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### LOCAL NOTES.

Creels all up. Plenty of stock water. Bring on that street fair. Miss Laura Cooper went to St. Louis Sunday. W. B. Raines is going to move to his farm this fall. J. A. Merrill has another child sick with typhoid fever. Mrs. Froua Barrett of Chelsea is visiting in the city. C. A. Davidson returned from Cleveland Saturday night. Grace Allen, charged with robbery, was released on bonds. The Golden Rule, the new store, will open in a few days. Mrs. Chas Hunt went to Sapulpa yesterday to visit relatives. Dr. E. B. Frayer and J. O. Hall went to Miami Monday night. L. W. Marks shipped a car load of cattle to Kansas City Tuesday. Mrs. R. I. Blakeney returned Monday from a visit at Galena, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thompson have returned from a visit to Tablequah. John Hamilton is building a neat five room cottage in the west part of town. Bert Owing left Sunday night for Guthrie, O. T., after a week's visit in Vinita. Mrs. H. A. Galloway is here from Stroud, O. T., on a visit to her parents. Watermelons are abundant, large and cheap, and are coming in daily by the wagon load. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barrett left Tuesday for Clinton, Mo., where they will visit for several weeks. August Schlenker went to Muskogee Monday and will go to South McAlester before his return. J. C. Starr returned to Muskogee Monday morning to assume his duties with the Cherokee attorneys. Miss Nellie Fraze, sister of Sam H. Fraze, is visiting in the city. Miss Fraze's home is in St. Louis. Miss Myrtle Webb left Wednes day for St. Louis, where she will study the latest styles of millinery. Mrs. Eugenia Thompson and Mrs. A. B. Shelton returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit at Chelsea. The entire countryside will join with Vinita in making the proposed carnival and street fair a big success. Mrs. Boggs, formerly of Vinita and a niece of J. C. Gray, passed through the city Monday evening on the Erie. Mrs. J. W. Skinner of Adair was in the city Saturday enroute to Carthage to visit her brother-in-law, who is very ill. From all accounts as to the proposed street fair Vinita will be one big merry-go-round from September 16 to 19, inclusive.

F. W. Strout has lost several cows from Texas fever. Frank P. Anderson came over from Monet Tuesday to visit his wife. Miss Alice Patterson went to Monet Tuesday for a few days' visit. A. C. Patterson and little son returned from Chelsea Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Lahnman are both suffering from an attack of fever. Miss Halle Thompson, of this office, made a business trip to Adair yesterday. Mrs. Frank L. Buckhalter and children went to Chelsea yesterday on a visit. Rev. Frank R. Jones, on account of the rain Sunday which was to have been his last Sunday, will remain over next Sunday and possibly the rest of the month. Miss Mattie Watkins, formerly of Willie Haisell college, and Charles Tribble were married Saturday at the home of the bride in Ennis, Texas. They will make their home at Trinidad, Colorado. George Dick, who filled up on fire-water Monday and raised a disturbance on a train on which were Assistant District Attorney Huckleberry and Deputy Gilstrap, was brought in here and when he had sobered up this morning was assessed \$5 and costs. Frank Seykora, a prominent merchant of South Omaha, Neb., who has been looking over the Territory for several weeks returned to Vinita Monday and pronounces this city the most attractive as a business and residence city of any visited. Mr. Seykora will probably locate here.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
Terrell T. Parks—Ella Leighty, Bluejacket.  
Mose Walters—Carrie Fields, Vian.  
John H. Hendricks—Mrs. Amanda Barton, Claremore.  
George Williams—Mrs. Emma Johnson, Wimer.  
Orange F. Sandidge—John Coats, Adair.  
William Roland—Sarah Burgess, Chouteau.

**A Necessary Precaution.**  
Don't neglect a cold. It is worse than unpleasant. It is dangerous. By using One Minute Cough Cure you can cure it at once. Allays inflammation, clears the head, soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane. Cures coughs, croup, throat and lung troubles. Absolutely safe. Acts immediately. Children like it. A. W. Foreman.

**Commissioner's Court.**  
George Snook, a boy about 15 years of age, was bound over Monday afternoon on a charge of assault to kill. The boy, who evidently does not recognize the seriousness of the charge, was as negligent as a hardened criminal. The crime he will have to answer for was committed at a picnic near Ocala some time ago, when he assaulted a man named Bobbert, inflicting several stab wounds.

**His Sight Threatened.**  
"While picking last month my 11-year-old boy was poisoned by some weed or plant," says W. H. Dibble, of Sioux City, Ia. "He rubbed the poison off his hands into his eyes and for a while we were afraid he would lose his sight. Finally a neighbor recommended DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. The first application helped him and in a few days he was as well as ever." For skin diseases, cuts, burns, scalds, wounds, insect bites, DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is sure cure. Relieves piles at once. Beware of counterfeits. A. W. Foreman. dw

**Death of "Buck" Starr.**  
Leroy Starr, generally known as "Buck" Starr, is dead at Stillwell from the effect of a sun stroke. He was 79 years old. He separated from his wife a few years after their marriage and for nearly forty years has lived alone in the hills near Stillwell. His only companions were his fox hounds. He did his own cooking and seldom visited any one.

**Adair Notes.**  
Morgan Skinner is in St. Louis. Cherley Hawkins shipped two car loads of cattle yesterday. Judge Clark was down from Vinita yesterday. Miss Ora Cummings is reported much better. H. L. Turner is seriously ill. J. H. Calvert has purchased the livery stable from J. W. Skinner. F. T. Martin, D. H. C. of M. W. A., is organizing a new lodge at this place. Twenty-five or thirty have already signified their intention to become members. J. F. Warren shipped a car load of hogs the first of the week. At Balentine's This Week. Good Coffee and Tea a specialty. Manley and Kinsella coffee kept in stock; 20, 25 and 35c. per lb. also have other coffee from 10 to 15 cents per lb. Fine Tea. Best pin head Gun Powder, Imperial, basket-fired Japan, Black, and tea dust all kept in stock. Fresh bacon and lard kept in stock at all times. Bacon and lard at from 12 1/2 to 18 cents per pound. Brooms at 10, 20 and 25c. each. Fine toilet soaps on hand. Price 5, 10 and 25 cents per cake. Genuine country sorghum kept constantly in stock. Everything kept in as nice a condition as possible. I am glad at all times to see my friends and want to please them. Thanking you for past favors, &c., I remain  
Yours respectfully,  
Mrs. BALENTINE.

### WAS VERY WINDY

Meeting of the Creek Annexation League at Okmulgee Excuse for Much Talk.

### USUAL COMMITTEES

Were Appointed to Resolve, Dr. Petitions, See the Council, and Finally Die—Probably the last Spasm.

The Creek Annexation league has concluded its session at Okmulgee after considerable wear and tear on the vocal organs of the few spell-binders present. After the noisy ones had concluded the following officers and committees were appointed: President, Orlando Swain, Okmulgee; vice president, W. P. Root, Sapulpa; secretary, W. W. Green, Bristow; treasurer, H. H. Holman, Wetumka. Committees were appointed as follows: Resolutions—E. H. Eaton, Bristow; O. M. Ireland, Sapulpa; J. O. Thomas, Kelleyville; J. A. Williams, Mounds; Wm. Harris, Eufaula; J. C. Stone, Okmulgee; Jas. Kelly, Beggs; O. W. Meachin, Henryetta. Legislation and memorial to the Creek council—H. F. Johnson, Bristow; Harry Campbell, Sapulpa; R. W. Ladin, Okmulgee; C. T. Taylor, Grayson; B. I. Brown, Beggs. Lengthy addresses on single statehood were made by Hon. T. Deryle of Perry, Okla.; L. H. Pittman of Tecumseh, Okla., and H. B. Johnson of Bristow, I. T. The appointment of the executive committee was deferred and left to the president. The committee on memorial reported, and its report was referred to the executive committee. There were a number of Indians and freedmen present, who participated in the convention, which was in every way a success, from the league's standpoint. An effort will be made to have an affirmative action taken by the Creek nation council in October. The resolutions adopted extend an invitation to the other Indian nations to join in the movement; the Creek council for passing the supplemental treaty permitting the leasing of their lands; commends the work of the Dawes commission, and ask an act of congress to close up the Indian question. The memorial sets forth a plan to divide the Creek nation into eight counties, with county seats at Muskogee, Wagoner, Bristow, Wetumka, Okmulgee, Sapulpa, Okema and Beggs. Members of a finance committee will be selected and St. Louis, Kansas City and other wholesale points will be asked to assist in securing the funds to educate the Indians to favorable action on the resolutions. The meeting is accepted by those conversant with the affairs of the Creek nation as the last spasm of the movement.

**Look Pleasant, Please.**  
Photographer C. C. Harlan, of Eaton, O., can do so now, though for years he couldn't because he suffered untold agony from the worst form of indigestion. All physicians and medicines failed to help him till he tried Electric Bitters, which worked such wonders for him that he declares they are a godsend to sufferers from dyspepsia and stomach troubles. Unrivaled for diseases of the stomach, liver and kidneys, they build up and give new life to the whole system. Try them. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Peoples and A. W. Foreman's drug stores. dw

**Rock Creek Notes.**  
The rain of Sunday night gladdened the heart of the farmers. A. O. Harland, of South McAlester, was visiting in this neighborhood Monday. Ellis Webb and family went to Vinita Tuesday to bring the Jubbo prize piano home with them, but concluded later that they did not need it. Dr. Herron and family and Walt Taylor and wife visited with Will Propp and wife Saturday. Mrs. Dr. Seabright and Mrs. Geo. Warren, of Adair, visited Mrs. Propp Tuesday. The rain stopped the haying and most of the men went to Vinita to see the eighth Tuesday. Uncle Joe Harris and wife expect to move to Chelsea soon. The apple crop is very short in this vicinity. Charles Jackson and son, of Arkansas, are visiting the family of Oscar Clark. John Covert has purchased the livery barn at Adair and will move to that town soon. A man from Duck creek has rented the Frazier farm and is plowing for wheat. Frank Higgins visited his sister, Mrs. Frank Hudgett, in Vinita Tuesday. Single harness \$9.50 at Lee Barrett's.

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that a special election by the qualified voters of the incorporated town of Vinita, Indian Territory, has been called by the Mayor and council of said town and will be held in the council room and Mayor's office of said town, on the twenty-fifth day of August 1902, between the hours of 8 a. m. and sunset the same day for the following purpose:

To vote on the proposition of authorizing the issuance of bonds of said Incorporated Town of Vinita in the sum of twelve thousand dollars and to borrow money thereon to be used for the building of schoolhouses; the terms and conditions of said bonds are more particularly set forth in the Resolutions of the Council of the incorporated town of Vinita, adopted on the 21st day of July 1902 and hereby published in length as a part of this notice.

### RESOLUTION.

"Whereas, it is necessary that the Incorporated town of Vinita should arrange for buildings for school purposes; and

Whereas, under the authority of the Act of Congress approved May 19, 1902 incorporated towns having a population of two thousand or more are authorized to issue bonds and borrow money thereon to be used for such purposes; and

Whereas, a census of the Incorporated Town of Vinita has been taken by W. C. Chamberlin, a suitable person duly appointed for that purpose on the 15th day of June 1902 by the Honorable Joseph A. Gill, Judge of the United States court in and for the northern district of the Indian Territory, whose sworn return to said judge shows the number of inhabitants of the Incorporated Town of Vinita to be two thousand, seven hundred and ten; and

Whereas, the total valuation of the taxable property in the incorporated town of Vinita as shown by the assessment for the year 1902 for the purpose of taxation is one million eighty thousand dollars; and

Whereas, Twelve Thousand Dollars will be ample and sufficient for the building of school houses in the incorporated town of Vinita; and

Whereas, the interest on Twelve Thousand Dollars at five per centum per annum could and would be more than liquidated by a tax of five mills upon the dollar of the valuation of taxable property in the incorporated town of Vinita as aforesaid; and

Whereas, the said incorporated town of Vinita is free from any debt obligation or liability of any kind whatsoever;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the incorporated town of Vinita that for the purpose of building school houses within and for the incorporated town of Vinita, the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars should be expended and in order to procure said sum it is necessary that the incorporated town of Vinita issue bonds for that purpose; therefore:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the council of the incorporated town of Vinita, that under and in accordance with the Act of Congress above referred to, the following proposition be submitted to the legal voters of the incorporated town of Vinita to be by them voted upon, on the twenty-fifth day of August 1902: to wit: "That bonds of the incorporated town of Vinita be issued to be used for the purpose of building school houses within and for the use of the inhabitants of the incorporated town of Vinita; said bonds to be issued in the principal sum of twelve thousand dollars in denominations to suit purchaser and to be numbered from one upward, and to be known as the Public School Building Bonds of the incorporated town of Vinita.

The principal sum of said bonds to be paid in twenty years from the date of issue, in lawful money of the United States, and from the date of the issuance to bear interest in like lawful money of the United States, said interest payable semi annually at the rate of one per centum per annum according to the bid which shall be accepted by the council of the incorporated town of Vinita, not to exceed five per centum per annum, and the advertisement for bids for said bonds shall state that bidders are requested to make proposals for, four, four and one-half, and five per cent bonds, preference being given to the offer bearing the lowest rate of interest, and that the premium offered for bonds having a higher rate of interest; said bonds to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Treasurer of said municipality, in their official capacity, and under seal of the town; to have coupons attached thereto for interest accruing upon each bond and each coupon shall be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Treasurer in their official capacity and attached to each bond as to readily permit the removal of said coupons without mutilating the bond.

Said bonds shall be sold by the council of the incorporated town of Vinita by an advertisement for sealed bids at such time and in such manner as the said council may deem to be to the best interest of said town, with the right to reject any and all bids, provided however, that the said council shall not sell or dispose of said bonds or any of them at less than their par value.

That before the indebtedness contemplated by this resolution is incurred provision will be made by the council of the incorporated town of Vinita by ordinance, which shall be irrevocable, for an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as the same falls due, and also provide for the payment and discharge of the principal thereof within twenty years from the date of contracting the same.

That the twenty-fifth day of August 1902 be and the same is designated and set apart as a day upon which the question of issuance of the bonds as heretofore specified shall be voted upon by the qualified voters of the said incorporated town of Vinita.

And Be It Further Resolved, that the notice of said election shall be signed by the Mayor and a recorder of the incorporated town of Vinita specifying the time and place of holding said election and setting forth in full this resolution; said notice to be published in some newspaper of general circulation published in the incorporated town of Vinita for a period of four consecutive weeks prior to said twenty-fifth day of August 1902.

And Be It Further Resolved, that the election shall be held on said day between the hours of 8 a. m. and sunset of the same day at the place designated, and conducted by election officers consisting of judges and clerks appointed by the Judge of the United States court for the northern district of the Indian Territory. The qualified voters of the incorporated town of Vinita shall vote at said election by ballot, upon which said ballot shall be printed the following words: "Shall the incorporated town of Vinita issue bonds and borrow money thereon in the sum of twelve thousand dollars to be used for the building of school houses in said incorporated town?" "Yes" or "No."

The election shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by law and the vote shall be counted, canvassed and returned to the council of the incorporated town of Vinita in the same manner as the votes are counted, canvassed and returned in the general town election.

L. F. PARKER, Jr., Mayor.  
A. F. CHAMBERLIN, Recorder.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the council of the incorporated town of Vinita at their regular meeting held July 21, 1902.

A. F. CHAMBERLIN, Recorder.

Witness my hand and the seal of the incorporated town of Vinita at this office, this 21st day of July 1902.

L. F. PARKER, Jr., Mayor.  
A. F. CHAMBERLIN, Recorder.

**E. N. Ratcliff**  
This signature is on every box of the genuine **Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets** the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

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**SPECIAL NOTICE**  
Before the Honorable Joseph A. Gill, Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Indian Territory.  
In the matter of the annexation of territory in the eastern part of the Territory of Oklahoma to the incorporated town of Vinita.

Notice is hereby given that upon the petition of W. C. Chamberlin, J. Ed. Brookshire, C. F. Jones, C. P. Gilmore, B. F. Frayer, C. F. Howell, M. Frain, A. C. Cox, C. F. Daniels, V. A. Linn, J. C. Stone, J. A. Williams, as agents in this behalf, upon the 21st day of July 1902, the annexation of territory to the incorporated town of Vinita, I, J. A. Gill, Judge of the United States court in and for the northern district of the Indian Territory, whose sworn return to said judge shows the number of inhabitants of the Incorporated Town of Vinita to be two thousand, seven hundred and ten; and

The territory proposed to be annexed is as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of Sec. 24, T. 25 N., R. 22 E., running north on the section line about 100 feet to the center of first avenue, as it appears on the plat of the incorporated town of Vinita; thence west about 100 feet to a point within 200 feet of the center of the main track of the N. K. & T. R. Co.; thence a southerly westerly direction along the boundary line of the incorporated town of Vinita to the section line; thence south on said section line to the place of beginning, containing about six blocks, or about ten acres, more or less.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at Vinita, Indian Territory, this 21st day of July 1902.

J. A. GILL, Agent for Petitioners.

**Kansas City Excursion, August 17th, \$2.00—Round Trip—\$2.00** via **Trade Mark M K & T Ry.**

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