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It is a cold day now when an indian delegation don't call upon the president.

fairs committee, Monday, approthe surveying of this territory. THE smallpox scare was the only

thing in some years that was able to shut up the saloons and gambling dens of this town. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good.' CONGRESSMAN LITTLE, of Arkan

sas, Monday introduced in the creating an additional United agencies at work, that were evi- nesseth: COL. MULBERRY SELLERS was al-

propriation." In that he was like our mayor, only our mayor is for "the yellow flag and an appropri-WE print in another column an Daily Sentinel over the name of

ways for the "old flag and an sp-

point, at the present time. A Texas congressman has introduced a bill to cede Greer county homes in a country that is sup- national council so convened, apto his state, the supreme court posed to be held in common and propriate such sums of money as having decided it belongs to Okla- for the mutual and equal benefit of may be needed in excess of the

task while Flynn is in congress THE CHIEFTAIN'S position on citizens, at least it a measure requestions of public policy are pe- alize. But there are other causes of in the three payments complained of in the suit. It being underculiarly its own, and it will not scarcely less serious, and probably stood that if the said calling of the sanction anything that it believes more complicated, and not the council and an appropriation by to be wrong, no matter who may least of them is the ever-present it of said sum shall fail, then the be interested or who may partake and greatly complicated question provision striking from said de-

THE extra session of council at Tahlequah seems to be proceeding very slowly and cautiously in the matter of the freedmen compromise bill introduced Monday. It is thought council will adjourn some time next week.

the maximum rate for a lower the trouble will not cease, as is be returned to the Cherokee nasleeping car berth shall be \$1.50 known by the cases that have altion. provides that when the lower berth | call session of the national council is sold and the upper berth unoc- is for the purpose of a compromise mitted, increases the courts judg-

DELEGATE FLYNN has succeeded in getting a bill through the house to give settlers in Oklahoma their factory will be accomplished. lands, instead of requiring them to pay the price originally fixed. It is hardly probable the bill can get this town from the Cherokee govern through the senate and past the ment, there was only one question president.

THE proposition of congress to send troops into this country in order to keep the peace is about as far from the mark as anything that cials pocket the revenues of a has been done along that line lately. But then, the soldiers are about as well off here as in other quarters of the union now; they don't fight any more anyway.

THE president has extended the less help was absolutely needed, civil service to nearly all employes which was not the case a week ago, at Indian agencies, excepting only at the time of the fright. the few minor positions of a laboring character like cooks and washerwomen. Indians, however, who The Health Board Made to Play the show their fitness, may be appointed by the secretary of the interior without examination by the civil service commission.

Those members of the national council who call to remembrance the closing scenes of the last ses- by the facts in the case. It is not sion, at which time the attempt our purpose to discuss the propriwas made to pass the infamous ety of the appropriation further "miscellaneous appropriation bill" will not doubt the wisdom of THE CHIEFTAIN's position touching an munities, and that on a former ocappropriation for this city, that casion when visited by smallpox, was asked for during the smallpox scare. A man who will with bribes and whisky be a party to trying to by her board of health. Vinita is filch from the treasury of his coun- at the threshold of the Cherokce try thousands of dollars, and at a nation and her whole citizenship time when it is trembling in the is more or less effected by her balance, cannot be trusted at ail. her woe. So we see no reason why Nothing but the plain, unvarnished the national council may not see fit truth is to be stated in the columns to render assistance in this comof this paper, and any man or mon cause of our people. principle that can stand against the mayor is qualified to state the truth is entitled to stand.

THERE should be a statute mak- in such manner as to entitle him ing it compulsory upon all physi- to the confidence and gratitude of cians to report promptly every in. everybody, and that no sort of susfectious disease to which in practice picion can attach to him. their attention may be called. If a doctor don't know smallpox when he sees it, then he ought to be digging or plowing, or doing some- on the above would be to state ing the cost and expenses herein court. Col. Crump made his rething else beside practicing medi that time has shown that THE directed to be paid and distributed turn of the death warrant and all cine. If the alarm had been given CHIEFTAIN was right, and that no when the first case of smallpox appropriation was needed. The manifested itself in this city three board and the mayor have done cost of such distribution and pay- ceny of postal funds. The other or four weeks ago, a great deal of good service in stamping out the ment likewise being charged upon murder case is pending in the su- is rented by Mr. Lambert from Sir John expense and anxiety might have pestilence that broke out two the fund of the complainants so to preme court. The body of the out- Kinloe's. The extent is little more been avoided, to say nothing of weeks ago in this city, but they three or more deaths. There are made the mistake so common to none of the popular professions frail humanity-they wanted an about which the masses know so appropriation. little as the theory and practice of medicine, and certainly none in which they are so frequently imposed upon.

CORRUPTION NOT THE CAUSE.

nearly all outside influences have laid great stress on the corruption prevalent in the governments of the five tribes, and have given that as the strongest reason for the destruction and abolition of these Indian governments. But the real need for the change that it is now conceded by all must come over all these tribes may be found in their system of land tenure and not in SENATOR JONES, of Arkansas, re- the corrupt practices that have and the said Kern on the same ported a bill from the Indian af- perhaps in some instances been magnified. The system of land-inpriating \$300,000 for continuing common was made and fitted to the conditions of a people in a primitive state, indeed a great portion of the United States was equally primitive fifty years ago, nation, for the purpose of settling and it was perfectly natural for the the suit of Moses Whitmire, trus- its decree could not make any Indians to desire just the free-andeasy system that they have enjoyed in a very satisfactory and progress-

of citizenship. In addition to a aside and the decree shall remain great many thousand out-and-out in lorce as it now is."

intruders with no shadow of a right | In the agreement between my in the country, there are the Shaw- self and Mr. Kern the same pronees, the Delawares, the Freedmen vision is mentioned, the only difference being a "Sum in excess of and the white adopted citizens, the judgment for \$903,254, now whose status is unsettled, and will standing in said decree in favor in all probability remain unsettled of the complainants therein, an until settled finally in the courts additional sum of \$400,000 in said A BILL is before congress that of the United States, and even then act of December 7, 1895, with the

and for an upper berth \$1. It also ready gone there. The present The act of compromise referred to and date given, herewith subcupied that it shall not be let down. with the Freedmen and will cost 000. The surplus, as mentioned the Cherokee government several in the words just quoted, is to be thousand dollars, and it is by no returned to the Cherokee nation, means certain that anything satis- if any, after the distribution is made

In the matter of asking aid for that could possibly be involved, and we candidly submit it to the think- Attorney Kern, has been accepted ing, reasoning portion of the people concerned: Shall the city offi-

municipality that pays more than \$2,000 a year in taxes alone, and ascertaining and determining who guarded against. In either case, ury in lieu of investment, \$1,306,then in an emergency where money are the individual Freedmen of whether the compromise is effected 695 66; capitalized permanent anis required, seek aid from the government? And even this proposition could not be entertained un-IN THE FORE FRONT OF BATTLE. It is the sense of this board o health that the recent criticism by THE CRIEFTAIN of Col. L. B. Bell relative to his request for an appropriation by the national council for relief of Vinita, is unwarranted than to say that it is both a frequent and a humane practice for governments to aid afflicted com-Vinita was voted liberal assistance and honorably turned the greater portion of it back into the treasury

in 1880 show the number of freed- freedmen under the 9th article of men entitled to citizenship in said the treaty 1866 by the commission nation under the terms of the to be appointed, should the sum treaty between the United States decreed them by the court of and the Cherokee nation hereto- claims prove to be unsufficient. In fore referred to, and their descend- such case there can be no appeal ants; and the said commissioners for any deficiency, the \$4,300,000 shall ascertain who of said persons should any be found, as could be named on said roll were alive on done in the event the compromise May 3, 1894, and no evidence shall is refused. From this it therefore tending to disprove the citizenship proposed compromise.

GEO. W. HILL.

A. M. CLINKSCALES. B. F. FORTNER. Well, probably the best comment

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VINITA, I. T., Mch. 20, '96.

Many things promised by conof the fee simple title. The Dawes | zens of the nation. commission will be continued.

THE CHIEF'S MESSAGE, The Dawes commission, and To the Special Session of the Cherokee Council.

Executive Department. Cherokee Nation. TABLEQUAR, March 16, 1896.

That you may understand the object for covening you in extra agreements, one between your at-Freedmen, on the 28th day of January, 1896; and the other between the Chief of the Cherokee nation, date. These two agreements are

similar in their specifications, the main features being as follows: "This agreement made and en tered into on the 28th day of January, 1896, by and between E, C. Boudinot, acting as the duly authtee of the Freedmen of the Cherokee nation vs. the Cherokee nation and the United States in the court of claims at Washington, D.

continually from time to time, with stricken therefrom and in lieu Very respectfully. and without their consent until at thereof a provision inserted, prothe present time there is barely viding that the identity of the enough land in the Cherokee coun- number of Freedmen mentioned try for a small sized home to the in said decree shall be ascertained article printed in the Tahlequah individual, and even that is being court, and the said Boudinot by a commission approved by said lessened as the days go by. This agrees with the said Kern in con-"Fair Tote," which we regard as state of affairs of course causes a sideration of having this done, to being both sensible and to the state of uneasiness and unrest to have the principal chief of the prevail, for it must be admitted, national council thereof within a Cherokee nation call together the some of our people are without reasonable time, and to have said amount decreed to be due the homa. He will have a difficult all its citizens. This is probably Freedmen in the above case as the most potent reason for a change, may be necessary to equalize the and the one which all classes of said Freedmen in the amounts the Cherokees have paid themselves in the three payments complained

Although the parties to these agreements obligate themselves mentioned, it appears from a decision of the court handed down since, the conditions on part of from its decision:

this suit; and that each of said par- from what seems to be dreaded. ties shall be entitled to be repre-

charging his duties in this matter of any person whose name appears on said roll.' "And it is further ordered and directed that when the foregoing roll so reported by said commissioners shall be approved by the secretary of the interior he shall to the persons entitled thereto, cases against Crawford Goldsby ceed \$256.34 per capita, and the murder, eight robbery and two lar-

> 2d March, 1895, section 11." Roll is eliminated from the court's side his old chums and compan. of grouse. These two shootings are three commissioners to determine buried on his farm near Talala and

A provision of the court's decree, tends to comply with his request splendid dancer!"-Punch.

of the interior to have paid to the in the fall.

this that the Freedmen are to be Choctaw nation, was a witness, as paid at the direction of the secre- the killing took place near his tary, but inasmuch as your honor- home session I submit herewith two able bodies are expected to appropriate an additional sum to insure been unable to decide the Hugh torney, E. C. Boudinot, and R. H. a full payment to all entitled, any Williams case. They were dis-Kern, attorney for the Cherokee amount over the \$903,365 necessary charged Monday afternoon after to make a complete payment will having been out since Thursday. be done by our own authorities.

judgment of \$903,635 in their favor. by the supreme court. It only authorized the court to inorized attorney of the Cherokee crease their judgment to \$1,300,-000, but the court having passed 30 days and \$100 fine. change in it, and consequently no dict guilty; motion for new trial provision in law is made to pay the filed. Freedmen any amount in excess of the court's judgment. It will be and \$100 fine. ive manner for more than half a C., and Robert H. Kern, acting as necessary, therefore, to approprihouse of representatives a bill century. There have been various attorney for said Whitemire, wit- ate the amount with which you authorized the court to increase its States judge for the Indian Terridently foreseen from the beginning hereby agrees with said Boudinot may prove in the end that the "That the said Robert H. Kern judgment to \$1,300,000. Thus it and that would eventually necessi- to obtain the consent of said trus- amount of the court's judgment in dict guilty; 40 days and \$100 fine. tate a change. In the first place tee and said court of claims that favor of the Freedmen may be sufthe land holdings of the Indians the provision in the decree therein ficient to satisfy all demands on have been cut down and lopped off making the Wallace roll binding their account against the nation

> Very respectfully, S. H. MAYES, Principal Chief. In a Muddle.

Since Chief Mayes submitted his message to council, relative to the equalization of freedmen with Cherokees in per capita distributions, it seems that many members of the council, as well as the people on the outside, are flourdering about in cimmerian dark to be done or should be done. Not understanding fully the compromise in all its particulars, or its results as may be revealed at some into intense darkness and into the request. midst of unseen dangers made more terrible because more imagined than known. Under the circumstances nothing else need be expected, not only as a consequence, but as a measure of self defense against uncertainties and consequences, should be thoroughly | ing to this territory. understood by all directly concerned before committing themselves to some irreparable action. It is quite plain, as all seem to understand, that the freedmen to some unknown number, are to be made equal with Cherokees in three several per capita payments, amounting to \$295.35 each. This reports that the absentee Shawnees

promise? Some seem to entertain the bewill be secured to the nation by setting aside the Wallace Roll or to accomplish certain purposes by making a new roll to be man aged by a commission to be ap pointed in the way specified in the \$2,716,979 98. court's decree. There should be and promulgated by the court, as unfairness in this matter. The to be appropriated by congress, appears from the following taken only cause for any fear is in the \$390.257 92; capitalized permanent "And it is further ordered and in some advantage to be taken by 658 91 adjudged that for the purpose of talse testimony. This is to be Chickasaws-Funds in the treasthe Cherokee nation now entitled or not, a new or revised census of nuities, \$60,000; total, \$1,366,695.66. to share in the distribution of the the freedmen will be taken subject said sum of \$903,365 the secretary to the objections just rehear-ed. of the interior be authorized to ap- The court's decree of \$903.365, is the Cherokee nation, but both compromise is rejected, but this 368 00. nominations to be approved by will not make them and their defreedmen, free colored persons and more just now, but is there not a Grand total, \$10.043.870.55. their descendants, claiming to be chance and a probability of them entitled to share in the distribution suing the nation for any balance of said \$903,365, that may be of- due them as Wallace freedmen? If fered by the respective parties to this is so there can be no escape

Looking at the question on the sented before said commission, other side, we have an authentieither at the taking of testimony cated roll of 2052 freedmen, less by in the Cherokee country or else- 1475 on the Wallace roll, to begin where, and the said commission in with as the number to be added to ascertaining the identity of the by their descendants and by others freedmen entitled to share under wrongly or inadvertently omitted this decree, shall accept what is from the Cherokee roll of 1880 1: known as the authenticated Cher- is very evident that comparing reokee roll, the same now being on sults either way, there is somefile in the office of the secretary of thing to be saved by accepting the interior, having been furnish- the compromise and making an aped to him and purporting to have propriation as a contingent fund to en taken by the Cherokee nation pay those found to be Cherokee accepted by said commission appears that our safety lies in the

FAIR TOTE. FORT SMITH LETTER. The Last of Cherokee Bill's Cases

Other Criminalities. Thursday the name of Cherokee cause the amount remaining of the Bill was entered for the last time said fund of \$903,365, after deduct- on the docket of the United States such payments, however, not to ex- were dismissed. They were one be distributed, pursuant to the act law was taken from here on the than 3,000 acres, and 28 stags were afternoon of the execution and shot, while the Glenisia moors (5,600 Thus it appears that the Wallace | buried next day at Fort Gibson be- scres) yielded . bag of nearly 800 brace decree and a substitute entered ions in crime, Verdigris Kid and on the march with the heavily stocked providing for the appointment of Jim French. Bill wanted to be deer forest of Glen Doll. - London

above quoted, directs the secretary and will have both bodies exhumed

persons entitled \$252 34 out of the | Charley Franks is on trial for a remainder of the \$903,365, after double murder committed in the certain expenses are deducted Choctaw nation eight years ago. therefrom. You will perceive from Gov. Jefferson Gardner, of the

The United States court has From the foregoing you may not about completed the call of the be able to gather the reason for criminal docket. There are very convening you in extra session. few more cases to try this term. Your act of compromise, December | The most important business which 1895, did not make any addi- will come up next month will be tional appropriation for the Freed the sentencing of the six men, men over and above the court's whose conviction has been affirmed

> Charles Frank, murder; on trial. Tom Lee, violating; plea guilty; Freeland Bruner, robbery; ver-

Hugh McLean, violation; 30 days

Steve Campbell, same. William Halloran, assault; dis-

Jasper Crites, violation; mistrial Marion Landers, violation; ver-Bee Mellon, manslaughter; mo tion for new trial filed.

OF GENERAL INTEREST. A Collection of Notes Gathered Chiefly From Our Exchanges.

Uncle Joe Chambers died at Claremore last week, aged 70. Eufaula has instructed her re-

publican delegates for McKinley. A bill to permit the construction of a railroad from Sapulpa through Oklahoma has become a law.

Near Bartlesville one day last week Marsh Wagoner was kicked ness as to its meaning or what is in the stomach by a plow horse and died next day.

Two Cherokees having a controversy over some property had a trial before the United States comfuture day, it is like plunging out missioner at Muskogee, at their

A fight is reported in the Osage country in which an outlaw named Bud Pittman was killed and an officer named Scott Bruner dangerous-

Sam Teague, said to be an Inthe possibility of being misled. dian, shot and killed a negro by This is certainly right. A matter the name of Simon Barnes, near involving such a vast interest and Joplin last week and escaped, com-

Miss Francis E. Willard, president of the W. C. T. U., lectured at Muskogee last week; Sunday afternoon she addressed an overflowing audience in one of the St. Louis

The Indian agent at Sac and Fox is all plain enough, but to many are relinquishing their patents and there is an ugly incubus concealed coming over into the Creek and in some advantage to be taken of Cherokee nations, probably because any surplus there may be after the whites are paying them to rematters are equalized. The gen linquish. The agent suggests that eral belief is that the \$1,300,000 if they are not permitted to settle will not be needed, but if needed, in the eastern nations they would what is to be gained by the com. not leave home.

Funds due Indian nations, as relief that no better state of affairs ported by the commissioner of Indian affairs: Cherokees-Funds in the treas-

ury in heu of investment and United States bonds held in trust, Choctaws-Funds in the treasury no apprehension as to any intended in lieu of investment, \$585,000 99:

possibility of making mistakes, or annuities, \$210,400; total, \$1.185,

Creeks-Funds in the treasury in lieu of investment, \$1,800,000; to be appropriated by congress, point three commissioners, one on | all the freedmen on the Wallace \$475,168; capitalized in permanent the nomination of the defendant, roll will be entitled to in case the annuities, \$524,200; total, \$2,799,

Seminoles-Funds in the treas him, to proceed to the Cherokee scendants less citizens of the nation ury in lieu of investment, \$1,500,country and hear testimony both having all the rights of native 000; to be appropriated by confor and against the identy of all Cherokee. They may not get any gress, \$475,108; total, \$1.975,168.

> The senate committee on Indian companied a joke, "I got so little en-affairs has indersed the Dawes couragement I thought I wouldn't try commission bill to the extent of recommending an appropriation of \$50,000 to provide for the enrollment of all persons entitled to citizenship in the Indian Territory, preparatory to an allotment of the lands in the territory. This is the first st-p to be taken under the recmmendation of the Dawes commi-sion. It is necessary to begin by determining the property rights fall citizens, and not merely of the handful of "head men," who only "want the earth," but seem to have taken possession of it as far as the Indian Territory is concerned Equal rights and justice to all will be a "new thing" in the Indian Territory .- Star.

Smallpox recipe: One ounce of cream of tartar disselved in a pint feline sagacity which occurred in my of boiling water, to be drank when cold, at short intervals. It can be taken at any time and is a prevent- the house a young sparrow, and, takative as well as a curative. It is ing it to the front doormat, began stripands of cases without failure. It never fails and never causes blind-

Deer Shooting in Scotland.

Forty-eight stags (including considering that Caenlochan comprises | solutely true and without exaggeraadjoining forest of Glencally, which

gress are now abandoned-because who are rightfully Freedmen citi- also requested that Verdigris Kid -He (to elderly young lady, after a be laid by him. His mother in long waltz)-"You must have been a

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A WITTY OLD CLERGYMAN. His Sayings That Have Been

Hunded Down. Years ago there lived in Connecticut an old minister who was quite celebrated for his wit. Many of his sayings have been preserved and handed

down from father to son. In a meeting of ministers one day a ermon was read, and, according to custom, criticised. It had been read in the old, well-known, sing-song tone. One minister objected to the tone of the sermon and another found fault with something else. The old doctor sat quietly in his corner until his turn to Flour, best patent.

speak came. "If you take away the tone," he said dryly, "it seems to me there would be

While traveling in the western coun try he learned to shave without the aid of a mirror. Long afterward, while attending some gathering of ministers. he got up early and was discovered by his friend standing face to a blank wall to perform the act of shaving. although there was a good mirror in the room. In answer to his friend's surprised question, he said that he had not used a looking glass for 30 years. "The last time I looked in one," he said, with a curious drawing in of the corners of his mouth that always ac-

He did not eagerly enjoy having a oke turned on himself, but sometimes he fully appreciated it. One day a shift-

ess neighbor called and asked if h had a wheelbarrow, "Yes," replied the clergyman, "but I don't lend it."

"Well," said the neighbor promptly, did I ask for it?" This pleased the old minister se

much that the neighbor presently de parted trundling the cherished wheelbarrow with the old man's full consent. -Chicago News. Learned in One Session

A truly remarkable story of feline inspondent. Indeed, it might fairly be called incredible, only that the correspondent, as will be seen, vouches for its truth. "I am induced to send you an account of a remarkable instance of house last week. About a fortnight ago a black Persian cat brought to well known to have cured in thous | ping it of its feathers. The cook, not approving of the litter made by the said feathers, doubled the mat over and told the cat he must not make such a litter, but strew the feathers on the wrong side of the mat and not on the A fortnight afterward the cat brought in another bird, and, markilled this season in Lord Airlie's for- velous to say, turned the mat-which est of Caenlochan, in Forfarshire, was a heavy coir mat-over with his claws and littered the wrong side of who succeeded Mr. Pilldington in the it with the feathers, precisely as the tenancy. This is a remarkable score, cook had told him to do." This is ab-

> Gas Man - Humph! Somethin meer about this meter. Do you use all hose lamps standing there in a row? New Girl-No, indeed, sir, we don't se nny. I guess they wants mending cause missus told me to leave 'em where you could see 'em.-N. Y. Weekly.

The river Euphrates flowed through the city of Babylon, and on each side of its banks the walls of the city were carried up to a height as great as at any other point, so that even during a siege the city was as formidably defended on the river as on the land side.

Vinita Market Report. orn by the load Wheat No 4 . Seed flax \$1.50 eed Potatoes. Potatoes for table Sweet potatoes, per peck .. Parsnips, per peck Beans per pound .00 to .60 Sugar, light brown Star Tobacco per pound. Battle Ax Flour, straight grade Bran. per 100% Turnips, per bushel Butter Roosters, per pound. Turkeys, hens, per pound.

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