

TIMBER GRAFT IS UNEARTHED

Prove Live Children Dead That Land May Be Sold.

Muskogee, March 3.—A gigantic timber graft has just been unearthed in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations by representatives of the United States Indian agency, and enough evidence has been gathered to make wholesale prosecutions. The grafters have been making proof of the death of Indian children, who are not dead, get an administrator appointed which is usually some unscrupulous lawyer or greffer, and then sell the land of the supposed deceased to big lumber companies.

The government in order to ascertain the extent of the graft has sent surveyors in the field to run lines around the timber allotments in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations.

Bank Closed.

It now develops that the negro town of Boley, in Oklahoma county, which ordered a bank examiner to hike a day or two ago, did not square itself with that official as easily as it thought. When the examiner returned and found the local bank in bad shape he ordered the colored financiers to "come across" and it was thought when he left town the last time that the bank's affairs had been satisfactorily arranged. It seems, however, that the examiner still had something up his sleeve, as a dispatch this morning states that the bank has been ordered closed.

Good Ads

The Chieftain believes that Vinita is one of the best advertising towns in the new state. And, in fact, it is a much better advertising town than many towns in the older sections of the country. This is a point which the buying public should bear in mind. Merchants who advertise are always progressive. They are always up to date. They are the men who carry in stock the latest, newest and best things in their lines of trade. They are the men who have real bargains to offer. If you really want the thing you want, you can come nearer getting it of the man who advertises than you can of any one else. And you can get it while it is usable—while it is new. Not only that, but you can always get it cheaper. The man who advertises turns his money oftener than the other fellow. It is not necessary for him to make so large a profit. He has a larger trade. He makes more sales. A smaller profit on a larger volume of business makes him more money, and at the same time saves money for his customers. The merchant who advertises is a money saver for the entire community. He buys in larger quantities, and hence buys cheaper than the fellow who buys less—logical conclusion, isn't it? You can note a few of the best business firms in Vinita by looking over the columns of the Chieftain.

Nothing Doing

Deputy Roscoe Tarrant and Otis W. Tittle, who took the bloodhounds to Mound Valley, Kan., yesterday morning that they might be used in tracing parties who committed a robbery at that place, returned at a late hour last night. They stated that the dogs were unable to do any good, as the trail was more than forty-eight hours old when they arrived on the scene.

Dr. I. D. Hitchcock of Atton was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Burns yesterday, returning east evening. He accompanied his father, I. H. Hitchcock home.

SHOT SIX TIMES WITH REVOLVER

Full Blood Cherokee Killed At Sallisaw By His Cousin

Sallisaw, Ok., March 3.—John Chuculate, a full-blood Cherokee Indian, was shot to death here by his brother-in-law and cousin George Chuculate. Cause for the shooting is unknown. The dead man was shot six times with a revolver at close range, receiving every bullet in a fatal place. His head was also slashed in several places as if he had been cut with a knife. His clothing ignited from the revolver flame and the murdered man was badly burned before the fire was extinguished. There were no witnesses to the shooting, but the wife of George Chuculate, and his 3-year-old child, George Chuculate made no effort to escape, and is now in the Sequoyah county jail. All the principals in the affair are full-blood Cherokees, and none will say a word as to what caused the killing.

Will Baid

Rev. W. M. Thomas, colored, of Chaffee, has been soliciting funds in Vinita this week for the erection of a church building for the Mount Calvary Baptist church of Big Cabin, of which he is pastor. He states that the members have raised about a hundred dollars among themselves and that they need \$125 more to finish paying for material. They hope to begin work on the structure within the next two or three weeks. Rev. Thomas stated that the people of Vinita are contributing quite liberally to the fund.

Favors It

"I think you all is jes' about right on that thair Jeem Crow law business," said a local colored man to the Chieftain today. "an' I wants to 'dorse what you said about it in the paper 'tother day. I'm jes' like dat nigger over t' Guthrie. I'd rathah ride in a passengah cah with my own folks any time than to be foolin' aroun' wit' a lot o' white trash you don't know nothin' about. Liable to catch mos' anything, bein' promis'us that a way, while you's travelin', an' sides that they's liable to rob yous any time. Yas, sah, they's liable to rob yous any time, an' sides that the con always does make yous pay full fare when they's white folks a lookin' on. It's better fer the nigger, jes' like they got it fixed now, an' I'se perfect'y willin' to let the Jeem Crow law stan' on the statute books jes' like it is now without any 'mendments whatsomever."

Big Crop

Sapulpa, Feb. 27—Reports from all over the state indicate prospects for the largest fruit crop in the history of the state. Oklahoma has already gained notoriety in the fruit world and is fast becoming a leading fruit state. Many large nurseries are moving to Oklahoma and the farmers are fast realizing the advantages and profits of a large orchard well cared for.

Two Deaths

Lewis Rogers, true undertaker, informed the Chieftain of the death of a child of John Herod, living eight miles north of town. He also reported the death of Mable Martin, a niece of Blunt Martin. Miss Martin was buried at Black Oak cemetery in the Grand river neighborhood.

WALTER WELLMAN WRITES OF OWEN

Noted Journalist Says Oklahoman Is a New Star In the American Senate.

By Walter Wellman in Record-Herald

Washington, March 3.—An extraordinary thing has just occurred in the United States senate—one of those happenings so peculiarly American, so suggestive of the character and the strength of our country. It was not so long since we were all accustomed to look upon American Indians as a savage, inferior race, from which little good could ever come. It is not so long, either since we all looked upon Oklahoma as a settlement of Indians, half-breeds and squatters, with perhaps only the rudiments of civilization and culture within its borders. Only last week a man named Owen, whose home is in Muskogee, Okla., was known to but few who lived beyond the limits of his own state.

To day there is a new star in the senatorial firmament—a star of the first magnitude—a new man of strength and courage, a new thinker, a new debater, a new financier and statesman, a new leader of thought and action. His name is Owen and he hails from Muskogee, Okla. His state has been in the union only a few months. He has been a senator only a 100 days and the blood in his veins is half white, half Indian.

How American that is? In this country you can never tell where the next great man is to come from. The only thing we can feel reasonably sure of is that he will come from some little farm, or from the prairies, or from the backwoods.

The senate of the United States was never more surprised than it was a day or two ago, after the Indian had taken the floor to speak on the financial question. No one, it seems, had expected anything better than a rambling, ranting talk, amateurish, theoretical, uninteresting, unimportant, from this slender, black-eyed, black-haired son of a white father and a Cherokee mother from the

wilds of Oklahoma. But in a few moments the listeners began to sit up. More came. Restaurant and committee-rooms were emptied as the word buzzed around that "a new man had appeared." In fifteen minutes the senate knew it was listening, not to an ignorant bushwhacker, not a glib talker rather than a thinker, but to a man of power, to a man who knew the financial question as few of them know it, to a man who was the superior of Aldrich and many more from the effete east who had grown accustomed to believing that all of the financial wisdom of the country is to be found east of the Hudson river.

It was soon perceived, too, that the new man was quite competent to take care of himself. He knew what he knew, and knew how to tell it. He knew how to answer back. He was not afraid of interruptions; he invited them. Various senators tried it and none of them got any satisfaction from their efforts. Mr. Aldrich put in, and soon retired for repairs. The new man was too much for him. Every one else saw, whether Aldrich did or not, that this new man from Oklahoma had a firmer grasp of the financial question than almost any other man in the senate; that he has probably forgotten pretty nearly as much as the chairman of the finance committee ever knew.

There was amazement, moreover, when it appeared that this American Indian senator had studied finance not only in his own country, but in Europe, that he had not been ashamed to try to learn something from the experience of all mankind, that he has discussed finance and currency and bank methods with governors, of the Bank of England and directors of the Imperial Bank of Germany.

BANK ROBBERY AT WYANDOTTE

Wyandotte, Ok., March 4.—Special to the Chieftain—An attempt was made to rob the bank at this place last night by unknown parties. No money was secured. They blew the front of the vault, but were discovered before they had time to break the inside fastenings.

For several days suspicious characters have been seen in town, and it is now supposed that they are the guilty parties, as they have all disappeared. The attempt to rob the bank was made about midnight. The robbers were evidently acquainted with the situation, and had planned their getaway before they began their work. They opened the front door with a key, and worked quietly until the nitro-glycerine was discharged. The cashier of the bank, who sleeps across the street from the institution, was aroused, and, raising his window, began firing. The robbers, fearing capture, hurriedly left the scene without making further effort to secure the money.

In a short time the entire

town was aroused and a searching party was formed to overtake the robbers. It is thought that there were four or five in the gang. The officers have no clue, but have wired to all surrounding points. They will put bloodhounds on the trail today.

In response to a telephone message this morning. Deputies Roscoe Tarrant and J. N. Woodall of Vinita left on the forenoon Frisco for Wyandotte, taking with them the local blood hounds, which will be used in tracing the men who attempted to rob the Wyandotte bank last night.

Wyandotte is situated in Ottawa county, northeast of Vinita.

A message received by Sheriff Ridenhour this afternoon states that the deputies with the bloodhounds have arrived at Wyandotte and that they are on the trail of the bank robbers. The men left town on a handcar, and the dogs struck the trail about three miles out at a point where the car was abandoned.

BLOODHOUNDS TO GET ROBBER

Request That They Be Sent To Mound Valley Complied With By Sheriff

Tuesday, March 3.

Sheriff Ridenhour received a telephone message this morning requesting that the bloodhounds be sent to Mound Valley, Kan., at once, to be used in tracing an unknown person who robbed a store at that place last night. The sheriff complied with the request, sending Deputy Roscoe Tarrant with the dogs. No details concerning the robbery were received here.

BILL DIVIDING THE DISTRICTS

Measure Introduced By Congressman Davenport In The House Yesterday

Washington, D. C., March 3.—Congressman Davenport yesterday introduced a bill dividing the eastern federal court district in three districts, with Vinita and Tulsa as court towns in the first, Muskogee and McAlester in the second, and Chickasha and Ardmore in the third. The bill provides for deputy clerks at each court town, receiving a hundred and twenty-five dollars, salary fees going to the district clerk.

Porter Loses

Washington, March 3.—Marshal Grosvenor Porter of the eastern district was turned down by the senate committee on judiciary yesterday. The vote was decisive and will probably result in the appointment of a new man by the president.

Crazy Negro

Wagoner, March 3.—A writ of lunacy has been asked for before the court by the wife of James R. Rorex of Clarksville. Rorex is a negro and a man of considerable means. He was formerly a school teacher, but during the past twelve years has been a signally successful farmer.

Agent Dies

Muskogee, March 3.—Edward Parry, elatu agent of the M. K. & T. road, and proprietor of the Brown Palace Hotel, on Cherokee street, died at the Muskogee Hospital at 4:30 Sunday morning, as the result of injuries received on the night of Saturday, February 22, while being taken to the county jail by officers Keepley, Fields and Steiner.

P. O. Robbed

Castle, Okla., March 3.—The postoffice and general merchandise store of M. B. Castle were robbed here, money and goods to the value of \$200 being taken from the store, and an unknown quantity of stamps from the postoffice. Two Indians were arrested, charged with the crime, but have been released.

Every Little

The old saying, "Every little helps," is a good thing for you to keep in mind if you are a friend of your home newspaper—not the Chieftain especially, but any home newspaper. Incidentally, if you are a friend of this office you might help a little by phoning us the name of the friend who is visiting you—or the details of any other matter that would be of interest to your neighbors.

RESTRICTIONS INVESTIGATION

Representative of Indian Agent Here Today and Tomorrow.

H. C. Gusey, a representative of the Indian agent will be here today and tomorrow for the purpose of making investigations and hearing the testimony of any who desire their restrictions removed. He will be located in the court house in the old U. S. Commissioners' room.

At the hearing applicants will present their homestead and allotment certificates of deeds, and copies of any lease contracts or lease agreement for the sale of their land into which they have entered.

This in no case relates to full bloods, as they are barred by act of Congress approved April 26, 1906.

Allottees who have land in the known oil fields or whose land is leased for oil and gas purposes are advised that under the present instructions petitions covering such lands will not be taken. Where part of the allotment is oil land and part is not, the allottee may, if he desires, have the application considered insofar as it pertains to agricultural land.

Bryan Is Ill

St. Louis, March 3.—Suffering with a severe cold and hard headache, Wm. J. Bryan announced here last night that he would go direct to Lincoln, cancelling his dates.

Dry Setback

Guthrie, March 3.—The state senate passed the amended Billups prohibition enforcement bill after prolonged consideration and struck out the emergency clause by a vote of twenty-four to sixteen. Without this clause the law could not be enforced until ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature.

"The legislature is simply wasting time," said Governor Haskell, "as I shall veto any prohibition bill that does not contain an emergency clause. The voters of Oklahoma told the legislature what they want when they voted for statewide prohibition. The whiskey men are getting some of the boys into a hot place."

The Billups bill will go from the senate to the house for further consideration.

Negro First

Muskogee, March 3.—P. S. Bryant, a negro, has been appointed as first rural mail carrier out of Muskogee. He started to work yesterday. His route extends west and south of the city. It was expected that a prominent old soldier would be appointed.

Arm Crushed

Chickasha, March 3.—Victor Bond, an employee of the Apache Oil Mill company, caught his right arm in the inter machine at the mill while he was at work. His hand and wrist were drawn into the wheels, crushing the arm to his elbow.

Agriculture

Guthrie, March 3.—Blair's bill, No. 112, creating a board of agriculture, passed by both houses, was signed by the lieutenant governor yesterday and is read to be transmitted to the governor for his signature.

Double Murder

Bristow, Ok., March 3.—In a family quarrel John Curry, living south of here, shot and killed his wife and the wife of his brother and attempted to murder his brother, but the latter escaped.