

## PRESERVING OSAGE TONGUE

E. W. Marland Heads  
Fund to Hire Expert  
Service.

## HISTORY OF THE TRIBE

Now the Richest Body of  
Aborigines on the Ameri-  
can Continent.

By C. M. SANCHEZ.  
PONCA CITY, Oct. 2.—The Osage Indians, known world-wide as the richest people per capita on earth, and whose oil royalties are now averaging \$10,000 each per annum, are to have their tribal language preserved through being reduced to writing. This work is to be done by an expert, secured through the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, a man well acquainted with the Osage tongue.

It was made possible to have this work started in the near future through a subscription of \$2,000 to the fund by E. W. Marland of Ponca City, head of all the Marland oil and gas interests, several times millionaire, philanthropist, and formerly practicing attorney at Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Marland is also the holder of the greatest tract of mineral leases thus far granted by the Indian department on Osage Indian lands to any individual, as he has 350,000 acres—practically the entire western half of Osage county—for natural gas development. He holds also several thousand acres of Osage land under all lease.

Back of the movement, and really the originator to preserve the Osage language is the Missouri Historical society of which Breckinridge Jones, the St. Louis banker is the president. It was through Mr. Jones, it is understood, that Marland of Ponca City became interested in the movement and made possible to start the work at once through a subscription to the fund.

Lived on St. Louis Site.  
The site of St. Louis was formerly Osage land and the first portion of the city was built on a grant from the Osage tribe. The Osages had formerly lived along the southern Atlantic seaboard, and a branch of the Siouan nation. They moved westward to the Missouri territory many years prior to the coming of DeSoto and the Spaniards and when the first French and Spanish explorers reached the Mississippi river they found the Siouan tribes living on the west bank, all the way from the Arkansas river north to the Mississippi's course. The states of Iowa, the Dakotas, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas took their names from various sub-tribes, of which the Osages were also one.

When Thomas Jefferson in 1803 bought Louisiana from France, the Osages were living in Missouri, and when General Zebulon Pike made his famous trip westward at Jefferson's request to find out just what he had bought, Pike took with him from St. Louis a number of Osage Indians as guides, and he also returned to the tribal headquarters in the Osage a number of Osage prisoners of war whom the government had been holding as hostages. The Osage guides were still with Pike when he met the Spaniards for the first time near the present site of Baxter Springs, Kan., and fought the first battle with them for possession of much of Jefferson's purchase.

Had a Written Constitution.  
In preserving the Osage language it is interesting to note that the Osage, Quapaw (Arkansas) and Kaw (Kansas) tribes used the same language being near relative branches of the Siouan nation. Following the establishment of the Osage nation in what is now Osage county, the tribe had a written constitution from 1881 to 1887 when statehood came to all of Oklahoma and Indian territory, with executive, judicial and legislative government. Since state-



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hood the tribal legislature or council has continued with a head chief and assistant and has jurisdiction in passing upon tribal affairs. Its recommendations are always given great consideration by the federal and state governments.

The Osages more so than any

other tribe, have kept their tribal blood unmixed with other tribes or races, except the whites. There is an unwritten law that no negro must wed into the tribe and for many, many years this was observed. Ten years ago there was one Osage girl who was known to have negro blood in her veins. She was a descendant of Prince Albert, a negro slave and body servant of Colonel Chouteau of St. Louis. A fur trader for years among the Osages, many of the French fur traders who were with Chouteau took Indian wives for themselves and Prince Albert followed suit.

In connection with Osage history, the story is told that when Coronado marched northeastward for the fabled city of Quivira, he encountered the Osages and was among them for quite a while. When he left there remained with the Osages a Catholic priest who was the first missionary among the Indians.

Built St. Louis House.  
The Osages lived in Missouri during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and it is said that the first house built on the present site of St. Louis was erected by an Osage woman under the direction of Auguste Chouteau to be nearer the buffalo grounds and in 1825 they sold everything north of the south Canadian river to the United States government and moved to lands in Kansas. Here they remained until after the civil war coming then to their present home.

At the time of the removal from Kansas the government did not pay all the purchase price of the Kansas reservation to them, but did pay the balance in 1857 or 1858, thus forming the nucleus for their present extensive wealth, augmented in recent years by the very valuable oil and gas development on their lands. In 1834 there were 5,510 Osages in Oklahoma and 1300 in Kansas or Kaw. In 1900 there were 2,066 Osages on the citizenship rolls including the adopted and intermarried members, about 20 per cent. Each Osage has something over 700 acres of land and they held in common all their oil and gas royalties and bonus funds. The Kaw, of which Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas is a tribesman, are now but a handful and live on allotted lands in Oklahoma that join the Osage on the northeast.

The present chief of the Osage tribe is Arthur Bonnicastle, elected

last spring. He is an educated Indian, with an enviable war record, having been one of the first Americans over the Chinese wall at the time of the Boxer uprising and the march on Peking by the allied armies.

## MARRIED WOMEN CLERKS

Santa Fe Gives Orders for Them to  
Hunt up Some Other Job.

TOPEKA Kan., Oct. 2.—As a result of the recent official announcement at the general offices of the Santa Fe railroad here that married women employed in the general auditor's office should adjust their affairs with a view of giving up their positions, a score of young married women, most of them brides, have left the company.

The official order specified that in cases where the husband's salary was not sufficient to maintain his wife and himself comfortably, the wife would be permitted to continue her employment.

It was explained that the standing rule not to employ married women in the general offices was suspended during the war, and that the intention now is to re-establish this regulation in all departments.

Austrians Amend Treaty.

VIEVNA, Oct. 2.—Austria's promise to amend her treaty with the Russian soviet as to conform with the peace treaty with the allies has evoked from British and French representatives the announcement that their governments would release credits for the return of Austrian war prisoners, which were held up recently.

## GARDEN WORK HELP IN STUDY

Sand Springs Boys Earn  
\$1,100 for Produce  
Sold.

SAND SPRINGS, Okla., Oct. 2.—Prof. O. A. Giles, the head of the agricultural and science departments of the high school here, made the statement today that the total amount of the money received by local exhibitors in the township and county fairs was \$1,100. Of this, he said, about \$225 was awarded to the students taking the Smith-Hughes work at the high school. \$125 was given at the county fair and \$110 at the township fair. The results of the two fairs are very encouraging for those interested in the movement, which is sponsored by the Smith-Hughes law.

At the Tulsa county fair there were four schools competing in the Smith-Hughes department. Collinsville, Okla., Tulsa and Sand Springs. Of these schools, Sand Springs won the first prize in the Smith-Hughes high school exhibit, which was \$50. In the individual exhibits in the same department, Marvin Hall won first prize of \$25, George Gilmore second, \$15, Ernie Sutton third, \$10, and Floyd Wyant fourth, \$5, all individuals being local boys. In the boys' club George Gilmore won third on sweet potatoes.

Ernie Sutton two seconds on chickens, Floyd Wyant second on potatoes and tomatoes. Against the entire county George Gilmore secured first on tomatoes, and Floyd Wyant second.

When asked as to the effect upon their studies caused by work on the farm, Professor Giles said: "We can see no falling off in the marks of the boys who are in the agricultural classes. To the contrary, those who are best in that work are also at the head of their classes in other departments."

Up to date the boys have earned \$1,100 for produce sold, and they still have an abundance of tomatoes, sweet potatoes and turnips, all of first-class quality. It is estimated that about \$500 will be added to the money already received by the boys when all of their produce is sold.

The school tracts now being used are located on the Hall farm west of the city and about seven acres south of the city and west of the gas plant. This latter space is furnished by Charles Page who will donate it to the boys next year, the same as was done for the past school year.

The Washington (colored) school also entered exhibits in the agricultural department and received third prize. Professor Giles is at the head of the work at the Washington school and reports great interest displayed in his classes, as was manifested by the plots that were put out by the students just south of the school building.

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SHANGHAI, Aug. 28.—Indication of how swiftly American trade with China is growing is to be gathered from a semiannual report of declared exports from Shanghai to America in the first half of the year, issued by the American consulate here.

The total value of exports in the six months was \$18,955,833, an increase of \$15,307,067 over the same period last year. Swift changes in values in the past year and the fluctuations of the rate of exchange are shown by the trade in raw silk. In the first six months of 1919, 2,382,611 pounds of raw silk valued at \$11,718,613 were shipped from Shanghai. In the first six months of this year the quantity of silk shipped dropped to 1,394,613 pounds but the value mounted to \$14,468,415.

Alumina, laces and embroideries, goat skins, hair nets, peanut oil and pomegranates and other silks are the principal items of the report.

## Held Rural Meetings.

SHAWNEE, Oct. 1.—The Shawnee Rotary club has inaugurated the custom of meeting with the farmers on Tuesday each month and instead of inviting the farmers into the city to the gatherings, the gatherings are taken into the country to the farmers. About seventy-five members of the club attend these meetings and about an equal number of farmers meet the city men. By this method, the farmers believe that closer co-operation between the town and country can be obtained.



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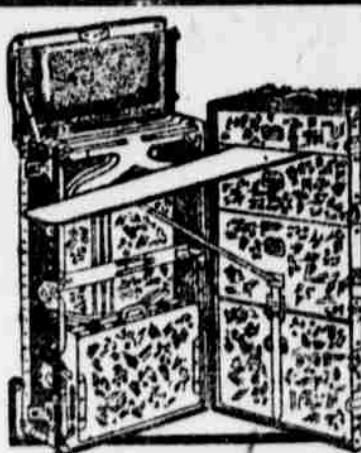
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