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### "the Tomahawk."

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## LO! THE POOR LAWYER.

At Halifax that quaint old city, There dwelt a lawyer whose renown For crafty, subtle, foxlike cunning Spread far beyond his native town.

Like lawyers, everywhere, he oft Found clients who were far more free To enter into suit of law Than pay their lawyer's well earned fee.

An Indian, of the Miami, For service rendered long ago, Indebted was to him, and seemed Contented well to have it so.

The lawyer waited long; at last His patience bore no longer strain. With process, judgement, execution, He threatened; nor was it in vain.

"Poor Lo" got scared and paid the money, But lingered after he had paid; "Why do you wait?" the lawyer asked.

"Me want receipt," the Indian said. "Receipt!" the limb of law rejoined, "What know you how these things are done?"

Tell me the use of a receipt, And I'll be pleased to give you one."

The red man stood a moment, then With merry twinkle in his eye, He said, "S'pose now me sick, me die, Me go to Heben by an' by;

"The 'Postle Peter come an' ask, 'O! Simon, what you want?' me say. 'Want to get in'; an' den he ask, 'You pay dat bill to lawyer J?'"

"What then me do? Hab no receipt. Me must go to find you. Well— Me fool hab been—to find you'den Me must go hunt all over H—"

-J. A. DREISS.

## HIDE AND SEEK.

Several times during the past two or three weeks, game warden Fullerton and some of his deputies and the Indian police, it is said, have been playing hide and seek.

The game wardens were looking violators of game laws on this reservation, and the Indian police were looking after the former.

We would have liked to see the fun if Mr. Fullerton and his deputies had been caught by the police and brought before Agent Michelet. The latter would not have done a thing to them but place them in the Agency calaboose, and the chances are that they would have remained there until the courts had released them.

But as the warden is somewhat of a fighter, he would no doubt, have fought it out to a finish in the courts.

There is, evidently, war between the wardens and Agent Michelet, for P. O. Stevens, deputy game warden, arrived at the Agency last Monday and interviewed the agent, before the interview ended they came very near having a set-to. The agent finally sent for an Indian policeman to arrest the warden but the latter very discreetly withdrew. But before leaving the reservation Mr. Stevens offered a reward of twenty-five dollars for sufficient evidence against Major Michelet to enable the wardens to proceed against him for the violations of game laws.

## Our Boarding School.

Parents are invited to visit and inspect the White Earth School since the buildings have all been repaired and put in order for the coming year. We are sure that there are a number of people living within the sound of our school bell who have very imperfect ideas of the facilities provided here for the instruction and care of their children. Come and see. We will be pleased to show you through the buildings and departments of the school at any time.—The Chippewa Herald.

## TO BE LOGGING SUPERINTENDENT.

Hon. Wm. O'Neil of Wisconsin, will be appointed superintendent of logging under the Morris Act, according to a Washington special to the Pioneer-Press. Ed. L. Warren, superintendent of estimators, was an applicant for the position but his application was not considered. Ed. would have made a better superintendent of logging than a superintendent of estimators, for he has had considerable experience as a dead and down timber lumberman but knows absolutely nothing about a compass, running lines and estimating timber. Mr. O'Neil's appointment will undoubtedly give satisfaction to the Indians on this reservation who know him favorably.

## The Indian; Right and Wrong.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that ALL MEN are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these, are LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS"—Declaration of Independence July 4th, 1776.

## TOMAHAWK STANDS ENDORSED.

Since the last issue of the TOMAHAWK, we have had many callers among the reservation people who have congratulated us for the stand we took in regard to the methods now being used in the sale of inherited Indian lands, and which we published last week under the head of "Our Suspicions."

Without exception, every one who has mentioned the matter to us have criticised the appraisals of the lands, and especially those who have listed lands which were not sold. These people who, in a majority of instances, are as capable, if not more so, of judging the value of lands as those who have made the appraisals, see no motive in the prohibitive prices; they can not see why the land should be kept out of the market by fixing their values so high that no reasonable bid will reach it.

Can it be true that a company which, it has been said, had just completed an organization through a certain promoter who "will fix things" has had any influence in the matter? If such is the case it will stand the other persons in Band who wish to carry on a fair competition, to watch matters a little more closely than they have been doing of late.

## Death Claims Frank Brisbois.

Frank Brisbois, upon whom doctors McKinnon and Smith performed an operation for appendicitis last week at Fosston, died on Thursday last, and was buried here on Saturday.

Young Brisbois has had several attacks of appendicitis, and as the disease was so far advanced the operation was decided upon only as a last resort, hence his death was not a surprise to many.

Frank was twenty one years of age, and a young man of excellent qualities. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brisbois of the Headquarters Hotel, and they have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

## AN INDIAN EDITOR.

There has been launched at Eufaula, I. T., the first issue of the first daily paper ever printed or published by an Indian.

The editor of the paper, the Indian Journal, is Alex Posey, known as the "Creek Bard," a member of the Creek tribe of Indians, who already has achieved distinction in the newspaper field as editor, poet, and humorist. He is one of the prominent men of the Creek nation, and took an active part in the convention, held at Eufaula recently, called for the purpose of formulating an Indian plan for statehood.

Although known as the "Creek Bard," Posey is only half Creek, as his father was a Scotch trader, an early settler in the Indian country. He was born August 23, 1878, and was educated at Bacon University, Muscogee, I. T., graduating therefrom seven years ago. After leaving school he engaged in educational work, and was successively superintendent of public instruction for the Creek nation and superintendent of the Eufaula Creek high school.—Advance.

## LUMBER BARONS ARE SORE.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 22.—Local lumbermen have expressed much dissatisfaction at the decision of Land Commissioner Richards, whereby it is ordered that the pine must be cut from the Cass Lake reservation within five years, and it is thought possible that they may take another attack in the opposition to the enforcement of the terms of the Morris law. They assert that the time given in which to make the cut of 1,500,000,000 feet of pine in the district is much too short and they will bend every effort to secure an extension.

The plan which was broached today and which secured much consideration from the timber barons, was that they should unite in refraining from making offers for the 200,000,000 feet of pine which is to be sold in December. They believe that in this way they will be able to prevent the sale, through the lack of bidders and that the government will then be compelled to come to terms. The possibility of outside bidders coming in, however, causes them to fear that any effort of this nature would come to naught.

## County Fair Will be a Hummer.

The Norman County Fair, to be held at Ada, Oct. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, promises to be a very good one this year, in the matter of exhibits, and some very good attractions in the amusement line is also being provided for.—Norman County Index.

## A Pleasant Birth-day Party.

A pleasant party was had at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ledebor last Friday in honor of the tenth birthday of their daughter Minnie.

The afternoon was spent in helping the children for a happy day, and in the evening the parents and also other invited guests joined in a dance until twelve when a delicious luncheon was served. The merry makers continued their work until 2 o'clock A. M. when all returned home from a delightful and pleasant gathering.

We wish Miss Minnie many happy returns of the day, and it will be but a few more years when she too will join the ranks of those who believe that childhood days are the happiest days in our lives.

## Son of Chief Hole-in-the-day Weds.

Hereditary Head of the Chippewas and Miss Edith Smith, Also of Indian Stock, United at the Pine Ridge Agency.



Mrs. J. H. WOODBURY.  
Nee Miss Edith M. Smith, Tuscarora Stock.



Mr. J. H. WOODBURY.  
Hereditary Chief of the Chippewas, Now Government Issue Clerk at Pine Ridge, S. D.

A wedding of more than passing interest was that which took place at Pine Ridge Indian agency July 21, when J. H. Woodbury, issue clerk at the agency, and Miss Edith M. Smith, one of the teachers at the Ogalala boarding school at the same place, were married.

Although holding a position at the Sioux agency, Mr. Woodbury is a Chippewa—in fact, is the hereditary chief of that tribe of Indians, being a son of Hole-in-the-Day, the famous chief of the Chippewas, who was assassinated many years ago. Mr. Woodbury is only half an Indian, and has always lived with the whites and passed as one of them. He is a graduate of Carlisle and other schools, and is highly educated. He served with the Fourteenth Minnesota during the Spanish-American war, and is well known among the Indians of the north,

although he has never claimed his hereditary rights as chief of the Chippewas.

The bride is also of Indian stock; of the New York tribe of Tuscaroras; and is three-quarter white by blood, and as far as appearances, manners, education, etc., is concerned, is the equal of any young white girl in the country. She is highly educated, graduated from Carlisle and West Chester, Pa., and is a vocalist and musician of ability and has been a teacher at the Ogalala boarding school at Pine Ridge for two years. At the school her ability as an instructor is regarded as second to none. She has just refused a position as instructor at the Carlisle, Penna., school.

The young couple will continue their work among the Sioux at Pine Ridge, where they are great favorites.—Minneapolis Journal.

## HAWLEY VS. WHITE EARTH.

The base ball game at Detroit last Tuesday was a surprised disappointment for the "rooters" who had accompanied the team there. We all had hopes to see an evenly matched team, but before the game was barely half over with, White Earth had already won the game by their excellent batting and fielding. Hawley being outclassed in every department of the game.

Part of our team arrived in time when the game was advertised while the balance was on the road, being late about two hours. The crowd that had gathered in the grand stand patiently waited for over an hour and had to return their tickets, thinking the full team would not be there. A very small crowd was in attendance, the largest number would be about one hundred.

The few that saw the work of Emerson were highly elated and all spoke of him to be one of the best pitchers in this part of the state. While his receiver Sam Smith is as good as they make them.

Pitcher Norris worked very hard for Hawley and certainly did well after having faced the same team three times the past month.

The White Earth team disbanded today and the boys have made a record for themselves having won every game they played.

We are sorry St. Cloud could not find an open date to play us, but any time they wish for a game with us would be pleased to hear from them.

## HOW!

Notes of the Game.

Lufkins fanned out.

Smith stole two bases.

Holstine and Beaulieu are fast fielders.

First basemen Gravelle answered to the name of Mohawk.

Carl is the best 3rd baseman White Earth ever had.

What is the matter with the manager? "He's alright."

Emerson is a south-paw, he will have to go near the equator very soon.

We have played three game with Hawley this summer, the score in the first game was 5 to 0 the second 3 to 1 and the Detroit game against them was 7 to 2.

All the boys have pledged to again make up a team next year and some of the citizens have promised to help along, and with early training and practice the team should make good.

## From Hawley.

The Indians have one of the most gentlemanly nines Hawley has play with.

Stewart for Hawley and Weaver the Indians are certainly a swift pair of short stops.

Editor Reifersgard of Ulen was rooster at the game—for the Indian That's a feather in his cap.—County Herald.