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HOPE FOR DEMOCRACY

The Baltimore Sun believes that the recent election reasonably considered affords much hope for the democratic party, and it is difficult to see it in any other light. The republican majority of the present house of representatives has been reduced to less than fifty in the next congress.

The democratic party has still the solid South, increased by Oklahoma, as a nucleus to build upon. It is a splendid foundation and it now remains for the northern democracy to pull itself together and get in fighting trim.

In the words of the Sun, "the last few years of our political history teach in language so plain that a wayfarer man, though a fool, may read as he runs, that mere demagogic appeals will bring defeat rather than victory, and that while the voters of the country want reform and thorough reform, and are determined to curb and control the business and oppression of corporations and trusts, they will not support the man or party who comes armed with the torch of the incendiary or the dynamite of the anarchist."

This is rather strongly stated, perhaps, but it nevertheless suggests the real conditions. If we make up our minds to go into the next campaign with a strong demand for tariff reform, there are many states, now apparently republican, that will come back to us.—Houston Post.

ALL FOR DEMOCRATS.

There will be a presiding officer, a chief clerk, several assistant clerks, several general clerks, a sergeant at arms and several assistants, a doorkeeper or two and assistants and numerous committee clerks to be elected by the convention.

WILL ACCEPT NO OFFICE.

Chief Piessan, Porter of the Greeks has announced that he will not be a candidate for governor of the new state or for any other office, saying that he is getting old and that politics is too costly a game for him.

MR. ROOSEVELT AND GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Senator's Committee observes that in a message to Congress in December 1905, President Roosevelt said:

"The government must, it is believed, regulate, supervise and regulate the workings of the railway business in interstate commerce, and such its interest supervision is the only alternative to the complete ownership of the present system of the railroads by a single individual or a few individuals."

President Roosevelt in the annual message which he sent to Congress in the beginning of the session recently stated:

"The freedom of transportation lies at the root of all industrial progress, and the restriction to transportation which has taken place during the last half century has been the chief impediment to the growth of the new industrial conditions. Most emphatically we do not wish to see the men of great talents reduced to the status of the masses. Still less do we desire to see them persecuted, but we do desire to see the system of rail road transportation so handled that the strong man will be given no advantage over the weak man. We wish to insure as fair treatment for the small trader as for the big city, for the small shipper as for the big shipper."

The time has come when no one of our lands held by the government, whether upon the public domain proper or in territory owned by Indian tribes should be alienated. The fee of such lands should be kept in the United States government whether or not the profits arising from it are to be given to any Indian tribe, and the lands should be leased only on such terms and for such periods as will enable the government to keep control thereof.

IS SENATOR CLARK PREJUDICED?

Senator Clark of Wyoming, chairman of the Senate investigation committee, has declared himself opposed to the wholesale removal of restrictions from Indian lands.

No amount of dodging can make a man; the character that endures is built up only through conflict. In justice both to the whites and to the Indians of the new state the restrictions must be removed.

IT WILL MAKE GOOD.

The Democratic party has an opportunity to show its true colors in Oklahoma, and the Register believes that after the constitution of the new state is ratified that the people of that section will rise up and call the grand old party of the people blessed.

Charles B. Hanford.

There is a vigorous oratorical swing in the part of "Marc Antony" in Julius Caesar, which makes it an especially suitable role for an actor possessing the graces of personality and declamatory power which have always been commented on as distinguishing characteristics of Charles B. Hanford.

A Big Social Affair.

Mrs. A. C. Cruise has issued cards inviting a number of society people to a reception to be held Friday afternoon. A number of prominent society ladies will assist at the reception.

numbers of oil in New England that they would have had to pay and the price paid been that obtaining in the prospective fields. This is a striking example of the numerous cases where an investor under a system in which the big shoveler and the small road are left free to crush out all commercial enterprise and all power of independent action because of the absence of adequate and thorough-going governmental control.

The amount is sometimes advanced against restricted land with governmental guarantee of the power of expropriation and control over interstate commerce, that to do so tends to weaken individual initiative, independence and such as limit competition, suppress any such initiative. On the contrary, the proper way for dealing with initiative can only be secured by such governmental supervision as will work these monopolies which would curtail individual initiative.

Information brought out regarding conditions of oil and gas leases the work an alarming status and shows the utter dependency of the oil and the gas upon the Interior Department's rules and conditions which are changeable without notice in addition, as the departmental direction may be cancelled without giving the right of equity in court.

The committee was in session until late in the afternoon, leaving the night for Muskogee to remain there three days. Chester Howe of Washington appeared as attorney for Seneca and Cherokee claimants who were omitted from the rolls of 1894, but who had established their citizenship in law and fact.

Senator Clark apparently comes to the territory with his mind already made up, but there is such a mass of testimony on the other side that if he is in any wise fair-minded he will be compelled to acknowledge his mistake. It is our duty to present our case in such manner that he cannot fail to accept our conclusions.—Vinita Chieftain.

CONCLUDE WORK AT VINITA AND ARE NOW AT MUSKOGEE.

Senators Reach New Field of Research and are Met by Citizens. Muskogee, I. T., Nov. 15.—The Senate committee, composed of Senators Long, Teller, Clark and Brandegee, arrived in this city tonight in their special car at 10 o'clock.

COMMITTEE AT MUSKOGEE.

Removal of restrictions on leased oil and gas lands and the interests of intermarried whites were freely discussed. The committee will be here until Friday, when they leave for South McAlester, where they will go into the matter of the sale of surface of coal lands.

ENTIRE FREIGHT TRAIN LOST.

Fire Destroys Seventeen Cars—Fifteen Were Loaded With Cotton. Houston, Texas, Nov. 14.—An entire freight train, consisting of seventeen cars, fifteen of which were loaded with cotton, was destroyed by fire last night on the Santa Fe railroad four miles south of Brenham. The engine was cut loose and saved. The rest of the train is a total loss. The damage is estimated at over \$100,000.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE

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near Reports From Territory Referred to Restrictions Removal and Modification of Regulations.

Vinita, I. T., Nov. 14.—This end of the territory is unalterably in favor of the removal of restrictions on prospectors of small citizens of mixed blood of the Cherokee nation and the modification of regulations governing oil and mineral leases and the transfer of the same. Such propositions having been fully brought out to the congressional committee hearing here yesterday and today there are differing opinions as to extending the statute to homesteads. While some of the committee have expressed themselves they inquire frequently if the former provision originally intended in place of the present twenty-one year provision would be acceptable.

A majority of the full-bloods who look allotments and who have been heard here ask that they be permitted to show their competency in a court of record, thus removing their restrictions on their surplus lands only, if they so desired. The committee intimated that congress would not tamper with the homestead situation, as it extends to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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THE LAND OF COTTON.

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Government Superintendent Wants Possession of Emahaka School. Muskogee, I. T., Nov. 14.—Superintendent John D. Benedict has notified Governor Brown of the Seminole nation of the decision of the attorney general on the Seminole school question. The superintendent asks the governor to turn over Emahaka seminary, a boarding school located between Holdenville and Wewoka, over which there has been a dispute as to authority between the department and the tribal government.

NEW BANK BUILDING.

Another Story to Be Added to Bankers' National Bank Building. The Bankers National Bank building which is being erected at the corner of A and Main streets by Mrs. M. Dobbins, is to be made one story higher than the original plans called for.

WOMAN'S GUILD.

The members of St. Philip's Episcopal Guild will meet at the school room on Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock. A full attendance desired. MRS. J. W. GOLLEGE, secy.

ROAD TO HOXBAR.

Petition for Thoroughfare to be Opened Filed With Authorities.

Wednesday afternoon Edson Lowe, an agent of the department of the interior to see that roads are placed on section lines, was informed by the vice-president of the Commercial Club of this city that application had been made through the club to place the road leading into Ardmore from Hoxbar on section lines. Mr. Lowe has just returned to this city, where he is making headquarters while in the Cherokee Nation. Mr. Lowe surmises the week has been in the section of country west of Purcell.

The application is in the form of a guarantee that the residents along the road will keep the road passable at all times. This guarantee is given to the Commercial Club by the residents of the Hoxbar district and the club in turn guarantees the same to Mr. Lowe.

The petition signed by the residents of the Hoxbar district, which is necessary for the road to be opened, will be turned over to Mr. Lowe immediately. When this is done steps will be taken to have the road opened and placed on section lines.

For reason that there is not a sufficient amount of money in the treasury of the Commercial Club of Ardmore to keep all roads leading into the city in good condition, that body has been slow in taking up the proposition of placing roads on section lines. The only condition the government demands in regard to opening roads is that some responsible body, such as a Commercial Club, warrant that the roads will be kept passable after they are opened. This condition, the Ardmore Commercial club has not felt able to undertake, and hence when petitions are made for opening roads leading into the city, the residents living on these thoroughfares are compelled to make a guarantee to the Commercial Club that they will maintain them, after which the club warrants the maintenance of the same to the government road commissioner.

Also there has been considerable objection to placing roads upon section lines especially on the part of Indian land holders. Therefore, the Ardmore Commercial Club has been slow to take up the proposition. However, when a guarantee is made that the road will be maintained, and its opening is clearly beneficial to all concerned, the club readily makes the necessary guarantee to the department of the interior.

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