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ATTRACTS THE WOMEN.

MAIDS AND WIDOWS ARE NUMEROUS AMONG HOMESEEKERS.

El Reno, O. T., July 19.—The women are taking a deep interest in the great American lottery to be pulled off under the auspices of the federal government on July 29. They are coming from every section of the country to take a chance. Governor Richards estimates that at least 10,000 women will have registered. This lottery scheme appeals to the women as strongly as to the men. A person doesn't have to put up a cent for his ticket unless he draws a quarter section of land. Most lotteries require cash in advance for the tickets. But the government is easier on its patrons. It evidently has more faith in its citizens than its citizens have in each other. Women, like anyone else, are always ready to try and get something for nothing. The same spirit that guides them in making a run for a bargain day sale prompts them to come to El Reno and Fort Sill and put their names in the lottery wheel.

Probably every state and territory in the Union is represented here by one or more women. Of course, the great body of them are from Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arkansas and Texas. Many city girls are on the ground waiting for the lottery to be pulled off. They are good looking and fine dressers, too.

Shells Ward, who gave her address as Fyrt Madison, Ia., told the registration clerk that if she drew a claim she was going to start a horse ranch on it. "My father is a horseman in Iowa," said she, "and I propose to be a horsewoman in Oklahoma." Miss Ward is a vivacious little girl, and her greatest difficulty, if she locates in this country, will be to stand off matrimonially inclined young men.

J. H. Davis, in charge of one of the booths, registered an old woman from Arkansas the other day. Her name was Amanda Wheeler. She gave Fort Smith as her home. "I am the seventeenth one in our family to register for a claim in the new country," said she. I have sixteen grown boys and everyone of them has registered. The family ought to get several claims out of the bunch, don't you think?"

Another clerk at the woman's booth tells a pathetic incident. A pretty, young girl came into the booth to register. She was only 18 years old.

"Are you married?" "No, sir." "Are you a widow?" "No, sir." "The head of a family?" "No, sir."

"Under what provision of the law do you seek a homestead?" The girl colored up. She crowded down the lumps in her throat. She hesitated. Tears began to trickle from her eyes.

"I am a mother." "That's all right," said the clerk, "here is your certificate."

Dinah Williams is the name of a Mississippi negro woman who came up to take a claim.

"Married now?" "No, sah." "Widow?" "Yes, sah. I have buried six husbands."

"You are certainly entitled to register," said the clerk, handing over a certificate.

"I want to register," said a big muscular woman who gave her name as Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, of the Chickasaw country.

"Are you married?" "Yes, sir."

"Husband dead?" "No, sir."

"Divorced?" "No," indignantly.

"You can't register, then." "Oh, yes, I can."

"Under what provision of the law?"

"I am the head of the family."

Then to prove it she brought her withered up, crippled husband to the front to prove that she had earned the living for the family

for many years by running a small stock ranch.

The clerk registered her. The chances are that her husband who swore he was dependent upon his wife for support also registered somewhere else, although under law he is not entitled to a claim.

George H. Brown is advertising in the local papers that he wants to form the acquaintance of a good looking young lady eligible to register, with matrimony in view. Brown has registered, but for fear he will lose out he is willing to marry a fair damsel providing she draws a good quarter section.

The registration clerks say they are satisfied that a vast number of girls under age are swearing falsely to their ages in order to register, so anxious are they to get a chunk of land. But they will lose out in the long run, even if they do draw a claim, because the land department of the government will have a force of special men at work in the new country immediately after the opening to ferret out all frauds.

Miss Mabel Diggs, the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Annie L. Diggs, state librarian of Kansas, is somewhat superstitious. At home she wears an opal ring. She took it off when she started to El Reno to draw for a claim, for fear that it would give her bad luck. As she stepped off the train here she found a rusty horse shoe. She is holding on to it. She says she feels certain now of winning a home.

HO FOR OKLAHOMA.

Montgomery City, Mo., Editor TRIBUNE:

Dear Sir:—No doubt many will want to hear from my crowd that left Montgomery Saturday, July 20th. The crowd consisted 14 persons. The Wabash put us into Kansas City on time; there we boarded the Rock Island in charge of Conductor W. H. Thomas, leaving Kansas City at 9:50 p. m. making good time until we got to McFarland, Kansas, where they meet the Omaha train and transferred mail. This train being late, delayed us nearly 4 hours. Morning found us at this place, then we had a fine view of the Grass hopper state, which is the prettiest country I ever looked at. In traveling over the Rock Island route they pass through broad prairies that stretched clear to the horizon, dotted with fine farm houses and barns in every direction, large herds of stock in pastures could be seen, with wind mills here and there, pumping out crystal water to the white faced and Durham cattle. These sights on either side, kept the crowd's spirits boyed up. Occasionally some one would see a Jack Rabbit, and the boys would yell to see him run. When we neared the western edge the golden wheat fields met our eyes, and this interested the crowd, for you could see nothing but wheat as far as your eyes could carry you. Enquiry at the stations along through this wheat belt which extends far into Oklahoma, told us that the yield runs from 20 to 40 bushels per acre of No. 2 wheat, of course when we crossed into the Oklahoma we began to look for Indians, and some were shake about stepping off, but they have gotten used to the sights now. My crowd all registered yesterday evening, first their own papers and then each had a soldiers claim, which they registered also, making a total of 22 claims. My crowd are all confident of getting a 160 acres of as fine land as ever a crow flew over. This is a fine country and several thousand people will get fine farms. We have our tent stretched on a main street in El Reno out in the resident part, fortunately we found a gentleman who allowed us to set up in his yard, which makes our tent a little private. El Reno is a nice town of 3,500, many fine building and stores. The daily paper this morning states that 14,673 registered yesterday, but I don't vouch for this amount, as I am sure my crowd was not counted. I was around some of the registering places and they were not crowded and don't think that there were near this number registered.

The Rock Island road is doing a wonderful business, train load after load of stock met us on our trip. Passenger trains are coming

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In every few hours loaded down with people, and even they are on top of the coaches. Every train carries them out to its fullest capacity. Yet there are thousands here. One could not help but notice how Conductor Thomas discharged his duties with equal regularity and justice to all, the Rock Island surely much of a gentleman in Conductor Thomas, and so for I am thoughtfully repaid for my trip, and every member of the crowd is repaid for his trip. So for this country is far above my expectation, and think this will be the coming country in the future. This land is fertile, a rich loam soil adapted to all kinds of grain and stock. There seems to be plenty of streams, and water is good, better than I expected from what I heard of it. As this is going to Missouri I will suggest to every reader that they will have to be shown, just get a ticket to Kansas City, then to El Reno over the Rock Island and see for your self. It is as dry out here as in Missouri at present. W. C. NELSON. Later news comes that Mr. Nelson has succeeded in securing a claim.

A Model Audrain County Farm. From the Centralia Courier. One of the most beautiful farms in the State of Missouri is located about twelve miles north of the city of Centralia. Its owner, Mr. Thompson, who was formerly from the East, has spared no trouble or expense in making this farm an ideal one. To any up-to-date farmer or any one else who perchance might be passing along this farm could not help from admiring the surroundings, and think how much better off would be our Missouri were it literally filled with such plantations, having all the latest improvements and last, but not least, being managed by so worthy a gentleman, as the subject of this sketch. Mr. Thompson's farm comprises some 12,000 acres. He has one of the finest pieces of corn this year in North Missouri, being 100 acres in the tract, and should Divine providence see fit to change the scenes of the last few days and send forth nourishment to the thirsty spears of corn, he would gather an abundant harvest and would reap no littler gain for his labor. While he devoted some space to the raising of grain, he does not forget the value of raising stock, as it is reported that he now has 1,500 head of horses, sheep and cattle on hand. His home is of modern structure and a delightful mansion, being

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equalled only by a very few of the residences in our larger cities, having all the latest improvements and everything else to be procured that would add to ease and comfort. We heartily congratulate Mr. Thompson on his success in the past and hope in the future that prosperity will look down upon him with no unfriendly eye.

Moral Influences at Missouri State University.

A University, although it is a place in which much freedom of thought is exercised, is not such a terrible place as some are occasionally inclined to think. Freedom of thought and action does not necessarily lead to dissoluteness and infidelity, but rather to the opposite, as statistics show. For example, here are a few observations made upon our own State University at Columbia:

To begin with, more than 50 per cent of the students in attendance during the school year of 1900-1901 were members of churches.

The course of study is such as to require the exercise of every power of the student in order that he may accomplish it satisfactorily. The test is so severe that no student who does not discipline himself rigidly has any chance for honors or even of good standing. So only the students who lead upright and honorable lives can win in the struggle. It does not take a bright young person long to see this.

The sentiment throughout the institution is that the dishonorable student is not worthy of the respect of loyal students. In the department of athletics they soon see that the men of clean and pure lives, the fellows who discipline themselves rigidly are the ones who excel.

Chapel exercises are conducted daily by some member of the faculty, and to these any student who wishes may go. The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. together have membership of over 200. The Christian people of the town take great interest in the welfare of the students.

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EUROPE'S WEALTH OF GAME.

Europe's strict protection of game, which the poacher is punished severely, produces astounding results. In Austria there has just been published the summary of the game during the past season in the royal game preserves. It shows there were killed 3,334 red deer, 22 common European deer, 9,652 chamois, 2,973 chamois, 1,357,136 squirrels, 12,191 rabbits, 11,875 "aerhahne" to which our wild turkey bears a strong resemblance, 11,754 grouse, 1,387,421 pheasants, 56,167 wild geese and 21 bears, 49 wolves, 49 lynx, 25,360 martens, 1,707 otters, 1,918 otters, 6,128 wildcats, 1,226 eagles, 140,736 owls, 14 miscellaneous birds of prey. The game drives in the common deer, 324 red deer were shot, 120 wild hogs, 3,659 rabbits, 1,967 hares, 4,200 smaller feathered and 2 wildcats. One explanation of the wonderful wealth of game existing in these thickly settled countries is that it is not the law only to protect the animals. Public opinion has been molded by centuries into an attitude that is condemnatory of poachers. In Austria and Austria a poacher is a "game thief" and a "game thief" is looked upon just as if he were a thief who steals anything else. The social boycott rules not only the better classes, but among poorer people the poacher, has reduced "game killing" to a minimum, and only the "best" and "best" is a element of population inclines to it. In Austria there is practically no market for a poacher to sell his game. The fact is that there are few poachers in Austria, but those few are prosecuted at any time to fight hard for their liberty, and no year passes without scenes of battles between these men, who are good shots as a rule, and the game wardens and foresters. There is no danger of prosecution for a forester who kills a "game thief" in a fight the battle often is fought out to the death, and in many cases poacher and forester have been found side by side, having killed each other.—New York Press.

NEW YORK A BIG BUYER.

The Various City Departments Expend \$5,000,000 Each Year for Supplies. The suggestion that there should be established a department for the purchase of supplies for all municipal departments, as there is one department for the pay of all municipal officials, a second for legal guidance to the various departments and a third for the scrutiny and correction of their accounts, is not a novel one, but it calls to notice very forcibly the extent to which New York, under conditions not always favorable to its tax payers, is a large purchaser of sundry supplies, which if procured in bulk by one department, would probably be obtained on much better terms. The supplies of all kinds needed for the department of Public Charities this year will cost \$784,000 in Manhattan and The Bronx, \$217,000 in Brooklyn and Queens, and \$12,000 in Richmond—a total of \$1,013,000. The supplies required by the board of education, all boroughs, amount to a little more than this—\$1,928,000 this year. The supplies needed for the department of correction are to the amount of \$255,000, for the police department \$312,000, and for the department of buildings, lighting and supplies, \$190,000 for Manhattan and The Bronx, \$150,000 for Brooklyn, and \$30,000 for Queens and Richmond, a total of \$300,000, exclusive of the supplies needed for armories, which come under the head of this department. The fire department buys during a year supplies to the amount of \$500,000, the department of street cleaning supplies to the amount of \$200,000, and a modest estimate of the total number of supplies purchased by all municipal departments (in the accounts of some of them the cost of supplies is indistinguishable from the labor employed in their use) is \$5,000,000. A sum so large offers many opportunities for reduction when purchases are made at wholesale, but the present system is for each department to purchase separately what supplies it needs.—New York Sun.

Origin of Letters "O. K."

The letters "O. K." are an abbreviated form of endorsement, approval or commendation. How they came to be thus used is here explained. In the colonial days of this country it was generally conceded that the best rum and tobacco were imported from Aux Cayes, in San Domingo, and hence the best of anything came to be known as Aux Cayes, or O. K. The term passed into general use in the presidential campaign of 1828, when the supposed illiteracy of Andrew Jackson, the Democratic candidate, was condemned and ridiculed by his Whig opponents. Seba Smith, the humorist, started the droll fabrication that Jackson indorsed all documents sent to him for his approval with the letters "O. K." under the impression that they formed the initials of "Old Correct."—New York Weekly.

A Little Striving.

Strive, strive, my son, to be innocent; yes, beneficent. Does any man would thee? Not only forgive, but work into thy thought intelligence of the kind of pain, that thou mayest never inflict it on another spirit. Then thy work is done; it will never search thy whole nature again.