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Range on Locust and Little Cabin creeks. O bran on right side and hip. Various ear marks. Sold only for shipment.

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IN THE FLESH

Has a Supposedly Murdered Man Turned Up in Missouri.

THREE YEARS AGO

Grand River Was Dragged for the Body of Edward Robertson Who Yesterday Was Discovered Very Much Alive.

Three years ago parties of men were dragging Grand River in hopes of solving the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Ed. Robertson, a young Missourian who had disappeared near Fairland. Thursday he was recognized on the streets of Marshfield, Mo., by an acquaintance and hurriedly left the town for parts unknown.

The disappearance of Robertson created a great sensation in this section at the time. He had left Niangua for his home at Fairland, and was supposed to have been murdered near Grand River.

His team was found tangled up in a thicket and the entire countryside joined in the search for his supposed murderer.

His father, Jas. Robertson, was in Vinita several times during the succeeding months endeavoring to find some clue.

It is now thought that it was simply a case of desertion of his young wife and a bitter feeling has been engendered in his home town against him. This pressure near his old home is attributed to a desire on his part to try and effect a reconciliation with his deserted wife.

When he disappeared he was supposed to have had several hundred dollars in cash on his person. This fact strengthened the murder theory. No cause for his action in leaving can be found. Both he and his wife came from leading Webster county families.

ON THE WARPATH.

Pawnees Eat Bufgalo Meat—Pipe Dreamers do the Rest.

A reign of terror exists in Oklahoma, where the Pawnees are reported to be oiling their moccasins for a light fantastic on the festive warpath. Scalps are being rivited to anxious craniums, and the "chunk" of the ramrod is heard in the black tubes of the family fowling piece.

A special hot from the copper, states that the painted demons are not in .. great force as at first reported.

A correspondent who has counted the tepees of their camp, is authority for the statement that there are not more than 718,000 bucks, squaws and papooses.

The cause leading to the outbreak which promises to be the bloodiest since Crazy Snake rode riot through headed columns of nonpariel, can be traced to the death of Pawnee Bill's big buffalo bull in a railroad wreck some time ago. This innocent animal had its hump, that it had been wearing for three years, bumped out of position by a freight car, and subsequently died of shame. Its carcass was given to the braves and proved "bad medicine." They dreamed of returning herds of shaggy bisons and decided to give them room, by removing the whites on the tomahawk route.

A special meeting of the cabinet was called yesterday; and it is reported that the Philippines will be abandoned, and the entire military force of the nation, massed near Washington, to repel the threatened invasion.

Another Delaware Claim.

An Indian claim dating back to 1808 has been filed against the United States by the descendants of the Delaware indians living in the vicinity of Philadelphia. The claimants seek a recognition of their rights to share in the present lands and funds belonging to the Delawares and in the profits that have accrued for nearly a hundred years from the sale of the original lands, ceded to the government by the "walking treaty" of 1808. By that treaty the Turtle tribe of the Delawares ceded as much land as a man could traverse in two days' covered some eighty-six miles of country and left the Turtle tribe with out a home. The present action is brought in the name of the "Society of the Descendants of Delaware Indians," who number 188 persons, and claim to be the lineal decendants of the original tribe. Under the operation of the treaty with the United States in 1808 the Delawares were removed to the West. The present claimants are descendants of the Delawares who did not join their tribe in the Western movement. Their claims aggregate $3,000,000. The Indian department has not taken any action upon the case.

FEDERAL PRISONS

Soon to be Erected at Different Points in the Territory.

Preparations are being made by the department of justice to carry out the act of congress providing for the erection of new federal jails at Muskogee, South McAlester and Ardmore, I. T. While the act did not directly stipulate that the $90,000 appropriated must be divided equally between the three towns, the department is not disposed to make any invidious distinction between the towns in the distribution of this appropriation.

The first building upon which work will be commenced will be the jail at Muskogee. It is expected that title to a site will be secured within the next few days. Plans for the jail at that city have already been perfected and the government will call for bids within the next two weeks. The plans approved for the jail at Muskogee contemplate a building with thirty steel cages, each capable of holding two persons. As the average number of persons at the Muskogee jail is approximately 120 throughout the entire yea. it is apparent that the "bull pen" must necessarily be resorted to and the greater number of prisoners corraled in that structure.

W. C. T. U. PETITION

Tells Congress of the Unquenchable Thirst of Lo.

The following petition is being circulated throughout the territory for signers by the W. C. T. U., and will be forwarded to congress after the holidays:

To the House of Representatives of the United States—Indian Territory, November, 1901.—We, the citizens of the Indian Territory, both Indians and whites, do hereby pray you not to favor any measure that will imperil the prohibitory laws relating to intoxicating liquors now existing in the Indian Territory, for the following reasons, namely: Because it is well known that the Indian race has a peculiar and most powerful appetite for intoxicating liquors; that there is but a remnant of fullbloods—about 40,000—in Indian Territorry; that "free whiskey" would be the means of their being robbed of their lands and rapidly exterminated; that, as these lands are the last they can ever own, it would be a crime for the government to allow its Indian children to be subjected to the demoralizing influences of "free whiskey," which will rob them of their landed heritage, so sacredly pledged to them by treaty with the United States government, and which will destroy them very speedily, both bodies and souls.

Big Blaze at Chickasha.

A disastrous fire visited Chickasha late Christmas night, totally destroying several of the largest business houses. The losses were: Works, Pritchett & May, loss $12,000, insurance, $11,000; W. W. Horn, loss on stock, $8,000, on building, $4 000, insurance, $6,250; Odd Fellows, $1,000, insurance, $300; Knights of Pythias, no insurance, loss $500; Woodmen, loss $500. The new First National and Bank of Chickasha buildings were each dameged about $1,000.

McAlester Building Stopped.

Acting on an order received from the secretary of the interior, government officials have stopped all building and improvement operations at South McAlester, I. T., until a schedule of values of all property has been prepared by the townsite committee. A former survey schedule was found to be false and the secretary of the interior took a hand.

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RELIEF UNION

To be Re-organized in Near Future by Earnest Charity Workers.

IMMEDIATE NEED

Of Organized and Intelligent Care of Those in Distress Revives Interest in This Splendid Organization.

The need of a regularly organized charities association in Vinita has become so manifest of late that an encouraging amount of interest has been reviived in the relief union, and an effort will be made to thoroughly re-organize that splendid association immediately after the holidays.

The relief union was organized for the relief of all worthy cases of distress, by a number of charitably disposed citizens in Sept. 1898.

Each member contributed twenty-five cents a month and the aggregate of these unmissed pittances kept a working balance in the treasury for a number of months. Many cases of distress, some containing the tearful material for the creation of another Jean Valjean, were relieved.

The work was conducted without display. Children were clothed and cared for; destitute families were given transportation to the homes of friends; the sick were nursed and provided with necessary medicines. Wherever there was distress there the work of the association alone could be seen. Gradually the contributing members lost interest and the entire work devolved upon the earnest few.

The receipts dwindled and the treasury was soon depleted.

With an increased number of cases that humanity said should not be abandoned to their pitiable suffering, these few workers have attempted to relieve them all, out of their own means.

The work has been hard, yet at great personal sacrifice, the cries for help have not gone unheard, and though necessarily limited through lack of funds, these few workers have relieved much suffering.

An effort is now to be made to reorganize the association with a sufficient number of members to insure receipts adequate to the needs of the association in its work.

The small dues, while never missed by the giver, will save many unfortunates the suffering that has come to them through no fault of theirs. Each case will be personally investigated to prevent imposture, and the work will be conducted in an intelligent and unemotional manner.

The exact needs of those destitute will be ascertained and no slipshod assistance will mar the efficacy of the work.

Meetings will be called at several of the churches, and members of the association will call on and enroll all who are willing to join in this splendid work.

The necessity of such an organization needs no comment, the desire to assume some part of the responsibility and expense should be with all.

Exciting Wolf Chase.

With a large gray wolf setting a dangerous pace, a number of young people of Chouteau enjoyed an exciting chase Christmas day. The sport was arranged in honor of Miss Grace Verity, of Chouteau, who was home for the holidays from Hardin College. The game was killed near Wagoner after a hard cross country ride. Those who followed the hounds were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter, of Vinita, Mr. and Mrs. J. H Verity, Misses Grace Verity, Lona Hayden, Ida Hayden, Lizzie Keyes, Messrs. Jim Crawford, of Kansas City, John Nix, Dennis Keyes. The wolf was a splendid specimen of his species and made the "kill" a hard one.

Important Postal Ruling.

The postoffice officials at Washington have just ruled that a subscription to any publication entered as second class matter must be discontinued when the time for which it has .. paid in advance has ... meritorious publications, and is directed against those spurious concerns which care nothing about their subscriptions, but rely for their profit on fake advertising. The country weeklies which permit their subscribers to "take the paper" very often for years without a settlement, may have some misgivings about the ruling, but it cannot hurt them. Those papers which are established and are worthy of patronage will continue to hold their supporters and it will be better for the subscribers to keep paid up. Persons who have been accustomed to taking their county papers will not quit, and publishers will speedily realize the benefits of prompter payments. The mail service is lumbered up with a vast amount of second-class matter which makes a large demand on its facilities, and the order just issued by the postoffice department will help the situation quite appreciably.—K. C. Star.

ALLOTMENT BILL

Returned to Dawes Commission For Their Approval

The allotment bill recently passed by the national council has been forwarded from Washington to J. George Wright, who will submit it today to the Dawes Commission for their approval.

Chief Buffington went to Muskogee Monday to urge the Commission's approval.

TOO MANY CIPHERS.

Big Error in Report of Funds Sent Chief Buffington.

Instead of having drawn $250,000 from the bulging pockets of royalty payers during the past year, as reported by Indian Commissioner Jones to Chief Buffington, the Cherokee nation drew only an extra cipher from the careless touch of one of the typewriters in the commissioner's office and the fund dwindled with it removal to $25,453.29.

A report containing this corrected amount of funds due the nation on collection of royalties has been recieved by national treasurer, Joe M. LaHay, from A. C. Tonner, assistant commissioner of Indian affairs.

In it Mr. Tonner explains that the first report was in error. The communication was in response to an inquiry from Treasurer LaHay, as to where the extra thousands came from, and solves the mystery of the nation's sudden richness.

INDIAN COMMITTEES

Will Recommend That the Dawes Commission be Discharged.

The increasing dissatisfaction with the work of the Dawes commission has so influenced the members of congress, interested in Indian affairs that the Indian committees of both the house and senate will recommend that the Dawes commission be discharged, and that the work now in the hands of that body be placed in the hands of one man, who shall have such assistance as is needed, and who shall report direct to the commissioner of Indian affairs and the secretary of the interior. This action, in the opinion of the members of the committee, is necessary in order to secure a speedy conclusion of the work of the commission, and to prevent a recurrence of the conflicts that have occurred between the Dawes commission and the other branches of the Indian service.

Murder at Mounds.

During a drunken brawl near Mounds last Saturday Henry Lilyhead, a full blood Euchee Indian, clubbed another Indian named Candy Squires to death, dragged the mutilated body of his victim to a nearby fence and hung it up on a post. The murderer was arrested by a party of Indians and was taken to Mounds awaiting the arrival of a United States deputy marshal from Claremore.

Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness because of the death of a loved one from a neglected cold. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the great cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary ailments. Price, 25 and 50c. at People's drug store. dw

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SALE OF LANDS.

Curtis Introduces Bill Authorizing Heirs to Sell Lands of Allottees.

WOULD OPEN LANDS

In Oklahoma to Settlement, and Would Remove an Annoying Feature of the System of Alloting Land of Indians.

Congressman Curtis, of Kansas, will present a bill as soon as congress re assembles that is designed to tighten the work of the Indian office and to solve a problem that is growing more complicated each year. The bill will provide that the adult heirs of any deceased Indian to whom lands had been allotted may sell the land. Under the existing laws the lands are held in trust and the leasing proceeds divided each year.

The complications arising under this system have led Mr. Hitchcock, secretary of the interior, to recommend to congress the passage of a law authorizing the sale of the lands of this character belonging to the Ponca, Pawnee, Otoe and Tonkawa Indians in Oklahoma. Mr. Curtis will offer a bill making the authority general, affecting the lands of deceased allottees wherever situated.

The passage of the bill recommended by Mr. Hitchcock would at once open up over 81,000 acres of fine farming land in Oklahoma to settlement, and would greatly simplyfy the work of the Indian bureau in caring for these heirs. Under the proposed plan the land would be sold and the money deposited with the government for the benefit of the heirs of the deceased allottees. The adoption of the bill which Mr. Curtis will introduce would open many thousands of acres of land to settlement or for sale to settlers.

Following is a copy of the bill which Mr. Hitchcock has recommended for passage:

"That the adult heirs of any deceased Ponca, Pawnee, Otoe or Tonkawa Indian, to whom a trust patent was issued for lands allotted him in Oklahoma, may sell and convey the lands inherited from such decedent, and if there be both adult and minor heirs of such inherited lands, then such minors may join a sale thereof by a guardian duly appointed by the proper court, upon an order of such court made upon petition filed by such guardian, all conveyances made under this act to be subject to the approval of the secretary of the interior, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe."

The bill to be offered by Mr. Curtis makes the proposition general, instead of confining it to the four tribes named in Mr. Hitchcock's bill.

IMPORTANT RULING.

Evicted Citizens Who Return Can Not be Criminally Prosecuted.

In the United States court at Ardmore attorneys for the noncitizen merchants, who were recently indicted for having returned to the territory after having been evicted, filed a demurrer to the indictments on the ground that they constituted no criminal offense. Judge Townsend sustained the demurrer on the ground that the penalty of $1,000 provided by law could not be collected by criminal preceedings. It is said that District Attorney W. B. Johnson will advise the department of justice of Judge Townsend's decision and ask for further instructions. In a recent ruling of Judge Townsend he held that tribal taxes could be collected, and his decision does not affect the tax. The parties who returned after being evicted were regarded as intruders, and the government sought to inflict a penalty of $1000 by criminal proceedings.

Personal.

The lady who had to leave the donation party the other night before it was over will please call at our drug store and get a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. She has indigestion or she would not have taken sick and if she had taken Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin she would not have had indigestion. In 10c and $1 bottles at People's drug store. dw

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