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It don't seem to be known definitely whether the Creek treaty was carried at the election last week or not.

Chief Mayes, in his message recommends that all Cherokee residents of the state should be stricken from the roll of citizens before the Dawes commission.

The Afton Enterprise appears again without the green stamp it wore a few weeks ago. Doubtless the embargo against its admission to the mails has been raised. There never was any good reason why it should have been barred.

Swearing is not always profanity. It is far better to have your neighbors to swear by you than at you. If you are the kind of many you ought to be, they will swear by you, but if you are not there may be a great deal of swearing at you.

The chief did not say a word about the rights of the adopted white people in the Cherokee nation in his message. But then, his views are well known upon that question, he having recommended that they be fully recognized as citizens, in two or three former messages.

Our Washington correspondent says that the President is disapproving some Chickasaw laws and may do the same to some acts of the late Choctaw council. The President is an unlimited monarch so far as these two nations are concerned, and we hope he will use his wisest discretion in these matters.

A mistaken idea seems to be prevalent that the lands of the Cherokees are already graded—were graded by the surveyors when the land was sectioned a year or two ago. The fact is no grade has been made with a view to individual allotment. The grade of the soil and the outside of a quarter section would be of little value in determining the real value of the land on the inside. In a country as spotted as this it would be quite difficult to establish a certain grade. Each allotment should be graded and appraised separately from every other allotment in order that no partiality be shown.

Known By Your Words.

By your words you are known. If you use language that is vulgar, low, or full of slang, people will think that you are low minded. Slang is used by the uneducated, by those who are careless, and who wish to be with the crowd; by persons who have no high aspiration. Good English is a sign of good breeding. Bad slangy English is a sign of vulgarity and low mind. To use slang is to degrade yourself in the eyes of respectable people. Boys may think it manly; they may think it makes them big, but a little thought will convince them of the contrary. Good language elevates the mind, for we must not forget that language is the expression of thought. See to it boys, that you use no slang; make a strong effort to get rid of it if you have already acquired it.

In the election Tuesday Col. Roosevelt, "rough rider," was elected governor of New York by 20,000 and may now be regarded as a "presidential possibility," if no more. The legislative assembly also went to the republicans. Missouri went democratic and Kansas overturned the populist-democratic fusion and went republican. Congress will remain republican.

CHEROKEE COUNCIL

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McAlester, I. T. The report of Hutchings & West, herewith submitted for your consideration, shows that they have cases now pending in the Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis, Mo., Court of Appeals at South McAlester, I. T., and in the Supreme Court of the United States at Washington, D. C., and that a decision is expected soon. My contract with them is also submitted herewith.

JUDICIAL RECORDS.

Inasmuch as the offices of our courts are abolished I suggest that you provide for the taking care of the records found in their custody. Some of them are valuable and may be of great benefit to our citizens in the future. They might be made a part of the records of the Executive department from which certificates could there be given. I did not feel authorized under existing law to take charge of them, and not being a legal custodian no certified copies of them could have been given from the Executive office.

FINANCE.

There are other and more serious infractions of our treaties in the last act of congress. Section 19 provides: "That no payment of any monies on any account whatever shall hereafter be made by the government of the United States to any of the tribal governments, or to any officer thereof, for disbursement, but payment of all sums to members of said tribes shall be made under direction of the Secretary of the Interior by an officer appointed by him; and our semi-annual annuities due July 1st, 1898, have not as yet been disbursed although certified lists of outstanding warrants against the several funds were furnished the Secretary of the Interior on August 20th, 1898. What right the United States government has to so arbitrarily withhold our funds, and embarrass our educational institutions other than the power, is not apparent, it certainly has neither legal nor moral right. Another provision of this act to which I desire to invite your attention is Section 26, which provides:

"That on and after the passage of this act, the laws of the various tribes or nations of Indians shall not be enforced at law or in equity by the courts of the United States in the Indian Territory."

Since our courts were abolished by this same act and the United States courts prohibited from enforcing our laws, we have had no means at hand of collecting our revenues, and as a consequence little, if any revenue has been collected since this provision of the act of congress has become known. The revenue report of the Treasurer shows that including \$11,238.83 collected for board at our High Schools for the benefit of our school fund, \$30,238.87 was collected during the past year. In this connection I desire to call your attention to making some provision for the collection of the remaining installments due from the sale of intruder improvements. These improvements were sold under the law and were to be paid for in six annual installments to the sheriffs of the several districts. On some only one, and on none have more than two payments been made. The offices of Sheriff have been abolished, and it will be necessary for you to provide means for the collection of the remainder due, as well for the sale of any other improvements now in the illegal possession of intruders. I recommend that the office of Revenue Collector be created with the same duties as respects the collection of this special revenue as were heretofore exercised by the several sheriffs. If the President approves it, in my judgment it can be enforced.

PUBLIC DEBT.

Our public debt has been carefully calculated and October 20th, 1898, the outstanding warrants against the several funds were: General fund \$593,805.58; School fund \$46,334.31; Orphan fund \$10,491.52; and Insane Asylum fund \$6,500.73. It should be remembered that our last semi-annual annuities have not yet been paid and of course the above amounts will soon be lessened to the amount of the annuities. Our total invested fund drawing five per cent interest in the possession of the United States government amounts to \$2,716,979.98 and of this amount \$1,271,904.65 belongs to the General fund. Some steps should be

at once taken to liquidate this indebtedness. With our judicial system and other unnecessary offices abolished our expenses are greatly lessened. The outstanding warrants which represent this indebtedness draw six per cent interest while we receive from the government only five per cent, or a clear loss of one per cent on \$600,000.00, the amount in round numbers of our indebtedness; this amounts to an annual loss of \$6,000.00. I suggest therefore, the propriety of requesting the withdrawal of a sufficient amount of our invested funds to pay all outstanding warrants. The interest on the remainder left to our credit for the benefit of the general fund will then amount to \$33,595.23, quite enough to run our government and pay the officials in cash.

DELAWARE CASE.

During the special session of council in August last you passed an act which I approved August 8th, 1898, authorizing and directing me to employ attorneys to defend the interests of the Cherokee nation against the claims of the Delaware Indians, citizens of the Cherokee nation, authorized to be adjudicated by the court of claims with the right of appeal to the supreme court of the United States. In compliance with the act of congress above referred to I certified this act immediately to the president of the United States for his approval which he declined to do as shown by the correspondence with the secretary of the interior herewith submitted to you for your information. Taking this action of yours expressive of your desires and in order that the interest of the Cherokee nation might be fully protected against the suit instituted by the Delawares under the above authority for an equal pro rata share of the lands of the Cherokee nation in addition to the 167,600 acres authorized to be segregated by the act of congress and the withdrawal of their part of our investment, I employed W. T. Hutchings, of Muskogee, I. T., and John J. Hemphill, of Washington, D. C., agreeing to recommend that they be compensated to the amount you indicated in the act of council. Inasmuch as the Delawares had already instituted suit, no action was brought by the Cherokee nation. The suit is pending in the court of claims and in order that you may be fully apprised of the nature of their claim, I herewith transmit you one of their petitions. (Concluded next issue.)

Cauliflower Pickle.

Select choice white heads, break in pieces and cover with scalding hot salt water; after standing ten minutes, drain, and turn a fresh, hot brine over it; in half an hour drain on a towel, and pack in a stone jar. Flavor enough vinegar to cover it, with whole mustard seed, cloves, stick cinnamon and a few cayenne berries; when the cauliflower is perfectly cold cover with the hot vinegar and let stand until next day. Then drain, bring the syrup to the boiling point, and again pour over the pickles; put a layer of nasturtium leaves over the top, and a plate and weight, and keep in a cool, dark place.—Good Housekeeping.

Carrot Soup.

Take one quart stock, one teaspoonful of sugar, one small onion, sliced fine, one pint carrots, cut in small cubes, one tablespoonful rice, salt and pepper to taste. Boil the onion, rice and carrots vigorously for about 20 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally with a fork; then drain and add to the stock which has been brought up to the boiling point. Add sugar, salt and pepper to taste, and serve.—Good Housekeeping.

Useless Worry.

Many persons who are said to have died from overwork really died from worry. Worry kills more people than work ever did, and most overwork is the work that is done because of the worry. People worry over this thing and that thing, and for fear that they will not make ends meet and have something left over, they work too hard and too much; but worry is at the root of it all. If housewives would take leisure for self-examination, and ask themselves a few pertinent questions, and give common sense, reasonable answers thereto, they would save themselves much useless worry.—Ladies' World.

A Delicate Sandwich.

Mince either cold chicken or veal very fine, mixing celery in with it; when well minced, cut thin slices of bread, pare off the crust and butter; place the mixture between the buttered slices, only using salt as seasoning.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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