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## STATE STATUS OKLAHOMA

A QUESTION THAT IS PERPLEXING TO THE LAWYER.

### STATE CONTROL OF INDIANS

Property and Rights the Riddle to Solve by the Lawyer—Will State and Federal Governments Conflict.

One of the many perplexing questions that the attorneys of Oklahoma and especially the attorneys of the Eastern district of the state will have to grapple with the status of the Indians with regard to administering on their property and their rights as citizens of the new state.

The question resolves itself into "Is Oklahoma upon an equal footing with the other states of the union?" S. T. Bledsoe, a prominent attorney, gave out the following interview on the subject Saturday:

"I have heard it persistently rumored that the department of the interior insists that that provision of the statehood bill as follows: 'That nothing contained in the state constitution shall be construed to limit or impair the rights of person or property pertaining to the Indians of said Territories, so long as such rights shall remain unextinguishable or to limit or affect the authority of the government of the United States to make any law or regulation respecting such Indians, their lands, property, or other rights by treaties, agreement, law, or otherwise, which it would have been competent to make if this act had never been passed,' deprives the state of its control over the persons and property of that class of citizens who happen to have Indian blood in their veins, or who have intermarried with citizens of the tribe, or who have been adopted as citizens by such tribes; that the laws of the United States applicable to the descent, distribution, alienation and devise of their property continues in force in the state of Oklahoma, and that their estates are to be administered in the courts of the United States."

"In support of this contention, has heretofore, in the admission of states, reserved control over Indians on Indian reservations who were not citizens of the United States, nor of the state. 'Is Oklahoma upon an equal footing with the other states of the union if it be true that twenty-five per cent of its citizenship and ninety per cent of its real estate are withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the courts of the state, and from the authority of the state government to impose upon any part of said property its share of the just burdens of government until the United States shall consent thereto?'"

"Does the provision above referred to, construed in connection with the provisions putting the laws of Oklahoma in force in the state exempt the Indians, who are citizens of the United States, from the laws

of the state, and subject them to the laws of the United States? Is there one law for the descent and distribution of the estate of the citizen who is an Indian, and another for that of a citizen who is not an Indian by blood? Did congress, in fact, reserve any such right in the statehood bill? Did the assent of the new state, through the acceptance by an ordinance reciting that it is irrevocable of the terms of the enabling act, bind the new state for all time to come?"

"These are some of the questions arising out of the effort of congress passing the statehood bill to deprive the new state of the rights and privileges with reference to its citizenship and the property of its citizenship conferred upon other states."

"Each of the members of the five civilized tribes had conferred upon him in 1901 all of the rights, privileges and immunities of citizenship in the United States. By the terms of the Enabling Act he is given all the rights, privileges and immunities of other citizens of the state of Oklahoma. What do these two provisions mean?"

"Have our rejoicings that we are rid of departmental rule been without reason? Has our assumption that Oklahoma has equal rights in the control of persons and property within its boundaries with other states of the union, no substantial foundation upon which to rest?"

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