

The Forty-Sixth State

WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS OF OKLAHOMA IN EIGHTEEN YEARS FROM THE SOD HOUSE AND JACK RABBIT.

Land of Corn and Cotton and Meadow Grass—Home of Elberta Peaches and Beautiful Indian Maidens That Lure the White Man's Kiss of Wooing—Possessor of the Biggest and Boldest of All State Constitutions.

By ROBERTUS LOVE.

OKLAHOMA is a state at last. By presidential proclamation of Nov. 16 the new commonwealth was admitted to the Union. The new state represents the forty-sixth star on the American flag. While this star on the national banner is no brighter than the other forty-five, the state for which it stands may be said to outshine all of them in many essentials. Oklahoma, no matter what the viewpoint, is a wonderful state. In the first place, there is the Oklahoma constitution. Like the human body, this documentary body is fearfully and wonderfully made. It is the biggest and boldest of all state constitutions, almost as bulky as a popular novel, for it contains 60,000 words. Some outsiders have called it a code of laws rather than a constitution. President Roosevelt, it is said, remarked that the Oklahoma constitution seemed to cover every point except the color of the tooth powder which Oklahomans should use. Uncle Joe Cannon suggested that it would not be wrong to worship the new document, inasmuch as it was altogether unlike anything on the earth, above the earth or below the earth. Mr. Bryan is quoted as having pronounced the Oklahoma

more than one better. The purpose of the federal government was to keep the Indians from drinking whisky until the babies of this year should grow to manhood. The purpose of Oklahoma state is to keep everybody therein from drinking whisky forever and a day. In the words of one who is not a classist, Oklahoma believes in going the whole hog or none.

Over a Million Inhabitants.

Dismissing the constitution from further discussion here, let us survey Oklahoma in her material aspect. More wonders pop up here. The state is bigger in area than Ohio and Indiana combined. That is no particular credit to Oklahoma, but the fact that the state has nearly a million and a half people is vastly to her credit. Oklahoma has many times the population of any other American state at the date of admission to the Union. The new state, in fact, stands right in the middle of the class in respect to population, being twenty-third. Oklahoma has 24,028 full blood Indians and 50,670 persons who are part Indian. All of these Indians, if of the male persuasion, are now entitled to vote or run for president of the United States. Less than twenty years ago the jack

nearly civilized that they kept slaves. Their slaves were taken to Indian Territory with them, sharing in the emancipation of 1863.

Fine Breed of Humanity.

Only the full bloods, and not all of them, have protested against the abolition of the quintet of tiny republics and the erection of a great state. These full bloods, many of whom live back in the hills, made a pathetic stand for the retention of their tribal laws and relations, but their more numerous brethren, the part Indians, many of them only a thirty-second part and all the other parts white, were in line with the full whites for a state government. The whites in Indian Territory, who went in and settled without any particular right to do so, intermarried with the Indians and produced a very fine breed of humanity, which furnishes men as brainy and maidens as beautiful as any state in the land.

The white man who sits across from you at the hotel table in Muskogee of the daintily gowned white damsel whom you may view with rapturous gaze from afar off is just as likely to be an Indian as not. Anybody who harbors the notion that the Indian of wild west fiction exists in Indian Territory needs to revise his notions.

But, strange to say, such an Indian does exist in the Oklahoma territory part of the new state. These are Comanches, Kiowas, Apaches and others, on reservations, still wearing the gaudy blankets and in some cases the head feathers of the traditional redskin.

It is popular with some newspaper writers to say that Robert Lee Owen of Muskogee, one of the men whom the Democratic primaries have nominated for the United States senate, is an Indian. As a matter of fact, Mr. Owen was born and educated in the state of Virginia. He is one-eighth Cherokee, but it requires family records to prove the Indian blood. Mr. Owen is a lawyer of fine ability, as are many other part Indians of the now defunct territory.

As a matter of fact, vastly the greater part of Oklahoma's population is pure white. It has gathered in the new commonwealth from every state in the Union and from many foreign countries. A recent writer who has traveled all over the world makes this statement: "Oklahoma is the richest, the most populous and the most highly civilized state ever added to the American Union."

Great Progress Made.

When we consider the fact that Oklahoma was first opened to settlement only eighteen years ago and then but a small section of the present area, the others following years afterward, one is tempted to exclamations of wonder at the progress made. Oklahoma City, the metropolis of the new state, has about 40,000 people. It has forty miles of asphalt street paving. It has buildings almost of skyscraper height, with elevators and all other modern accessories. Guthrie, the territorial capital and designated by the federal enabling act as the state capital until 1914, is not far behind Oklahoma City in population. In the Indian Territory side are several cities of like class, including South McAlester, Muskogee and Tulsa. Muskogee, which had 3,500 people in 1900, now has a population of 25,000.

For many young men Oklahoma spells opportunity. The case of Thomas P. Gore, who is to be one of the first pair of United States senators from the new state, is typical of Oklahoma. Mr. Gore has been totally blind since he was a boy of eleven years in his native state of Mississippi. This physical handicap did not prevent him from going through the regular public schools and the law department of Cumberland university at Nashville, Tenn. He went to the new town of Lawton when the Comanche country was opened to settlement in 1901, settling there for the practice of law.

Set His Heart on the Senate.

Young Gore knew that Oklahoma would soon become a state. The senate loomed before him, though he was unable physically to see his way there. He set his heart on the senate and watched his chances. Going first to the territorial senate, he made a reputation throughout Oklahoma as an eloquent orator and a keen debater. Having acquired nearly all his knowledge of books from hearing them read to him, his memory was trained to prodigious accuracy. His young wife read to him every day, and Mr. Gore became intimately acquainted with the records of all prominent Oklahomans, with the resources and the possibilities of the state and with national affairs in general. He ran for the senatorial nomination at the Democratic primaries against two wealthy men, mortgaging his home for funds to pay his traveling expenses so that he could stumpe the whole state. He won. As Oklahoma is overwhelmingly Democratic, Mr. Gore will be elected to the United States senate by the first session of the state legislature at the early age of thirty-seven, the first blind man to occupy a seat in that august body.

Despite her somewhat top heavy constitution, Oklahoma will be all right, thank you. She has a schoolhouse on every hilltop and a church in every valley, with never a saloon at the forks of the road or elsewhere. She has school lands donated by the national government aggregating in value \$50,000,000, with a present annual income from these lands of \$600,000. She is a land of corn and cotton and meadow grass, of Elberta peaches and Indian maidens, both of which lure the white man's kiss of wooing. Just now she is undoubtedly the proudest of all our commonwealths. In view of what she has achieved in her eighteen years from the sod house and the jack rabbit, let nobody call her a vain miss.

SESSION OF UNION

Missionary Social Annual Meeting is Held and Officers Chosen.

ADDRESS BY DR. MARQUIS

Broadway Pastor Discusses Foreign Work — Tri-City Epworth League Elects.

The Missionary Social union, an organization composed of the missionary societies from the Central Presbyterian, Broadway Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, First Methodist, Memorial Christian and First Baptist churches, for the purpose of furthering social intercourse and exchange of methods, met in annual session yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist church, the guests of the ladies of the church. Mrs. Charles Richardson opened the meeting with devotionals, and the election of officers was held, and resulting as follows:

President—Mrs. Charles Richardson of the Memorial Christian church.
First Vice President—Mrs. H. C. Connelly of the Central Presbyterian church.

Second Vice President—Mrs. J. L. Vance of the United Presbyterian church.

Secretary—Mrs. Ella Read of Broadway Presbyterian church.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. C. Ward of the First Methodist church.

Superintendent of Literature—Miss Alwilda Young of the First Baptist church.

Hear Dr. W. S. Marquis. The address of the afternoon by Dr. W. S. Marquis was preceded by a vocal solo by Mrs. J. E. Witter. Dr. Marquis spoke on "A New Era in Foreign Missions," and his address was both interesting and instructive. Dr. Marquis has spent the greater part of the last two months traveling in the interest of missions, and he is peculiarly fitted to speak on this theme.

The union holds but two meetings a year, this being the first annual meeting after the organization. A day of prayer will be held during the week of prayer in January, and the next regular meeting will be in May.

After the business session, which was attended by about 75 ladies, the ladies of the First Methodist church served lunch in the Sunday school rooms.

Epworth League Elects.

The annual meeting of the Tri-City Epworth league was held in the First Methodist church, Moline, last evening and was fairly well attended by delegates from the three cities. Officers for the year were elected, and are: President, Eugene Mattison of the First Methodist church, Rock Island, and secretary, Omer Cowden of Spencer Memorial church, this city. The executive board is composed of the presidents of each of the leagues in the various churches.

The address of the evening was made by Dr. George H. McClung, president of the Galesburg district Epworth league, who spoke on "Personal Evangelism." The address was followed by a social hour and the serving of refreshments.

Church Ads. in Saloons.

This sign was to be seen in several barber shops and saloons in St. Louis recently:

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He Fought at Gettysburg.

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RECORD OF COURT HOUSE

Real Estate Transfers.

William J. Bleuer to T. J. Mehill and Frank W. Bannsen, north 85 feet of east 89 feet of west 218 feet, lot 6, block 2, Healy's subdivision of part of section 33-18-1w. \$500.

William J. Bleuer to Same, part southeast quarter northwest quarter section 6-17-1w. \$1,300.

William J. Bleuer to Same. Same. \$1,800.

William J. Bleuer to Same, lots 2, 3, of subdivision of lot 1 and north 14 1/2 feet lot 2, Campbell's Second addition, South Rock Island. \$3,400.

William J. Bleuer to Same, lot 5 of subdivision lot 1, and north 1 1/2 feet lot 2, Campbell's Second addition, South Rock Island. \$1,700.

William J. Bleuer to Same, lot 4 of subdivision lot 1, and north 1 1/2 feet lot 2, Campbell's Second addition, South Rock Island. \$1,700.

William J. Bleuer to Same, west 47 feet of east 89 feet of west 218 feet lot 6, block 2, Healy's subdivision of part section 33-18-1w. \$2,000.

William J. Bleuer to Same, east 42 feet of west 218 feet lot 6, block 2, Healy's subdivision of part of section 33-18-1w. \$2,000.

William J. Bleuer to Same, tract southeast quarter of northwest quarter section 6-17-1w. \$1,000.

Anelia M. Gamble to William J. Bleuer, east 42 feet of east 89 feet of west 218 feet lot 6, block 2, Healy's subdivision of part of section 33-18-1w. \$1,000.

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Alice C. Galagher to William J. Bleuer, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, Campbell's subdivision lot 1, and north 1 1/2 feet lot 2, Campbell's Second addition, South Rock Island. \$1.

Frank W. Mueller to William J. Bleuer, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, Campbell's subdivision lot 1 and north 1 1/2 feet lot 2, Campbell's Second addition, South

Rock Island, also southeast quarter northwest quarter section 6-17-1w. \$1. Moline Water Power company to People's Power company, tract in Moline, south half, northeast quarter section 31, 18, 2w; \$7,236.
E. H. Guyer to Jeanette R. Willey, west 20 feet lot 4, block 172, village of East Moline, \$350.
Benson & DeGraff to George A. Burchell, lot 10, block 2, Brooks Grove, Rock Island, \$1.
Charles F. Krueger to Joseph DeSlover, lot 2, block 2, Woodin's third addition, Rock Island, \$250.
Zwickler & Evers to Henry P. Han-

son and E. H. Hanson, lot 5, block 2, Mosenfelder's Thirtieth street addition, Rock Island, \$525.
Helen E. Thompson and G. W. Thompson to Samuel A. Ketter, part lot 1, block 2, Healy's subdivision in section 31, 18, 1w. \$500.
Edward H. Wiese to Carrie D. Wiese, east 16 feet lot 5, west half lot 4, block 4, Pitts, Gilbert & Pitts' first addition, Moline, \$1.
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OKLAHOMA'S NEW SENATORS AND GUTHRIE'S FIRST AND PRESENT POSTOFFICES.

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The constitution provides that the initiative and referendum feature shall apply to municipal governments as well as to state government. Thus Oklahoma has popular government boiled down to a fine point. In no country or commonwealth has the initiative and referendum theory of legislation ever been applied in such intimate and practical fashion as in Oklahoma, and never has it been clinched and clinched in a state constitution right at the outset, as in this instance.

Prohibition With a Clean Sweep.

Oklahoma also takes the lead of all our commonwealths by prohibiting in her constitution the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors. That is prohibition with a clean sweep. The federal government in its act enabling Oklahoma territory and Indian Territory to prepare for admission to the Union as one state required that prohibition prevail in the Indian Territory section for twenty-one years. Now the entire state, both of the old territories combined, has voted prohibition into its organic law by a majority of 20,000, thus going Uncle Sam more

Home of Noted Indians.

For seventy-five years the eastern half of the new state has been the home of the Indians known as the Five Civilized Tribes. Indian Territory that division was called. It was not properly a territory as New Mexico is a territory or as the western part of the state of Oklahoma was a territory until the consolidation and admission. Indian Territory occupied a unique position in the world. The United States put the five tribes there, giving each tribe a certain division of the land. These divisions were called nations. They were the Cherokee, the Choctaw, the Creek, the Chickasaw and the Seminole nations. Each nation had its legislative body, composed of an upper and a lower house. Each had its governor or principal chief. Each had its national capital. While the federal government at Washington exercised a more or less fatherly control over the large affairs of the five nations, the Indians were in many essentials self governing. Perhaps it is safer to say that they were learning the business of self government by a practical object lesson in the shape of a miniature republic—or, rather, five miniature republics—in the heart of the great parent republic around them. When these tribes were removed early in the nineteenth century from their native country, the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, they already had attained a measurable degree of civilization. They were so

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