

THE CHIEFTAIN

For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we can do.

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Work the roads.

The country is so large and the demand so small that the best thing the producer can do is to feed it to stock and put that on the market.

Let no short-sighted folly or ignorant old legism defeat the proposition to build a bridge across Grand River.

The majesty of the law might be as great in a log cabin as anywhere, but it isn't. If we have any respect for our courts let us put them in good hearts.

Let the Council appropriate \$10,000 a year to building school houses. We can easily spare it and no other investment would pay so well.

Abuse your neighbor alive and sob over his coffin when dead; for thus you will prove to the world that you are either a traducer or a hypocrite.

On dit. That the Principal Chief will have his approaching inauguration graced by the presence of a handsome and accomplished young bride in the person of Miss Eloise Butler, of Tahlequah.

The oath taken by an official to perform certain duties required by law, has the same sanctity as one taken in a court of justice to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth and the conscientious man will regard it in that light.

From "Our Brother in Red" we learn that the Statistical Secretary of the Indian Mission Conference at its late session at Webber's Falls reported 1,284 white, 20 colored and 4,755 Indian members in the conference; also 105 local preachers, 361 adult and 482 infant baptisms.

The Cherokee National Council will meet in Tahlequah, the first Monday in next month. After organizing, the first business will be to inaugurate for a second term, Messrs. Bushyhead and Bunch as Principal and Assistant Chiefs.

DIO LEWIS MONTHLY.—Persons wishing a magazine filled with useful and attractive reading and printed in large clear type should subscribe for Dio Lewis' Monthly. Price \$2.50 per annum. Address Frank Seaman, No. 65, Bible House, New York City.

David Rat was found with his throat cut from ear to ear, Monday morning the 8th inst., a half mile from W. J. McKee's, in Flint District on the road to Evansville, Ark. Jug Bunch, Aleck Bunch and one other have been arrested on suspicion as the perpetrators of the deed. They had been to a show at Evansville and were returning under the influence of whisky.

Vinita is far better known than any Indian town in the country. She is now on a solid basis. Her business men are citizens and they are here to stay. Permanent buildings are now going up, and the prosperity is of a kind that will go right on. Vinita is the gate to the Territory, and must always remain so. Let every citizen do his duty and she will soon be the commercial as well as railroad metropolis of this region.

Did you ever think about it? How much harm is done to the business of Vinita by narrow minded, jealous gossipers! A stranger comes to town and one person gives a bad account of one prominent citizen; another abuses another prominent person; another slanders one church; somebody else another; and so on till there is some cur to abuse and derogate everything and everybody in the town. So the visitor must either conclude that his informants are all liars or that he has come to a very bad place. If you can't say anything good don't say anything at all.

Stockmen hereabouts are preparing for wintering stock. A very large amount of hay has been prepared, and, in addition, a considerable quantity of corn will be fed. The range, thus far, is in good shape, the late rains having started a new growth of grass. This is true particularly of surfaces on the prairies which were burned some time ago, the grass on the "burns" growing rapidly and being very nutritious. Cattle, generally, look well and are in fine condition for cold weather. Should the coming winter prove a mild one but little feeding will be done, the cattle being allowed to shift for themselves on the range.

Judge Parker's Talk.

We have been deferred from making note earlier of an interview between Judge Parker of the U. S. Court for the Western District of Arkansas and a reporter of the Missouri Republican, a short time since. As remarked by the reporter, the high position filled by Judge Parker and his former membership in Congress give much more weight to his views than would attach to a less distinguished person. The Judge is emphatic in regard to the titles held by the leading tribes of the Territory to their land. Thinks that he could furnish a form of government for them that would not disturb existing rights and institutions and is opposed to the establishment of a United States Court for the Indian Territory. On the first point the CHIEFTAIN concurs, on the second respectfully disagrees and the third holds under advisement but not for the reasons of opposition attributed to Judge Parker.

There is no diversity of opinion so far as we know among well-informed persons as to the validity of the titles to their lands held by the Indians. That is an adjudicated question and we pass it.

The judge while a member of Congress prepared, presented and supported a bill to organize the Indian Territory, but it failed to pass the house of which he was a distinguished member. If his views remained as they were then they are not materially different from others that have found expression in the indefinite number of like schemes heretofore presented to Congress on the same subject.

The CHIEFTAIN wants none of them. In relation to a Court for the Territory "Judge Parker thought it would be very objectionable. We all know what Indian juries would be. It would be impossible for the Sheriff or Marshal to obtain an impartial jury among the ignorant Indians. The testimony would have to be taken through interpreters; there would be but little intelligence on the part of the witnesses and jurors and no judge would compromise his dignity and self respect by presiding over such a court."

And that is the estimate Judge Parker places upon the larger portion of his judicial District which he rules from the bench with almost supreme power. We have very high respect for Judge Parker and regret that he should entertain much less give public utterance to such views. Until the last Congress divided up the Indian Territory judicially between Arkansas, Kansas and Texas so as to allow a distribution of patronage, the Court at Ft. Smith had no parallel within the United States. With the addition of a few counties in Arkansas the Judge has just the class of material to deal with which he alleges no judge of self respect would preside over. Aside from the juries who receive the law from the bench of the Court at Ft. Smith, the class of persons who come before it are just such persons as are found in the Territory and the use of interpreters the same. And yet no one ever supposed that either the dignity or the self respect of any judge who has occupied the bench there was compromised by it. On the other hand it is a position of honor which has been filled by gentlemen of high character and sought by not a few others. There is, much ignorance to be met with in the Territory but there is also ignorance outside of it and no small degree of it among whites and colored persons beyond it, even within the portion of it that serves to sustain the dignity and self respect of the Bench of the Western District of Arkansas.

The simple fact in relation to the Court is that it is an anomaly, and in its constitution by Congress ignores certain great principles of law which lie at the very foundation of common justice. We say nothing about the enormous expense incurred by the Government and the loss of time and money imposed upon witnesses and accused persons in reaching its portals, nor of the trivial charges and offenses that come within its comprehensive grasp, nor of the interests of Ft. Smith, of the bar, of jurors and tradesmen and boarding-house keepers to hold fast to the benefits derived from the presence of the Court, nor yet to the well-known fact that propositions to curtail the extent of the District and form the Indian Territory into a distinct judicial District, when before Congress, met with active opposition from these powerful interests, but to the law constituting the Court itself. First there is no trial by a jury of the vicinage by a jury of peers in the legal sense. The juries composed of whites and blacks, and it is a coveted privilege by some of them to be summoned as jurors for the Court, are all taken from the state and from one to more than a hundred miles from the scenes of many alleged offenses. No Indian, no white man, no black man, whatever

his character or intelligence, is ever placed on the jury who resides in the Indian Territory. Again, there is no appeal from the rulings of the Court on any point of law or treaty, except by remonstrance to the Supreme Court of the United States and, in view of the uncertainty and expense of taking a case before that august tribunal, it virtually amounts to no relief at all. There is no review by any superior Court and when the accused is convicted by virtually a fore-ign jury and sentence passed upon him, his only hope for release from imprisonment or the gallows lies in an appeal to the President of the United States for pardon or commutation. We repeat, with all respect for the personnel of the Court, that it is an anomaly among the tribunals of justice. The Judge of the Fort Smith District alone has passed sentences of death upon more convicted criminals than we care to guess at, not one of whom, red, white or black, ever had the poor privilege of having his case reviewed in any other than the manner we have stated. The law vests the Judge of these border District Courts with almost unlimited power; human nature prompts them to use it.

Fl. Gibson's Letters.
The friend who kindly furnished the following will please write again.

Thinking a few lines from this part of the Nation might be of some interest to you and the reading public I write you.

As you well know, this is the old time home of the senior editor, the land he always loved so well.

On a beautiful Sabbath evening lately, I took a walk into the country to the eastward of our village. On reaching the prairie I saw, laying off to the right, the Ross farm, while to my left were seen the comfortable home buildings of Mr. F. H. Nash. Away to the east were the mountains across the Bayou, one beyond another, not unlike the Alps on the ocean.

I turned, and looking toward the west saw the Grand and Arkansas rivers moving along through their serpentine courses, the reflected light from the evening sun causing them to look like great threads of burnished silver.

It was indeed a beautiful sunset scene. As the evening shades were falling, I advanced my steps, passing on my return the neat homes of some of our townsmen, Uncle Jack Walker, Dr. Howard and others.

Many of the busy men who used to be seen on the streets of our historic little town, twenty years ago, are here no more. Gone. Some to other fields, some have quit business and some have "gone beyond the river." Of the old timers who yet remain may be mentioned Wm. Scott, though with a less active step as the years come in, though in the midst of a good business.

Mr. Percival is still ready to wait on his host of varied customers.

A new firm, though of old citizens have lately commenced business here, viz: Messrs. Nash & French, who are striving and seem to be gaining a good share of the public patronage.

We have two churches with good ministers and two colored churches. Two schools ably conducted, one a mission school the other Cherokee.

Our chief, Mr. Bushyhead, is the same quiet unassuming gentleman and citizen, though earnest and zealous in the cause of his people and the sphere in which he is called to act.

Two companies of soldiers (infantry) are stationed here. Many of the officers and men are pleasant gentlemen. The commander of the garrison, Col. Bates, is well liked and seems to be the right man in the right place.

We have no railroad as yet but at morn and eve we hear the roar of heavy trains as they cross the Arkansas river bridge miles away, moving along that great artery of trade, the M. K. & T. Ry.

Like you, who are located on a great railway running from Chicago to Galveston, we too, may some day be located on another of equal or greater importance, viz: from Charleston, S. C., via Memphis to Denver and San Francisco. We may soon hear the sound of the horse and horn in our midst. And like you, we may yet have here a little city whose spires and minarets may almost pierce the clouds. A home and a people where and among whom sobriety, morality and intelligence may prevail.

S. A. W.

From a recent investigation into the mortality referable to alcohol conducted by a committee of the Norwegian Society, it appears that the rate in London is 14 per cent. of the total number of deaths in the adult population. About twice as many occur among men as among women.

Silence never showed itself to so great an advantage as when it made reply to calumny and defamation.

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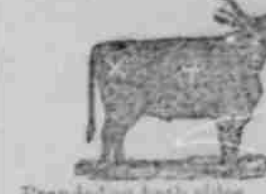
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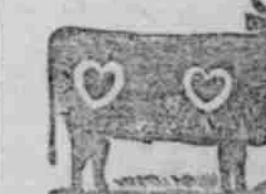
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