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2 25c baking powder	.50
6 5c pkgs tobacco	.30
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Flour, best	1.15
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Senator Thomas P. Gore, the Pride of Oklahoma, Who Did Much to Secure Woodrow Wilson's Nomination

UNDER the title of "The General Staffs of the Reorganized Political Armies," Munsey's Magazine has the following to say about the part taken by our beloved blind Senator, Thomas P. Gore, in securing the nomination of Woodrow Wilson as President:

"In the fight for the nomination Chairman McComb had the help of one of the most far-sighted blind men that ever figured out a political situation, Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma. The boys used to refer to Gore as Old Man Wisdom, and it was his function, during the pre-convention contest, to answer all questions, decide all policies and dictate moves when nobody else had the wisdom or the nerve to do it. The truth is that this man Gore is just about the biggest political personality the current campaign has developed. He is only forty-two years old, and although totally blind since he was eleven years old, he accomplished the wonderful feat of fighting his way into the United States Senate before he was thirty-seven. He became a Wilson supporter early, staked all his political capital on his judgment, never hesitated or wavered, never doubted that success would come—and contributed more to winning the fight, I suppose, than any other one man save Wilson himself or W. J. Bryan. It was Gore, more than anybody else, who convinced Bryan that he ought to take up the Wilson cause and make those wonderful assaults which at regular intervals stood the Baltimore convention on its head, and each time shook down a new bunch of delegates for Wilson, till at last the nomination had been shaken down."

Indian Fair Echoes

In the educational training of the southwest tribes of Oklahoma, the newest departure was the recent establishment of an Indian fair at Lawton, at which agricultural products, live stock and industrial products of the Indians, old and young, could be exhibited in competition for various prizes, and in which, with practical examples before them, writes a correspondent to the Oklahoman, the Indians can be induced to discuss the best methods in production.

The idea was conceived only a few weeks ago—suggested by the unusual interest manifested in the Comanche Indian school exhibit at the state fair—but when the date arrived it had already aroused such interest that the fair attendance for the two days registered fully 8,000. Almost 1500 of these were Indians, Comanches, Apaches, Kiowas, Caddos and Wichitas, and the school campus was a city of nearly 300 tents.

Between three and four hundred crop exhibits were entered by the older members of the various tribes. One whole tent was

filled with needle work and art exhibits from the different Indian schools, and in another tent was Indian bead-work and buckskin garments valued as high as \$3000. One dress alone was on exhibition for which \$250 had been refused. There were five genuine eagle-feather war-bonnets, any one of which could be sold for \$150, and there were four headed spears which could not be purchased for \$200 apiece.

The Comanche Indian school took the sweepstakes prize for the best general exhibit. On department exhibits, first, seconds and thirds were pretty equally divided between the six schools entered—the Comanche school at Lawton, the Riverside school at Anadarko, the Anadarko boarding school, the Rainy Mountain school at Gotebo, the Cache Creek Mission at Apache, and Apache Mission on the Fort Sill Reservation.

Prizes for crop exhibits in the competition by older Indians were won by members of all the affiliated tribes. These consisted of useful articles for the home or farm, furnished by merchants of Lawton.

Oklahoma's Salt

The State Geological Survey recently made public some points in connection with Oklahoma's salt deposits, with which her people are not generally acquainted.

This survey has established the fact that there is enough salt water going to waste on the plains of Oklahoma to make sufficient salt to load 100 railway cars every day in the year. And yet the bulk of Oklahoma's salt is derived from other states, and is sold to our merchants at \$1.75 per barrel. But two counties in the state now produce salt for commercial purposes—Harmon and Blaine. In 1910 these counties produced 2564 barrels of salt. The largest salt plain in the state is located in Alfalfa county. It covers an area about four-by-four miles square, and the surface is encrusted with glistening white salt crystals. The plain is level and white, absolutely barren of vegetation, and is fed by salt springs.

In the valley of the Cimarron, Woodward county, are two other very promising salt plains, which are also fed by salt springs. It is estimated that in this one county alone there are over 1,000 of these salt springs.

Champion to Elgin

The Champion, owned and edited by J. S. Soule, is now being moved from that town and will hereafter be published at Elgin. Lack of support on the part of the business men of Indianoma is given as a reason for the paper's removal. Indianoma is to be condoled in the loss of its enterprising weekly. Mr. Soule is an able writer and a splendid citizen, and Elgin is to be congratulated upon being selected as the future home of the paper and its editor.—News and Star.

What Our Victory Means

Senator Owen says "The overwhelming Democratic victory in the United States means the overthrow of corrupt business in alliance with corrupt politicians; it means the overthrow of control by Republican leaders for selfish interests; it means taking the governing power out of the hands of the special interests and putting it where it belongs; it means the mandatory direct primary, by the preferential primary for president; the direct election of United States Senators, the short ballot, and the initiative, referendum and recall."

Indianoma Lost Champion

Announcing lack of support from the business men of Indianoma as the reason for his action, J. S. Soule, editor and proprietor of the Indianoma Champion, is moving his newspaper plant from that place to Elgin, in the north-eastern part of Comanche county.

Mr. Soule was a candidate in the Democratic primary for nomination for the State Legislature. He has been editing one of the liveliest weekly newspapers in the county, but says he has not been able to make a living in Indianoma. The business men of Elgin, however, have pledged a support which will guarantee the Champion a good business at that place. The first edition of the Farmers Champion it is understood will appear this week.—Constitution.