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DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

STEPHENS BILL

Providing for the Opening of Additional Comanche Lands Reported Favorably.

ANOTHER LOTTERY

Recommended as the Proper Way to Dispose of the Surplus Domain Which Embraces a Tract of About 480,000 Acres.

The house committee on Indian affairs has authorized a favorable report to be made to the house on the bill of Mr. Stephens of Texas, providing for the opening to settlement of 480,000 acres of land in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservation in Oklahoma territory.

This area represents the 480,000 acres set apart for grazing land under the act of June 6, 1900, which authority, the bill contends was so misconstrued by the secretary of the interior as to lead him to embrace desirable agricultural lands fronting on the Red river, which have been leased to four stockmen.

The bill directs that these lands shall be opened to settlement by proclamation of the president within three months from its passage and be disposed of under the general provisions of the homestead law and under the rules and regulations adopted for the opening of the Comanche reservation heretofore, under the act of June 6, 1900.

If the measure passes congress it will offer another chance to the unlucky ones who failed to draw a farm in the last lottery under more favorable conditions as to clear title, as it will be only necessary to reside on the homestead for four months to obtain title.

FRISCO SYSTEM.

Will Build Two Thousand Miles of Track, Making It the Greatest System in the Country.

The Frisco will build two thousand miles of new track within the next two years, the plans having been agreed upon before President Yoakum left for Europe.

Mr. J. B. Johnson of the big contracting firm of Johnson Bros., was called to St. Louis just before President Yoakum left for Europe. "How much railway construction have you on hand?" said the president of the Frisco when Mr. Johnson called on him.

Those who have kept well posted on the railway situation believe that the Frisco's 2,000 miles of new track will be about as follows: From the terminus of the Oklahoma City road at Quannah to Phoenix, Arizona, distance, about 700 miles.

From Phoenix to the coast, about 800 miles. From Birmingham, Ala., to the coast at Savannah, Ga., a distance of 800 miles.

necting links toward El Paso, about 270 miles.

From Sapulpa to Eoid through Pawnee and Perry, 140 miles. From Blackwell to Coffeyville or some other point on the Frisco line in Kansas, near Coffeyville, a distance of about 125 miles.

RELIEF PARTIES

Distributing Funds to Destitute Fullbloods in Different Sections.

The following notice has been sent by Col. J. Blair Shoentel announcing the itinerary of the relief parties who are distributing relief funds among the destitute fullbloods:

- Notice is hereby given that I will be at the following named places in the Cherokee nation, Indian territory, on the dates mentioned, for the purpose of distributing funds in my hands, to relieve needy and destitute Cherokee fullblood Indians, who live in the vicinity of the towns named: Party No. 1, in charge of Hon. Guy P. Cobb and Major Breckenridge.

COLLEY COMMITTED.

Youthful Forger Confesses His Crime in Commissioner's Court.

When arraigned in the Commissioner's court last week, John Colley, the youthful forger arrested by Deputy James Wilkerson at Seneca, Mo., made a complete confession of his crime.

Incidentally he attempted to implicate another boy, but the authorities give little credence to that feature of his story. He gave as his excuse that he needed the money to gamble with, but in several instances showed that he was not telling an entirely straight story.

Later in the same letter he said that his father had arrived here and had paid his fine aggregating \$300.00.

Being unable to communicate with the boy's father, A. C. Colley, who is at present in Oklahoma, Commissioner Stanfield committed him in default of a \$500.00 bond.

He will be held here until further efforts are made to communicate with his relatives, and in case they are not reached within a reasonable time, he will be sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Red Men Elect Officers.

At the meeting of the grand council of the Improved Order of Red Men for the Indian Territory held Tuesday at South McAlester, the following officers were elected:

J. W. Price, L. S. High, great prophet; M. E. Deeming, Muskogee, great sachem; L. C. Couch, Vinita, great senior saganore; R. J. Evans, Dow, great junior saganore; Milo E. Adams, Muskogee, great chief of records; Hugo Haas, Atoka, great keeper of wampum; A. I. Swadlow, Coalgate, J. J. Vance, Poteau, J. D. Looper, A. J. great trustees. The council meets next year at Ada, the fourth Tuesday in April.

COUNCIL PLANS

For Immediate and Extensive Improvement of Streets and Sanitary Conditions.

BUSINESS METHODS

Will Govern the New Administration and Prospects are Bright for Quick Action on a Number of Needed Improvements.

The city council held an important session on day last week for the purpose of discussing the plans outlined for the improvement of the town.

The all important questions of street improvement and the correction of the present sanitary conditions were the principal matters discussed.

RIGOROUS MEASURES WILL BE

instituted to keep the town in a cleanly condition and the sanitary ordinances will be strictly enforced. A committee will visit Webb City and Joplin, Mo., to investigate the probable cost of repairing the streets with gravel, and an effort will be made in case that material is decided upon, to obtain a steam roller from Neosho to pack it.

Mr. Darrough offered resolutions making Mayor Parker, chairman of the committee on streets and alleys and providing for the mayor and recorder serving on committees.

Both resolutions carried. The following committees were then announced by Mayor Parker: Finance—Ratcliff, Darrough and Fortner.

Ordinances—Darrough, Starr and Parker. Sanitary and Health—Fortner, Starr and Green.

Light and Water—Green, Darrough and Chamberlin. Streets and Alleys—Parker, Ratcliff and Green.

Education—Fortner, Darrough and Chamberlin. Police, Public Buildings and Market House—Chamberlin, Fortner and Ratcliff.

Cemetery—Ratcliff, Starr and Chamberlin. Fire Department—Green and Parker. The committee on streets and alleys was empowered to enter into contract with a competent engineer to establish a grade on Illinois ave., Wilson and Scrapper streets.

townsite provision put in by the senate. The senate conferees are Platt, Stewart and Rawlings, and the house conferees are Sherman, Curtis and Little.

The different towns in the Indian Territory have large delegations in Washington to secure the establishment of a court for their towns. So far the committee has given them no bearings, but has called in individuals for examination on sundry points.

PROPER VIEW.

Prominent Choctaw Tells Why He Favors the Moon Bill.

Dr. Harkins, a prominent Choctaw of Coalgate, gives the following very good reasons why he favors the Moon bill:

"As far as I can observe there is practically a unanimity of sentiment favoring the Moon bill. We contend that local self-government will be the stepping stone to prosperity and through the provisions for representation in congress, enable us to discontinue to fight our battles in the third house, or lobby, and carry our grievances to the attention of the government on the floor of the house.

We will thus rid ourselves of being a prey for designing corporations who retard our interests in order to advance theirs. "I am heartily in favor of tearing loose as far as possible from departmental rule. With additional courts, county government, suffrage, schools, roads and bridges Indian territory will work out its own destiny. A continuation of present conditions means to retard the development of our great resources.

With self-government, immigration will follow, bringing prosperity to all alike. "I am for the Moon bill as are a great many people who have taken various views of legislation prior to the introduction of the Territory of Jefferson measure."

DREW COLOR LINE.

Grand Jury at South McAlester Refused to Serve with Negro.

The grand jury at South McAlester refused to serve last week when a negro was appointed a member of the jury.

The negro, whose presence was objectionable to the jurors, was W. S. Weber, editor of the newspaper published at South McAlester known as the "Voice of the People."

Weber was put on the jury after the noon recess Thursday and served until the jury filed their report at the convening of court.

As soon as the jurors filed back into their rooms, they issued an ultimatum to District Attorney Brown, informing him that they would not serve so long as the negro was a member of the jury, and then adjourned.

The custom of putting negroes on the jury is not a new one in the territory. District Attorney Spoper attempted to have one appointed jury commissioner, but was prevented from so doing by Judge Springer.

The jurors fully realize that they are in contempt of court, but say they will go to jail before they will serve with Weber.

FIERCE WINDS

Inspired Dreams of a Genuine Kansas Cyclone in Vinita.

CHETOPA RECEIVED

Full Force of the Storm and Several Buildings were Wrecked, Though no Casualties Have been Reported, Territory Orchards Suffer.

An incipient cyclone came out of Kansas last week, and sweeping south through the territory left a trail of uprooted trees, and created havoc among the frail structures that opposed its course.

At Chetopa, the howling wind was screamed to concert pitch, and when it had finished its performance in the town, several frame buildings had been demolished, and part of a large business structure was wrecked.

When the territory was reached, the storm area increased with a corresponding reduction of force. A number of frame shacks were sent bounding over the prairie, but the larger structures escaped with a severe rocking.

The greatest damage was done to fruit trees, a number being blown to the ground. At Welch, the wind reached a tremendous velocity, but outside of some dismantled orchards, the town escaped with little damage.

No definite reports of any casualties have been received, though it was reported this morning that several persons had sustained injuries from flying debris, at several points in the track of the storm.

The telephone service to the north was put out of commission through the wires being grounded, but the actual damage was comparatively small.

When the storm reached Vinita it had spread out over a great area and was rapidly losing its force, though it howled through the town at about 50 miles an hour.

No damage was reported in this immediate vicinity except injury to trees. In some of the exposed sections of the town, fears were prevalent that the storm would develop into a genuine Kansas twister, but the rapidity with which it subsided soon allayed them.

LATER REPORTS.

Three Killed and Six Injured by Cyclone at Joplin.

Joplin, Mo., April 25.—Joplin was visited by the most destructive storm in its history, during which at least three persons were killed outright, six fatally injured, a score or more seriously hurt and \$300,000 worth of property destroyed.

The fury of the storm broke loose at 4:35 o'clock this afternoon. There was no premonition of its terrible violence. There was an utter absence of the usual funnel-shaped cloud, and the clouds looked no more threatening than those which produce the ordinary spring thunderstorms.

The wind was a straight gale, but it was of terrible velocity, whipping down scores of houses in the south part of the city and reducing to kindling wood \$100,000 worth of the finest mining plants in this district.

The worst havoc in Joplin city was in a territory four blocks wide commencing at the west limits of the city at Seventeenth street and ending at Seventh street on the east. Within this narrow belt destruction is visible on every hand.

mates of the house are dying, all having their skulls fractured.

It is feared that the mining camps farther west which seemed to have been in the path of the storm have suffered great damage, but no reports have been received from there.

EXAMINE YOUR MAIL.

The postal authorities at Washington, recognizing the liability of postmasters to make mistakes in getting letters in wrong boxes, have fixed a penalty of \$200 on persons taking mail out of the office other than their own, and not returning it.

The law is to have people look at their mail before taking it out of the office and if they should have mail other than their own they must return it at once.

It also includes newspapers. The excuse that it is the postmaster's fault "cuts no ice." If you have been getting other people's mail you had better take warning or you may get yourself in trouble.

JO KLINE MARRIED.

The following account of the wedding of Jo Kline, well-known in Vinita, is taken from the Tecumseh Democrat:

"Kline-Gower.—Married, at the Democrat home, April 18th, 1902, at 8:15 o'clock p. m., by Rev. C. A. Shive, of the Christian church, Mr. Jo. A. Kline to Miss Emma L. Gower. "Mr. Kline is foreman of The County Democrat office and has been with us for nearly two years.

He is a young man of integrity and ability and a thorough master of his profession. Mr. Kline has a host of friends who will wish him and his new-made bride a long, happy and prosperous life.

"Miss Gower is a resident of Stapleton, Staten Island, New York, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gower, of that place, and is now the adopted daughter of The Democrat family. She is a young lady of rare personal charms and possesses a cultivated mind, which makes her a most agreeable companion; in fact Mrs. Kline possesses all those rare graces of mind and person which go to make the perfect wife and which makes home an earthly heaven.

"May their life's journey be always over smooth roads, strewn with the brightest flowers of love, happiness and prosperity is the heartfelt wish of The Democrat family."

REVEALS A GREAT SECRET.

It is often asked how such startling cures, that puzzle the best physicians are effected by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Here's the secret. It cuts out the phlegm and germ-infected mucus, and lets the life-giving oxygen enrich and vitalize the blood. It heals the inflamed, cough-worn throat and lungs. Hard colds and stubborn coughs soon yield to Dr. King's New Discovery, the most infallible remedy for all Throat and Lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Peoples' and A. W. Foreman's Drug Stores.

AN INFORMAL RECEPTION.

An informal reception was tendered Judge Sanborn of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at the elegant home of Mayor Parker Saturday evening. A number of gentlemen were present and a pleasant hour was spent.

REVIVAL AT BIG CABIN.

The good people of Big Cabin, I. T., invited the southern evangelists, Rev. Sam S. Holcomb and wife of Pice Bluff, Ark., to come and hold a revival meeting there for ten days. There has not been such a meeting there for years. The people for miles around are attending, people are being converted, who have not been to church for years. They are both strong preachers and good musicians and singers. The meetings close next Sunday.

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The Cherokee National Bank... Vinita, Ind. Ter. CAPITAL \$25,000.00. L. K. MCGUFFIN, President. THOS. T. WIMER, Vice-President. W. R. MCGEORGE, Cashier.

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