

THE VINITA WEEKLY CHIEFTAIN.

The town is beginning to realize that some of its citizens don't want waterworks.

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ON CHEROKEE CITIZENSHIP.

Report of Nation's Attorneys to the Chief.

The forthcoming report of the Cherokee Nation's representatives before the Dawes commission on the subject of citizenship has the following data:

There have been listed on regular Cherokee cards by the commissions follows:

Full-blood Cherokees	6,699
Full-blood Shawnees	205
Full-blood Delawares	363
Mixed-blood Cherokees	22,681
Mixed-blood Shawnees	749
Mixed-blood Delawares	733
Intermarried whites	2,406

Total citizens on straight cards... 33,837
Freedmen on straight cards... 3,320

Total citizens on straight cards... 37,157
Persons listed on doubtful cards:

Full-blood Cherokees	103
Full-blood Shawnees	2
Full-blood Delawares	3
Mixed-blood Cherokees	2,217
Mixed-blood Shawnees	105
Mixed-blood Delawares	28
Intermarried whites	534

Total doubtful applicants... 2,992
Applicants listed on rejected cards:

Full-blood Shawnees	5
Full-blood Delawares	1
Mixed-blood Cherokees	421
Mixed-blood Shawnees	35
Mixed-blood Delawares	2
Intermarried whites	609

Total... 1,073
Memorandum cases rejected under the act of May 31, 1900... 1,328

Total applicants rejected... 2,401
Freedmen:

Listed on regular cards	3,320
On doubtful cards	3,108
On rejected cards	381
Injunction cases—on no Cherokee roll	115

Total freedmen applicants... 6,924
Total number of applicants received by the commission... 46,154

It will be observed from the above totals that there is listed on regular cards, including all classes of citizens (including Cherokee freedmen) 37,157.

During the past year birth certificates were received and approved by the commission aggregating 504 and proof of death of 615 applicants who died prior to Sept. 1, 1902, for whom applications had been made, and there is no doubt but there is a large number of people yet for whom application was made and whose names appear on the commission's rolls, but who died prior to Sept. 1, 1902, and are therefore not entitled to receive a distributive share of the lands and moneys of the Cherokee Nation, but the commission is using every precaution to guard against the practice of any fraud in this regard by requiring proof that a person is either living for whom application

for an allotment of land is made or, if dead, the exact date of death of said person so as to determine whether or not the person is entitled to an allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation.

After Sept. 1, 1902, the commission began as expeditiously as possible to make lists of various classes of citizens entitled under the law to be placed upon the final roll as citizens of the Cherokee Nation and send schedules thereof to the honorable secretary of the interior for approval. Upon these schedules the names of 27,033 citizens, including Cherokees, Shawnees and intermarried whites appear, and a separate schedule of 2,749 Cherokee freedmen have been listed and approved by the honorable secretary of the interior, or a total of \$29,882 citizens. There are 2,992 applicants other than freedmen on doubtful cards and 3,108 Cherokee freedmen on doubtful cards, in which decisions are being prepared by the commission.

COL. MULHALL'S EXHIBITION.

Skill and Courage Both Freely Displayed.

In this country riding and steer roping is a part of the "real thing"—the business at times, of quite a percentage of our population. Despite this fact, the exhibition by Col. Mulhall's company at the fair grounds Monday afternoon was a decided attraction.

While the time record made by some of the ropers heretofore was not reached, still, taking all together, they did very well. There is always a good deal of luck entering into these contests, and whereas Hopkins is a very swift man, yesterday he had to make two throws. Miss Mulhall's steer, too, made a zig-zag run and she had a long chase to come up with it, while generally she is as swift as the boys. Her horse is a very finely trained animal and its teacher is entitled to a first grade certificate.

Miss Lucile Mulhall is a pleasant faced girl, said to be 18 years old yesterday. That she has no fear of a horse may readily be believed after witnessing her performance.

The broncho busters were "onto their jobs" and left the impression that no matter how "bad" the horse, there is none that cannot be ridden. From here the outfit goes to Oklahoma City where they are to give an exhibition next Sunday, and some of Vinita's equestrians are to be present and take part.

Col. Mulhall, who is in charge of the Frisco railroad's live stock carrying business, has a ranch at Mulhall, O. T., which is said to be the best improved in the southwest. This is the family home most of the year.

CONGRESSMAN CURTIS TALKS

One Commissioner Enough to do the Work.

On reaching Topeka, congressman Charles Curtis was interviewed, with this result:

"I found grafters on both sides." "I was given a list of eighty two members of one tribe who had made double leases on the same piece of ground for the same period. I found one man who had leased his place seventeen times and another who had fifteen leases with different men for the same period of time. From one company I was given the names of 111 members of a tribe who have made leases and now refuse to be bound by their contracts."

"Do you still believe the Dawes commission is too large?" he was asked.

"What I saw on this trip confirmed my opinion expressed some time ago when I said the commission should be reduced. I believe that one good man can do more work than the four members of the commission who are working now. I believe the reduction in the force will come."

"Did you find anything wrong with the 'rust companies'?" the congressman was asked.

"I had certified copies of the charters of many of them made. Some of these charters set forth the fact that the companies were organized simply for the purpose of lending money. Of course, some of the companies dealt in Indian lands, and this was hardly proper. Piny Soper says that he invested \$50 in the stock of one company that was dealing with Indians in another part of the territory. I heard complaints during the entire time I was in the territory. I believe the inspectors now in the territory for the departments of the interior and of justice will complete their investigations within a week. They are going to the bottom of everything."

Mr. Curtis expects to prepare a report of what he found while here and use it in committee work in congress.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMING.

The Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church are arranging for a series of entertainments to be held in the opera house the coming season. They are carefully investigating the merits of the different attractions offered here, and it is their purpose to give to their Vinita friends only such entertainments as will be both entertaining and instructive.

The first of the series is a "chalk talk" by Prof. Chas. E. Stoaks entitled "Lights and Shadows" next Thursday evening, Oct. 29. It is said Prof. Stoaks has no superiors and few equals as a chalk and charcoal artist. President Thylog of Adelbert College Cleveland, O., says, "Prof. Stoaks possesses the rare quality of telling a story vividly with a piece of charcoal. His graphic touch will provoke more mirth in an hour than reading Puck for a week. I had rather hear him tell a story with chalk than to hear Dickens read."

Vinita people should consider themselves fortunate to be able to see and hear Prof. Stoaks in this lecture and a crowded house should certainly greet him upon his appearance at the opera house next week, Thursday evening, Oct. 29. Prices 25 and 50 cents.

STRAYED—One brindle jersey cow deboned, brand T on left hip, also branded on side. Return same to L. E. McGuffin. 618

THE CORSICANA FIRE

In Which J. B. Stevens Was Cremated Monday Night.

The Dallas News of yesterday has the following:
At 2 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Central Hotel building, situated on the corner of East Fifth avenue and North Tenth street, completely destroying that and an adjoining building and entailing a loss of about \$15,000.

J. B. Stevens, an old resident of Corsicana, where he has followed the trade of harnessmaker for more than a quarter of a century, was burned to death in the fire; and it is thought another life was sacrificed—that of a stranger who had secured lodging in the hotel at a late hour, and has not been seen since.

The fire was discovered in the saloon of W. W. McConnico, which occupies the first floor on the south side of the building, and it is stated that an explosion was heard before the flames were discovered. Four distinct explosions were heard, and the walls of the building fell in just fifty minutes after the first alarm was given.

The Central Hotel building was owned by Hardy & Baum, and was valued at \$8,000; insured for \$2,100. The building adjoining on the north was owned by R. B. Molloy Sr., and was valued at about \$1,000; no insurance. The saloon of W. W. McConnico was insured for \$2,000. L. F. Holcomb, proprietor of the hotel, had no insurance. No estimate of the value of his property has been given.

Other losses were: Kerr & Ware, saddlers, \$3,000, insured for \$1,500; W. T. Smith, restaurant and saloon, estimated loss \$500, no insurance; R. N. Jones, loss slight, insured for \$1,600.

The ruins are being searched tonight for the remains of the missing stranger.

A POLITICAL CATACLISM.

The famous report of S. M. Brosius may have been wild in some particulars, but one thing is very sure, and that is great good has been accomplished by it already. The white wash brush doubtless will be used to excess, and many wrongs excused or palliated but the fact remains that there has been a mighty shaking up and men will be a little more discreet in their official conduct. The government allows many things to pass as mere indiscretions but they must not be repeated. The members of the Dawes commission have all been connected with the big land companies, and the people understand fully that they transcended the bounds of official discretion. They lent their influence and aid to the wild rush of land speculation that, like a mighty prairie fire, was sweeping over this country. They identified themselves with these greedy grasping companies that came into existence to prey upon the unsophisticated Indian. They invited the severest criticism and courted the political disaster that inevitably came.

The Hydrophobia Microbe. Dr. A. Negri, at Pavi, announced last March the discovery of the specific micro-organism of hydrophobia. He now states that he has examined more than 100 dogs with natural or laboratory hydrophobia, and has never failed to find the specific micro-organism in the nerve centers. On the other hand, he has never found it in other dogs.

Through the Suez. The civilian passengers through the Suez canal last year numbered 22,000, and the pilgrims, emigrants and convicts, 40,000.

Novel Top-of-War. After quarrelling over the respective strength of a horse and a mule two farmers at Segovia, Spain, decided to settle the matter by a top-of-war. The animals were harnessed one at each end of a cart. After a desperate struggle the mule triumphed, pulling the horse off its legs and galloping away with it.

A MUSICAL RECEPTION.

Mrs. Dr. Oliver Bagby Has Open House Today.

Mrs. Dr. Oliver Bagby is entertaining a hundred or so of the elite of the city this evening, and several ladies from elsewhere, with a musical reception, in honor of her friend, Miss Graper, for which most elaborate preparations have been made. The front and back parlors and dining room were opened into one, and the back parlor arkened, the candelabra and electric lights, current being supplied for the purpose, furnishing the illumination and giving a pleasing effect to the surroundings. The piano occupied the center one of the three rooms. The scheme throughout in decoration was pink and white Chrysanthemums being employed.

There was no formal reception, though Mrs. Bagby and Miss Graper met the guests in the hall, from whence they passed to seats in the parlor or dining room.

Each guest was handed a unique program printed on a crepe paper napkin which was embellished with a musical border of the familiar and appropriate air "Old Lang Syne." That the entertainment was a musical treat will be readily believed by a perusal of the program, which bears the names of the best talent the city affords.

The program is here given:

Duet—"Ungarisch".....	Mozzkowski
Miss Graper and Mrs. Ewing Halsell.	
Vocal—"Santa Marie".....	Faurc
Miss Maynard.	
Violin—"Gavotte from Mignon".....	Thom:is
Mr. Caldwell.	
Piano—Nocturne.....	Leschetizky
6. Mazurka Op. 24, No. 2.....	Leschetizky
Miss Graper.	
Vocal—"Benedictus's Stream".....	Irish Melody
Miss Maynard.	
Violin—"Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana".....	Mascagni
Mr. Caldwell.	
Piano—"Valse Brillante, A Flat".....	Mozzkowski
Mrs. Ewing Halsell.	
Vocal—"A Maid Sings Light and a Maid Sings Low".....	MacDowell
Miss Maynard.	

In the refreshments at the close of the musical feast, the pink and white idea was also maintained—pink cream served in white doilies. In all its details the reception was faultlessly arranged and the guests were profuse in their congratulations.

A list of those fortunate enough to receive invitations is appended: Mesdames Joseph Pinquard and sister Mrs. Taghart, J. H. Huckleberry, Alva Taylor, Sophia Bethell, Bank Wade, Will Wade, J. T. Gunter, Lucien Buffington, B. F. Fortner, W. G. Neime, N. L. Rider, J. O. Quillan, C. L. McClure, Al Berger, John Harlan, J. C. Anderson, Humphrey, Chas. Poole of Chelsea, J. O. Hall, E. N. Ratcliff, S. K. Waymer, S. Riddle, C. B. Rogers, Felton, A. W. Foreman, W. B. Dupus, Bert Chandler, W. E. Halsell, Geo. Nidiffer, Henry Ballard, C. E. Griffith, Carl Bradley, S. F. Parks, W. W. Miller, W. L. Chapman, Dr. Fite, M. L. Butler, Lee Crutchfield, Tom Collins, J. M. Drake, O. Day, Emmett Res, W. P. Thompson, R. I. Blakeney, Penn Phillips, W. L. Trot, W. H. Korenegay, Fred Kelley, Chas. Davidson, Preston Davis, L. W. Marks, Frank Billings, L. F. Parker, Ed Miller, Stutsman, H. C. Luey, L. K. McGuffin, Joseph A. Gill, Sam E. Frazer, F. E. Amos, Louis Bagby, J. B. Turner, J. W. Sanders, A. P. Goodykoontz, John Byrd, J. H. Butler, Emmett Skinner, H. E. Harkrider.

A. M. Clinkscales, J. B. Burchhalter, J. S. Stubblefield, J. M. Gross, Leo Barrett, Edgar Smith, A. L. Churchill, M. E. Milford, Boyd Hamilton, D. H. Wilson, Geo. McCulloch, Z. Briggs, J. W. Orr, N. P. Johnson, John Thomason, Ewing Halsell, O. O. Berry, J. S. Osborn, Snyder of Pryor Creek, W. H. Darrough.

Misses Jante Hall, Martha Hibbler, Mabel and Maud Miller, Nettie Duncan, Flora and Tot Forman, Fannie Mae Browning, Dorra Franklin, Demmie Byrd, Ida Beatty, Phillips, Scott, Grace Fortner, Carrie Goodykoontz, Rose Donabue, Williams, Natalie Warren.

THERE WILL BE LESS SHAMELESSNESS.

For the last three months the air has been filled with rumors more or less wild, with reference to the Brosius report, and the scandals suggested in it. There were, and are grounds for the belief that there is much going on in the administration of affairs in the Indian Territory that is wrong. There is more or less "grafting" going on, and not only the Indian, but everybody else needs protection. Indeed, the Indian is about as well off as any other class. The general public needs protection from some of the Indians, as they are the Nestors among the grafters.

Tams Bixby is a shrewd politician, and an oily manipulator, a man looked upon with suspicion by both Indian and white people. He is altogether too smart for Brosius and the bunch who are out after his scalp, and the general belief is that he will escape the meshes of the law, but the hope is that he will have the decency to resign when the fire ceases.

Brosius and the Indian Rights association that he represents has lost caste with the thoughtful portion of the people here, in some measure at least, on account of persistently ignoring some of the gravest and most glaring irregularities to which his attention was called. Public interest has been focused on Brosius and his work and the very moment that it appeared that he was not sincere in his efforts to unearth fraud wherever found, then public confidence turned into suspicion. There has been some good accomplished already, and more will follow. Grafters will be less bold, and men in official position will not be so reckless in their conduct. The shameless administration of affairs in certain places will cease. The whitewash brush will be used and plenty, and no mistake, but there are some things that cannot be hid from the public eye.

Why Not Abolish the Office?

The treasurer's office seems to be the bone of contention in the Downing ranks this fall. W. O. Burton of Muldrow is the choice of the members of council from Sequoyah district. Dr. Jess Bushyhead of Claremore, I. T., son of the late Chief Bushyhead is also an applicant. His district has nine votes in the nominating convention while Sequoyah district has only five votes. There are thirty-seven members who will vote in the Downing nomination convention and the candidate receiving nineteen votes will be nominated. Canadian district has an aspirant for the board of education in the person of O. P. Brewer. It is said that Senator C. V. Rogers of Cowessawee district favors Brewer. This will fix a combination that will land Bushyhead in the treasurer's office which pays \$1000 per annum with nothing to do as all the Cherokee funds are now handled by the Indian agent. —Sallaw item in Fort Smith Times.

If you want good butter and fat chickens go to F. G. Cowan. 617