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## TRIBAL TAX CASES GO UP

APPEAL TO THE SUPREME COURT IS TO BE TAKEN.

Syndicate Expects to Secure Half of Lands Allotted to the Mississippi Choctaw Indians—The Plans of the Bold Speculators.

The Washington correspondent of the Dallas News discusses matters of interest to the Indian Territory people in Thursday's issue of that paper. The correspondent says:

Officials of the interior department have received official notice that the cattle men who have their herds on the Choctaw and Chickasaw lands in the Indian Territory will appeal from the decision of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, which sustained the validity of the tribal taxes or permits issued by the Indian tribes. The case is an important one, as it affects the principal source of revenue for the Indians. In the Choctaw nation alone more than \$100,000 has been held up pending the decision in the case. This was brought in the supreme court of the District by one Morris in an action to restrain the secretary of the interior from collecting tribal taxes or allowing them to be collected. To interior department officials and the government have always contended that the Indians had perfect right to levy and collect these tribal taxes. The contention was sustained by the supreme court of the District. Since that time the cattle men have given notice of their intention to appeal the case to the supreme court of the United States, while others have accepted the decision of the supreme court of the District of Columbia as final, and are ready to pay the tax. The officials of the department are highly gratified with the decision of the lower court, as it in effect rebukes a number of attorneys in the Indian Territory, whose chief business for some years has been to collect fees from Indians and others for carrying appeals from the decisions of the secretary of the interior to the courts. The secretary's rulings have been sustained by the courts in every case that has been carried up in the last six years.

Arguments were submitted to the court of claims today in the friendly action brought to determine the status of the Chickasaw freedmen.

Under the treaty of Fort Smith, in

1865, the Choctaws and Chickasaws agreed to forever abolish slavery in the tribes. Later the tribes adopted their former slaves as members of the tribes, the government paying \$200,000 to the Indians for this purpose. Under the treaty with the tribes approved last year it was provided that each freedman should receive, in the allotment of the lands of the tribes, a homestead of forty acres. The Indians are now contending that this allotment should not come out of the property of the tribes, but should be paid for by the government. There are about 5,000 of these freedmen and compliance with the provisions of the last agreement would give them about 200,000 acres of land, with a minimum valuation of \$2,000,000. The question for the court to determine and the only question raised in this case is whether the freedmen are entitled to lands from the property belonging to the Indians, or whether the government shall pay the Indians for the lands to be allotted to the freedmen.

The officials of the interior department have unearthed another scheme that is being attempted by speculators in the Indian Territory to secure possession of the property of the Indians. The last congress appropriated \$25,000 for the removal of the Mississippi Choctaws from Mississippi to Indian Territory. There are about 2,400 of these Indians who refused to remove with the original tribes to the Territory. It is contended that they thereby forfeited their rights to share in the allotment of the Choctaw lands. It has been decided, however, to aid in their removal to Indian Territory and their status in relation to the tribe is to be decided later. It develops now that a syndicate is at work in an effort to secure contracts with the Mississippi Choctaws by which the speculators will secure half of the lands that may be allotted to them. If the plan was to work, it would run into a vast sum for its promoters. Each Choctaw, whose enrollment is approved by the Dawes commission, will be entitled to 320 acres of land. If the 2,400 Mississippi Choctaws are accepted as members of the tribe they will be entitled to 788,000 acres of land, one-half of which, under the contracts now being made, would go to the promoters. This land would have a value of at least \$3,000,000. The secretary of the interior has taken the matter up and has made it plain to the members of the tribe and to the officials that none of these contracts will be recognized, and that every effort will be made to protect the Indian in their rights and their property.

## SEEKING SENATORIAL SEAT

M. L. TURNER BUSINESS MAN RATHER THAN POLITICIAN.

Dignity and Prestige Warming the Ambitions of Men—Oklahoma Expects Statehood—Will Be Controlled by Democrats.

Oklahoma City, O. T., April 16.—Politicians who believe Oklahoma will be given statehood next winter as a rule do not hope for statehood separate from Indian Territory. The probable union of the two territories causes despondency among ambitious Republicans and joy among Democrats. The single state would be strongly Democratic, and the offices would go to Democrats and remain in their keeping for years. The agitation for a constitutional convention to enable Oklahoma to demand statehood next winter is receiving its greatest support politically from Democrats, and the interviews now appearing in Oklahoma newspapers are mostly given by Democrats.

The dignity and prestige that would come from going to the senate from Oklahoma is warming the ambition of men in almost every county. Professional politicians are not alone planning to carry off this prize.

M. L. Turner, a business man and financier rather than a politician, is already in the race, according to men who are supposed to have his confidence. Mr. Turner replies to questions with good natured badinage, neither confirming nor denying his candidacy. His race would make a lively, picturesque feature in the senatorial canvass. Turner probably is the most energetic man in Oklahoma. He was territorial treasurer under Gov. Renfrow, and has made a fortune in the banking business. His vitality and aggressiveness seemingly are inexhaustible.

Oklahoma politics has been controlled by professional politicians, which Mr. Turner has never been. In his candidacy for the senate, which none of his friends doubt he is committed, Turner will employ business methods. This will be unique in Oklahoma. As a guess Turner is 43 years old, in the prime of his strength and capable of devoting all his energies to the realization of his ambition.

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## RIVAL FOR HARRISON.

Southern Illinois Democrats Start a Boom for David R. Francis.

Chicago, April 16.—Mayor Harrison's anxiety to become an aspirant for the democratic presidential nomination next year has awakened the Southern Illinois Democrats, and a movement has been started to boom David R. Francis, president of the St. Louis Exposition and former governor of Missouri, for the nomination. It is said Chicago a mayor will find a strong rival in Mr. Francis, who will be the choice of John F. Hopkins and other Illinois politicians opposed to Harrison.

While the leaders in the movement consider presidential talk premature at this time, they are keeping in close touch with political affairs and they have staked up Mr. Francis as the man to relegate Mr. Harrison to the background. At the suggestion of Southern Illinois men arrangements are being made to have a general round-up at St. Louis when the Louisiana Purchase Exposition opens.

Through a publication said to be inspired in its news matter from the mayor's office, an attack on John P. Hopkins, Roger Sullivan and Thomas Gahan has been made with the idea of lining up the state Democrats for Mayor Harrison's presidential boom. Marked copies of this paper have been sent broadcast over the state.

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## HAS FAITH IN TERRITORY.

H. C. Frick Investing in Railroads and Coal Lands.

H. C. Frick, the big steel, iron and coke man of the east, has such unbounded faith in Oklahoma and Indian Territory that he is investing a million or more in money here. He is putting it in railroads and coal lands. He is backing the Fort Smith and Western road, now building from Fort Smith westward through the coal fields, to Guthrie, and is gobbling up all the coal land either by lease or contract along the line that is obtainable. He proposes to open some rich coal fields and enter the fight for control of the fuel market of the Southwest.

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## FIRING HOMES OF NEGROES

THOMAS GILBERT, NEGRO MURDERER, LYNCHED AT JOPLIN.

Negroes Selling Out Their Belongings and Leaving the City—Mayor Issues Call for 500 Men to Protect Life and Property.

Joplin, Mo., April 16.—The excitement that ended last night in a mob lynching Thomas Gilbert, the negro murderer, and the shooting at several negroes and the firing of their homes, was re-opened at 1 o'clock this afternoon and further bloodshed and damage to property is feared.

Many negroes are selling their belongings today and leaving town.

Tonight it is said another mob is to demand the release of Hickory Bill, a town character who was placed in jail last night as a member of the mob, and that they will wreck other negro shanties and drive out what blacks may yet remain.

This afternoon the mayor issued a call for five hundred men to protect life and property.

There are several hundred strangers in the city and a report is being circulated that several hundred others from Pierce City, where a fierce race war raged over a year ago will come to Joplin tonight and assist in the extermination of the colored population.

The better class of citizens are aiding the police department in an effort to prevent further trouble.

## SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY.

Cecil Says Gov. Taylor Offered Him Money.

Frankfort, Ky., April 16.—Frank Cecil, who has been away from Kentucky since his indictment last year as an accessory to the murder of Gov. Goebel, and who recently surrendered, gave sensational testimony today in the trial of James Howard. Cecil corroborated Fulton, Broughton, Golden and others as to the alleged conspiracy. He also said that Caleb Powers, then secretary of state, told him that a man had been secured to come here from the mountains to kill Goebel. If this man failed to arrive Powers told him that he (Cecil) would be paid \$2,000 if he would fire the shot Cecil says he declined. Governor W. S. Taylor, he also testified, called him into his private office and told him the same thing. Taylor said he saved \$2,500 from his campaign fund and that he would pay it immediately. Taylor also referred the witness to Youtsey.

Wednesday, April 22, Miss Baird will put on display a complete line of midsummer dress hats.  
17-2t

## IMPORTANT LAND CASE.

Protest Against Issuance of Patent for Townsite.

Lawton, Ok., April 16.—The most important contest case yet held in the United States land office here, has been closed.

It is a protest against the issuance of a patent to Chas. L. Thornton for the land upon which the townsite of Thornton is situated.

Thornton proved up some months ago on this land. A few days afterward he began sale of lots and the laying out of a town.

The farm is worth about \$2,000 as a farm and as a town about \$16,000. It cost him \$20 to prove up and in case he had proven upon it as a townsite it would have cost him \$1,600.

The case is to have a hearing and decision is expected in a few days.

Thornton is situated upon the Rock Island railroad southwest of here. Faxton, Ok., is one mile off the railroad from Thornton. Chattanooga is down the railroad five miles.

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