable and taxable. Indian Agent Kelsey states that applications for the removal of restrictions are being heard and forwarded to Washington at the rate of about twenty-five per day. When he went into the agency the force in the restrictions department was doubled. Prior to that time it has been almost impossible to get anything done, for two reasons. Nearly all the applications were made by full bloods who were herded in by droves to get the restrictions removed that the grafters might buy their land. The former Indian agent would not recommend these removals. He was opposed to having the restrictions removed on general principles, anyway, and most of the applications were disapproved before they were ever sent to Washington. This policy discouraged the full-bloods and now few of them are making application. Indians of all the nations may apply, but most of them are coming from the Choctaw, Chickasaw and Cherokee nations. In the Creek there is a provision for direct sales through the agency. The restrictions cannot be removed from the homestead, but counting the average allottee's surplus as 160 acres, these applications represent 4,000 acres of land per day that is made salable and taxable, or over 100,000 acres per month.

During the month of September there were 600 removals of restrictions cases heard and passed upon by the agent. In the same month there were 500 cases set for hearing. This division of the agency constitutes a regular traveling court. A regular itinerary covering the territory is made out and the applicants are notified when they may appear at certain towns where a hearing of their application will be given them. This saves an expensive trip to Muskogee, or they may come to Muskogee and get a hearing at any time they desire. This saves cost to the allottee and gives a greater speed to the work in the office. Senator Clapp, chairman of the senate committee on Indian affairs states that he will recommend increased appropriations for this work that it may be made even more rapid than it is now.

### Davis New Map.

Davis, I. T., Oct. 6.—(Special).—Since the publication of the new Washita Valley map by the Davis Commercial club, last Sunday, there have been over three hundred orders received for it from all over the southwest. Orders for this map are coming in from Missouri, Kansas and Colorado, while Texas and Louisiana come in for a goodly number. Some towns along the Washita Valley that were omitted on the new map have been filing their "kicks" with the officials but it appears they have given them but little satisfaction. This map will be used by the "Ten Thousand Club" of Davis on all of their literature, and will be distributed throughout the eastern and northern states by the several trunk lines running through Indian Territory.

By recent surveys and the building of new lines of road, Davis has become the financial and commercial center of the Chickasaw nation. The map shows Davis and her location with reference to other towns along the Washita Valley, and is recognized by all to be a correct showing.

### CELEBRATED PALMISTS HERE.

Mme. Lisbon and Mme. De Garleen Astrologers and Clairvoyants. Mme. Lisbon and Mme. De Garleen, celebrated Palmists, Astrologers and Clairvoyants are here. Consult these gifted palmists and be guided aright. Are you content with your lot? Expert and unflinching advice on matters of love, courtship and marriage, divorce, business, lawsuits, speculation and transactions of all kinds; tells when and whom you will marry; settles lover's quarrels and family troubles. Tells you whether friend, husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false. Tells you how to gain the love of the one you most desire even though miles away. Opposite Gilmer Hotel in tent on Main street.

### Ex-Congressman's Health Improving.

Wichita, Kans., Oct. 6.—Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson continues to show marked improvement.

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## PROMINENT VISITORS

### SENATOR CLAPP AND PARTY WERE ENTERTAINED.

Were Shown the City and Met the People—Senator Said He Felt Safe in Predicting Statehood for the two Territories.

In yesterday's Ardmoreite it was stated that the senatorial party after spending two hours here, would depart for Durant. The party changed their plans owing to a railroad delay on the main line and remained here till 9 o'clock last night.

The party included Senator Clapp, United States Indian Inspector Wright, Commissioner Lusk, General Attorney Parker of the Frisco, H. Parker of St. Louis, A. E. Macarthur of St. Paul, and A. M. Johnson of Benson, Minn. Mr. Beall, of Muskogee, joined the party here.

The visitors were driven over the city. Senator Clapp said that the thrift and enterprise of Ardmore, its buildings and handsome residences, were indeed a pleasing revelation to him and he further stated that no town in the territory could surpass the city in point of appearance.

Mr. H. Parker declared that Ardmore was the best town in the territory and that he understood that more business was done here than in Muskogee. He stated that he would like to make some investments here as he believed Ardmore was the coming town of the new state and some day would make a fine city. In fact the visitors in the party had many nice things to say concerning the town. They were greatly pleased with their hospitable treatment here.

The drive included a visit to the oil mill, cotton compress, the principal streets and the fair grounds. "Fine town you have here and clever people," said Senator Clapp, "I am surprised at the progress you have made and all this with out an organized form of government."

Distinguished citizens of Ardmore, and charming women gathered at the Elk's hall last night to honor the party. Senator Clapp was presented to the visitors by Hon. S. T. Bledsoe of the Commercial club's reception committee, who said it was seldom that such a distinguished man visited the city and addressed the people. Senator Clapp had a pleasant word for the gentlemen, a gracious and courteous bow for the ladies. He was greatly pleased with the opportunity he said, of meeting representative people of Ardmore. Great interest was manifested in his informal remarks made in the ball room of the club.

Senator Clapp made a practical talk in which he said that he was safe in predicting statehood for the Indian Territory at the coming session of congress. The manner of statehood, he said, should be left to the people. He maintained that home rule was the main consideration with him. "Whatever the people wanted," he said, "I will agree to. I do not believe in dictating to the people."

He said that the danger of statehood portended from the fact that the people may get so badly divided as to overlook the main issues in the questions involved. He could not tell what kind of statehood the territory would get, but in either event, whether single or double, he would offer no resistance to the wishes of the people.

He favored the removal of land restrictions and said that the Indian should be given more power in land matters, paid a tribute to the enterprise and thrift of the so-called grafters, thought that probate courts were necessary and also an increase in the judicial force of the territory.

His remarks were well received. The visit of Senator Clapp to Indian Territory is particularly fortunate for he has obtained knowledge of conditions that will be of great assistance to him as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. The Senator has made a close study of conditions in the territory. It may be said that he has covered the ground pretty thoroughly for the length of time he has been here and nothing important has escaped his attention. In discussing the Indian situation he spoke as one who was fully conversant with the affairs of the Indian and his country. He discussed it with an ease and charm that was delightful to the hearer. He seemed to be intensely interested in the affairs of Indian Territory and said that whenever he could be of assistance to the people, he wanted them to call on him. His frank expression of manner was most pleasing.

Sensor Clapp believes in the people and he is in favor of giving them what they want. If the majority want joint statehood with Oklahoma he thinks congress should grant their wish. He does not think that a senator should ignore the people because he has the power to do so. The humble man would receive as much consideration at his hands as the richest banker.

Sensor Clapp believes that Indian Territory some day will be a garden spot. As he gazed at the landscape while out driving he could hardly control himself and he paid a tribute to Indian Territory that was pleasing to hear. "Gracious man," he said, "your development hasn't begun. Your country is rich and resourceful. You will some day be a great state."

The senator is somewhat a student of ethnology. In his own state he has had dealings with the Chippewas. Therefore he knows their traits of tribe in that vicinity.

## 4-PAW-SELLS CIRCUS

### EVERYBODY AND THE ELEPHANT AT ARDMORE TODAY.

The Parade a Magnificent Spectacle Viewed by Thousands of People. Horses Attract Attention as Did Entire Animal Kingdom.

The Forepaugh-Sells circus arrived in Ardmore last night from Wynnewood and early this morning Main street presented a scene of unusual activity as the long string of wagons and animals passed from the Santa Fe tracks to the show grounds on the Holder place in the western part of the city.

The parade, which attracted great crowds of spectators to the streets, was a gorgeous pageant of attractive horses, wonderful animals and a wealth of novel features, many of which were unique and interesting. A body of trumpeters and mounted heralds led the parade, followed by a military band, a number of chariots of allegorical significance, embellished in gold and bright coloring. A group of helmeted knights in picturesque costume mounted upon caparisoned horses followed. The second division led by a hand chariot consisted of an equestrian display, a large float carrying fourteen Russians, men and women, costumed in the gowns worn at a Russian wedding feast, three herds of elephants, including "Congo" and "Zeffa," two African war elephants said to be the only two of this species in captivity, a drove of camels, followed by a float bearing a group of Japanese in their holiday dress and two very pretty tandem teams.

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Wednesday the officers arrested nine for robbing, fighting and other crimes. Three men stole fifty-nine quarts of whisky and were captured, while a negro house-breaker was caught trying to pawn his booty. Charles Shurtliff was fatally injured during the afternoon by being thrown from a horse. The officers are now watching a crowd of men, part of which have been recognized as professional safe-diggers.

### Banker is Indicted.

Muskogee, I. T., Oct. 5.—Lake Moore a banker and politician of Weleetka, one of the most prominent men in the Creek nation, has been indicted by the federal grand jury on the charge of larceny. It is alleged that Moore secured checks belonging to two Indians. He asserts that the Indians owed him money.

## SENSATIONAL REVELATIONS

### BOOKS OF PEORIA SCHOOL BOARD SHORT \$75,000.

Believed the Shortage Will Reach Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars One Arrest on a Grand Jury Indictment of Forgery.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 5.—Newton C. Dougherty of this city was arrested today on a charge of forgery following sensational revelations by the grand jury, which has been examining the books of the Peoria school board. A shortage of \$75,000 was found and the discovery, made of peculations extending over a long period of years. The shortage will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars. In order to cause the arrest of Dougherty, the grand jury made a partial report today charging forgery. He was arrested promptly on the street, but released on three thousand dollar bail.

### HORSE RACE TRAGEDY.

Comanche Indian Shot by Companion at Snyder.

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