

Indian Chieftain.

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WELL, haven't we heard nearly enough about brainy men?

JUDGE STUART has denied the injunction against the Cherokee authorities and the hay shippers will have to pay the royalty.

It is estimated that not less than one thousand tons of hay per day is being shipped from the Cherokee nation.

Now will some of the new members of the senate or council introduce a resolution asking the railroad companies to reduce the passenger fare through the Cherokee nation to three cents a mile to correspond with their charges in the states around us?

This undertaker is waiting for the man or the political party that is opposed to the early settlement of the adopted citizen question in this nation.

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A WALKER in the North American Review in discussing the subject of "Bloomers" says: It may be stated emphatically that almost all men abhor the form of woman's attire that aim to be "mannish," that are adopted only for the sake of making a smart appearance.

If you or your political parties are willing to make good the promises given during the recent campaign there will remain very little for any of our citizens to "kick" about in the way of recognized citizenship.

The present sanitary condition of Vinita is well calculated to excite the fear of an epidemic of typhoid fever. This town has assumed proportions in point of population that makes it imperative that some attention be paid to the drainage and general cleanliness of the city.

AFTER some twenty weeks of vicarious and unselfish sacrifice in the interest of the National party and more especially of Bob Ross, who fell "outside the works" in the recent election, the Cherokee Champion has folded its wings and also its tail, and gently sunk to rest amid the daisies and dandelions along the banks of Salt river.

"POOR LO" HE IS, INDEED.

If the population of the whole nation is increasing as rapidly as it is in Coowescoowee district the land problem will very soon be settled. A few years ago the writer settled on a ranch in the southwestern part of the district and the whole region west of the Verdigris was a wild range country, rangeland and unclaimed.

It was the "man with a hoe" that subdued Texas and scattered the cattle kings to the four corners of the earth, and is the same individual, armed with the same "weapon" that is so fast solving the question of commonality of land in the Cherokee nation.

Last year, after the big payment, several hundred young Cherokees, and some old ones too, came west with their Strip money, with the intention of taking up claims and making homes on the public domain. But alas, they were confronted by miles upon miles of fine fences, warning them off the coveted acres that they had dreamed of making into homes.

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The number of men who are occupying more land than would be their share if a division was had in this district is simply astonishing. And it is equally astonishing the number of citizens of the Cherokee nation who are absolute-ly homeless, and must remain so or purchase some of the land that is as much theirs as any other citizen's.

Is it any wonder that under these conditions and circumstances a larger portion of our people are growing restless? Is it any wonder that many Cherokees are beginning to talk about allotment and an equal division of land and money, the common property of the nation? Is it any wonder that the people are getting suspicious and doubtful of the political leaders who persist in holding the country in its present condition?

While white men in whose veins course little or no Indian blood are quarreling over division lines between their vast tracts of land, while our courts of law, run by Indian money, are crowded with litigation between white men and the red Indian, the "Poor Lo" in the case, is sitting silently and stoically in his cabin door in the hills, careless alike of his future or his present.

beautiful-land in his childhood under the solemn guarantee that it should be his as long as "grass grew and water ran," the man who has seen his race perish from the earth like the buffalo and the wild horse, cares little what is done with him or his race, as about everything he prizes has already been taken. It matters little whether the Dawes commission succeed or fail, as he is already as poor as he ever can get in this world.

Does the government want to save the real Indian? Does it want to restore to him the last remnant of a continent that, looking back through the centuries, was his undisturbed in ownership? Then if it does let its commission, let Capt. McKennon, a man who has a heart big enough and warm enough to do right by any and by all, go among the real Indian—the full-blood Cherokee—and explain his mission and that of his colleagues on the Dawes commission to them, and make no more professions to the "head men"—men who are "Indians for revenue"—and want to keep the full-blood right where he is that they may further plunder him.

We print in this issue cuts of three brand new settlers from Vinita—two from the Delaware side and one from the big district. These gentlemen will take the nearest trail for Table-mah on the date of the assembly of council and the country may confidently expect to hear from each and all of them.

EDITOR CHIEFTAIN:—Now that our election is over and the excitement subsided and the scramble for place has been settled, let us take a calm, dispassionate view of our situation at home and abroad. Our national council meets pretty soon and there are many things that ought to command their serious attention.

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FT. SMITH LETTER.

Tom Thornton Convicted—Many Minor Criminalities. Thomas J. Thornton, a Cherokee, charged with the murder of John Ortnor, his brother-in-law, was convicted at Ft. Smith, Ark. on the 31st of last March, resulted in a conviction after a deliberation of about two hours by the jury.

White Adopted Citizens. WAGENER, Aug. 10, 1895.—To the white adopted citizens through out the Cherokee nation: I most respectfully request that you call meetings in your neighborhood and elect a delegate to represent you at this place on the first Monday in September next.

A Fatal Fight at Nowata. Monday witnessed a fatal fight at Nowata. Jim and Bud McGil, brothers, met Fate and Jeff Walker, brothers, on Delaware street between Key's store and the city restaurant, when a dispute arose between them and it was not long before pistols, rocks, and everything else to hand was brought into play and when the smoke of battle had cleared away it was found that Jim McGil was fatally shot through the breast, he dying that night between 12 and 1 o'clock.

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