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It looks like Cruce, then again it looks like Haskell.

Chas. West sinured his opponent, Freeling, by about—'fraid to say just how many votes.

Defeated candidates will now be able to tell you the difference between a plum and a lemon.

The railroads are going to fight the new laws of the several states fixing a two cent passenger rate.

The Castellaine divorce case has to be tried all over again. The Gould coffers look good to Boni.

The nearer we approach the presidential election the louder the Republicans will talk tariff revision.

Vinita is the only town in the Territory named by a man in honor of his former sweetheart.—Muskogee Times-Democrat.

The decreased cotton acreage, occasioned by adverse weather conditions, will doubtless cause the price of that staple to soar next fall.

Wish somebody in Oklahoma would start to make a noise like a Republican party.—Oklahoma Post.

Haint no use.

The Houston Post is authority for the statement that 'the Houston shirt waist is considerably more peck-a-boosh than any other shirt waist in the world.'

President Roosevelt cannot afford, from any point of view, to permit cheap politics to interfere with the admission of Oklahoma to statehood.—News Scimitar.

The city of Marshal is to build 25 miles of sidewalks within the next few months. What a good example for other towns—Terrell Transcript. Vinita among them.

Some Republican leaders and not the rank and file, and some Republican newspapers, are attempting to prohibit an election on the constitution. Oh, dear people, the 'fair play' Republicans will give you statehood.—Cherokee Journal.

President Roosevelt's Democratic policies for the regulation of interstate railroads and great corporations engaged in interstate trade have proven so popular with the Republican masses that the Republican convention of next year cannot escape giving them the strongest kind of indorsement, with an unequivocal promise to continue them.

Mr. J. F. Murphy has severed his connection with The Chieftain Publishing Company and will issue a full-fledged Republican paper, the first issue of which will appear next week. Mr. Murphy is an old experienced newspaper man and will make the Republicans a paper they can afford to be proud of. The Chieftain wishes the new paper success financially, but that's all.

Those who say the Republican party will not place a ticket in the field this fall should not be too hasty. If the present organization refuses to do its plain duty there are Republicans in the new state who will do it. A mass convention will be called, a new organization formed and one hundred thousand loyal Republicans will carry the party banner to success. Better face the issue, gentlemen, it's up to you.—Oklahoma Post, Republican.

## THEIR OWN ACT.

A provision of the Enabling Act, and a very significant one, is that which requires congressmen and state officers to be voted upon at the same time the vote is taken on the constitution. That part of the act (after designating boundaries of the five congressional districts) reads: "And the said representatives, together with the governor and the officers provided for in the constitution, shall be elected on the same day as the election for the ratification or rejection of the constitution." It will be noted from this, therefore, that those Republicans who advise that the party refrain from putting forth a ticket are violating the spirit of their own enabling act.

The people, it should be assumed, would have sense enough to know whether they wanted to vote for or against the constitution and at the same time (in order to save expense of another election) could express their preference for the men nominated to fill state and congressional offices—in case the constitution should be approved. What a weak and embarrassing position for party leaders! It is simply another illustration of complications arising from politicians attempting to further their own interests at the expense of the party.—Oklahoma Post, Republican.

President Roosevelt delivered the Memorial day address at Indianapolis and in that address he dwelt at length upon corporations. He said that government regulation of railroads had come to stay; that wrongdoers must be brought to justice, that the government must have over the railroads the same power they now have over the national banks; that traffic agreements are proper when in the interest of the public and that railroad men must keep out of politics as railroad representatives. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat thus summarizes the President's Indianapolis speech: "Government must have full control over the railroads. There can be no swerving from the course the administration has mapped out. Railroads must be kept free from speculation. The movement to regulate railroads has come to stay. Wherever evildoers can be found they will be brought to justice, no matter how high or low. Railroads, as a whole, are sound. The physical value of each railroad must be determined. The railroad property of the country is worth as much as the securities representing it. Nothing must be done to injure the interests of the shareholders. In providing against overcapitalization we shall harm no man who is honest. I believe in proper publicity. The government must have access to the books of the roads. The means are at hand which will put the public in possession of the facts. There must be just regulation of rates. Let the roads keep out of politics. Men of wealth are but trustees of the people. Positive restraint must be imposed on the railroads. The federal government is alone competent to exercise full supervision."

Following is the language used by Mr. Taft with reference to tariff revision: "Speaking my individual opinion and for no one else, I believe that since the passage of the Dingley bill there has been a change in the business conditions of the country making it wise and just to revise the schedules of the existing tariff. The sentiment in favor of a revision of the tariff is growing in the Republican party, and in the near future the members of the party will doubtless be able to agree on a reasonable plan."

The St. Louis Republic is making a strong fight for statehood for Oklahoma. The people of Oklahoma and Indian Territory appreciate the Republic in more ways than one.

## THE COUNTY CAMPAIGN.

The candidates that were nominated at the primaries last Saturday should be proud of their success, and also the fact that they will be the first officers to serve the people of our great new state. The defeated candidates should not feel sore over the result, but should take off their coats and work for the success of the ticket, remembering that there will be other primaries at which they will have an equal showing with other good men.

The local campaign has been a remarkable one—entirely free from mud-slinging and back-biting. The novel plan of canvassing the entire county in covered wagons, in a body, and camping out is a Craig county idea and a good one.

The smoke of the battle in Craig county has cleared away and the victors and vanquished are ready for the fray with the common enemy. Here is at 'em, boys. The Chieftain is with you.

If the new state of Oklahoma is not solidly Democratic it will not be the fault of the present Republican machinery, which with its masterly inactivity is responsible for the horde of first voters flocking to the banner of Democracy. If the present conditions continue much longer some strong and loyal member of the Republican party will issue a general call for a mass convention for the purpose of party organization and the response with which such a call will meet all over the two territories will be such as will make the present regime remember it all the balance of their days.—Muskogee Phoenix.

The Post is for statehood—immediate statehood. It has the sense to realize that we are going to have a Democratic constitution and that the worse it is the easier amended. No use trying to put off the people any longer on promises—they will not wait, and the delay is making Democratic votes every day. The only doubt now can be in the acceptance of the constitution by the legal authorities. It is a foregone conclusion that it will be adopted by the people by a 75 to 80 per cent majority.—Oklahoma Post, Republican.

The supreme issues on which the Democrats next year should take their firmest stand will be for defense of the constitutional rights of the states, for preservation of the system of government under which this country has grown to be the greatest in all history, and to check the tendencies which would make of the President an executive as autocrat as the Czar.

Whatever the National Republican convention may do, the Democratic convention ought to declare in the strongest possible terms in favor of making our inland waterways navigable to their utmost capacity both as carriers of freight and the most effective regulators of railroad charges.

No city in the new state of Oklahoma has brighter prospects than Vinita. If we expect to grow and have Vinita in big, black letters on the map we must be alert and hustle for every enterprise that will help build a Greater Vinita.

If the President will be guided in his action on the Oklahoma constitution simply by the law and the will of the people of the new state, there is no doubt that the forty-sixth star soon will be added to the flag.—Republican.

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