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SINGLE STATEHOOD FORCES

Of Twin Territories Invade Muskogee and Their Stirring Shibboleth,

"ENFRANCHISEMENT NOW AND FOREVER!"

Resounds Triumphant Within the Walls of the Citadel of Federalism.

From the ramparts of the enemy the single star of the twin territories flamed brightly at Muskogee Thursday of last week.

Within the mortared walls of their very citadel four hundred men bearing the declarations of independence from the teeming, restless communities of a disfranchised people, solemnly pledged their brain and brawn to placing that star, undimmed, in the firmament of the nation's flag.

There was a tenseness, an earnestness, in the expression of clearly defined purpose that boded ill for the puerile politician that attempts the impediment of their course.

Pleasing metaphor and dainty smile fell not from the lips of their leaders, but words of unquestioned meaning. Forceful words aflame with those sentiments that have strewn the ages with the broken shackle.

From every quarter of the two territories they came; the farm and mine, the counting room and the professions were there, but all for one purpose.

A unity of interests amalgamated by the fire that has smouldered from the beginning in the breast of man, and which by oppression has been converted into destroying flames that have consumed kings and dynasties.

The necessity of immediate organization for the proper fulfillment of the serious duties entrusted to the representatives, resulted in the call of the five nations convening at the United States court house in the morning to nominate their officers.

The representatives of Oklahoma sent word that they desired a citizen of the Indian territory as chairman, and would request the endorsement of a representative of Oklahoma as secretary.

J. B. Turner, of Vinita, in a forceful address, urged the claims of the Cherokee nation for the honor, and presented the name of E. N. Ratcliff for temporary chairman. The name of Hon. W. T. Hutchings, of Muskogee, was then placed in nomination for permanent chairman. After some discussion Mr. Ratcliff was selected as permanent and Mr. Hutchings temporary chairman. Marshal Herring, of Muskogee, was selected as sergeant at-arms.

Word was received from the Oklahoma delegations that Editor Harry Gilstrap, of Chandler, was their choice for secretary. Adjournment was then taken until 2 p. m., the hour of the convention.

Promptly at that hour the convention was called to order by C. E. Castle, of Wagoner, with every seat in the large auditorium occupied and every aisle a solid bank of men. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. M. L. Butler, of Muskogee.

The acting chairman in a graceful address then introduced Mr. Preston West, of Muskogee, who delivered the address of welcome. The chill of federalism melted as by magic with the first warm greeting that fell in pleasing phrases from the lips of the gifted speaker. He eulogized the motives of those who had gathered in such a righteous cause, and hung out the latch strings of his hospitable city to those who were unable to find quarters.

Roy Hoffman, of Chandler, Oklahoma, responded for the convention in a speech that brought the assemblage howling to their feet time and again. From pathos to humor, from humor to mortal thrusts that pierced and laid bare the rotteness of the political opposition, now as gentle as a brook, now a torrent, the words poured from the speaker as though he were inspired by the gods to win men's hearts, to enlist their might. At the conclusion of the address the assemblage thronged around the speaker in earnest congratulation.

Hon. W. T. Hutchings, the temporary chairman was then introduced to the convention, and in a logical address born of the trained legal mind, he attacked the theoretical opposition and displayed, in simple worded clearness, the actualities of the question.

The perfecting of organization was then undertaken by the appointment on recommendation of the delegations of the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Indian territory—Cherokee nation—J. B. Turner, Wm. Johnson, A. E. Ivey, A. S. Haygood.

Choctaw nation—F H Kellogg, E E Daniels, A T West, J J Mc Alester.

Creek nation—J F Eades, D M Wisdom, A F Parkinson, A G W Sango.

Chickasaw nation—D D Sayers, J W Hocker, U G Wynn.

CREDENTIALS.

Bion S Hutchings, Wm Noble, L W Howe, C F Filson, Wm Cross D A Jacobs.

ORDER OF BUSINESS,

J P Woolsey, D D Leach, J R Hale, S B Bradford, T N Foster, Philip Sumuels.

During the interim, while the committees were preparing their reports, the flood gates of eloquence were thrown wide open. Ex-Governor Barnes, of Oklahoma, Ex Judge John R. Thomas and several others were called for and responded in forceful arguments for self government.

The committee's on credentials and order of business later submitted their reports, which were accepted.

E. N. Ratcliff, of Vinita, was then escorted to the chair by Ex-Gov. Barnes, Judge S. D. Bradford and Col. Murphy, where he was introduced by W. T. Hutchings as permanent chairman. In accepting the chair Mr. Ratcliff won the convention by telling them that he was a native of Texas, accustomed to plenty of room and that he had a natural antipathy to anything small in the statehood line, and that the territory needed the broad acres of Oklahoma to measure up to his standard.

After several additional addresses an adjournment was taken until 7 p. m. to await the report of the committee on resolutions.

At the night sessions the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of fifteen from each territory to select three delegates from each territory to go to Washington to present the memorial in preparation to congress and to further advance the course. The following committees were appointed:

Cherokee nation—Wm Johnstone, H. Lee Clotworthy, P. W. Samuel.

Creek nation—Sam Cobb, W R Samuels; Lake Moore, W W Watten.

Choctaw nation—W H Ainsley, Judge Humphrey, J J McAlester, R V Austin.

Chickasaw nation—W H Walker Cyrus G Kean, J A Ross, Sidney Suggs.

The committee, after several ballots had been taken, reported the following representative delegation as their choice:

C. E. Foley, Eufaula; W. H. B. Trudgeon, Purcell; S. B. Bradford, Ardmore.

The Oklahoma committee recommended the appointment of C. M. Barnes, C. F. Barrett, Thos. H. Doyle.

The reports of both committee's were accepted and the six gentlemen named were announced as the members of the delegation to congress.

An executive committee of thirty—equally apportioned between the territories—was appointed on recommendation of delegations.

Those selected to represent the Cherokee nation were, N G Smith, Cleora, A L Kates, Claremore, J S Truitt, Afton.

The memorial prepared by the committee on resolutions was then read and adjournment taken.

The executive committee will meet in Oklahoma City Nov. 25th.

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CHEROKEE COUNCIL.

Several Bills Introduced in Both Houses.--Proclamation.

Special to Chieftain.

Tahlequah, I. T., Nov. 12.—Both houses of the national council are at work.

Senator Fletcher introduced a bill in the senate Tuesday providing for the appointment of a revenue collector for the nine districts, whose duty it shall be to collect all installments on intruder places, to take charge of those now in the hands of custodians and sell the same to the highest bidder.

Senator Davis introduced Senate Bill No. 1, making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Cherokee Advocate for the ensuing year.

Councillor Woodall introduced a bill in the lower house, Tuesday afternoon, providing for the payment of license by persons engaged in certain business.

Councillor Walker introduced a bill laying a tax on cattle introduced. Same was withdrawn.

The speaker of the lower house has not named his standing committees. It is thought the committees will not be named until after the election, which will likely take place on tomorrow.

It is reported that the fullbloods have voted to enroll before the Dawes commission, but so far none have applied.

Following is the text of Chief Buffington's Thankegiving proclamation:

"Thursday, November 28, 1901, has been named by Theodore Roosevelt President of the United States, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout the United States of America. Therefore, I, T. M. Buffington, principal chief of the Cherokee nation, request that on that day all the people of this nation meet in their usual places of worship and offer up prayer and give thanks to Almighty God for the many good gifts and graces we have received the past year. Especially should every Cherokee citizen have more gratitude than many other people of this great republic, because of the home that every one of us possees. In the material things of this world God has abundantly favored us. From a thankful heart comes gratefulness and generosity. We should not be unmindful of those of our neighbors who are less fortunate than we, and may we permit our thankfulness to be characterized by generous gifts.

T. M, BUFFINGTON,
Principal Chief Cherokee Nation."

Tahlequah, I. T., Nov. 13.—The two houses met in joint session today at 11 o'clock.

The following named were elected on joint ballot, all of whom were the nominees of the Downing caucus:

Superintendent of Cherokee Orphan asylum, J. H. Dannenberg, of Flint district; Medical Supt. Cherokee Orphan Asylum, Dr. Walter Smith, of Fairland; Member Board of Education, A. Sidney Wyley, Tahlequah; Editor of Cherokee Advocate, Geo. O. Butler, Tahlequah; Members of Executive Council, George Boldridge, Samuel Foster and Walter Fields.

It is thought that the Principal Chief will recommend the appointment of the superintendents of the two seminaries tomorrow. The National's hope to get a divide on these, inasmuch as they have the power to confirm.

The "also rons" are beginning to leave town.

There are no lobbyists as yet on the ground.

Messrs. Dodge and Roberts, of Nowata, are here asking for another teacher in their Cherokee school at that place.

Many people are suffering fearfully from indigestion or dyspepsia, one single bottle of Herbine would bring about a prompt and permanent cure. A few doses will do more for a weak stomach than a prolonged course of any other medicine. Price, 50c. For people's drug store. dw

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POTENT REASONS

Why Statehood Should be Granted, Contained in Memorial.

STARTLING FACTS

For Congress to Consider When the Question of Enfranchisement for People of the Territories is Considered.

The following is the memorial prepared by the Muskogee single statehood convention for presentation to congress.

The list of political wrongs suffered by a disfranchised people is set forth in the following pungent paragraphs:

It has become self evident that the union of Oklahoma and the Indian territory into one state is inevitable. They have the wealth the energy and the civilization entitling them to statehood at once.

The two territories have a population of more than 800,000 and an assessed value of real and personal property of more than $120,000,000 with an actual value of more than $300,000,000—greater wealth and population than were possessed by a large majority of the states when admitted to the Union; more wealth and population than are now possessed by many of the states.

There are in the two territories 157,000 school children. In the Indian territory, except in a few incorporated towns, the people are without public schools for the education of their children. It is the duty of congress to give these people such a government as will enable them to protect their children from ignorance and vice.

The people of the Indian territory are without adequate roads, and the streams are unbridged; they have no asylums for the unfortunate—for the deaf, dumb, blind and insane: they cannot have these because of the lack of self-government.

They are without opportunity to make laws for the protection of cities and towns from the ravages of fire, and communities from pestilence and disease. The rural districts of the Indian territory are without protection to life and property.

Great bodies of mineral lie dormant and unproductive, and all industries languish for want of means under which they can be properly developed.

In agriculture, in mineral, in timber and all the natural attributes of wealth they would form a state equal in point of resources to any in the federal union.

The people of Oklahoma are a unit for self government. They have every requisite for it. The people of the Indian territory exist under intolerable conditions. They cry for relief. They feel that congress should at once heed their voice.

It was but a just tribute to the intelligence and patriotism of the Indians that congress in 1901, by special enactment, declared all Indians in the Indian territory citizens of the United States, with all the rights, privileges and blessings of such, thus acknowledging them capable of self-government.

All the citizens of Oklahoma and the Indian territory are thoroughly capable of self-government. United into one state, the two territories would make a magnificent commonwealth.

As an evidence of the fact that the two territories are becoming homogeneous, the territory of Oklahoma has opened her institutions of higher education to the people of Indian territory. The vast change of sentiment in the Indian territory on the question of union with Oklahoma, during the last year, makes the people of the two territories practically a unit for single statehood.

The two territories, when admitted to statehood, should be given the privileges incident thereto, together and at the same time that each may enjoy alike the new progress certain to follow and that harmony and co-operation on the part of the people of the two territories may be accelerated and assured.

The permanent good of the people is vastly more important than the temporary advantage of any section, and we oppose any policy which would shape the course of statehood legislation for local advantage.

As congress has provided large school reservations for the territory of Oklahoma, and for her public buildings, we ask that congress provide by some means appropriate amount of public lands for school purposes for the people of the Indian territory.

Both territories, by their representatives in convention assembled, urge upon congress the immediate passage of an enabling act providing for the formation of one state by the people of the two territories. We have ample property for taxation, the will and the desire to support the expenses of a state government.

Is that boon sought by all intelligent, patriotic American freemen—that of self government— to be denied us longer?

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

Setting For the December Term of The Vinita Court.

There are now 438 criminal case docketed for the December terms of the United States court sitting at Vinita. This number is yet to be augmented by the transfers from the Wewoka and Wagoner courts and the indictments that may be found by the grand jury.

There is a large civil docket awaiting action at this term of court, but it is not expected to be reached until late in January.

The following is a list of the criminal cases set:

December 3, 1901.
Mary Fish, Perjury
Thomas Monaghan, As'lt to kill
Jim Putman, Disp liquor
" " " " "
Fuller Alberty, Disp. liquor
James Elliott, Int liquor.
" " " disp liq
Josl Martin, manslaughter
" " " "
Wm Hern, counterfeiting
Robert Childers, larceny
" " " int liq

December 4th, 1901.
Chas Nichols, as'lt to kill
W G Patzold, larc and rec s p
Will Summer, int liq
" " disp liq
" " disp liq
Robt Younger, embezz
Lige Long, dist pesce
" " " "
Hugh Tittle, Keener Hyatt, Oscar Roberts, Oliver Scott, } Burg and lar
Oliver Scott, Clarence Alexander, Frank Thompson, } larceny
Ed Murray, disp liq
C I Eastwood, burg and lar
Minnie Southers, S H Southers, } as'lt to kill
W F Boling, as'lt to kill

December 5th, 1901.
Jim Neice, Wm Chapman, } larceny
Irven Johnson, s r
Jeff Davis, Dave Eichens, murder.
Jim Hickey, int liq
" " disp liq
" " disp liq
Dr Chaney, disp liq
" " disp liq
Dick Lusk, (dead) int liq
" " (dead) dist relig wor
B H Hester, int liq
J Deford, disp liq
J Deford, disp liq
Jno Williams burg and lar
Jesse Burr, lar and rec s p
Claud Rogers, aggravated as'lt
Geo Taylor, lar and rec s p
" " Burglary and lar
Jas Brown, Burt Gray, } maint gam house
Tom Hicks, Exhibit gam device
" " " " "
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Geo O Collins, int liq
Willie Walaska, as'lt to kill
Hezekiah A Henley, violating section 2148
F G Hughes, murder
John Cockran, int liq
John Cockran, disp liq [3 cases]
Geo H Fisher, lar and rec s p

December 6th, 1901.
John Burns, maiming
Jim Aleck, as'lt to kill
Geo Williams, Virgin Reddick. lar and rec s p [3 cases]

DECEMBER 7, 1901.
Jos Hill, Henry Burdick, lar
Geo Habisch, lar and rec s p, two cases
Lon Haines, wearing weapon.
John Bean or Beaver, dist peace of family.

DECEMBER 9, 1901.
Thomas Quales, lar
Burt Thompson, Ed Andrews, lar and rec s p
Wm Lynch, carnal know fema'e
" " Break and ent p o
" " int and sell liq
Tom Blunt, burg and lar,
Jackson Blunt, int liq
Bill Richardson, lar and rec s p
Frank Downs, burg and lar

DECEMCER 10, 1901.
Wiley George, counterfeiting.
J Wiley George, counterfeiting
Frank Hood, Ernest Hood, Jim Smith, John Youngblood, lar and rec s p, two cases
Dr Grossly, manslaughter
Wm Braubury, lar and rec s p
Ed Reese, lar and rec s p, two cases

DECEMBER 11, 1901.
Guy Miller, lar and rec s p
C Stevens, int liq
C Stevens, disp liq., two cases
Harrison Williams, disp liq., two cases

DECEMBER 12, 1901.
Watt Thomas, Lottie Thomas, assault to kill
Watt Thomas, lar and rec s p

SURVEYORS HERE.

Preparatory Work to Surveying of Towns Lots Begins Today.

A corps of town lot surveyors arrived yesterday and will open their offices today, preparatory to surveying and platting the town lots of this city.

There are two parties aggregating eleven men. One of these in charge of Julian Burney, consists of H. M. Maples, A. J. Gardenhire, E. L. Whitney and Henry McCoy. The other is in charge of Merritt Howerton, with the following personnel, J. F. Davis, J. L. Granger, W. S. Kee and Frank Raines.

All of the town lots will be surveyed and platted, and in connection with this work, proposed additions to the corporate limits of the town, will also be surveyed.

The area, including the additions, embraced in the work will be approximately 1,000 acres. The work will be completed in about three months.

Dragged by Engine.

Slipping from the pilot of an engine while engaged in switching some cars on the Katy tracks opposite Lew Mason's Hide house, late Wednesday afternoon, J. B. Wimer, an employee of the Katy, was caught by the pilot and dragged over the rough ballasting for nearly a hundred yards before the train was brought to a stop. When lifted from the tracks by members of the train crew he was unconscious and it was thought that he had sustained fatal injuries. Drs. Fertger & Bagby were at once summoned, and after an examination, found that he had escaped without a broken bone or serious internal injury. The sharp rocks had gashed his face and lacerated the scalp in a horrible manner, but besides many painful bruises no other injuries were sustained. Wimer is a resident of Parsons and played here recently with the ball team from that town.

Mrs. M. A. Rambo Has Her Midwinter Millinery Opening.

Who can resist going to a pretty millinery opening? Never before have the fashions been so artistic and never has there been a more artistic display than the one at the Rambo Millinery last night. The very dress materials themselves are all soft and clinging, and as for the colors—they are a little brighter. Never have the hats been so pretty as this winter. The show cases were laden with plumes, large buckles of pearl and jet trimmings, very artistically arranged. As regards the shapes, there is no set style, the brims are all curled softly to suit the different faces. Pleasing music was furnished by Edward Chouteau and Mr. Carselowey, and a large crowd was present.

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J. B. Turner's avoirdupois would not wobble the arm of a hay scale but he has the full measure of spinal vertebrae and brain. He was one of the lights of the Muskogee convention.

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E. N. Ratcliff, as chairman of the Muskogee convention, ruled parliamentary usage out and business in. As a consequence something was accomplished.

Don't Become Discouraged.

But use Simmon's Liver Purifier (tin box). Many imitations of the original, so be careful and see that it's "Purifier" and manufactured by the A. C. Simmonds, Jr., Medicine Co.

Mrs. Eltering Keith, Superintendent of W. C. T. U. Railroad work, passed through last week en route to the Forth Worth convention. Miss May Woodard, sister of F. W. Woodard of this city, has been her private secretary for several years.

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