

Muskogee Cimeter.

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MUSKOGEE, . . . IND. TER.

NEW STATE NOTES.

Muskogee is working hard to locate the terminals of the Midland Valley road at that place.

Lone Wolf citizens are raising \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a modern cotton gin for that place.

A successful revival is being conducted at Chickasha. There are already over 800 conversions claimed.

The agents of the New York Life Insurance company employed in the two territories held a meeting in Oklahoma City last week to 'talk shop.'

Prof. E. B. Hinshaw of Bloomfield last week drove eighty miles through the Chickasaw nation. He says he never saw more flattering crop prospects.

The Commercial club at Mill Creek at a recent meeting decided to begin at once the work of repairing bridges leading to that town which were damaged by the recent floods.

The Tulsa Water and Light company has won in its fight against the city of Tulsa, and will hold its franchise and proceed at once with the erection of a plant.

The term of the present postmaster at Muskogee expires in December, and already there is a large field of entries, to use a race track expression, for the best federal position in the territory.

Acting Secretary Oliver of the war department has made the usual allotment of the \$1,000,000 appropriated by congress to provide arms and equipment for the organized militia of the United States. Of the amount appropriated Oklahoma will receive \$13,103.

Thomas Shaw, a negro employed by D. Wolf & Sons, wholesale liquor dealers in Oklahoma City, was shot and killed by Joe Willoughby, a bartender. Willoughby ordered Shaw to remove his hat upon entering the saloon, and because of his failure to do so he was shot.

The total expenses of the recent cattlemen's convention at Oklahoma City amounted to \$10,595. The treasurer of the committee reported a balance on hand of \$1,066. This fund was raised by private subscriptions for the entertainment of the delegates.

There have been shipped from Durant this season twenty-six car loads of Irish potatoes, twelve cars of eggs and chickens and two of berries, peaches and apples, which have netted the farmers about \$85,000. The oat crop, which is already beginning to arrive, is expected to net \$50,000, as 150 car loads are expected.

Charles Weber, who lives twelve miles southwest of Perry, thinks he has discovered gold bearing sand in a creek running through his farm. The discovery was made early in the year, and several assays made in Kansas City are said to show considerable precious metal, the latest run being in the neighborhood of \$16 a ton.

The forthcoming report of Governor Ferguson to the secretary of the interior will be the most elaborate one ever sent in. It will deal with all branches of industry at considerable length. The fact that it may be the last territorial report will have something to do with making it a bumper.

A CAPITAL FIGHT

CITIZENS OF MUSKOGEE START THE BALL GOING

OFFERS \$1,000,000 BUILDING AS BONUS

To Make a Bid for New Seat of Government—A Magnificent Capitol Building, to be Constructed of Tishomingo Granite, is Offered

MUSKOGEE: Politicians of the northern part of the territory were startled when the business men of Muskogee jumped into the fight for the location of a state capitol building with the proposition to erect here a state building to cost a million dollars, free of cost to the proposed new state, provided this city is designated as the seat of government. This is on the theory that statehood, either with or without Oklahoma, is coming soon. There had been a tacit agreement among politicians that Muskogee did not want the capital and would not make a fight for it. Recently there was a meeting of some of the heaviest property owners in this city, with the result as above stated.

The Phoenix, under date of June 29th, contains an illustration of the proposed building, and the following article relative thereto:

"The undersigned citizens of Muskogee, Indian Territory, are in charge of plans to secure the capital of the new state, and a part of the plan is to offer a fine capitol building free, under such reasonable concessions as will certainly meet with the unanimous approval of the people throughout the new state. This building is to be built of Tishomingo granite and will cost \$1,000,000. Muskogee is now the leading city of the new state and is amply able to back this contract." (Signed by six leading citizens.)

The above is the result of a capital conference recently held in Muskogee and speaks for itself. At the proper time a proposition will be made to secure the location of the state capital in this city, and in the interval a systematic plan of campaign will be carried out.

TO PAY INTRUDERS

Indian Agent to Investigate Improvements in the Cherokee Nation

MUSKOGEE: Indian Agent Shoenfelt has been instructed by the interior department to investigate the situation in the Cherokee nation relative to improvements made by intruders. By act of congress passed in 1895, the Cherokee nation was directed to set apart \$68,645.56, with which to pay for these improvements. This act was subsequently ratified by the tribal council and a board of appraisers was appointed to enroll those who were entitled to a part of the appropriation. The board's report included ninety-one names, and in November, 1895, the payment was begun. Of those included in the report forty-nine accepted their awards, the total of which amounted to \$39,541.90. There were, however, forty-two who refused to accept the amount offered them, and thus \$29,103.46 remained undistributed.

The matter thus dragged along until the passage of the Indian appropriation act by the last congress, when authority to settle all debts of the Cherokee nation was given the secretary of the interior. Under the first act the payment could be made only out of the tribal funds appropriated for that specific purpose. Now, however, the department holds that it may use any fund to the credit of the tribe in payment of any debt whatsoever against the nation. It is probable that the payment will be finished as soon as the investigation can be made.

IT IS SAID ROCKEFELLER WILL CONTROL THE METAL MINES.



He's got the copper, flowers and oil,
The gold and silver, too.
Next thing he'll have the atmosphere
And there'll be no breath for you.
—Indianapolis News.

From 1730 to Present Time

VINITA: Dr. Emmet Starr of Claremore, the Cherokee historian, has compiled a list of the chiefs of the Cherokees as follows: Maytoy of Tellico, April 3, 1730, to 1760; Attacullaculla, 1760 to 1775; Oganastota, 1775 to 1780; Hanging Maw, 1780 to 1792; Little Turkey, 1792 to 1801; Black Fox or Enoil, 1801 to 1811; Pathkiller, 1811 to 1826; William Hicks, 1826 to 1828; John Ross, from October 13, 1828, to August 1, 1866; William P. Ross, 1866 to 1867; Lewis Downing, 1867 to 1872; Charles Thompson, for one day, November 10, 1872; William P. Ross, November 11, 1872, to 1875; Charles Thompson, 1875 to 1879; Dennis Wolfe Bushyhead, 1879 until 1887; Joel Bryan Mayes, 1887 until 1891; Thomas Mitchell Bufington, December 14, 1891, until December 23, 1891; Colonel Johnson Harris, December 23, 1891, until 1895; Samuel Houston Mayes, 1895 until 1899; Thomas M. Bufington, 1899 to 1903; William Charles Rogers, 1903, still serving.

The rulers of the Western or Old Settler Cherokees were: Bowls, 1795 to 1801; Tahlontiska, 1801 to 1817; John Jolly, 1817; John Brown, 1839; John Rogers, 1839.

Chief of the Cherokees in Texas: John Bowls.

Chief of the Confederate Cherokees: Stand Watie, 1862 to 1865.

NEGROES AT WAR

Negro Officer at Sodom, I. T., Cause of the Trouble

MUSKOGEE: The negroes of Clarksville and Sodom, two villages ten miles west of Muskogee, are at war and, as a result of a fight two negroes, Dave Ross and Joe Drew, are dangerously wounded, and the negroes are all under arms and further trouble is expected. A negro officer at Clarksville arrested a Sodom negro and this brought on the fight. There were one hundred shots fired during the fight.

Port Arthur has some queer ways. Every time it is captured by the Japs it remains in control of the Russians. —Nashville Banner.

The total personal property valuation of Comanche county is \$1,018,887.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

Superintendent Baxter Announces Dates and Conditions

GUTHRIE: Superintendent Baxter announces that there will be an examination in this city July 13, 14 and 15 to determine the fitness of applicants for teachers in the territorial schools. The conditions are as follows:

1. Each candidate is required to present the requisite testimonial before commencing the examination.

2. The examination questions in each branch will be given to candidates at the beginning of the time allotted to that branch, and at the expiration of that time the written answers will be collected.

3. Answers should be brief, but must be complete in logic exposition and grammatical structure. The work in mathematics must show the process as well as the result in each case.

4. In grading, due weight will be given to clearness and comprehensiveness of answers.

5. The standing in spelling, composition penmanship will be determined in part by the character of their respective manuscripts.

6. One hundred per centum will denote perfection.

7. Candidates failing to pass this examination may, at the next two stated examinations (provided they attend both) write on all topics not marked 90 per cent on the first, and thus, being credited with first standings of 90 per cent or more, complete the examination. Those obtaining the five-year certificates shall have the same credits when writing for the ten-year certificates or the diploma at any time before the expiration of such certificate.

8. Candidates are required to write upon one side of legal cap paper of standard size.

9. The examination in advanced subjects will comprehend the matter embraced in the books used in the collegiate departments of first class colleges.

A Philadelphia judge has decided that a wife should not take her husband's pay envelope. No; she should simply take the pay out and give him the envelope back to fill up again. —Atlanta Journal.