

# Indian Chieftain.

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The Indian Journal has a new editor whose editorials sound as though written in the Advocate office.

It is probable the infirmities of age will cause ex-Senator Dawes to retire from the commission bearing his name.

The Downings and the Nationals are holding each other up by the tail, each trying to get a glance at the others platform.

The probabilities are that Judge Springer will become a permanent resident of Vinita this fall. Well, now, he'll be welcome and no mistake.

One of the auditors of the treasury has decided that Judges Springer and Kilgore cannot receive compensation for their services until they have been confirmed by the senate.

It is said Constantine Buckley Killgore's name was the cause of his success in getting a judgeship in this country. The president thought maybe "Killgore" might frighten the Indians.

A good many people are anxious to know when the Delaware, Shawnee and Freedmen payments will be made. Nothing has been done by the department toward getting the census ready, thus far.

A motion to substitute the Wallace enrollment of 722 has been entered in the court of claims in the Shawnee case, this number being about eighty in excess of the number returned in the judgment.

An exchange suggests that when Mr. Cleveland spoke in favor of home rule for the Indian Territory, he meant domestic home rule, which is all right in its way, but sometimes the salary is not satisfactory.

JEFF MCGHEE was staggering round town a day or two last week like a man who might have a new political party in his pocket. If anybody in Delaware district doubts Jeff's ability to hold office, let him offer Jeff one.

Now if Tom Crooks was only in Judge Springer's place this country would get a touch of high life. However, Crooks is not to be left out in the cold; he is to be jailer at Atoka, a place which he will doubtless fill with distinction.

BILL DOOLIN was again surrounded by deputy marshals in Oklahoma last week. This must be getting monotonous, as the same thing has happened a score of times. But then, he has been killed several times for a charge.

It would require a good deal of cheek for a citizen of this town to inquire of the city government what it did with taxes and revenues collected last year. This, of course, is nobody's business(?) and the tax-payer is making an ass of himself in asking such a question.

The National party has undertaken the herculean task of making the country believe that Bob Ross is a better man for chief than Sam Mayes is. The fact that Mayes knows which end of a steer has the horns on does not in any way disqualify him for the duties of a chief, either.

Some of our citizens have what we believe to be an erroneous idea of where the court house ought to be built, claiming that it should be in the center of the business portion of the city. In matters of this kind it is unfortunate, however, that there should be any difference, and there is no one in business in the town who should not receive due consideration. No particular part of the city should be built up at the expense of other portions, though it is very probable that the location of the court will not effect any particular locality to the detriment of another.

Down in Arkansas the other day the governor of the state and a member of the legislature got into a difficulty and stood up like two small boys and spat each other out of countenance. The dispatches do not state whether these gentlemen who so gallantly defended their honor were chewers of the "weed" or not, but that each wanted to make a cuspidor of the other's face would indicate that they had on hand at least saliva enough for purposes of offense and defense. Fishback, in all his raids on the Indians, and in his noble defense of the bawdy houses, never wielded so puny a weapon as to spit in anybody's face. The governor evidently got madder and madder until he went to his hip pocket and "drew" in true western style.

## PARTY PLATFORMS.

In the life and work of a political party there is nothing upon which so much stress is placed as the party platform. Each party watches the other and waits impatiently for the platform. All candidates nominated by a political party are expected to "stand" on the platform, which document is supposed to reflect the views and foreshadow the line of public policy to be pursued by the party, should it come into power.

A platform has been called a "trap to catch votes," with more or less truth. If there is anything that is not promised the country in the way of good government by a political party in its platform, it is due to an oversight of its authors. Writing a platform is one of the fine arts. The writer must be posted as to what a majority of the people will take kindly to, and must present it in a way at once attractive, especially the parts that refer to the great masses of common citizens that never have and probably never will know very much about the science called political economy.

The platforms of the Downing and the National parties of this nation for the last twenty years have steered clear of new departures and have followed the old beaten track with studied sameness. Every platform promises to fund down unimpaired to all future generations the common heritage of lands and moneys. Each party always reiterates the promise to faithfully and impartially administer the laws, and no party ever fails to set forth the beauties of economy in all the branches of the government. Each party watches the other like a hawk and is ready to pitch into the slightest fault, real or imaginary, in the platform of the other, and each one is anxious for the other to be made public first. As an example of how the leaders feel in the matter the following clipping from a strictly party paper of last week's issue will illustrate:

"The reported action of the National convention in refusing to publish their platform until the Downings had shown their hands is a queer proceeding if true. Suppose the Downing convention pursues the same tactics. How will it be decided which will show up first? A strong suspicion that the Nationals might modify their document after the Downing platform was made public, on the part of the latter, might bring about this state of affairs. The situation would indeed be interesting. The action of the National convention might be imputed to a lack of confidence in itself or possibly a lack of confidence in the people, which would not popularize the party if it were known."

## INCOME TAX DECISION.

The supreme court of the United States has at last promulgated its decision in the income tax case, and overthrows part of the law as being unconstitutional. The decision dwells at length on the difference between direct taxes and duties, and imports and excise taxation. All taxes on rents and municipal and state bonds were declared illegal. Justice Fields, after the decision was read by the chief justice, entered the following general dissent:

I am of the opinion that the whole law of 1894 is null and void." He laid stress upon the fact that the law did not exempt judges of the United States courts from payment of the tax. It was not right, he said, that the supreme court should remain silent and make no protest when many United States judges drawing small salaries would be affected because of the law, and he called attention to the letter once written by Chief Justice Chase to the treasury officials protesting against the deduction of an income tax from the salaries of the United States judges. The opinion was largely devoted to a review of the provisions regarding rents, his conclusions being in conformity to those announced by the chief justice. He also attacked the law on account of the lack of uniformity, and dwelt upon its exemptions and discriminations, which, he said, class legislation. He devoted special attention to the exemption of savings banks, mutual insurance companies, and building and loan associations. He quoted census figures to show the extent of the operations of these companies and said that if these facts were not convincing, congress could not be convinced, "though one rise from the dead." He took issue with those who contended that there could be no legitimate limitation upon the power of congress.

It was very unfortunate that Cul Rowe killed a man at Pryor Creek last week. From the best reports we get, we learn that he was justified and hope such is the case, while we greatly deplore the act. Mr. Rowe is considered a man of good repute and a worthy citizen. It was not the first time the victim had been in trouble, as not long ago he stabbed a man at Fairland without provocation.—National.

Yes, it is unfortunate indeed; not so unfortunate that the man had to be killed, as it was for so good a man to have to kill him. It is a very pathetic case and calls for the sympathy of everybody. It takes a man of great nerve to murder an idiot.

## EASTER SUNDAY.

Next Sunday is Easter, the Christian pasover kept in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ. The English name is probably derived from that of the Teutonic goddess of Spring, Ostera, whose festival occurred about the same time as the celebration of Easter. In the early days of the church the time when Easter should come became a question and was the cause of some serious difference, and was finally settled at the council of Nice, in the year 325. The rule was then adopted that holds good to the present time, which makes Easter Sunday to be the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon or next after the 21st of March. This sacred day is celebrated in all parts of the Christian world with great solemnity and devotion, and in the making of presents as well. The custom of giving colored eggs to the children is an old one as well as a curious one, but as to its origin or meaning we are somewhat at sea. Astronomers say that the relative position of the earth to the sun, moon and planets, and of the whole solar system, is on next Sunday, the same as at the time of the crucifixion, and that it is so for the first time since that event.

THERE is considerable talk, among those who are supposed to know in regard to a special session of the Cherokee council, and a majority seem to be in favor of it. The chief matter that requires attention is the disposition of the appraised intruder improvements made before August 11, 1886. If the nation expects the government to remove these people it should lose no time in settling with them. And then there is a balance of something like \$150,000 set aside to pay for these improvements under act of March 3rd, 1893, that could be devoted to other uses, such as paying off the public debt, or replenishing the school fund. If an extra session is had it would be eminently proper to provide some means of taxation to meet constantly increasing expenses of the nation.

## FOUR SMITH LETTER.

Fate of Manny Sinners—The John Beck Case. The police committee investigation of a very peculiar ending. The entire testimony was directed against Chief of Police Surratt and he resigned. The council refused to adopt the report of the committee and at the election the next day, Mayor Hoffman was reelected. Wednesday many petitions were circulated in behalf of Surratt and late that afternoon he was reapointed.

While the prisoners were being taken back to jail, one day last week, Dooley Bengie made a break for liberty but was captured after a short race. The prisoners had planned to make a break on the road and Dooley was to make the first rush. No one followed him because he was the only one in the plot that was not handcuffed. The five prisoners convicted of murder will be sentenced this week.

The criminal docket of the U. S. court for the February term has been called and very little criminal business will be transacted until May term.

Henry Bullington, larceny; sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y.

Taylor Mackey, assault; three years.

James Kendrick, assault; three years.

Thomas Morrell, robbery and larceny of money of the United States; eleven years.

Columbus Rowe, same; thirteen years.

Jack Calloway, larceny; jail ten months.

Charles Money penny, larceny; eight years.

Ben Miller, larceny; four years.

Will Mitchell, larceny; ninety days in jail.

James and Ed Keeton, man-slaughter; eight years and \$500 fine.

Clyde Barber and Dooley Bengie, robbery; two years.

Joe Kinzie, larceny; three years.

John Lancaster, larceny; three years.

Jack Phillips, larceny; two years.

Thomas Mannix, stealing from the mails; fifteen months.

Lafayette Hudson, conspiracy; two years.

Jack Lake, introducing; one hour in jail and fined \$15.

In the case of John H. Beck, a motion for new trial was filed Thursday and is still pending. The same is status of the Sam Still assault case.

Monday the U. S. supreme court reversed the conviction of Alexander Allen, a negro boy who shot a white boy in a fight, in which the latter used a willow stick. Judge Parker told the jury that unless the stick was considered a deadly weapon the theory of self-defense could not hold, and upon this the supreme court reversed him.

## TERRITORY AND BORDER.

News Notes Gathered From all Sources.

The law firm of Shackelford, Shepard, Grove & Shackelford has dissolved.

The taxable property of Tahlequah is put down by the assessor at \$500,000.

Secretary Smith intends to spend a week or two in Oklahoma this summer.

The annual encampment, G. A. R., Indian Territory, occurs at Muskogee, April 24th.

The appointment of Silas Armstrong as office deputy marshal at Miami, was a capitol oue.

Markham is the name of a new postoffice at C. D. Markham's store, east of Pryor Creek.

Nineteen Mormon families passed through Eufaula recently, bound for northern Arkansas.

Work has been begun at Parsons on a new depot and general office building by the M., K. & T. company.

Leliaetta station, on the M., K. & T., was opened for business last week, the cattle trade having begun.

"Tulsa Jack" helped rob a Rock Island train near Hennessey, O. T., a few days since and Saturday was killed in resisting capture.

The dead body of Wm. H. Smith a Delaware, was found near his home in the vicinity of Nowata. Heart disease was presumed to be the cause.

The appointment of Walter Jackson, postmaster at Wagoner, to be commissioner at Vian, has precipitated a scramble for the postoffice.

Runabout Askware, on trial at Tahlequah for murder, got off with a hung jury. A man with a name like that is liable to be hung on suspicion.

Hon. W. M. Harrison, grand chancellor, Knights of Pythias, Indian Territory, has been appointed commissioner at Cameron, in Judge Stuart's district.

Coffeyville can almost hear the "All Aboard" of the conductor on the proposed Kansas Oklahoma Central & Southwestern. It is a road that will one day be built.

The horse and saddle ridden by Grat Dalton the day of the Coffeyville raid have been sold by John Kloehr to a man at Moran who runs a menagerie and relic show.

There is a story afloat of a volcano in the mountains of the Choctaw nation. When run down it will probably be found that the "eruption" is from a smokestack of a primitive "white mule" moonshine distillery.

A boy born unto Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gravit, of Claremore, weighing about ten pounds and well developed, with the exception that each hand has six fingers. Mr. Gravit informs us that he will have the outside little fingers amputated.—Progress.

The Coffeyville Journal is authorized for the statement that vigilance committees are being formed all over the territory for the protection of life and property. The good citizens of that section of country have at last concluded to wipe out the bloodthirsty bandits.

Muskogee has "wheels in her head" of the subject of railroads. Someone has filed a charter for a road to Eufaula, with the secretary of Oklahoma (cost \$125) and the road has already become a certainty—from that stand point. The construction of a road from Ft. Smith is also anticipated.

Judge Kilgore has arrived at his post of duty in the Indian Territory and been hospitably received. The proceedings started off with a banquet—and everybody knows what a banquet in the southwest means. If there are no more banquets the judge will open court next Tuesday.—K. C. Star.

During the strong wind of Friday week, a man by the name of Speigle was caught under a falling limb in the bottom near Fort Gibson and crushed to death. The body was not discovered until Saturday, and it was yet warm, showing that he had died a lingering death. Speigle was a non-citizen farmer from Texas, and leaves a family.

Two residents of the Indian Territory, Joel M. Bryan and Joel L. Baugh, and Samuel W. Peel were sued by Chas. A. Maxwell and Geo. S. Chase of New York City for an accounting from Mr. Bryan for certain claims of North Carolina Cherokee Indians. The plaintiffs say they collected \$20,000 for the Indians in three years, but that Bryan is trying to defraud them of their commissions.—Ex.

Grand Chancellor Harrison has succeeded in securing reduced rates on the railroads on account of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias which convenes at Atoka the first Tuesday in May. The M., K. & T. have agreed to give a rate of one and one-fifth on the certificate plan, the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, one and one-third and the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf one and one-third. This will insure a large attendance.

The dead bodies of a man and woman were found on Big creek last week. The man's head was beaten out of recognition and a blood clot lay near by, but there were no marks of violence upon the body of the woman. Nothing was found to show who the unfortunate were, and the murderer left no clew by which he might be apprehended.

Sunday week, at Bartlesville, John Ortnor and several others were standing in front of a store when T. J. Thornton, Ortnor's brother-in-law, began firing at them with a Winchester. All save Ortnor escaped. He was shot down and died in five minutes, but not until he had drawn a pistol and fired twice at Thornton, though apparently without effect. Thornton then got into his buggy and drove off with Wm. Fardon. Thornton used to live in the vicinity of Coffeyville, and at one time kept a whisky joint there.

Preacher Duncan, the Cherokee delegate, who is an Indian by very remote descent, was head rater at a meeting of imaginary aborigines in Washington, to denounce the court appointments. It harrowed his soul, it seems, that the president had no jobs for the citizens of the tribe, and which he delivered himself of this biting sarcasm: "The Dawes commission has declared that we are fit for citizenship, but it seems we are not fit for offices." It will strike the average American citizen that a foreigner has a mastodon gall in applying for a federal office. When the Indian becomes naturalized politically as he is by nativity, he can ask for a place in the government service with entire propriety. Citizenship is certainly a necessary precedent of office-holding. The bogus red men of the Preacher Duncan type are fit for citizenship, but not for office until they become citizens. It is singular that they should want to hold office in a government to which they claim no allegiance and which they affect to regard as foreign.—Ardmore Herald.

The retirement of Senator Dawes from the Indian Territory commission would be an event to be regretted. Mr. Dawes is a man of honor, and so, in any dealings with the Indian, has the value which attaches to rarity, as he has given the Indian question years of consideration. In days past he has been counted as a philanthropist, but Mr. Dawes has, in addition to this, the attribute of good sense and knows the Indian as he is. The retirement of Mr. Dawes, it is said, would be followed by the dissolution of the "Dawes commission" and the appointment of a new committee. This, too, would be a calamity. The work should be finished by those who have begun it. Changes mean delay, and there should be no delay in breaking up the Indian rule or misrule in the territory.—K. C. Star.

Chelsea Jottings. Chelsea was blessed with a fine rain this week.

Z. Harlow, of Claremore, was in our city this week.

Doctors report a great deal of sickness and vicinity.

George Hart has sold his restaurant to Joe Johnson.

The railroad is going to repair its trestles in this vicinity.

H. E. Don Carlos, of Vinita, spent Thursday in our town.

D. M. Wheeler, of Vinita, has been here selling his tripod filters.

There is to be a union church built seven miles north of this place.

There are to be two more victims ride the K. P. goat Thursday night.

The Masons are adding a story to P. Henry's store building. They expect to occupy it about the 15th.

Mrs. Arthur, who has been confined to her bed for some months past, is now steadily regaining her health.

James Eagan, of Vinita, a Kansas City salesman, was here Monday looking after the welfare of his firm.

Miss Della Short expects to leave here Thursday for Vinita, Ill., to visit her sister, Mrs. W. M. Fogler, for the summer.

Mr. Clawson, of Bluejacket, moves his paper here, the Reporter, and has the hearty co-operation of all our business men.

Jimmy Kell has returned from the Willie Haisell college. Could not stand to see the grass so green and he not on the range.

In digging a well at Dan Rogers' place it was necessary to do some blasting. In some way a blasting cap got into the house and was thrown into the stove with some paper by Mr. Rogers' five year old daughter. The cap exploded and a piece struck the child above the right eye causing a serious, and for a time it was feared, fatal wound.

Pryor Creek Notes. New fences all over town and shade trees in abundance.

J. J. Hayden has recovered from the "grip," and is again at his place.

Nick Sanders made a trip to Goose-neck last week and purchased a farm.

J. M. Riley has just completed a neat addition to his store room occupied by R. L. Baugh.

John Pharis has had a new glass front put in his building and had it fitted up for a meat market.

Mrs. C. H. Cartly, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Hayden, left for her home at Mayeville, Ark., last Thursday.

We doubt if there is a hand-saw building in the Cherokee nation on Main street which is nearing completion.

W. F. Woodward is back from his first vacation in nine years, and his familiar smile is once more "heard" behind the counter at J. C. Hogan's mammoth store.

"Cul" Rowe, who killed young Bozeman, March 29th, was brought in Saturday by J. M. Riley. He had previously surrendered to Heck Bruner who took him to Ft. Smith Monday.

School is progressing nicely under the efficient management of Dr. Thomas Toney, the president. Pryor Creek has one of the best school buildings in the Cherokee nation of which we are justly proud.

Our thriving little city continues to improve. While there are only three or four buildings being erected now, several others are contemplated in the near future, one of which is a large brick business house on Main street.

Short form mortgage notes, having (hidden) the "blinding" features of a full chattel mortgage, for sale at this office, 50 cents for 25 by mail. People will sign them when a chattel mortgage will scare them out of the district. All other blanks also in stock.

## Fairland Fancies.

E. R. Holt will move into his new house in a few days.

Geo. W. Edens, accompanied by his brother-in-law, has gone out west to look up a place.

J. R. Wise, of Miami, was in town Monday; says things are alive on the upper Neosho.

It is needless for me to assure you our town is not pleased with the distribution of the commissioner courts.

Dr. Ford is talking of going on a hunt. Well, doctor, the Daltons and Cooks are all extinct, but remember that the snakes are dangerous this time of the year.

Movers come in by the wholesale; Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas still empty their surplus upon us. It seems like some people are bigger fools than others.

We are nearly all done planting corn here; wheat looks fair, oats fine. The price of corn has caused a larger area to be planted in this part of the district than last year.

R. R. Holt, Wm. Crozier and Judge Donald are planning a fishing party on Grand river. They fish mostly with liquid bait and it is rumored that Dow Flint and Frank Connor will call frequently at the camp.

The Indian Territory, not to be outdone in the way of attractions by any other section of the union, has trotted out a real burning, belching volcano down in the Choctaw country.

MISCELLANEOUS. —Corsica has a Phoenician name, meaning "wooden islands."

—Fornosa is a Portuguese word signifying "beautiful country."

—The word Boreas is of native origin, signifying "the land."

—The seed dies into a new life, and so does man.—G. Macdonald.

—Nantula commemorates the Manitou and great spirit of the Indian.

—Candles were first used symbolically on the altars of churches in the fourth century.

—Helochristian was thus called because the Heloches were the dominant tribe in its river valleys and plains.

—Demosthenes, when preparing for a great oratorical effort, lived for several days on dried figs and wine.

—Sweden was so named because it was conquered and inhabited by the Swedi, or Suedi, a tribe of valiant Goths.

—Pernambuco, when translated into English, means the "Mouth of Hell."

The allusion is to the tempestuous surf that continually renders the neighborhood dangerous to the sailor.

—The Baldwin locomotive works are still experimenting with a locomotive to use oil as fuel. It is hardly probable that such an article will come into general use, as it would require one-third of the total production of the United States to supply the locomotives on the Pennsylvania lines.

—Judge Parker, of the New York supreme court, has decided that the railroad commissioners can pass passes issued by the secretary of state, and that the new constitution does not prohibit the legislature from providing that passes may be issued to state officials when traveling on official business.

—The Rev. Thomas McK. Brown, of New York, is probably the "most Roman Protestant" in this country. His church is a vine covered building, with a large nest of a rookery next door. Father Brown wears the black soutane and cassock which characterize the Catholic priest, and he is identical with that of Catholic churches.

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