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 .. Ardmore, Friday, May 10, 1907.

If the railroads are really losing money carrying passengers what a lot of it they must make hauling freight.

Poor old Frisco! First an earthquake, then graft, then strikes and riots. Verily, the way of the transgressor is hard.

The fact that Tillman will be in the senate is the main reason so many people are hoping that Roosevelt will succeed Senator Platt.

Mr. Harriman may not know where he stands, but there is little reason to fear that the campaign collectors will not be able to find him next year.

A Missouri man is being prosecuted for bigamy by seventeen wives. We do not know exactly the right word, but "bigamy" falls short by a whole lot.

We are told that the temptations of wealth are greater than those of poverty, and yet there are a few of us that will pray, Deliver us from those temptations.

The free-for-all fight between Russians and Chinese on a Pacific steamship should have been permitted to proceed to a finish. Neither nation has whipped anything in recent years, and here was the only chance of either earning the crown of parsley.

That Muskogee Cruise Club seems to be a very healthy infant and all indications point to a good healthy growth. Its birth will probably not be exploited very extensively by the Haskell Press bureau but we may confidently expect to hear from it from other sources.—Muskogee Phoenix.

The people of Indian Territory have many reasons impelling them to vote for the adoption of the proposed constitution of the state of Oklahoma. To them it means emancipation from the too long endured. To them it means the taking of the reins of government from the hands of the secretary of the Interior, the carpetbag courts and irresponsible deputy marshals, who have held them so long, and placing them in the hands of the citizens of the country—a realization of home rule. This of itself is sufficient reason why we Indians will vote for the ratification of the constitution. Still, we are not unmindful that other benefits and advantages will flow to us from such action. Under the constitution the new state we can do this country with the "little red school house" and give the girls and boys of the rural districts, now growing to manhood and womanhood in ignorance and illiteracy, an opportunity to enjoy the advantages of the public schools. Under it we can establish and public highways throughout the country and span the streams with bridges and get some real practicable benefits from our modern civilization.—Shawnee Journal.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

That a conspiracy exists to defeat statehood there is no longer any doubt. The Democrats lay the conspiracy at the door of the Republicans, while the latter party is attempting to show that Haskell and Murray of the Democratic party are the real conspirators. Both parties allege conspiracy—hence there is little doubt that it really exists. The constitutional convention, not approving the plans of the Republican party, made some errors. Its first error was in providing that the election proclamation should be issued within twenty days after the adoption of the election ordinance. Taking advantage of this provision the enemies to the constitution have determined to prevent the issuance of the election proclamation by injunction. The governor is now enjoined from issuing the proclamation and the motion to dissolve this injunction is now being argued in the district court in Woods county. Now comes the second attempt to prevent statehood. The Democratic state campaign committee has been enjoined from calling and holding the primary election June 8 in Alfalfa and Major counties. The Republicans state that still other suits will be filed in which the constitution does not provide for equal representation. It is alleged that Democratic counties are given more representation than Republican counties. While the allegations cannot be sustained yet the fact remains that these suits can get into the courts, and that while they are being tried a vote cannot be taken for the ratification of the constitution and for the election of a full corps of state officers. The Republicans read the handwriting on the wall on last November and they are determined to prevent statehood as long as possible by injunction. They seek to discredit Democrats and the constitution adopted by Democrats. They desire to make it appear that the Republican party is the only party that can do things. It may be admitted that the Republican party is the only party that can do things to please the white house partisans and the hungry horde of Republican politicians in the new state, but the Democrats can do things that are in accord with the people. The constitution which was adopted was written in the Democratic platform before the delegates were elected. The constitution is close to the people. They have endorsed it and they will repudiate the actions of those who are fighting it. The negro question and carpet bag rule were responsible for the overwhelming defeat of the Republican party last November. The negroes are now lined up solidly against the constitution. The Republican office holders who brought disaster to their party and were responsible for their ignominious defeat are resorting to any pretext to defeat statehood. These same politicians are doing an irreparable injury to their party. The Republican who would rather see a good school placed within the reach of every boy and girl in Indian Territory than to defeat the constitution because there is one provision in it that does not suit them, cannot be held in line for this nefarious work. The Democrats are reminded of the methods of the reconstruction and they will resent. If the Republican party continues to wage war upon the new condition of affairs it will forfeit the respect of the home and shew of its own body and its chances to ever control the state have fled beyond recall for half a century. The Republicans who today stand for the progress of the country, who are tired of no schools and roads, who are tired of being governed at the end of a telegraph wire 1500 miles away and who are willing to labor for a glorious state, in their very personality transmit to the Republican party all the respect which it is accorded by the people.

COMMENTS ON CONSTITUTION.

The corporation lawyers and carpet baggers think alike. They both prosper under present conditions and are willing to let well enough alone.—Union Herald.

The Republican bosses of Oklahoma may be willing to sacrifice statehood on the altar of insatiable and unhealthy partisan ambition, but the great mass of Indian Territory Republicans will rise above partisanship and say "statehood first."—Chickasha Express.

The opponents of the constitution are having a hard time to decide how they will present the question of taxes. In some localities they are telling the people that taxes under statehood would be confiscatory; in other localities they urge that under the limitation placed on the tax levies in the constitution sufficient taxes cannot be levied to carry on the public schools. Since the constitution must be between these two extremes sensible men will be likely to conclude that it is about right.—Oklahoma Ledger.

The Oklahoma City meeting convinced every one present that the Republican organization of the two territories as now constituted, and their invited guests present on that occasion, are by a very large majority bitterly opposed to the adoption of the constitution. The same meeting, however, did not convince the rank and file of the Republicans of Indian Territory that the constitution should be defeated, neither did it have the effect of gaining their consent to another ten year term of political slavery.—Muskogee Phoenix.

United States Federal Judge Jos. T. Dickerson has the following to say in regard to the constitution: "I intend to vote for the adoption of the constitution and will do all in my power to bring the Republican party of the state to the same way of thinking. There are some clauses in it that I would change, but let us get statehood."—Duncan Banner.

HISTORY WESTERN WAR OF CLASSES, CAPITAL VS. LABOR

Boise, Id., May 10.—One of the most horrible narratives of crime in the history of the world is that contained in the confession alleged to have been made to Detective James McPartland by Harry Orchard, which forms the basis of the prosecution of William Haywood and other officials of the Western Federation of Miners. According to his own story Orchard was a professional assassin, who hired himself out by the day to slaughter human beings. In addition to the killing of former Governor Frank Steunenberg, Orchard is alleged to have admitted the commission of twenty-five murders in Colorado and to have engineered the explosion of the railroad station in Independence, Colo., whereby seventeen miners were killed and over twenty injured. Nearly all of these crimes, Orchard asserts, were committed at the instigation of the "inner circle" of the Western Federation of Miners. Either Orchard is the greatest assassin unhung, or the prince of liars.

Haywood, Meyer and Pettibone, according to the Orchard confession, constituted the "inner circle" of assassins in the Western Federation. They hired him at times by the day and at others for "the job." The Steunenberg murder, declares Orchard was in the latter category, \$3,800 having been agreed upon as the price for his services. The rendezvous of the "inner circle" was in the outskirts of Denver, where the plans were alleged to have been made and instructions issued to the assassin for carrying out the orders of the "inner circle." Upon several occasions, Orchard declares, Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone went with him to the prairie north of Denver, where they experimented with dynamite and various forms of explosives. Newspaper correspondents who have investigated these stories of Orchard's association with the labor leaders have been wholly unable to discover a shred of verification and many believe them to be fabrications.

According to Orchard's confession, his career of crime began in Utica, N. Y., where he was born. When a mere youth he assaulted a brother with a pitchfork, inflicting serious injuries. Running away from home, he proceeded to a small town in northern Michigan, where he secured employment in a factory. The plant was burned and Orchard was accused of the crime. He fled to Canada, and finally made his way to the Coeur d'Alene mountains in northern Idaho, where he engaged in mining. At the time of the strike in 1898 he was an eighth owner of the Hercules mine at Burke. Following the explosion in the Banker Hill and Sullivan mine, in which Orchard was alleged to be involved, he was forced to leave the state and went to Butte, Mont. Here he was ill for some time as the result of the hardships undergone in "Steunenberg's bull pen," and was forced to sell his interest in the Hercules property. He received \$500 for his share, which is now estimated to be worth several million dollars. Some Boise people believe that this led to Orchard's bitter hatred of Steunenberg. According to this theory, which is held by thousands of union men, Orchard's confession implicating Meyer, Haywood and Pettibone was an afterthought and was made as a result of influences brought to bear by those interested in the disruption of the union. Many Boise people believe that Orchard was promised immunity in return for his confession involving the labor leaders and that he will never be brought to trial for his crimes by the Idaho or Colorado officials.

Predicts Plague of Locusts.

Ardmoreite Special.
 Columbia, Mo., May 10.—Prof. J. M. Stedman, entomologist of the Missouri university experiment station, has repeated his declaration that the present spring will witness the onslaught of a plague of thirteen year locusts and adds that they may be expected to arrive in tremendous numbers the latter part of this month. According to Professor Stedman, the scourge will be confined entirely to the timbered portions of the state and the prairie section will be free from the visitation. The statement of the expert has caused great alarm in the fruit growing sections, where the weather has already caused considerable damage. The locusts mature every thirteen years in wooded portions of Missouri and do great damage, especially to young orchards, by puncturing the limbs to deposit their eggs.

Bixby's Successor.

Washington, May 9.—Secretary Garfield stated today he would be in no hurry to select a successor to Tams Bixby, commissioner to the five civilized tribes, as Bixby's resignation is not effective until June 30. The place may go to one of three men: Richard Rogers of Topeka, son of Postmaster Rogers; A. N. Clapp of Minneapolis, nephew of Senator Clapp, or George A. Ward, chief of Indian Territory division in the Indian bureau. Ward says he doesn't care to succeed Bixby, as no man could serve more than two days as commissioner to the five civilized tribes without being accused of booting and grafting.

It now looks as though Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco would have been glad of the little distraction from local affairs a war with Japan would have produced.

Roff.—The Methodist Episcopal church, South, was the scene of the wedding last evening of Prof. T. F. Pierce, superintendent of the public schools of Roff, and Miss Eunice Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Brooks. Rev. John D. Salter performed the ceremony.

A man feels awful rich when he's got a few dollars his wife doesn't know about.

After leaving Idaho, says Orchard in his statement, he went to Nevada, California and Utah before proceeding to Colorado, where he alleges he formed his blood pact with the "inner circle." He arrived in Cripple Creek in 1902, shortly before the Colorado "war" broke out. In 1903 he married a Mrs. Tony, a widow residing at Independence, who had several thousand dollars left by her former husband. Orchard admits having spent this in dissipation, as well as the large sums he received from the "inner circle." The twenty-five murders Orchard is alleged to have committed in Colorado are detailed with great minuteness. Several of the murderous attempts failed of their purpose. Chief Justice Goddard of Denver is said to have been one of the men who escaped the vengeance of the "inner circle." A bomb, powerful enough to have wrecked the entire neighborhood, was dug up in front of Goddard's residence, where Orchard confessed to have planted it eight months before, according to Detective McPartland. Prominent chemists brand McPartland's story as a "fake," declaring that the elements of which the bomb was composed would certainly have exploded spontaneously after a short time in the ground. This testimony of the chemists will be adduced at the trial.

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MOTHER DESERTS INFANT.

Baby Found in Wicker Basket at Chickasha Depot.

Chickasha, I. T., May 9.—A deserted infant was found yesterday afternoon at the Rock Island depot. The child was frozen almost to death and was found in a wicker telescope. The child is very beautiful and seems to be of refined parentage. It is supposed that the child was left by a woman who was traveling with two other children, and who stated at the hotel that she was on her way to Sacramento, Cal., to join her folks in the West. This lady called on the ticket agent for the key to the ladies' toilet a few minutes before the Mangum train left. As she came out she left the apartment locked and several hours elapsed before the room was opened and the child was found.

Mrs. Serviss at the eating house is keeping the wail. Several calls have been made by parties who want to adopt it.

Commissioner Tams Bixby has announced that after May 15 lands on which intermarried Cherokee citizens have improvements, where they have not listed the improvements with the commission for schedule will be subject to file upon as public domain. The notice also states that persons who have bills of sale from intermarried Cherokees for their improvements, who are Cherokee citizens by blood will be given preferential right in the Cherokee land office.

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ITALIAN CONSUL PROTESTS.

Claim Made That Treaty With United States Is Being Violated.

Guthrie, Ok., May 9.—A letter was received by Gov. Frank Frantz today from Secretary Root of the State Department at Washington, containing a protest from Asquale Corte, the Italian Consul at Denver, that the treaty between Italy and the United States, drafted in May 1878, has been violated in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, as well as in Kansas, in that the deaths of Italians, who have died intestate within the two Territories, have not been reported to the consul, as is provided in the treaty. Gov. Frantz is warned to notify all court and other officials throughout the Territory of this treaty provision.

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Immigrants to Panhandle.

Amarillo, Tex., May 9.—As an evidence of the substantial growth of the Panhandle, D. L. Myers, traffic manager of the Pecos Valley line, gave out statistics this week showing that during the first three months this year the Santa Fe had delivered 596 cars of immigrant outfits at various points in the Panhandle. Last year during the same months at the same points the road handled 123 cars of such freight.

Oklahoma Press Association.

Ardmoreite Special.
 McAlester, I. T., May 10.—Editors from all the larger cities and towns of the new state are assembled here today for the second annual meeting of the Oklahoma Press association, which will extend through tomorrow. The visiting scribes will be tendered

a reception and ball this evening and, according to the proclamation of the McAlester chamber of commerce, will be "royally dined and w-d in the largest and best hotel in the Southwest, bar none and no bar." Judge C. B. Stuart, who declares he is not a candidate for any office, was given the pleasant task of welcoming the editors.

Lawton—T. B. Rybolt was last evening selected by the city board of education as superintendent of the Lawton public schools for the ensuing year. Mr. Rybolt has acted in the capacity of principal of the schools and upon the resignation of Superintendent S. M. Barrett to enter the race for state superintendent was elected temporary superintendent.

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