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NEW DISTRICT

Under Division as Provided for by the Indian Appropriation Bill.

LINES ESTABLISHED

And Provisions Made for Appointment of Additional Officials— Sites for New Jails to be Selected by Board of Referees.

The following is the provision of the Indian appropriation bill dividing the Northern judicial district:

That the part of the northern district of the Indian territory, consisting of the Creek country, the Seminole country, and all that portion of the Cherokee and Choctaw nations included in the following described boundaries, to-wit: Commencing at the north east corner of the Creek nation and running east on the line between townships nineteen and twenty to its intersection with the dividing line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east, thence south on said line to its intersection with the Arkansas river, thence down the Arkansas river to its intersection with the Canadian river, thence up the Canadian river to its intersection with the dividing line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east, thence south to the intersecting line between township seven and eight, thence west on the intersecting line between townships seven and eight to the Creek nation, be, and the same is hereby made the western district to be called the Cherokee nation, and the places of holding courts in said western district shall be Muskogee, Wagoner, Sapulpa, Wewoka, Eufaula, and Okmulgee. The judge appointed under the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the fiscal year ending June (30, 1898), and for other purposes," approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, shall be the judge of said western district, and he is hereby authorized to appoint a clerk who shall reside and keep his office at one of the places of holding court in said western district. That each of the three commissioners with headquarters at Muskogee, Eufaula, and Wewoka, respectively, shall be United States commissioners for said western district for a period of four years from the date of their appointment, and until their respective successors shall be appointed and qualified; and the two constables now in office, whose headquarters are at Muskogee and Eufaula, respectively, shall be constables in said western district until their successors shall be appointed and qualified; and said judge may appoint a constable for the commissioner at Wewoka, and the said judge may appoint an additional commissioner, to be located at Checotah, and an additional constable for said commissioner's court. Each of the United States commissioners and each of the four constables now located in the Northern district as constituted by this act shall continue to be United States commissioners and constables respectively, for said district until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. That the clerk's office at Vinita shall also be the recorder's office for the Northern district, except that the clerk's office at Miami shall continue to be the recording office for the Quapaw Indian agency as now provided by law. The United States marshal for the present northern district shall be the marshal for the western district, and there shall be appointed by the president, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, a district attorney for said western district and a United States marshal for the northern district. The said officers shall be appointed and shall hold office for the period of four years, and shall receive the same salary and fees and discharge like duties as other similar officers in said territory. The cases now pending in that part of the northern district which is hereby made the western district

shall be tried the same as if brought in said western district. Terms of court shall continue to be held within the territory remaining in said northern district at the places now provided by law for the holding of courts therein, and in addition thereto at the towns of Sallisaw, Claremore, Nowata, and Pryor Creek, in the Cherokee country. All laws now applicable to the existing judicial districts in the Indian territory, and to attorneys, marshals, clerks, and their assistants or deputies therein, not inconsistent herewith, are hereby made applicable to the western district. In addition to the places now provided by law for holding courts in the southern and central districts, courts in the southern district shall also be held at Tishomingo and Ada, and in the central district at Durant. The United States judge for the central district of the Indian territory after the approval of this act, may appoint a constable for the commissioner located at Durant.

To enable the attorney general to carry out the provisions of the act approved July seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, for the erection of three jails in the Indian territory, and also to erect one additional United States jail in said territory, forty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the attorney general, to be immediately available, and to remain available until expended. And the attorney general is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be erected a United States jail at each of the three places already formally designated by him, namely, at Muskogee in the western district; at South McAlester in the central district, and at Ardmore in the southern district, and one additional United States jail at Vinita in the northern district, at a total cost not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

That for the purpose of acquiring sites for United States jails as provided herein in the Indian territory there shall be appointed by the judge of the United States court in the district where such land is situated, on application of the United States by petition describing the land sought to be condemned, three disinterested referees, who shall determine the compensation and damage to be paid any owner, occupant, tribe, or nation by reason of the appropriation and condemnation of such land for the use and benefit of the United States for a jail at any of the places hereinbefore mentioned. Such referees, before entering upon the duties of their appointment shall each take and subscribe before the clerk of the said United States court on oath that he will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his appointment, which oaths, duly certified, shall be returned with the award of the referees to the clerk of the court by which they were appointed. Before such referees shall proceed with the assessment of damages for any lands sought to be condemned under this act, ten days' personal notice of said hearing shall be given to all persons interested, and service may be had upon each tribe or nation in which said land may be located by service upon the principal chief thereof, and in case personal service can not be had upon any person interested, twenty days' notice of the time when the same shall be condemned shall be given, by publication in some newspaper in general circulation nearest said property in the district where said land is situated.

THE NEW HOSTLERY

At Claremore Opened with a Blaze of Glory and a Sumptuous Banquet.

Hotel Sequoyah, the long looked for "brick hotel" at Claremore is a reality. It was formally opened last night with a grand banquet, at which more than one hundred invited guests from all parts of the Cherokee nation sat down. The hospitality of Claremore was at high tide and the visitors were given a cordial welcome to the city and to this splendid structure in itself a gem of architecture.

The Cassville, Mo., band discoursed sweet music while the guests passed through the rooms or stood in the lobby admiring the building. At about 9:30 the elegant spread was ready, and after a short address by Foreman McClelland, presenting a magnificent painting of the Cherokee inventor, Sequoyah, Joe M. Lahay made a happy address of welcome and the guests filed into the spacious dining room where the "feast of reason and flow of soul" continued for two hours.

The chief speaker at the banquet were: Judge Hy Jennings, Attorney W. H. Hall, of Claremore, J. H. Thigpen of Wagoner and W. P. Thompson. The speeches were all good. Mr. Thompson made an elaborate address and was at his very best, responding to the toast, "Sequoyah," he reviewed the history of the Cherokee people for a century and dwelt upon the great progress of the tribe. The address was carefully thought out and was interesting and instructive.

At the close of the banquet a large number of young people repaired to a spacious hall across the street and "tripped the light fantastic toe" until the wee small hours of the morning.

Great credit is due Landlord Frakes and his wife for their unbounded hospitality. Editor Kates was as happy as a boy with his first trousers. Kates has dreamed of this hotel for ten years, and has printed columns without number in the Progress urging the enterprise which last night was opened with a blaze of glory. Joe Lahay, R. Lee Comer, and in fact all Claremore turned out to make the opening a success.

May Claremore's new brick hotel be as famous as the great Indian for which it was named.

STILL JUGGLING.

Henderson Party to New Scheme to Sidetrack Statehood.

Speaker Henderson, who is trying to side track any legislation looking to the admission of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona as states, has a new proposition before him for consideration. Mr. Tawney, the republican whip, after a canvass of the house, informed the speaker that probably fifty republicans would vote with the democrats for the omnibus bill, but that, even if a few of these were whipped into line, enough republicans were pledged to the bill to pass it. Mr. Tawney suggested another way out. It was to recommit the bill reported by the committee on territories, with instructions to report three separate bills. The Oklahoma bill could then be passed and the New Mexico and Arizona bills defeated. The senate would then proceed to kill the Oklahoma bill.

It now looks as if the promised development of the southwest will be sacrificed for politics and graft.

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Word Received that Nowata, Claremore and Pryor Creek are Named.

WILL NOT AFFECT

The Court Business at Vinita to Any Material Extent. Expressions from Members of the Vinita Bar.

A wire from District Attorney Soper who is in Washington was received by W. E. Halsell last week, announcing that federal courts would be established at Claremore, Nowata and Pryor Creek, under the Indian appropriation bill now in conference.

The message came in the nature of a surprise as it was not thought that a court would be established at more than one of the towns named.

It was conceded that either Nowata or Claremore would draw a prize on the legislative grab-bag, but Pryor Creek was a veritable dark horse, and was not considered as even a probable winner.

The effect that the establishment of so many courts, in the territory contiguous to Vinita, will have upon the court business here, is viewed in different lights by members of the bar. While some fear that it will result in a material division of business, the majority of the attorneys are no more concerned than if the courts mentioned were commissioner courts.

The following are the expressions of opinions from some of the members of the Vinita bar:

W. H. Kornegay: The establishment of courts at Nowata, Claremore and Pryor Creek will in no way injure Vinita. This city will always be the judicial center of the district and with the establishment of the court of record and jail here, we are being very well treated. There is no cause of alarm as in my mind the development of the surrounding towns, will strengthen Vinita, which will always be recognized as the judicial capital.

Geo. E. McCulloch: The establishment of additional courts in the northern district will not injure Vinita. They will handle comparatively little business, and in no way materially affect the court business here. I cannot see the necessity of establishing so many courts, but they cause me little concern.

J. B. Turner: The establishment of three additional courts will in my mind materially lessen the court business at Vinita. While each court will handle comparatively little business, yet the aggregate will be more than I care to see leave here. I cannot see the necessity for their establishment. I regret that such is the case.

S. F. Parks: Vinita will lose a great deal of court business through the establishment of courts at Nowata, Claremore and Pryor Creek. All of the towns are situated in good territory which has heretofore sent its business here.

Wm. M. Mellette: The establishment of these courts will be a great convenience to the people in those towns and will not injure Vinita. I have noticed in other sections of the country that the establishment of courts never materially affected the recognized judicial center. It may be inconvenient to the attorneys at times but the town will not suffer any material loss of court business.

Edgar T. Smith: Under the Indian appropriation bill, Vinita will receive a court of record, and jail, which more than compensates for the little loss of business which she will suffer through the establishment of the additional courts.

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EN ROUTE TO PEN.

Car Load of Criminals Shipped to Leavenworth From Muskogee.

The following prisoners convicted in the courts of the Northern district, have been sent from Muskogee to Leavenworth to begin the serving of their sentences: Frank Brown, larceny, five years; Bill Brundey, larceny, three years; Henry Burney, receiving stolen property, two years; James Parker, receiving stolen property, two years; Leslie Parker, murder, life; George Baker, liquor, one year; Nick Brown, larceny, five years; Tobe Chahan, murder, ten years; Ora Cooper, receiving stolen property, six years; Joe Drew, murder, one year; John Dockery, receiving stolen property, one year; Noble Young, larceny, five years; Wady Grayson, receiving stolen property, five years; George Habbish, larceny, two years; Mack Hawkins, larceny, five years; Manuel Jefferson, larceny, one year; Tobe Jefferson, larceny, three years; James Lovely, burglary, five years; Frank Lewis, burglary and larceny, one year and a half; Will Noland, larceny, five years; Jake Nofford, receiving stolen property, three years; Wm. Nero, receiving stolen property, one year; T. B. Posey, receiving stolen property, one year; E. J. Suit, larceny, one year; George Tobler, larceny, two years; William Vann, larceny, three years; Silas Williams, postoffice robbery, three years.

SOPER HAS HEARING.

Tells House Committee All About the Benefits of his Bill.

P. Leland Soper appeared before the house committee on Indian affairs Thursday and told them of the great benefits which would result to the territory if his carpetbag remnant became a law.

He said that he would agree to an amendment providing for the election of the county judges et al. instead of their being appointed by the federal judges, as provided for in his original bill. He advocated the throwing of the territorial lines of Oklahoma around the territory, and told them ever about the territory than they ever dreamed of, during a bad night.

When P. Leland finished the committee adjourned for rest, and no action was taken.

DEAL COMPLETE.

Choctaw Northern and Hot Springs Branch Absorbed.

President Francis I. Gowan of the Choctaw railroad has issued a bulletin announcing the transfer of the Choctaw Northern to the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad yesterday. The railroad and other property of the Choctaw Northern railroad company having been purchased and acquired the operation of the same will from and after this date be assumed by the Choctaw company. The respective officers of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railroad will assume jurisdiction over the separate departments of the Choctaw Northern railroad company. On the same date the "Diamond Joe" Hot Springs road, which was bought by the Choctaw sometime ago, will be turned over to the company and used for the Hot Springs service.

This completes the deal for the absorption of the entire Choctaw system by the Rock Island.

FAIR POSTPONED.

Committee Decides to Not Give the Big St. Louis Show Until 1904.

The authority to postpone the St. Louis World's fair until 1904 was practically left in the hands of President D. R. Francis by the directors at the meeting held Thursday. There is now no doubt that the fair will be postponed. The only question remaining to be settled is the matter of making the official announcement to the world and the specific action necessary on the part of congress. This is being arranged by President Francis, Senator Cook-roll and Representative Tawney.

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In the past it has been collected from but a few, while the majority of those who should have paid have been allowed exemption. The money is needed for street improvements, and those who cannot pay in cash have the alternative of "working out" the necessary \$3.00.

The officials expect the majority of the residents to recognize the necessity of the collection and pay voluntarily, but no one will be allowed to escape payment.

The report of the retiring street commissioner shows the following to have paid the tax:

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If any who have paid, have through error been omitted, they should notify Street Commissioner J. J. Spencer at once, otherwise, the collector will call on them.

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