

## BENEDICT AND THREE SUPERVISORS ARE SUSPENDED FROM OFFICE

Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary Ballinger of the interior department today suspended from office Superintendent Benedict and three supervisors of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma as the result of an investigation which has disclosed a "disgraceful condition" affecting the material and moral welfare of the schools. The inquiry at the interior department, which has been proceeding for some time, was entered into because of reports charging the officials already suspended, as well as others, with activities thought improper for government employees. The suspended supervisors are Calvin Ballard of the Choctaw schools at McAlester, Frederick H. Umholtz of the Chickasaw schools at Ardmore and Walter Caldwell of the Creek schools at Muskogee. The four men will be allowed to make answer to the secretary of the interior.

From the report it appears that Superintendent Benedict is connected with certain business interests in Oklahoma which have more or less business with the Indians, which was incompatible with his service as superintendent. He has permitted the schools, it was reported to fall into a disgraceful condition, and the supervisors have neglected their duties in the enforcement of school contracts, and in matters affecting the material and moral conditions surrounding the conduct of the schools.

Oscar H. Lipps of the Indian office, supervisor of Indian schools, who was sent to Oklahoma with

the charges, notified the department today of his arrival and that he was relieving Superintendent Benedict pending the result of the investigation.

Superintendent Benedict has been connected with the Indian service for ten years. Secretary Ballinger and Commissioner Valantine of the Indian office announced that the investigation of the schools, although not conducted publicly, will be thorough, and that the conduct of the officers responsible for the present conditions will be looked into most carefully.

### Hint Politics is Responsible.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 9.—John D. Benedict and other accused Indian officials made a full denial of the charges of Secretary Ballinger when interviewed today. With their denials they hint that politics might be held responsible for the accusations.

### Umholtz Out of Town.

Frederick M. Umholtz, supervisor of the schools of the Chickasaw nation, who has been suspended by the secretary of the interior, is not in the city and cannot be seen with reference to the matter. When the news of his suspension reached Ardmore last night, an effort was made to see Prof. Umholtz, but his stenographer, Miss Minnie Thomas stated he had gone to Oklahoma City and Purcell and as far as she knew the supervisor had not received any notice of his suspension.

It will be noted that the superintendent and supervisors will be given an opportunity to appear before the department at Washington in their own behalf, and most probably when the matter is thoroughly threshed out in Washington the department will find extenuating circumstances connected with the affair. Prof. Umholtz is one of the oldest school men in Oklahoma. He taught in the schools when the state was first opened to settlement and he belongs to the school society of the '80s.

### Surrender Their Offices.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 10.—John D. Benedict, superintendent of instruction for the five civilized tribes, and Walter Caldwell, Calvin Ballard, Frederick Umholtz and J. Carter Coons, Indian supervisors, who were suspended yesterday by order of Secretary Ballinger, surrendered their offices today to Oscar S. Lipps.

The suspended men assert that politics are responsible for the charges.

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## PROFESSOR HENDRIX TELLS EXPERIENCE

INDIANS OF FULL BLOOD TINT DO NOT LIKE TO STUDY WITH WHITE SCHOLARS, HE SAYS.

"School conditions in Oklahoma have changed rapidly and for the better during the past few years," says J. R. Hendrix, one of the veteran teachers who attended the recent meeting of the State Teachers' association at Oklahoma City.

Mr. Hendrix has been teaching for twenty-eight years and is now at the head of Bloomfield academy, a government school attended by the Chickasaws, near Colbert, Bryan county.

"When I came to Ardmore and organized the public schools of that city ten years ago, there were 1,475 children of school age in the city," said Mr. Hendrix. "Most of them had never been in school and educational conditions there, as all over the Indian Territory, were extremely bad. There was no school property, except that of the government Indian schools, there was but little money and few teachers. During the first year in Ardmore there were over 500 pupils enrolled in the first grade. Some of them, owing to their lack of opportunity, were almost grown young men and women. Over ninety-five per cent of the pupils there were below the high school grade and there were so few able to pursue high school studies that we had no high school during the first year.

"Similar conditions prevailed at Pauls Valley, Purcell, Muskogee, Vinita and Wagoner, all of which cities organized public school systems about that time. In the smaller towns there were no schools except a few of the old-fashioned private subscription schools. One by one the different towns formed themselves into school districts until each had a system of its own, but in the country district there were no schools until after statehood.

"We kept hammering away and things got better right along. In 1900 the Chickasaw Teachers' association was formed, which included the city teachers of the old Chickasaw Nation. The association was a success, but after the arrival of statehood was disorganized and all joined the State Teachers' association.

"Prior to 1900 our facilities for education in Indian Territory were only the private schools and about twenty-five Indian schools, each of the latter having perhaps 100 Indian pupils. In a few neighborhoods there were private schools supported by Indians. Of course, since statehood we have schools in every district and every child has a chance to attend. The progress and development have been almost marvelous. We now have plenty of teachers and they are as vigorous and competent as those to be found anywhere.

"The people of the east side, so long denied these opportunities, take a great pride in their schools and are getting the best they can find in the way of equipment. Every district now has a good school house, and in many the building is of brick.

"There used to be and still is a good deal of red tape in connection with the Indian schools. Each of the Indian nations of the Five Civilized Tribes had control over its own schools, but the department of the interior maintained one superintendent and one supervisor for each nation. Since the dissolution of the tribal governments in 1906 the department of the interior has had exclusive control of the Indian schools.

"The Chickasaw Nation has five schools, two for boys, two for girls and aphans' home. Of these Bloomfield academy, located in the south-east corner of Bryan county, was for years the aristocratic school of the Chickasaws. It was the pride of the nation and its most popular school. It has a big fine building, erected about 1856, and has facilities for caring for 100 girls.

"In recent years there has been a great deal more stress placed upon domestic science and similar useful branches. The school has gradually grown less popular with the wealthier Indians. One-third of the students now are full-bloods and the government seemingly intends to make it ultimately a school solely for the education of the full-blood Indians.

"Many of the full-bloods do not like to go to school with whites or those Indians who have only a very slight strain of Indian blood. Since they so dislike to attend the public schools of the white man, it is evi-

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dent that they must have schools of their own. To one not in touch with the full-bloods it seems hardly reasonable that such are really the conditions. The full-bloods often live in obscure localities, they stay closely at home and are seldom seen. This makes them more or less bashful, which to a large extent accounts for their dislike of attending school with the white children.

"But the full-bloods are making rapid progress, not only in education, but in many other ways. You ought to see the little ones that are in my school at Bloomfield. They are every one as bright as little brand new dollars."—Oklahoman.

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### "The Blockhead"—A Great Success.

A local critic says: "W. B. Patton, the peculiar comedian, with his latest play, 'The Blockhead,' gave a performance last night that pleased the audience and sent them home thankful of the fact that there is at least one player and an excellent company that never fails to leave behind a greater demand for more of the same upon each succeeding visit. In the part of 'Prof. Theodore Blocksom Heddington,' the Blockhead, Mr. Patton is a delight. The character, to those who know the popular young actor, is simply that of the author himself, and what more could be desired? The supporting cast is without a flaw. From every point of view the play is a great success. The engagement here is announced for Tuesday, January 11. Seats now selling at Post's Drug Store.

### Night School Class.

Prof. G. P. Selvidge will be at his business college tonight from 7 to 8 o'clock to talk with those who desire to attend the night school. The required number has not yet been enrolled and until the enrollment shows twenty pupils the school will not be opened. If you desire to attend the school be at the college tonight between the hours of seven and eight.

Mrs. Susie Meek, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Frampton, has returned to her home at Cordell, Okla., after an illness of three months of typhoid fever.

## A NEW METHOD OF FUSING TICKETS

SOCIALIST AND REPUBLICAN VOTERS RESIST PARTY LEADERS—FIGHT DEMOCRATS.

Socialist speakers are again entering the southern half of the state and are making every effort to induce democrats of this section to vote with the socialists. One person who has kept pretty well up with the plans of the socialists, said this morning: "Have you noticed lately a well known socialist politician and a well known republican politician in frequent conferences? They are together almost every day, and I have made a special effort to learn just what their game is. Their plan is to place a republican ticket in the field with only a portion of the officers, and the socialists will put out a ticket with candidates covering the offices that the republicans leave off. In this way, without seeming to fuse, they will have a fusion ticket in the field. The republicans will be induced as far as they can to vote for socialist candidates where the republicans have none and the socialists will do the same thing. Each one wants to see the defeat of the dominant party in Oklahoma and they are of the opinion that they will elect some of the county officers on the fusion ticket and will reduce the state majority the democrats have had. The same plan is now being worked in Marshall county, and will no doubt be put in force in every county on this side of the state if the republican voters are willing to be led into the trap of the republicans." This gentleman claims he has the very best authority for his assertions.

One of the leading socialists was talked with this morning concerning the statement. He was very plain spoken in the matter, saying the socialist party was looking for reforms, that the republican party was farther from these reforms than any other party, and that as far as he was concerned he would never vote for any republican, that the socialists were, according to his opinion, making an honest fight for the reforms in government they seek, and an alignment with the republicans would defeat every attempt they had made and socialists would become disgusted with their own party if it made such alliances.

The republicans approached said it made no difference what kind of alliances the so called political wire workers of their party made that the voting strength of the party would not fall into the trap. The socialists stand for no government at all and if the republican party were to fuse with the socialists it would be the means of disrupting the party in other portions of the country as well as at home.

There is no doubt but that such alliances are being formed, the foundations are being laid now for such action and if the politician element can control the voters just such a ticket will be placed in the field.

## BANK ROBBERS UNSUCCESSFUL

Ada, Okla., Jan. 9.—An unsuccessful attempt to rob the First State Bank of Stonewall, a small town miles southeast of here on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad was made last night. Three men, it is believed, blew away the door of the bank, but were unsuccessful in getting into the box inside the safe, where the money was kept. Noise of the first explosion awakened citizens sleeping near by, who opened fire on the robbers. The robbers fled in confusion. It is believed one was wounded. Marks of blood were found.

The sheriff's force from Ada was on the scene as soon as possible. At 4 o'clock this afternoon no arrests have been made. No valuables of any description were secured by the robbers.

### BURNED WITH CREOSOTE.

D. C. James has filed suit against the Rock Island railway company for \$1,000 damages and other relief. Through his attorneys, Champion and Champion, he alleges that he was employed on the railroad as a section hand, that he was put to work handling cross ties that had been soaked in creosote, that he did not know the substance the ties were

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Deposits, Individual, Feb. 5, \$152,150.20

Deposits, Individual, April 28, \$162,035.63

Deposits, Individual, June 23, \$190,356.05

Total Deposits, September 1, \$216,263.44

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### BANKS ELECT TOMORROW.

Probably No Changes Will Be Made in Local Institutions.

The stockholders of the national and state banks will meet tomorrow for the purpose of electing boards of directors for their respective banks and immediately following this election the new boards of directors will assemble and elect the officers of the banks.

While some changes in the banks here have been spoken of, it is most likely that no changes of any importance will be made at this time.

### Extra Court Setting.

In the county court, Carter county, state of Oklahoma. Extra setting of the misdemeanor docket. January 25, 1910.

Bert Elliot, selling intoxicating liquor.

Jim Berry, selling intoxicating liquor.

Loran Ross, unlawful possession of liquor.

John Pickens and Jo Clay, transporting liquor.

Daisy Tatums, selling intoxicating liquor.

City of Ardmore vs. Bob Brazel, appealed from municipal court.

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City of Ardmore vs. Fred Winans, appealed from municipal court.

City of Ardmore vs. John Stump, appealed from municipal court.

Henry Williams, selling intoxicating liquor.

John Merritt, unlawful possession of liquor.

Van Moore, selling intoxicating liquor.

Polk Purvine, unlawful possession of liquor.

O. S. Asbaugh, appealed from justice peace court.

Jack Patton and Jim Wells, larceny.

Andy Coston and W. A. Wade, unlawful possession of liquor.

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