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## IMPORTANT OPINION

### ALLOTMENTS OF DEAD INDIANS CANNOT BE SOLD TO PAY DEBTS.

Other Property Can Be Sold—If Debts  
Were Contracted Prior to the Time  
the Allotments Became Avail-  
able. It Cannot Be Sold.

Judge Humphrey has just rendered an opinion of great importance to the residents of the territory and especially to all citizens. It is in substance that the allotment of a dead Indian cannot be sold to pay the debts contracted against the estate if they were contracted prior to the time the allotment became available. The sale of property within the limits of segregated townships is permitted, however.

Several months ago James H. Chambers, administrator of the estate of Allen T. Williams, made an application to the court for an order to sell real estate situated in Atoka and Wagoner counties, and also land embraced in the allotment made by the deceased, to pay debts contracted against the deceased.

D. C. McCurtain, guardian for Russell T. Williams, minor heir of the deceased, R. L. Williams, representing Mrs. A. T. Williams, R. E. Campbell, representing the estate, opposed the motion on the ground that the debts contracted against the estate were contracted prior to the time when the allotment became available. The case was argued May 25, J. H. Chambers, administrator, appeared in support of his application to sell and J. C. Ralls in behalf of the creditors. The firm of McCurtain & Hill were directed to appear in the case by Gov. McCurtain as the question was one that would be of common interest to the entire nation.

The court holds that when a person dies intestate, his property will descend to his heirs subject to the payment of debts. Provided, however, that the allotment cannot be sold to pay debts contracted prior to the time the land became available.

The decision is based upon paragraph 15 of the supplemental agreement, which reads as follows:

"The lands allotted to members and families shall not be alienated or encumbered by any deed, debt or obligation of any character contracted before the time at which said land may be alienated under this act, nor shall said lands be sold except as here provided."—South McAlester News.

### DAVIS HAS MINING FEVER.

Special to The Ardmoreite.  
Davis, I. T., June 5.—Since gold has been discovered in the West Timbered hills of the Arbuckle mountains just west of here, a rather strange question has been raised by geologists. An old mining man related a story which he says will illustrate the position taken by government geologists and says that secretary Hitchcock sent his son-in-law by the name of Bain, to the Wichita mountains a few years ago to report on the field. Mr. Bain, according to the miner, drove around on well traveled roads for several days but never once visited the numerous mining camps to that locality. The report was soon issued which showed that there was no gold there in paying quantities.

This same miner says that the government sent seven expert geologists to Cripple Creek, Colo., just before the great gold strike by Stratton, and they were unanimous in their report that there could be no gold found, because gold was never found in that kind of formation. These geologists held a long conference with prospectors and finally told them that they did not look like fools, but that they were acting like fools; that no gold would be found there. After Stratton found the great gold field that made Cripple Creek famous, these geologists said that it was merely a "frank of nature," and could not be accounted for.

It is reported that Prof. Gould of the University of Oklahoma has made a superficial examination of the Arbuckle mountains, and declares that it is about on a par with the Wichita mountains field; although he found no development work, and could not definitely determine its value as a gold bearing formation. Mining men here poke fun at the geologists and say that if the coming gold field, they say that assays shows the ore to run from \$500 to \$1400 per ton, on the surface, and when a depth is reached still richer values will be found. There are three strong companies in the West Timbered hills, near here, and they report considerable headway. Miners and prospectors are flocking into the Arbuckles from all directions and mining is about all one can hear on the streets of Davis these days.

### WILL BUILD BIG DYKE.

Santa Fe Will Endeavor to Check  
Canadian River Near Purcell.

Guthrie, Ok., June 5.—Henry E. Apgar, general collector of the Santa Fe railroad in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, announces today that the company will construct a large dyke on the west bank of the South Canadian river, near Purcell, I. T.

The Santa Fe track at that place is being raised five feet. The construction will cost \$200,000.

## DICTIONARY IN INDIAN TONGUE.

Dawes Commission Stenographer Has  
Diversified Ability.

Muskogee, I. T., June 5.—J. Lynn Collins, formerly of South McAlester but now with the Dawes commission, is probably the only stenographer who speaks three languages and takes dictation in one as well as the other.

Mr. Collins is a Choctaw Indian about 30 years old, and educated himself. His father was a full-blood Choctaw and his mother was a Chickasaw squaw. He was left an orphan at an early age, his father dying first, when his mother returned to her people in the Chickasaw Nation. Prior to his father's death he learned the Choctaw language, and when he returned to the Chickasaw Nation with his mother he soon became familiar with that language. He speaks English fluently and is a splendid stenographer.

When his mother died he was cared for by five people several years, when he made the acquaintance of some white children, who had a governess and was permitted to study with them. He made good progress, and when the Indian schools were established Mr. Collins, then a lad of 12 or 13 years, became one of the most studious youngsters in his class. He advanced rapidly, and when he graduated from one of the Chickasaw high schools he determined to take a business course. He first perfected himself in stenography and then took a course in book-keeping, and he is regarded as one of the best educated and most versatile Indians in the territory.

As a stenographer he can take dictations in Choctaw or Chickasaw as readily as he can in English.

### LIGHTNING DID IT.

Three Fine Churches Destroyed Yesterday in Chicago.

Chicago, June 5.—During a thunder storm here early today three churches were struck by lightning and two of them completely destroyed. The storm was the worst of the season, and besides the churches several other buildings were struck and damaged. The total loss occasioned by the lightning is estimated at \$200,000.

The two churches destroyed were Trinity church in Oak park and Sacramento avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Sacramento avenue and Adams street, North Englewood Congregational church. Fifty-ninth and La Salle streets, was also struck, but the fire which followed was extinguished.

## STARTLING

### MURDER PLOT

DEVELOPED IN STRIKE GRAND  
JURY INVESTIGATION.

Judge Jesse Haldon of the Circuit Court and D. M. Parry, former President of Manufacturers' Association Doomed.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, June 5.—A startling development in the strike grand jury investigation was the unmasking of a plot to "put out of the way" Judge Jesse Haldon of the circuit court, who on several occasions has rendered decisions against union labor, and D. M. Parry, former president of the Manufacturers' Association, who lives in Indianapolis. Full disclosure of the plot is soon to be made. It is practically decided to produce before the grand jury a signed statement of a hired slinger, who belonged to one of the "ramblers" "roving crews," but who is alleged to have witnessed just before going into the fray at St. Louis, an affray that resulted in an indictment of Haldon, Young and others.

President Haldon was not connected with the "crew" as a superintendent or director in any capacity closely allied.

In the statement the informant told that one of the jobs for execution in Chicago was the slugging of Judge Haldon, who was to be "put out of the way" whenever opportunity offered. The men were to carefully study out the details of the "job" beforehand, learn the habits of the judge and then await him at a time when the coast was clear and no chance of detection was offered. In case of a happy person being near when the act was committed he was to be done away with. Per person the plot failed.

Plans had been laid for the assault on Parry at Indianapolis, and the information was sent to him, as nearly in the words of the informant as possible. The result was that Mr. Parry went to Europe and remained there several months. That was sometime after the open defiance to him from unionists at Indianapolis, when his home was pelted and threatening letters were sent him.

### Fire at Holdenville.

Holdenville, I. T., June 5.—Fire here at 2 o'clock this morning burned two frame stores. The Racket store, with a stock of \$1,000, was destroyed, and a fruit stand, valued at \$200, was ruined. Small insurance. The fire was due to a defective electric light wire.

### Two Killed in Railway Wreck.

(By Associated Press.)  
Grand Rapids, June 5.—Two persons were killed and several injured today in a wreck on the "Pere Marquette" railway at Atma.

In a wreck at the same place on the Grand Trunk several persons were injured.

## A ROYAL WEDDING

CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY  
AND DUCHESS CECILIE

Married Today in Berlin With All the  
Pomp and Splendor of the German  
Court—The Bride Is Considered  
One of Loveliest Women.

Berlin, June 5.—The wedding of Crown Prince Frederick William, who in three weeks will be German emperor and king of Prussia, and the Duchess Cecilie, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin took place in the chapel of the palace with every thing rich and splendid.

Before the wedding procession entered the chapel, and the congregation arose and the entrance was made to the strains of a military march. First came a dozen couples of royal and noble relatives of the bride, men in special uniforms, women in richly colored gowns with a great array of jewels. Then, on the arm of her brother, Grand Duke Frederick Mecklenburg-Schwerin, came the bride, in a white gown adorned with the costliest lace, a long white veil and a small wreath of myrtle on her head. In both hands she held a bouquet of lilies of the valley and green, red and long white satin ribbons.

When the party entered the chapel the bride and the crown prince took the central seats, surrounded by the members of their respective families.

The court chaplain, Dr. Dryander, offered a long prayer in earnest tones. Next came a hymn from the choir. The duchess bowed her head low and the chaplain addressed the bridal couple for several minutes, earnestly and solemnly.

After this the couples rose and the crown prince took the bride's right hand in his, left resting on the hilt of his sword. For several minutes they knelt before the altar with hundreds of eyes fixed on them as the deep impressive tones of the chapel's voice rang throughout the chapel as he repeated the marriage service.

Finally the minister held out a gold plate from which the crown prince took a ring and placed it on the finger of his bride's right hand. The bride took another ring, with a slight fumbling, and slipped it on the same finger of the prince's right hand. The slugging of another hymn concluded the ceremony.

The ceremony lasted rather more than half an hour and its conclusion was announced to the Berlin populace by the ringing of the church bells and the firing of a salute of 101 guns from the forts around the capital.

### Prof. Buck Goes to Lehigh.

At a meeting of the school board at Lehigh Prof. W. H. Buck of Ardmore was chosen superintendent of public schools.

Prof. Buck has been notified of his election and he said today when asked by a reporter for Ardmoreite whether he would accept the place, that he would probably go there.

Hot weather is hard on weak eyes. You will save your sight if you will use it with spectacles at the first sign of trouble. Will not cost you much in any case.

F. J. RAMSEY, Druggist.

## THE KING OF SPAIN

ALFONSO IS FIRST SPANISH KING  
TO VISIT ENGLAND.

Welcomed By King Edward—Royal  
Visitor Accorded the Heartiest  
Reception—Meet Diplomatic  
Corps—Gets Stuck on Road.

(By Associated Press.)

London, June 5.—The king of Spain arrived in London this afternoon. He was welcomed at the railroad station by King Edward. Their majesties arrived at Buckingham Palace at 5:58 p. m. The royal visitor was accorded the heartiest reception the whole length of the route. No outward incident marked the event.

King Edward, in the uniform of a Spanish admiral, had driven up to Victoria station just before the arrival of King Alfonso and as the train which conveyed him from Portsmouth drew up at the platform, King Edward advanced to receive his young guest whom he cordially embraced.

The station was gaily decorated for the arrival, the platform being a blaze of color.

After a brief conversation the two monarchs entered a state carriage with the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught and amidst great cheering from the big crowd assembled, started for Buckingham Palace, followed by a half dozen coaches with the officers of the state and suite. The Spaniard, who everywhere met with the warmest reception.

(By Associated Press.)

London, June 6.—The king of Spain opened a long program of engagements today with a reception of the diplomatic corps at Buckingham Palace. Ambassador Rold and other members of the embassy were present. Mr. Rold had a long talk with Alfonso and at his request presented Secretary Carter.

## RUSSIANS SEEK HARBORS

SEVERAL WILL BE INTERNED AT  
SHANGHAI.

Those at Minia Will Stay There.  
Another False Report of Assassination of Emperor Nicholas, Russian Fleets Busy.

(By Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, June 5.—The rumor circulated in Berlin today of the assassination of Emperor Nicholas is groundless.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, June 5.—Consulate at Rogers at Shanghai cables the same department as follows:

"At Shanghai are anchored seven Russian colliers which doubtless will be interned."  
"It is reported that there are a number of Japanese vessels off Cebu."  
"The Russian torpedo boat destroyer, or Hordien is interned at Shanghai."

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, June 5.—Regarding the attitude of Emperor William to the war in the far East the Associated Press is authorized to say that from the beginning of the war he has been for peace, but refrained from advising either of the belligerents. He has, however, let his strong desire for peace become known.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, June 5.—The Russian embassy here has made inquiry of the state department as to the intentions of this government respecting Russian warships now at Manila. Acting Secretary of State Loomis has replied by informing the embassy of the general nature of instructions issued yesterday to Governor Wright and Admiral Tait.

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, June 5.—It is reported on the Bourse that the Russian emperor has been assassinated. A private telegram to this effect is said to have been received by Mendelssohn, bankers, to the Russian government. No details are obtainable. The Associated Press is unable to verify the report and it should be accepted with great caution.

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, June 5.—Mendelssohn is denying receiving such a telegram regarding the Russian emperor.

St. Petersburg, June 5.—The war is almost forgotten in contemplation of the more absorbing internal situation created by the sudden elevation by the government of Fenik Tokor to the office of assistant minister of the interior, which makes him virtually dictator. The Associated Press is informed, however, that there is a brighter side of the story. It is intimated that an imperial manifesto will be issued tomorrow or Thursday which will immediately realize a demand for a parliamentary regime by creating a legislative assembly.

(By Associated Press.)  
Hong Kong, June 5.—Vessels of the Russian volunteer fleet are overhauling merchantmen in the waters north-east of this port, according to a report made by the British steamer Pinguey, which arrived here today. The commander of the Pinguey says he saw four steamers overhauled fifteen miles from here by two volunteer steamers.

Shanghai, June 5.—Vice Admiral Uru has arrived off Guttschiff Island. He is probably coming to Woosung.

An ex-Russian cruiser is outside this harbor.  
Guttschiff Island is situated in Hangchow bay, a few miles south of Shanghai.

French Minister Delcasse Resigns.

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, June 5.—Foreign Minister Delcasse has resigned and his resignation has been accepted. Premier Rivet will assume temporarily the portfolio of minister of foreign affairs.

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, June 5.—Strong tension is developing in the cabinet as the result of the rejection by the sultan of Morocco of the French reform proposals. The situation is similar to that when Foreign Minister Delcasse suddenly presented his resignation. He has not given any indication of his purposes, but reports circulate in well informed quarters that he may retire if his Moroccan policy does not receive the united support of the ministers. It is expected that the sultan's action in proposing to refer the question to an international conference will be submitted to a council of ministers tomorrow. The question of its acceptance or rejection is likely to involve also the cabinet.

Came to the merry-go-round tonight and had the ladies of the Presbytery and Church.

Unanimous Efforts for Peace.

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, June 5.—A semi-official dispatch to the Temps from St. Petersburg late this afternoon says:  
"It is learned from an authoritative source that the unanimous efforts of the ministers are directed towards peace, and they hope to succeed shortly."

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

Receive Reports of Officers and Allow  
Many Bills.

The city council met in regular session yesterday, Mayor Dick presiding. The following aldermen were present: Stuart, Carter, Pennington, Raudol, Gilliam and Best.

The city officials also attended the meeting.

The report of Police Judge John L. Call showed collections for the month of May amounted to \$591.30.

Assessor and Collector Roberts reported collections for the month of May \$22,500.

City Clerk Bruce reported \$301.50 collected for the past month.

Chief of Police Barrett reported collected for month fund \$105.

George DeLoach collected for the street and alley fund \$95.

It was reported by Engineer Mullin that \$250,000 gallons of water were pumped during May at an expense of \$100.50.

The council allowed the following bills:

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|------------------------|----------|
| Ardmore T. L. & P. Co. | \$112.70 |
| Ardmoreite             | 21.00    |
| Ardmoreite             | 2.75     |
| George Tucker          | 15.00    |
| Smith Redman           | 15.00    |
| O. R. McMurray         | 24.00    |
| J. H. McGraw           | 15.00    |
| G. L. Moore            | 21.50    |
| Chas. McBridge         | 15.00    |
| F. J. Ramsey           | 15.00    |
| James Machine shop     | 6.75     |
| James Machine shop     | 4.00     |
| T. N. Coleman          | 2.95     |
| C. A. Sammons          | 2.50     |
| C. A. Sammons          | 2.00     |
| Hall & Hillis          | 9.85     |
| Hall & Hillis          | 9.85     |
| Albert Rice            | 23.95    |
| Waters-Pierce Co.      | 15.50    |
| R. E. McGee            | 37.10    |

A number of small bills were also allowed.

A resolution was passed calling on employees of the city to give an accounting of tools and the value of them. The list is to be filed with the city clerk.

After some discussion an ordinance which sought to regulate the peddling of fruits of cars was passed to the second reading. Some one termed the ordinance the banana ordinance.

Major Hill, who has been checking the city's books, made a report, but so much as the same has not been submitted to the finance committee the report was not made public.

## MAC STEWART

### FREE AS AIR

FOR YEARS IMPRISONED AT CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO.

First Man Ever Condemned to Death in the Republic of Mexico Who Escaped Punishment—Case One of Human Interest.

(By Associated Press.)

Chihuahua, Mexico, June 5.—Mac Stewart, the American who has been confined in prison here for years, and for a time condemned to death, was released today. His case is one of human interest and suffering exceeded only by that of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus of France. He will go direct to Texas, where he will be greeted as a hero. Mac Stewart is the first man ever condemned to death in the Southern republic who has not had such punishment meted out to him.

### BOCMB FACTORY DISCOVERED.

Russian Police at Riga Make Important Find—Arrests Follow.

(By Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, June 5.—The police of Riga have discovered a bomb factory in the Phoenix foundry here. Fifty bombs were seized, besides many revolvers, daggers and other arms. A number of persons were arrested. The prisoners fought desperately before surrendering.

### WOCMAN'S HOME MISSION.

Fourteenth Annual Conference Now in Session—The Program.

The fourteenth annual session of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Indian Territory is in session at the Broadway Methodist church. Every incoming train is bringing delegates to the meeting and the attendance at the morning session was very fair.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. Goddard after which the regular program was taken up.

The following was the program for the morning session:

"The Needs of Personal Conversion to Fit Us for Work." Mrs. J. P. Seltzer.

"The Blessing of Service." Mrs. C. M. Coppard.

Testimonies.

Reports—First, second and third chairpersons.

Reports and exhibits of press work.

Mrs. F. H. Crawford.

Discussion of press work.

Report and presentation of supply work.

Mrs. J. C. Fowler.

Discussion.

Report district secretaries.

Appointment of committees.

Devotional.

Mrs. Frank Naylor.

Our line of refrigerators is the most complete in the city. Bivens, Carpin & Company.

## FAVORABLY RECEIVED

PRESS AND PEOPLE OF ST. PETERSBURG WANT PEACE.

Look With Favor at Roosevelt's Tender of Good Offices to Bring About Peace—Commended as an Act of Friendship.

St. Petersburg, June 5.—President Roosevelt's tender of his good offices to bring about peace is received with a great favor in the press and by the public and a desire that some steps should be taken toward securing an honorable peace is increasingly manifest.

The Russia declares that the president's offer should be commended as an act of friendship tending to bring out Japan's terms of peace, and Russia's acceptance of the offer would mean surrender on humiliating terms. The paper maintains at the same time that negotiations, if begun, must be direct and that there must be no intervention by other powers.

The Bourse Gazette says that Russia must make the best possible use of the friendly offices of the United States and Great Britain. This paper, as well as the Synosthesia and the Nashashian and others, advance the idea that the Japanese will be disposed to grant better terms to the Russian people than to the bureaucrats, who began the war.

This paper reiterates the demand for a zensky to settle the question. Even the czarist press declares peremptorily for peace. The Novoe Vremya alone dissenting from the general chorus by saying that peace is not so essential as foreign and internal enemies, and picturing Great Britain, the United States and the continental powers beginning to tremble before the "yellow peril."

Members of the diplomatic corps Sunday expressed their pleasure that President Roosevelt had taken the lead in urging Russia to give up the prosecution of the war, but they said they were apprehensive that the president's efforts would be fruitless.

Baron Rosen, the new ambassador to Washington, does not seem to be accelerating his departure on account of developments in the United States. He will sail July 27.

### Old Indian Dead.

Muskogee, I. T., June 5.—Switchley Lowrey, a full-blood Cherokee, who is alleged to be 116 years old, died at his cabin home on Lowrey prairie yesterday. He was one of the original immigrants to this section and came forty years before the tribes were removed to this country by the government. He was one of the original Indian explorers of what is now Indian Territory and Oklahoma. It is stated that he has lived in this country 100 years, but of course there is no proof of this except Indian legend.

## REMARKABLE

SYSTEM IS CHARACTERISTIC OF  
SELVIDGE BUSINESS COLLEGE.

New Pupils Coming In and Those  
Who Have Finished the Course  
Are Going Out to Fill  
Good Positions.

The remarkable system of school governing which has characterized Selvidge Business College since its establishment in this city a little more than a year ago was brought into full play in the removal of the college from the upstairs rooms in the post-office building to its present magnificent quarters on the lower floor of the Elks' hall at the corner of North Washington and Broadway. So easily was the task accomplished that scarcely an hour of time was lost by the pupils. Within a few minutes of time every piece of furniture was placed in position in the new building and the pupils each were at his or her post of duty. It is somewhat remarkable that every pupil of Selvidge Business College is given a helpful desire for a higher education and begins work in earnest to attain it. From the corps of enthusiastic instructors the pupils at once become enthused and vie with one another in the perfection of their lessons, and when they have finished the course there is always in waiting a lucrative position.

The pupils who have recently gone from the school to paying positions are Miss Nita Williams, Miss Minnie Yarbrough, Miss Mabel Jeffries and Tommy Karp. Miss Elizabeth Yarbrough was offered a good position but preferred not to accept it during the summer months.

New pupils who have entered this week are Lawrence Kellert, Ardmore; Roy Alexander, Ardmore; Miss Lena Saplington, Grady; Lloyd Saplington, Grady; W. R. Hansen, Ardmore; W. H. Fears, Grady, Texas; Simon Kool, Lebanon, B. I. Smith, Simon; Will Tally, Wynnswood; Miss Mattie Chasle, Marietta.

Prof. Selvidge has ordered ten new Underwood typewriters which will be installed in the college as soon as they arrive from New York.

Prof. Selvidge is now attending commencement exercises at Baylor University at Waco, Texas. During his absence Prof. and Mrs. Duke have charge of the college.