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For the crime 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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Council Items.

The National Council adjourned at 4 P. M. Saturday last, after accomplishing some important legislation towards the close of the session. In the absence of a list of the Acts and joint resolutions passed, we can at this writing refer to only a few of which mention has been made by returning members and visitors. The copy of the Act relating to stock, which appears in the issue of today, was furnished us through the kindness of the Hon. C. V. Rogers, of the Senate. As it relates to a subject in which very many of our people have a direct and important interest, we present it at the earliest practical date for their information. Another measure of immediate interest to some of our people, is the Act conferring jurisdiction on our courts to hear and determine cases arising between them and the Atlantic and Pacific railway for damages growing out of the construction of the road and the killing of stock, in accordance with the agreement entered into in Washington, D. C. between the Authorities of the road and the Cherokee Delegation in 1881. The want of legislation of this kind has prevented the settlement of all such cases since the date of the agreement, as the Department of the Interior declined to act in the premises or to interfere in them, until the remedy provided by the agreement had been exhausted. It is not likely that there are many cases of the kind but due care will carry into practical operation the manner of adjudicating them agreed to as satisfactory to the Railway Company and the authorities of the Nation. The appearance of this great Railway Company before a Cherokee Court will be an event of no small interest as we are sure there has been no case of the kind in the history of the country. As the possession of such authority over local questions that may arise is admitted by mutual consent to properly rest in our local law, we hope and believe that its exercise in every instance will be satisfactory as the only object aimed at should be amicable justice.

Another measure of even greater importance, is one designed to aid in the development of our coal fields. The provisions of the Bill on this subject are unknown, but we doubt not that they are such as will develop this source of great wealth in a way that will protect the common property rights of the Cherokee people, the interests of the operators and amply secure whatever capital may be invested in the enterprise. Whenever a copy of this bill is obtained we will lay it before the readers of the CHIEFTAIN.

Before adjournment of the special session the following nominations and confirmations were made by the Principal Chief and the Senate:

Delegation to Washington—John G. Serimber and Lucien B. Bell, Court on Citizenship—Eli Spears, Andrew Young, and John Lee.

Vinita Town Commissioners—H. H. Trott, Wm. M. McCracken and Wm. P. Ross.

Cherokee Orphan Asylum. The Rev. Joseph F. Thompson, superintendent, writes under date of the 17th inst: There are this morning 157 pupils at the Cherokee Orphan Asylum, and of that number two are unfit for school on account of sore eyes. No more students can be received with safety until the building is enlarged, or some new present declared.

The Cherokee Advertiser notes the trial and acquittal in Flint District of Jng and Alex Bunch on the 13 inst, charged with the murder of Dave Rat, Judge Alberty presiding.

When your wife comes in and says you with a razor in your hand and a year's lathered and asks "Are you shaving?" It's very provoking for you to say, "No I'm shaving the stove," but it's human nature to say so.

The Corporate authorities of Fort Gibson consists of John A. Ross, Mayor, H. C. Meigs, Cannon Kay, J. H. Nash, Wm. Perovich and J. S. Scott. No better selection could have been easily made by the voters of the Corporation and we shall hope to see them establish and maintain good order in their midst.

The best remedy ever discovered for breaking is to drop on all fours and cough. So that if you choke or cough you have the satisfaction of contemplating your fellow mortals in a pile.

AN ACT

In Relation to Stock Branding Through and Grazing in the Cherokee Nation and for Other Purposes.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the National Council: That an Act amending an Act, in relation to Drivers Tax, found on page 249 Compiled Laws, be and the same is hereby repealed, and that from and after the passage of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any person not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation to graze or hold stock of any kind upon the public domain.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted: That it shall be unlawful for any person to introduce or drive into the Cherokee Nation cattle of any kind, at any time between the first day of April and the first of November of each year, provided that this Act shall not be construed as prohibiting the transportation of cattle over the different railroads therein.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted: That any citizen of this Nation who may violate the provisions of the foregoing Section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction of the same in the Circuit court of the District wherein the offense is committed, be fined in any sum not more than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars together with all damages to citizens who may be injured either in person or property by violation of the law; and upon failure of the person so convicted to pay any or all of the fine and damages therein provided for he shall be imprisoned in the National prison for a term not less than six months nor more than two years, at the discretion of the Court trying the same.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted: That in all cases wherein a citizen of this Nation may violate the provisions of the second section of this law, the citizens of the neighborhood into which cattle may be driven, contrary to this Act, are hereby authorized to seize such cattle and deliver the same to the Sheriff of the District wherein the cattle were seized and said Sheriff is hereby directed to advertise and sell the same after twenty days notice in the Cherokee Advocate or INDIAN CHIEFTAIN newspapers, and turn over the proceeds of said sale to the Treasurer, after deducting ten per cent. for his services and so much more as will sufficient to pay all cost of branding and holding the same.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted: That every citizen owning and holding 50 or more cattle in the Cherokee Nation shall be required to register his mark or marks and brand or brands, in the Clerk's office of the District wherein his cattle are held, and all cattle bearing unregistered marks or brands running at large on the public domain are hereby declared to be strays, and the Sheriffs of the several Districts are hereby directed to advertise and sell the same in the same manner as other stray property.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted: That if any person not a citizen of the Cherokee Nation shall violate the provision of this Act, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the District wherein the offense may be committed to arrest such person or persons so offending and seize such cattle and turn the same over to the United States Agent.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted: That in case any Sheriff fails or refuses to advertise and sell as herein provided, any three respectable citizens of the District wherein unregistered cattle may be found shall report the same to the Clerk of the District, who shall report the same within ten days, under the seal of his office, to the Sheriff of the District whereof he is Clerk and should such Sheriff, after receiving such notice herein provided for, fail or refuse to act as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the Clerk to report the same to the Principal Chief within twenty days who shall thereon suspend such Sheriff from office.

Sec. 8. That in all cases where a citizen of the Cherokee Nation has cattle running at large upon the public domain and any other citizen is damaged by such cattle breaking into a field, or any other inclosure of such citizen, the cattle doing the damage shall be held liable for such damages, which damages shall be assessed under Section 78, Art. 33, Chapter 4, Compiled Laws and such amount so assessed shall be final as to the damage sustained when judgment may be given thereupon according to law before any Court having cognizance of the amount assessed as herein provided.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted: That no non-citizens residing in this Nation by virtue of a permit, obtained according to law, shall be allowed to hold more than five cows and calves for family use.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted: That any citizen heads of family of this Nation shall not be allowed to exceed two brands for himself and family and he shall be required to counter-brand in case of his

new brands all cattle that he may buy of other parties after the date that this Act goes into effect. Sec. 11. Be it further enacted: That any person found guilty of a violation of the provisions of the above Sections shall, upon conviction before the District court of the District wherein such cattle are held, shall be imprisoned in the National jail for any term not less than six months nor more than one year, at the discretion of the Court trying the case. That all laws or parts of laws conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed.

Tablequah, Dec. 5, 1883. BIRD JONES, Speaker Council. W. S. CORDENAY, Clerk Council. Conferred in, Tablequah, C. N., Dec. 6, 1883. S. H. BERRY, Pres't Senate. JOHN T. DREW, Clerk Senate. Approved Dec. 6, 1883. D. W. BUSHHEAD, Prin. Chief. I. A. SPEARS, Ass't. Ex-Sec'y, of C. N. do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original as is on file in this office. This Dec. 13, 1883. ALBION SPEARS, Ass't. Ex-Sec'y.

The Creek Nation. The following extract is taken from the inaugural address of J. W. Perryman as Principal Chief of the Creek Nation. When it was delivered and Mr. P. sworn in we supposed that the Creek trouble was at an end whether right or wrong. But later news is to the effect that it is rather increased, and a new count will be made by the Council now in Session. Really it is high time that these distracting elements among our neighbors should be settled or laid aside and the Creek Council either do something for the benefit of the ir people or adjourn. The whole situation is becoming simply monotonous.

You and I, and all who hold any position of trust under authority of the people, are responsible to them for a government that will assure justice to the poor as well as the rich, the weak as well as the strong, and one which will guarantee that protection of person and property, so needful in our country, and without which harmony and progress become absolute impossibilities. We say we desire the material, the moral and intellectual advancement of the Muskoke people. Now if we are sincere in these professions we have first to cause our people to feel safe and secure by surrounding them with wholesome laws and establishing a system of enforcement of them, that will surely punish the guilty and as certainly protect the innocent. After security shall have been secured it will be no very difficult task, I believe, to build a superstructure of which all may be justly proud. Under our institutions our people have the right to expect this, indeed it is their just heritage, and it is the duty of every officer always to exert his best effort to meet this demand. No Indian nation perhaps for the last fifty years has been beset by a like amount of adversity as that which has clouded the political sky of the Muskoke people for the last eighteen months. The integrity of the machinery of our government has been shocked and shaken by internal dissensions fanned into being by the influence of the groveling parasites and hucksters contributed by surrounding states, and sometimes by our sister nations who on one pretense or another have lodged themselves in the interstices of our political fabric, until our case seemed hopeless indeed. You have weathered the storm like faithful warriors, and I invite all parties and all men, the full and the half blood, colored men, and every true Muskoke citizen to join with me in our common and continued effort to rid our country of such characters, combat and eliminate the bad influences left by them and heal up the wounds that have bled so long. You must do this if you would preserve the honor and integrity of our institutions and effectively lead the Muskoke people out into the open sea of success and prosperity. While the unfortunate events of the past eighteen months have entailed untold hardships upon our people and arrested our progress for the period perhaps of many decades, still let us hope they have not passed without teaching us some valuable lessons of Statesmanship, which, like the mariner's compass, will enable us in the future to avoid the rocks and breakers that have brought us into such utter experiences. Let each citizen so occupy his time and talents in the rebuilding and restoration of the waste places of his country, that no time will be left for the exhibition of the petty feelings and controversies that have so often grown into mountains of evil and thrown the pall of mourning over the affairs of our country.

Since the above was in type the Creek Council Inaugurated Epaulechee as Principal Chief of the Creek Nation. Perryman it is said means to hold on and the question who is Chief still remains.

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