

The Vinita Chieftain.
Weekly Edition

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The separate state fellows evidently go on the theory that whisky must follow the flag.

Let's see, what was the war about, anyway? And didn't Japan get all she went to war about, and then some?

A case of yellow jaundice was mistaken for yellow fever by a yellow reporter down in the Chickasaw country this week.

That state map with forty-nine dinky counties will look mighty sorry along side of Oklahoma with its twenty-five magnificent divisions.

If anybody thinks this is a poor corn season let him take a drive into the country in any direction from Vinita and be convinced that corn is still king.

The greatest event that ever happened is what Mr Oyama would have done to Linevitch if peace had not been declared between Japan and Russia.

If the prohibition clause in the Muskogee constitution should become a law the number of Indian Territory men who will want liquor for scientific purposes will astonish the natives.

The Chelsea fair is attracting much attention, and many of our people expect to attend. It is conducted by men of character and standing in the community and is meeting with deserved success.

To repeal the law against the introduction of intoxicants into the Indian Territory and to declare against obedience to existing law is a part of the recorded desire of the separate state convention to date.

President Roosevelt will ask congress to pass a joint statehood bill uniting Indian Territory and Oklahoma in one great state, and congress will not ignore the president; indeed, congress is of the same opinion.

Coffeyville citizens are discussing the question as to whether they should give the Vinita and Western railroad a bonus of \$20,000. In the meantime the road is building out of Vinita and will hit some good town to the northwest.

The people of the Northern district as a whole refuse to be enthused at the prospects of separate statehood. Little or no interest is manifested in the Muskogee convention. No one, scarcely, has any faith in the successful outcome of the matter.

Vinita will soon have a relic of the great World's Fair at St. Louis in the shape of a Katy depot built of lumber obtained from the wreckage of the fair buildings. The material being used in the construction of the depot at this place was, it is said, clipped from that place.

One of the first acts of the constitutional convention was to declare against obedience to the federal laws. Congress will be slow in granting statehood to a bunch of political nincompoops who have the effrontery to declare their hostility to the enforcement of law.

William Allen White, of Kansas fame, tried to show that Governor Folk's Sunday lid in St. Louis was only a paper lid, but in the evening he was compelled to admit that it was "iron-clad, bessemer steel, copper-riveted." If Folk were governor over in Kansas William would probably want to move out.

The Chieftain is in receipt of an illustrated souvenir catalogue of the Cherokee National Female Seminary at Tahlequah. This elegant piece of typographical work was executed at the Indian print shop at Chilocco, Oklahoma. It is replete with illustrations of persons and buildings dear and familiar to most Cherokees, and will be tenderly kept as a memento of a very happy past.

The work of the prohibitionists in the separate state constitutional convention has brought forth an article providing for the free introduction of liquor into the Indian Territory. This would mean the repeal of the main safeguard and would flood the Indian country with intoxicants and make it the gehenna of the Southwest. Does Captain McKennon, Rev. A. Grant Evans, et al., agree to this?

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WILL BLAME MUSKOGEE.

If the separate state movement inaugurated by a group of promoters and money getters at Muskogee two weeks ago has accomplished any one thing for sure it is that it has inflicted a lasting injury to the city of Muskogee. The palpable object of separate state agitation was to turn the waning tide of business back toward Muskogee. With the early advent of statehood with Oklahoma Muskogee saw her finish, and she ransacked heaven and earth to find a means to counteract it. But the results of the separate state movement are not what she wanted. She has incurred the open enmity and the aggressive hostility of practically the whole country, and before the separate state agitation is ended it will prove a destructive boomerang which, returning, will knock her business interests higher than Gilroy's kite. In nurturing the ill-starred separate Indian state movement she has proclaimed herself opposed to the general progress of the southwest in that she has proved herself to be an obstructionist—an Ishmaelite among Indian Territory cities. Her hand against every other interest and the hand of every other against her. Her greatest newspaper warned her citizens against the contemplated folly, and with prophetic afflatus pointed out to her in time the results of her action. The constitution that will soon be promulgated will meet with nothing but ridicule from the masses of the people of Indian Territory, and will engender the enmity of every village and hamlet in the domain of the Indian Territory. If the movement should cause the delay of settled government, which is the most that it could possibly accomplish, then the whole territory will and should lay the blame at Muskogee's door. What the people of these territories are struggling to accomplish is not little states nor big states; not the establishment of county seats, nor state capitals, but settled government and the conditions that would follow such government. When Muskogee's incentive is analyzed her motives are so narrow and self-centered as to excite only contempt. The immediate greed of a bunch of boomers and speculators has precipitated the whole unfortunate movement. A cabal of lawless grafters has thrown the fortunes of the town into the venture and risked all in the endeavor to divide among these two great territories that congress all but admitted to the sisterhood of states so recently, and all for paltry, selfish interests. The more the movement amounts to the greater will be Muskogee's condemnation. When it falls, as fall it must, Muskogee will have arrayed against herself practically the whole of both Territories. With few, and very insignificant, exceptions the press of Indian Territory and Oklahoma is opposed to double statehood, and in so doing only reflects an overwhelming public sentiment, crystallized and inexorably committed to one state.

Summer is gone and this will be known as the year the marshal didn't bluff anybody into cutting weeds.

If two states is better than one why not make four or five? That sort of logic would hold out indefinitely.

Both Japan and Russia are out with a card of thanks to President Roosevelt for parting 'em and stopping a big fight.

The separate state convention should offer a prize to any man who can offer a sane reason for the separate state movement. Thus far it has been floundering around beyond its depth, catching at straws in a frantic endeavor to keep afloat.

If some good Samaritan would secure the erection of a watering trough where a tired and thirsty horse could slake his desire to drink, in some convenient place, on our streets he would cover himself with glory and achieve a great public benefit.

Will the people of the Indian Territory be willing to take the organization of a state government over to the bunch of mavericks composing the Muskogee constitutional convention? Not on your life. The progress this country has made in the last decade has not been with the assistance of this separate state crowd, but rather in spite of it.

The South McAlester Capital has already begun to howl about the lack of fair play in the Muskogee constitutional convention. Russell saw visions of a state capital for his town, but when it developed that what he saw was only a Muskogee mirage he became frantic. The only difference between Russell and the Muskogee contingent is the length of his ears.

The Weekly Chieftain is better than other weeklies for several reasons, but the fact that it is the only one that prints the Associated Press news gives it the lead beyond the peradventure of a doubt. The Chieftain has a telegraph news service of its own, which it pays for by the week, in order that it may be able to give its readers the best newspaper possible to make within the scope of its resources. Its Indian Territory news, and more especially its Cherokee Nation news, is far ahead of any other paper. Whatever happens that is of interest will be found in the Chieftain.

Catching a habit of thought from their latter-day siders, young men starting in business believe that they have no chance unless they have a "pull" with some influential man. It is related that when young Elihu Root set out from Hamilton College to make his way in New York, his father, a professor of mathematics, who was affectionately dubbed "Cube Root," offered him letters of introduction to men in New York who could help him. "I don't want them," replied young Root. "I'm starting out to do this thing myself. I'm going to make my own friends without any family pull. I want to find out whether I'm a man or a mouse." Any boy who is willing to put himself to the test will find that he is not a mouse.

NEW GOODS FOR

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IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR NEEDS
FOR EARLY FALL NEEDS WE HAVE
PLACED ON OUR COUNTERS A
**Beautiful Line of
New Dress Goods**

Waisting and Blousing in the very latest designs from \$1.00 to 20c the yd.
Storm Serge in the latest fall colors, all wool, 45 in. wide, at 75c the yd.
Mohair and Broad Cloths in all the new colors and patterns, \$1.50 to 50c

New Skirts

Handsome Fall Skirts with the new knife pleats and stitched yoke, a very attractive skirt at only \$12.50.
And a great many other new styles in all the new clothes, all sizes at from \$10.00 to \$2.00.

W B Corsets

One of the leading make of corsets in size and style to fit every one.
403 New Form, with hose supporters.....\$1.00
714 Erect Form, with hose supporters.....\$1.00

New Wash Goods

Percale in all the colors, per yd.....10c
Red Seal Gingham, per yd.....12c
A. F. C. Gingham, per yd.....10c
Melrose Flannellettes, in Persian and Oriental, for kimonos, etc; also neat patterns for dresses, per yd 10c
New outing, all colors and splendid values, at 5c, 8c and 10c the yd.

New Goods Arriving Daily
In Our
Millinery Department
A Nice Line of
**Street Hats for
Early Wear Ready Now**

Always pleased to show you
Will announce special display later
Kennedy & Scott, Milliners.

Ratcliffs

Mr. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil company seem to care very little for publicity, and are still able to hold their own against Kansas.

C. N. Haskell, during one of the love-feasts of the constitutional convention at Muskogee this week, announced that he would take the hide off Morton Rutherford when he got a chance. There are many brands of hides on the separate state fence, but up to date no one has identified Rutherford's.

From the window of the Chieftain sanctum 280 persons were counted who got water from the Artesian fountain in the square one warm day this week, within the space of a little less than an hour—about fifty minutes. What is more, the water was pure, bubbling up from some 600 feet below the surface.

To propose to throw the Indian Territory open to the unrestricted introduction of intoxicating liquors is the result of the efforts of the prohibition committee in the constitutional convention. This is yielding everything. It is taking away that which we already have, for it is now a crime to introduce it. Try again, gentlemen.

Texas is going into, or rather partly out of, the real estate business. On September 1st it will put on the market six million acres, about nine thousand square miles, of land which has been under lease to cattlemen. Does the reader realize the meaning of the figures and the vastness of the noble state to which the land belongs? Probably not; but the tract that Texas proposes to sell is larger by more than a thousand square miles than the state of Massachusetts, yet it comprises only about one-thirtieth of the area of the state of Texas.

A Chicago judge declares that the boy who fights and scraps—the "rough house" boy—will "under proper restraint" make a better citizen than the "good" boy. There are two objections to this logic. First, it may be difficult to bring him under "proper restraint," and no parent is willing to risk the ruin of his son in the hope that his fighting qualities may finally be turned to advantage. And, second, it is not true that a useful life can be grafted upon a bad character easier than upon a good character. The judge seems to adopt the strenuous view of life that one will become a degenerate unless he engages in a fight every few days.—Commoner.

VICTORY OF ASSOCIATED PRESS.
The Associated Press, as usual, took all the honors in securing news connected with the Portsmouth peace conference. The ablest newspaper men in the world were employed by this great association to look after this important work at St. Petersburg, Tokio, Washington and Portsmouth. Not a mistake was made, nor an event in this great work missed, and what is equally important to the great arm of newspapers served by this association, the Associated Press was the first to give the news to the world.

The Associated Press has on one more memorable occasion more than held its own with a great host of special correspondents. This is because the Associated Press is better organized and has the confidence of the people who have news to give out. The Associated Press never abuses a confidence and never falsifies any statement in order to make it appear sensational. The reliability of this great news gathering and news distributing agency has become known over the entire world, and this confidence makes it possible for its agents to secure news when none other can.

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