

Kiowa Country.

Description of the Land
Soon to be Thrown
Open to Home-
steaders

QUALITY OF LANDS.

Country is Well Watered
And the Soil is Very
Productive.

NATURAL GATEWAY.

Chickasba, Having the Facilities,
is the Natural Outfitting Sta-
tion for Homeseekers.

READ AND REFLECT ON IT.

The Surrounding Territory Re-
flects the Productiveness of
the Kiowa and Comanche
Reservation.

THE RESERVATIONS.

The Indian reservation is located be-
tween the Washita river on the north and
Red river on the south and between the
98th meridian of west longitude on the east
and north fork of Red river on the west,
and contains in round numbers, 4,000,000
acres. From this will be deducted about
one million acres taken up by the moun-
tains, and a like amount to be allotted to
the Indians, leaving about two million acres
to be thrown open to white settlers. The
lands occupied by the mountains is only
available for grazing purposes and rich in
gold, silver, tin and coal. These are still to
be developed.

WELL WATERED.

The lands outside of the mountains are
undulating prairie, well watered with liv-
ing streams of water is found by digging at
depths of twenty to thirty feet. All the
streams bear a more or less fringe of tim-
ber, while large areas are covered with a
growth of mesquite trees, a timber which
make good fence posts and is excellent
fuel. Other sections and some streams bear
a growth of timber large enough to saw into
lumber. Any or all of these timber lands
are productive, and will make fine farms.

By an act of congress approved June 6,
1900, the above reservation is to be opened
to settlement. On the north side of this
reservation is another known as the Wichita
reservation, which may be included at the
same time, but this is not yet known. The
law opening the reservation, provides that
the allotments shall be made in from three
to six months, and makes it the duty of the
President to issue a proclamation opening
the country within six months after the al-
lotments are made. It is not likely that
the President will take the six months, and
and he may issue his proclamation immedi-
ately after the allotments are made. Thus
it may be seen the lands may be open at
any time from the early spring to summer
of next year.

PRODUCTIVENESS.

There need be no doubt of the product-
iveness of these lands. They have been
traded in every quarter with a result that
has produced 20 to 30 bushels of wheat, and
40 to 50 bushels of corn per acre. These crops
have been raised by farmers living on In-
dian lands. The valleys of the Washita,
of Cache creek, Beaver and other streams
are more or less cultivated every year, and
always give good returns. The uplands are
productive of all cereals, and afford the
finest grazing in the world.

The lands to be opened to white settle-
ment, after the Indian has taken his allot-
ment, will give homes to nearly 10,000 fam-
ilies. The price of these lands will be \$1.25
per acre, payable at the end of five years
residence. No better chance to get a home
in this superb climate will ever be known
again. The climate is all that can be de-
sired, being a happy medium between the hot
climate of Texas and the cold climate of
Kansas or Missouri. The days are never ex-
cessively hot, nor the winter excessively
cold. In summer days the mercury seldom
goes above a hundred, while the nights are
invariably cool. In winter the mercury
seldom goes below zero, and then for only a
day or two. The reservation has one line of
railroad on its northern border, following
the Washita river, with two more surveyed
and will probably be built before the open-
ing, which will give market facilities equal
to an older country.

CHICKASHA.

Chickasha, Indian Territory, lies two
miles east of the eastern border of this In-
dian reservation, and is a city of 4,000 people,
with all that goes to make a city of that size.
It is lighted with electricity, has a 500-bar-
rel per day flouring mill, an 80-ton per day
cotton seed oil mill, local and long distance
telephone, two wholesale grocery stores, ten
retail grocery stores, eight dry goods stores
four gent's furnishing stores, four hardware
and implement houses, four lumber yards,
three banks, five drug stores, two jewelry
stores, one steam carpenter shop, three ho-
tels, lodging houses and restaurants in num-
bers, together with all shops of blacksmiths,
boot and shoe, etc., that go to make up a
growing, pushing city. It has six church
buildings, with stated preachers, two school

buildings in which school is maintained ev-
ery year.

The people of the city and surrounding
country are intellectual and cultivated peo-
ple, gathered from nearly every state in the
Union. No better people exist anywhere.

The city is incorporated, has a mayor and
board of aldermen, and law and order pre-
vail here as in older states and communities.
Business is carried on, debts are collected,
offences against morality or any disorder or
crime punished, the same as in the states.
Don't think that because this is the Indian
Territory that the people are outlaws, and
that all is "wild and woolly." The "Indi-
ans" in this vicinity are among our most re-
spected people—progressive, educated and
refined. These are the Indian Territory
"Indians." The reservation Indian is not
the same, yet he is peaceable and fast civil-
izing. Your life, your property and your
earnings are as safe here as in the oldest
state in the Union.

The city of Chickasha is improving very
fast, having doubled its population in the
past 18 months. Brick and stone buildings
are going up all the time. Prices on prop-
erty are advancing all the time.
If you want to keep up with this country's
development send a dollar for the Weekly
Express, one year, and you will get it all.

FIXING THE TIME OF OPENING

Quotations From the Law
Setting Forth the Time
For Opening Kiowa
Reservation.

We are often asked when will
the Kiowa and Comanche reser-
vation open. In answer to this
we do no more than quote from
the law passed by the last con-
gress and approved by the Pres-
ident June 6, 1900. That law
says:

That all allotments of said land
shall be made under the direction
of the Secretary of the Interior to
said Indians within ninety days
from the passage of this Act, sub-
ject to the exceptions contained
in article four of said treaty; pro-
vided, That the time for making
allotments shall in no event be
extended beyond six months from
passage of this Act.

Another question that is often
asked us: Will townsites be
established and surveyed when
the land is opened for settle-
ments. In answer to this we
again quote the law.

"When said allotments of land
shall have been selected and tak-
en as aforesaid and approved by
the Secretary of the Interior, the
titles thereto shall be held in
trust for the allottees, respecti-
vely, for the period of twenty-five
years, in the time and manner and
to the extent provided for in the
act of congress entitled "An act
to provide for allotment of land

in severalty to Indians on the var-
ious reservations, and to extend
the protection of the laws of the
United States and Territories
over the Indians' and for other
purposes," approved February
28, 1891.

"And at the expirations of said
period of 25 years the titles there-
to shall be conveyed in fee simple
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