

MANY CALLED, FEW CHOSEN

Out of 1405 Applicants Only
Fifteen are Successful.

Since the act of congress providing that Indians by blood desiring to do so could apply to the Indian agent at Union agency in Muskogee for the removal of the restrictions prohibiting the sale of the allotments, 1405 applications have been received, distributed over the four large nations. Of these, just fifteen have been favorably acted upon and returned approved by the secretary of the Interior. The names of the applicants who have been considered capable of transacting their business without the assistance of the Interior department are as follows:

Charles Victor, Geo. W. Smith, Roy C. McIntosh, R. M. Harris, Alonzo Conner, Mittie A. Featherston, James Brooks Wright, Levia Smith, Legus C. Drew, Kate Eugenia Connor, Liza Farmer, David Jackson, Nichols Nail, William P. Rogers, Jonnie I. Thomas. The restriction have been removed, however, for townsite purposes, by the secretary of the interior from several tracts of land in the different nations.

ALLOTMENT CONTESTS.

Dawes Commission Makes Dates for Hearing Cherokee Contests.

Beginning January 2, the Dawes commission will hear contest cases at various points most convenient to the persons interested. There are 752 cases in the Cherokee nation arising from disputes over allotments, beside a number of contests in other nations. The places and dates of hearings are: Claremore, January 2-14; Vinita, January 16-21; Dewey, January 23-28.

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JAPS FIND USE FOR 'PHONE

Although Skilled in "Wig-Wag" System, Islanders Prefer More Modern Method.

While the Japanese are greatly skilled in the visual system of communication—the time-honored wig-wag—and heliograph—yet in the present conflict they have clearly demonstrated the superiority of the telephone and telegraph as a means of transmitting information from point to point, according to the Review of Reviews. Unlike the heliograph and flag systems, the electrical means of communication operates irrespective of weather, distance and topographical condition. It has the further advantage of being absolutely and entirely concealed from the enemy. It is shrouded in mystery, and there is no chance for the enemy to gain an advantage by reading signals, as has often happened in the past. The character of the country in which operations are being conducted has no effect upon present military maneuvers. Where bullock carts cannot penetrate the Japanese have discovered that it is very easy to transport wire by having men carry it coiled upon their shoulders. These men advance the line at a rate of three miles or more an hour. The telephones are constructed of parts similar to those of commercial instruments, but are housed in boxes, which make them more easily portable.

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G. W. Writt, Nacogdoches, Texas, says: "His daughter had chills and fever for three years; he could not find anything that would help her till he used Herbine. His wife will not keep house without it, and cannot say too much for it." 50c at People's drug store. dw

The Best Sufferer.

Rev. B. C. Horton, Sulphur Springs, Texas, writes, July 19th, 1899: "I have used in my family Ballard's Snow Liniment and Horehound Syrup, and they have proved certainly satisfactory. The liniment is the best we have ever used for headache and pains. The cough syrup has been our doctor for the last eight years." 25c, 50c, \$1. People's drug store. dw

Bronchitis for Twenty Years.

Mrs. Minerva Smith, of Danville, Ill., writes: "I had bronchitis for twenty years and never got relief until I used Foley's Honey and Tar which is a sure cure. For sale at People's drug store. dw

INHERITED QUEER GESTURE

Youth Puts Hand, Palm Outward, to Face When Stumbling—Tells Origin of Action.

A young man, in crossing a Baltimore street, stumbled, and immediately put his hand, palm outward, over his eyes, says the Baltimore Herald.

"Why did you cover your eyes like that?" asked his companion.

"The gesture is an inheritance from my father," the young man replied. "My father, in his boyhood, was caught in a fire, and as the flames shot up into his face he put his left hand, palm outward, over his eyes, thus saving his sight. Afterward he would put his hand in that way over his eyes whenever he got any sudden shock or fright. I have done the same thing involuntarily all my life. Cases like mine are not uncommon. There is a woman in Washington who never puts her right hand up to her head. Her mother broke her right arm in early life and couldn't raise it thereafter above her shoulder. The daughter can raise her own right arm, but she never does—she never has. A biologist had a goat that he kept chained to a pole. The chain galled the goat's left foreleg and she limped on this leg slightly so as to ease the chain's rubbing. In time she became a mother, and her offspring limped on its left foreleg all its life."

DESECRATE MILTON'S TOMB

Leadon Coffin Was Cut Open and Body of Poet Exhibited at a Charge of Treason to a Person.

There are probably many, even among the subscribers to Milton's statue, who were surprised to hear that the body of the great poet was once on view at a charge of treason to a head within a few yards from the site chosen for this splendid tribute to his memory. It was in 1790, after a little quarrel, that two overseers and a carpenter entered the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate, where Milton lay buried, and, having discovered the leadon coffin which contained his body, cut open its top with a mallet and chisel. "When they disturbed the shroud," Neve says, when telling the story of the ghoulieff deed, "the ribs fell. Mr. Fountain confessed that he pulled hard at the teeth, which resisted until some one hit them with a stone." Fountain secured all the fine teeth in the upper jaw, and generously gave one to one of his accomplices. Altogether the scoundrels stole a rib bone, ten teeth and several handfuls of hair; and to crown the diabolical business, the female grave-digger afterwards exhibited the body to anyone willing to pay threepence for the spectacle.

MATCHES A DRAWING CARD.

Gotham Stationery Dealer Finds That Keeping Them in Stock Is a Big Impetus to Trade.

In a down-town stationery shop the most conspicuous display in the show window is a card on which are mounted boxes of matches of different sizes, with the information that "lights are to be obtained inside." "That's my drawing card," said the veteran dispenser of pencils and office supplies to a New York Times reporter. "It brings me more business than all the rest of the stuff in the window. It's this way," he explained. "Smokers—and who doesn't smoke?—are constantly finding themselves without matches, and there is nothing harder to buy out of the regions of the grocery stores. I got this tip from one of my customers. 'Why don't you sell matches?' he asked. 'I laid in a supply and put the sign in the window. Scores come in every day for matches who never before entered my store, and every other one at least becomes a customer, buying his pens and paper and blankbooks here.'

ALUMINUM IN SPINNING MILLS.

One of the disadvantages of wooden bobbins in spinning and weaving mills is the irregularity in their revolution during damp weather, when the wood is swollen with moisture, which results in frequent breaking of the threads. Recently, in some European mills, aluminum bobbins have been substituted for the wooden ones, with many advantages. The metal not only is not affected by changes of humidity, but is lighter than the wood formerly employed in making bobbins, and this results in a swifter movement of the machinery without increase of motive power.

More Americans in Navy.

The enlisted force of the navy is coming more and more largely from the great body of native-born, American citizens. Last year the proportion of natives had risen to more than 90 per cent. In 1890 it was about 50 per cent. It is thought that the current fiscal year will see an advance to 95 per cent. The Army and Navy Journal notes the suggestive fact that most of the naval recruits nowadays come from the inland states, a naval officer mentioning with special commendation the recruits obtained from the farms of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas.

When Snuff Boxes Were the Fad.

In the days when a snuff box was considered a necessary attribute to the perquisites of a beau—or a belle—much ingenuity was brought to bear upon the manufacture of these dainty trifles. The results were often very novel. Those with a taste for the morbid could buy boxes made from the wood of scaffolds, chairs that murderers had sat upon, or parts of their houses.

Price of Lots Fabulous.

A lot that was bought for \$55 a foot 27 years ago in Chicago, is now worth \$10,000 a front foot.

NO VIOLENCE TO BE TOLERATED

Secretary of Interior Will Protect Townsite Commission.

The Cherokee Townsite commission here is in receipt of information from the department at Washington, transmitted through J. George Wright, Indian inspector, that the U. S. marshal of the Central district has been directed to protect the members of that commission from violence.

It will be remembered that not long ago Col. Sheppard, chairman of the Choctaw commission, was shamefully beaten and mistreated by a man at Hartshorne who was dissatisfied with the appraisal of some lots.

The secretary, in the general order, states:

"The Department expects every one of its officers in the Indian Territory to fully and fearlessly discharge his whole duty, and to see to it, so far as possible, that he shall be fully protected from interference or violence by persons who may be dissatisfied with his official action. You will so advise the members of the Choctaw commission and other officers subject to your supervision."

This, of course, applies to all the townsite commissions in the five tribes. As far as is known there has been no attempt at violence in the Cherokee nation, nor any threat of any.

Never Ask Advice.

When you have a cough or cold don't ask what is good for it and get some medicine with little or no merit and perhaps dangerous. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and lung remedy, it cures colds and coughs quickly. For sale by Peoples drug store. dw

ALL HAVE SAME BODY HEAT

Medical Man Examines Stoker and Explorer and Finds Temperature Always the Same.

A medical practitioner has drawn attention to a very important subject in the matter of diet. He points out that the stoker grilling in the stovehole of a Red sea liner and the explorer among the ice floes of the frozen north—provided they are healthy men—have identical temperatures. The automatic heat-regulating mechanism in the body, no matter what the thermometer may register outside, sees that the body is kept at a normal temperature of about 98.5 degrees Fahrenheit. In order to assist this wonderful process in extremes of weather, it is necessary to consider the subject of food, and one of the most important items of food in hot weather is water. Water, as the writer points out, is a food, and it should be taken in summer weather as a regular article of diet. The habit of drinking iced water is discountenanced, and the ice cream is barred as the most fruitful cause of innumerable dyspepsias. Better than cold drinks are hot drinks, and tea with a slice of lemon is recommended as the most cooling drink at this time of the year.

BEAVERS DAM MAINE RIVER.

Aquatic Rodents Prevent Engine Securing Usual Supply of Water from the Stream.

Many curious stories have been told about beavers and their way. Some of the lumbermen in Maine say they are flooding their timberlands to such an extent that they should have less protection by law, while visitors to our lakes and ponds find them a great attraction. The "biggest" beaver, in a way, that we have heard of reside in Redington township near the Boston branch of the Phillips and Rangeley railroad. Their home is on a stream that supplies water for engines. A few weeks ago the engine crew stopped for water and found, to their surprise, that the stream was dry. It was only dry for a few days, however, and the water began to run again without any apparent cause for the change. Then a man followed up the brook to investigate, and a mile and a half or so up he found a nice beaver pond. The beavers had dammed the stream for their own purposes and when their pond was full the overflow went into the stream and then the engine could have the water.

WASPS SUPPLY EXERCISE.

New York Matron Tells How She Keeps in Fine Fettle for Tennis—Whiskbroom as Racquet.

"There's nothing like tennis," said a young matron to a New York Sun reporter. "Not that we have a court of our own yet, as we hope to have some day, but we have what seems likely to prove an excellent substitute so far as exercise goes, and that is a wasp nest somewhere in the side wall of the house. Day before yesterday I killed 22 wasps—this way: You grasp the whiskbroom, racquet fashion, keep your eye on the wasp, and when he serves with his characteristic dash and vigor, you give him a return stroke that stuns him enough to give you a chance to finish killing him off. I'm having lots of practice and setting in fine form for that court of ours, by and by. And, incidentally, I'm chief lifeguard for my two youngsters."

ERROR IN MISSOURI SEAL.

Small Bear in Center of Emblem Faces United States Decoration, Thus Denoting Hostility.

Since the issue of the Missouri volume Dr. W. G. Brown, of the University of Missouri, has called attention to the fact that the reproduction of the grand seal of the state is incorrect. As this emblem forms an important part in the decoration of the Missouri building and the several exhibits of the state, the matter has been investigated by Walter Williams for the commission. In the centerpiece of the seal a small bear is shown on one side, while the other is occupied by a scroll, emblematic of the United States. In the reproductions of the seal to be found in the Missouri volume, and the decorations of the exhibits, this bear has his head turned toward this emblem of the United States. It is claimed by Dr. Brown, who is an authority on heraldry, that this representation denotes an aggressive position on the part of the state, represented by the bear, toward the United States, represented by the symbol. His claim is that the head of the bear should be turned away, as denoting submission to the idea of the union. Dr. Brown refers to the official description of the seal and the original seal, preserved in the archives of the state.

CHICAGO LIKES PICKLE DIET

Western Metropolis Has Become the Largest Consumer in the United States.

That Chicago is becoming the greatest pickle eating community in the United States is a claim made by the Tribune. It is said that inside the city limits is one of the most extensive pickle works in the world, that in the matter of acres in cucumbers and onions, the number of hands employed and the variety of goods of this character there is nothing to beat it. But the country districts are fast gaining in this business, especially in the growth of cucumbers. Some of the big wholesale grocers of the city are establishing pickle houses in many different sections of Indiana, Illinois and Michigan. They make contracts with the farmers to plant a certain number of acres, agreeing to take the entire product at stipulated prices. A large building is erected in such a community and the work of pickling is carried on in it. Farmers find cucumbers a profitable crop. Last year a pickle factory was established at Sycamore, Ill., and the first crop has been an entire success. One man took at one picking from an acre and a half cucumbers that netted him \$24.87. It is estimated that there are from 15 to 20 pickings, so that if the balance of the crop turns out in proportion to the first picking, the land will be found to be profitably employed. The city of Chicago and its suburbs is the big market for this product, which shows that our people have a tooth for sour things as well as for sweets.

Unique School in Paris.

There is in Paris a new school of psychology to investigate such questions as mind reading, mental suggestion at a distance, clairvoyance, presentiments, automatic writing, double personality, etc. This school has for its members medical men almost entirely.

Belt Weighs Nine Tons.

A gutta-percha and rubber manufacturing company of Toronto has made a belt for the grain elevator of the Intercolonial railway at St. John which is one of the largest ever produced. It is of rubber and measures 2,250 feet. Its weight is nine tons.

MAGNET USED IN SURGERY

Device Proves a Great Success in Extracting Two-Inch Nail from Bronchial Tube.

"A boy swallowed a two-inch nail, and I drew it out of him with a magnet," said a young surgeon, in the Louisville Courier.

"The boy was a Kentuckian, and the nail at first gave him no inconvenience. It was the same as if he had swallowed a piece of bread. After two days, though, he began to have a great deal of difficulty with his breathing, and he began to cough. I was sent for, and I put the X-rays on the lad. Up and down and in and out I darted them, and in his right bronchial tube I found the nail. There it stuck, hard and fast. No wonder he choked and coughed. I etherized him; I opened his throat, and I put to the office of the right bronchial tube a good electro-magnet. By Jove, it worked instantly. The big nail shot up, and with a click it attached itself to the magnet firmly. I drew it out, and the next day the lad was well. The magnet has been used in surgery to extract bullets and needles with, but I never heard of its extracting a nail before."

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PRINCES IN THE ARMY.

The Russian Borises Compared with Royalties in the German Military.

Bismarck throughout the Franco-Prussian war grombled at "the princes" who commanded under Prussian leadership.

"The princes have taken all the comfortable lodgings." "The princes drink up the fine wines." "the caterers for the princes carry off the best joints from the butchers and the best vegetables and fruits from the green grocers." "the princes are a cause of constant friction and embarrassment."

Prince Leopold Hohenzollern's baggage, as described in a French paper, reminds me, says a writer in London Truth, of Bismarck's grovish. His royal highness, who is brother-in-law of the German empress, wanted to take to the farthest east 500 coils, or trunks, boxes mostly bulky and weighty.

Prince Khilkoff, director of railways, is said to have turned pale on receiving a letter from Prince Leopold's secretary. In his embarrassment he applied to the czar for guidance, reminding respectfully his majesty that Russian officers could only take a single box and a handbag.

After an exchange of telegrams between St. Petersburg and Berlin, the emperor William decided that his cousin could do with 50 boxes and boxes.

Members of the Imperial Japanese family are on the same footing as other officers, and put up with the eternal rice cake and handful of dried fish.

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