OWEN OF MUSKOGEE

ON THE SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO NEW STATE CITIZENS.

Good Roads Discussed, Also the Question of Indian Restrictions Being Removed—Would Not Announce for Senate.

Col. R. L. Owen, one of the most prominent attorneys in the Indian Territory located at Muskogee was here Saturday in company with Hon. I. A. Van Orsdell, assistant attorney general for the United States with headquarters at Washington. The colonel while here was asked to give his views on the various topics of interest in the new state, and especially the questions of good roads, the removal of restrictions and last, but not least, the probability of his becoming a candidate, as one of the first senators of the new state, at Washington. The colonel said:

"Muskogee was delighted at the opportunity of doing honor to Col. Sidney Suggs and supporting him for the position as president of the Oklahoma Good Roads association. This is a very important subject in the new state, and we are glad to have the active sympathy and support of Col. Suggs, and we intend to hold up his hands as president.

In speaking of the cost of roads the colonel continued.

"It cost one half cent per ton per mile to move material on a steel railroad. It cost sixteen times as much to do the same work on a good macadam road, or eight cents a ton per mile, but it cost 50 times as much or twenty-five cents a ton per mile on good earth roads, and over muddy or sandy roads the expense is much greater. The freight moved last year was about 1,200,000,000, tons, hauled in wagons an average of six miles to the railroads. The internal commerce not hauled on railroads was probably 800,000,000 tons a total of 2,000,000,000 tons hauled at twenty-five cents per ton for an average of six miles at a cost of three billion dollars. If those materials had been hauled on good macadam roads it would have cost for wagon hauling only one third as much, at a saving of two billion dollars per annum.

"Good macadam roads constructed out of Ardmore would pay almost the full amount expended as an annual return on the investment. The people of New York have just changed their constitution, provided a bond issue of $50,000,000 for state aid, the counties under the New York plan to pay a like sum of $50,000,000 during the next eight years. This great example of road investment should command the interest and attention of our people. If they give attention, they will make like investments in good roads as a matter of self interest.

The Oklahoma Good Roads association intends to take the initiative and extend the good road organization to every county and district in the new state."

What about removing restrictions?

"There are no personal restrictions on the Indians, as such, except minority, or when individuals may be incapable of contract due to personal or mental incompetency shown in the probate court. There is no restriction under the wardship, as every Indian in the Indian Territory was made a free finished citizen of the United States by act of congress of March 3, 1901. I wrote that act and have the pen with which President McKinley signed the act. The great act ended wardship and as the supreme court of the United States vigorously sets forth in the Albert Heff case, such supervision control can not be restored without the consent both of the individual Indian and of the state.

"The Indian can sell his equity and the act of April, 1906 proposing to extend the so called restrictions on United States citizens of Indian blood is void under the fifth and fourteenth amendments of the constitution which forbids class distinction, and forbids taking of property without due process of law."

What about your candidacy for the position as one of the first senators of the new state?

"Oh, well, I am not to be easily led into such an arduous undertaking by a few pleasantries of my personal friends or of the press. This position is one of the very greatest responsibilities and is the greatest honor a man can receive at the hands of the state. No man ought to refuse to do his duty by the people of the new state if called to render service; but I have observed no such pressing demand on me as to require that I enter the list of candidates. The people are beginning to consider the fitness of men to serve them, and no doubt within a few months public opinion will begin to crystallize as to candidate. I have not felt willing to enter the lists without invitation and certainly shall not do so unless there really seems to be some public sentiment that would seem to justify it.

"The very great honor of serving the people in such a position would be ample compensation for the personal labor it would involve, but I am not willing to go into such a campaign merely with a view of self preferment."

Doctor and Blacksmith Wanted.

J. W. Johnson of Milo was a visitor to Ardmore Saturday. Mr. Johnson stated that everything in his district was getting along smoothly. He also said that Milo was in need of both a doctor and a blacksmith. There is a good opening for such at that point and Mr. Johnson stated that the town would hold out inducements to the right men in the businesses.

Madden sells Toys for less.

PERSONAL

B. H. Weeks has gone to Chickasha on business.

Geo. Stewart of Foster was in Ardmore Saturday on business.

Deputy U. S. Marshal G. A. Hoss of Norman was in Ardmore Saturday.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hynes was quite sick yesterday.

W. T. Roberts, formerly editor of the Daily Herald at Gainesville, Texas, was a visitor to this city Friday.

W. T. Handler of Freestone county, Texas, is in the city on a visit to relatives.

G. H. Landis, a prominent citizen of Crusher, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

J. C. Mulkey has opened a real estate office in the Sims building on Main street.

Miss Nono Rosh and Miss Helen Gillespar are spending a few days with friends in Gainesville.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. J. A. Madden Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. M. H. NGRAM, Sec.

Notices.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society will meet with Mrs. A. G. Noble Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to be in attendance.

Tickets.

Tickets for "Clansman" on sale Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. No tickets laid aside for anyone. First come, first served. 9-1t

At the Jail.

J. Q. Adams was placed in jail Saturday on a charge of grand larceny. Adams is charged with stealing a horse. He was arrested by Deputy Merrham.

Fay Chambers, charged with running a house, was released on section 1042 Saturday after having served a sentence of thirty days in jail. She was fined $100 in the case.

H. L. Body, charged with introducing and selling whisky, was released yesterday on a cash bond of $250.

Noce Turner, wanted at Paris to answer to the charge of violating the Rogers tariff law, was taken from the jail here yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Hart, who will take Turner to Paris for trial.

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Laundry Will Be Cash.

The Ardmore Steam Laundry and the New Steam Laundry will hereafter do a cash business. Our drivers will have positive instructions to leave no bundle without collecting the cash.

There will positively be no exception from this rule.

Signed,
ARDMORE STEAM LAUNDRY
NEW STEAM LAUNDRY

Police Court News.

There was nothing doing in the police court Saturday at either the morning or afternoon session. Several prisoners were placed in the hoodoo for being drunk Saturday and will be tried Monday morning. The day was exceptionally quiet for Saturday and no excitement took place.

"Little Duchess."

One of the most important of the coming attractions at the Robison opera house is the Countess Olga von Hatzfeldt in "The Little Duchess," with Anna Held's magnificent production intact. The original book by Harry B. Smith, has been rewritten to suit the personality of the countess, while many numbers that will appeal to the popular taste have been added to Reginald De Koven's beautiful score. Tickets on sale Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock. No tickets laid aside for anyone. 9-1t

Notice.

That the old firm of Arnold & Eldridge doing general mercantile business at Springer, I. T., have this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. M. Arnold will continue, and collect all debts due the old firm, and pay all outstanding indebtedness.

J. M. ARNOLD.
W. A. ELDRIDGE.
Springer, I. T., Dec. 7, 1906. 9-1

Subscribe for The Ardmoreite.

SURVEY ABOUT COMPLETED.

Engineers Making Survey Here Will Finish by Wednesday.

The surveying party who are running the survey for the pipe line to be laid by the Ardmore Gas Company which will connect Ardmore with the Wheeler oil and gas fields returned to the city Friday night to spend Sunday, after spending a week on the line. During this time they have gotten the line ten miles out of Ardmore, and have about ten miles yet to survey before the destination of the line, one mile north of Wheeler, is reached.

Accompanying the surveying party is J. S. Connelly, a practical gas operator, who will have charge of the construction of the pipe line. Mr. Connelly is accompanying the surveying party so as to get an idea of the general geographical condition of the country through which the line will run.

This survey is the first permanent steps yet taken by this company towards laying their pipe into Ardmore. Some time ago a preliminary survey was run out to Wheeler. This however was to determine the best line over which to pipe the gas. The permanent survey will be completed by Wednesday, it is thought.

Solomon's English Fruit Cake is made of nuts and all fruits that can be put into cake. 9-3s

A Big Snap.

We have a line of buggies which we offer for a few days at exact cost.
4tf J. B. SPRAGINS & CO.

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Ladies, save yourself trouble by buying your fruit cake at Solomon's Bakery. 9-3s

Handsome Carving sets.

An ideal holiday gift, handsome designs, some in pearl handles. Good values and very cheap. Come early and get choice.
4tf J. B. SPRAGINS & CO.

Do your holiday baking with White Frost flour. Doesn't cost quite so much but it has no superior. Try it. 25-1m

IF YOU WANT A PAIR OF WINSLOW STEEL SKATES AT COST SEE
9tf T. K. KEARNEY.

Piano Sale Closes Monday.

E. H. Lake, the music dealer, has put a new glass front in his building. This is the largest piece of solid glass in the city and his store has a magnificent appearance. Mr. Lake has had workmen engaged all during the fall remodeling the building and in order to clear his house has put on a special piano sale. He stated yesterday that the special sale had brought him many purchasers and that he would begin the work of making interior improvements next Tuesday and would close his special piano sale at 10 o'clock Monday night.

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HOME PRIDE RANGES SAVES FUEL, COOKS BETTER AND LASTS LONGER, YOU SHOULD SEE THEM.
9tf T. K. KEARNEY.

For Christmas, English Fruit Cake at Solomon's Bakery. 9-3s

An elegant stag handle carving set makes a fine present for Christmas. Tarver has them. 7tf

IF YOU WANT A PAIR OF WINSLOW STEEL SKATES AT COST SEE
9tf T. K. KEARNEY.

I shave notes. J. Goldsmith, 135 East Main. 27-1m

Skating Has Its Charms.

The Royal Roller Rink is increasing its charms for the merry skating parties. On Friday evening 219 skaters were on the floor and all the seating capacity of the rink was taken. The grand march proved to be unusually attractive and the ladies are learning the two-step.

Manager Nichols has booked two lady skaters for Christmas week and they will prove a great attraction. These two skaters will cost the rink more money than any other special feature the rink has ever put on.

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6-3 WEBB'S STUDIO.

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