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It is the wisest home-maker who locates in Vinita.

Less than three months ago, if a land office is opened in Vinita

News is news when first told. It ceases to be news ever afterward.

The Cherokee Nation is now out of debt, and will henceforth pay cash.

There is no better investment for a town than a system of public schools.

President Roosevelt is about to earn the cognomen of the sick man of America.

The three trumpets of the Tablighah Herald indicate a bad case of jaundice.

The talk about the election of the next and last principal chief seems to have subsided.

It is quite common to think that the end of the land office deal is a glittering "gold brick."

Vinita bonds will find plenty of buyers. Any statement to the contrary will be investigated.

There are many acres of land in the Cherokee nation that will soon feel the touch of the plow for the first time.

The Osages are trailing the procession, and discounting the traditional steam callopie by their cries for allotment.

Every good citizen must feel a little embarrassment on account of our streets. No town can afford to neglect its streets and alleys.

There is a vast amount of figuring among Cherokee citizens with reference to the amount and character of land to be allotted.

If the railroads centering in this town are wise they will provide a commodious depot here before the rush comes early next year.

If there is anything in a name, some of the wafers who have been christened by the Dawes commission will develop into wonders.

Holden, of the Fort Gibson Post, the distinguished vegetarian, is mad enough about the land office being located at Vinita to return to hog diet.

The opportunities which have been ignored in the past should not deter the Cherokee citizen from grappling all which appear in the future.

Secretary Root in his annual report will advocate the repeal of the anti canteen law. He has anticipated the result by ordering a hatbox-proof armor.

The men with the black prairie land graded so as to give one hundred and sixty acres per capita is abundantly satisfied with the grading of Cherokee lands.

From all accounts the opposition of a few citizens interested in property in the south part of town was a potent factor in causing Vinita to lose the union station.

If the Cherokee nation would supply its legislators with a good quality of horse, probably nine water carriers would not be necessary to cool them off in the morning.

The several nations in the Indian Territory are now engaging in a strenuous effort to bring their affairs to a final adjudication. "Progression" is the word of the day.

The Tahlequah Herald has concluded that a canning factory would be of more benefit to its town than a land office. The Herald is a philosopher to say the least.

The inevitable "Number one" bill, which keeps a bunch of hangers on in pocket money between sessions of council is a good starting point for a general retrenchment.

That frost which pervaded the conference between the president and the representatives of the coal operators, et al., might have been caused by a scarcity of anthracite in the White House cellar.

The Dawes Commission could have made fully as intelligent a grade of the lands of the Cherokee Nation sitting in their offices at Muskogee as has been made by the graders sent out last year.

Some of the territory papers have not as yet awakened to the fact that the land office will be opened here January 1st and are still booming Claremore for the honor. This is a deplorable pitiable.

When the Cherokee is heard softly humming "When the roll is made up yonder," his thoughts are not taking a spiritual turn, but are simply wandering toward the skyward offices of the Dawes Commission at Muskogee.

It is said the fullblood Cherokees have organized and employed Judge John R. Thomas as their attorney for the purpose of enjoining the Dawes Commission from enrolling white intermarried citizens on the final roll of the tribe.

The great necessity of drainage for the town of Vinita was never more apparent than at the present time. When we were a community of a few hundred we could get along without sewers but now the time has arrived when it is imperative.

The development of the Indian Territory will be another move toward the financial emancipation of the west from the east. The rapidly increasing production of wealth in the western states and territories promises a safe degree of independence in the near future.

Claremore is evidently suffering from an enlargement of the spleen. The latest growl is that Vinita is scheming to keep the townsite commission here indefinitely. The exercise of a little reason would probably demonstrate that Vinita's interest is centered in a speedy appointment.

The sentiment of the Cherokee people is crystallizing rapidly in favor of an independent movement looking to the election of the principal chief next summer. The Downing and National parties no longer divide the Cherokee voters on political lines, it is high time to discard them.

"The white man's burden," is now being borne by the intermarried citizens of the Cherokee nation. Some twenty-five hundred or more of them are making pilgrimages to Muskogee to convince the skeptical Dawes Commission that they have continued to be good since enrollment in 1900.

Those "mixed schools" in Blaine county are a warning to the Indian Territory to avoid entering into any alliance of interests with Oklahoma except as a unit. There is enough decent manhood in the Territory to block any such scheme if there is no piecemeal additions which will allow gerrymandering.

Senator Gid Morgan, of Tahlequah, is of the opinion that no man in any way connected with the great freedman deal should be elected chief at the coming election next summer. This idea of Morgan's would, if adopted, exclude about thirty leading Cherokees from holding the highest office in the gift of the Cherokee people.

The indictment and prosecution of a ring of bootleggers in St. Louis, members of the house of delegates, who banded themselves together for the purpose of levying blackmail is a step in the right direction. These men are the duly elected representatives of the people, and were selected by ballot to attend to the public business of the city.

Now that the coal operators have practically completed their game, the strike in the anthracite region will no doubt find a speedy end. This winter the general public will pay millions of dollars in advanced prices, and the omnipotent occupant of the White House will write "How I did it," the third of the "My Almightyness" series.

When the original ramps up against his inevitable finish he usually whimpers a string of regrets. There is no more cowardly class on earth than the criminal element. So-called "bad men" have about the same moral and physical courage as a coyote. When cornered they will fight; at other times they prey only on the defenseless.

The coming session of the Cherokee National council will be a good time for general retrenchment. There are a large number of offices that ought to be abolished and hangers on drawing per diem every session of the council. The representation ought to be reduced one half. One senator and half the number of councilors will be ample representation for the district.

One of the greatest crimes anyone can commit is to rob a child of its school days. Don't keep a boy at home to work a week or two, or a month, after school begins and thus greatly discourage and handicap him when he does begin. If there is anything in the world a man can afford to make a sacrifice for it is the education of his children. They don't need your money. A boy is better off to earn his money, but what he needs is good schooling and training and there is but one time to get it—while he is young—Gainesville Signal.

Bruno Graffunder will buy your second hand stoves and furniture.

The session of the National council which convenes next month will be an important one.

Ten years ago yesterday the Daltons raided Coffeyville and were wiped off the face of the earth.

Ardmore wants a land office. Sidney Eggs, et al, should ask Hold-n, of Fort Gibson, how to get it.

From present indications it is believed there will be a considerable surplus of land after allotment. This land is, of course, the property of the Cherokee citizens and will in due time be allotted to them.

The Chieftain has had difficulty of late in printing enough papers to supply the demand. The people who desire to keep posted know where to look for matters pertaining to the Cherokee nation and the Indian territory.

They say that one Cherokee politician who was in the Wagoner wreck, as his past life swept before him in those few fear-inspiring moments, shoved his pocketbook under the seat through fear that he might pick his own pockets.

If the Commercial club would go out on some of the roads leading them into Vinita, and view the struggling through the mudholes in their efforts to reach town with loads of grain, something would be done to place the roads in better condition.

Thirty-eight cent corn is causing the farmer to get a hustle on himself, and the way corn is beginning to come in indicates something of the cash that will be put into circulation from its sale. A few weeks of dry sunny weather and thousands of bushels will be gathered and marketed.

It is said ex Chief Sam Mayes would like to have the nomination for principal chief again. It certainly requires monumental cheek and effrontery on the part of Mr. Mayes to again ask the Cherokee people to thus honor him. The McConnell report of the \$125,000 steel would be thrust under his nose at every precinct.

The announcement of the opening of the land office January 1st indicated that the Dawes Commission expected the tribal rolls to be finally completed by that date. That such will be the case there is practically no doubt. For some time the commission have been sending in large numbers of names to the department and about the only work yet to be completed is in connection with the names of deceased Cherokees and intermarried whites. This work is fully expected to be completed in ample time to allow the land office to be opened at the date set. The opening of the land office will be the formal beginning of the end.

ORDER OUT OF CHAOS.
The work of the Dawes Commission, long drawn-out and stupendously unwieldy is gradually drawing to a close. Two years hence will probably see it disbanded and the Indian offices closed in the Indian territory. For nine years this commission has been at work unraveling the tangled skein of tribal affairs in the Indian Territory. Abused for its tardiness and praised for the faintest sign of life and activity, it has drawn from the shapeless mass of complexity that which now begins to take the shape of order and the conception of a well defined plan from the first. The business of the five tribes had run along at loose ends for a century—from long before the migration to the western wilds. Chaotic conditions reigned, and the government was powerless under the treaties to remedy the growing problem until in sheer desperation congress actually ignored the treaties and took the bull by the horns and set to work about a settlement. There have been many misgivings and doubts as to ultimate outcome. Congress has time and again expressed impatience and threatened to abolish the Dawes Commission. The commission and its work has become a synonym for slow movement, and the Interior department has urged the work forward, and the working force has been augmented from year to year until at the present time there is an army of employees at work in the different departments. As the image can be discerned in the block of marble untouched by the chisel in the mind of the sculptor, so has the mind of the commission seen the end from the beginning and is gradually bringing order out of chaos. When the work is finished it will go down as one of the great achievements of American history. It is but one of the great forces of twentieth century civilization hammering with relentless and unabating energy at whatever stands in its way.

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Supposed Outlaws Fired into a Rock Island Train Near Chickasha.

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No one was hit by the missiles and the engineer increasing the speed of the train soon had it out of danger. It is thought that the gang arrived on the scene of the hold up, too late to set their signals.

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FLYER WRECKED!

Left Tracks and Collided With Freight Near Wagoner Monday Afternoon.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Of the Passengers and Crew from Death. Express Car Impaled on Broken Rail and Engine Demolished. No One Seriously Injured.

While running at a high speed near Wagoner Monday afternoon the north bound Katy flyer left the tracks, and the heavy engine, with the postal, baggage and express cars swirling and rumbling behind it, plowed its way through ditches and side tracks and collided with a freight engine on a siding seventy-five yards away. The ponderous machine after tearing away the pilot of the freight engine tumbled over a complete wreck.

Piled behind it in a mass of twisted iron and splintered timbers were the cars, from which the crews had made a miraculous escape. Except a few slight cuts from broken glass, and numerous bruises, all the passengers and crew escaped without injury.

The accident occurred about one fourth of a mile south of Wagoner. Just as Engineer Hotchkiss gripped his throttle to check the speed of the flying engine, it struck a switch and leaping clear of the tracks rushed toward a siding occupied by a freight train. With the great machine reeling as it leaped a ditch and with the cries of the terrified passengers rising above the din of the crashing timbers, Hotchkiss with splendid nerve clung to the throttle and set the brakes.

A moment later it crashed into the freight and careening from the impact toppled over. Both Hotchkiss and his fireman escaped with slight injuries. Scattered behind the wrecked engine were the postal, baggage and express cars which had been torn from their trucks. Projecting through the roof of the express car was a section of a broken rail, which had torn through the bottom of the car just as the crew jumped.

In the passenger coaches panic reigned. The cries of women and the crashing of glass as men hurried themselves through the windows in desperate efforts to escape carried terror to the stoutest hearts. The smoking car was the scene of the greatest excitement. As a cloud of steam from the broken pipes of the engine enveloped the car, there was a mad rush for the windows and a crowd of men were soon struggling to escape. A number were badly bruised and cut, yet all escaped without serious injuries.

It was one of the most spectacular wrecks which ever occurred on the road and how it failed to result in a long list of fatalities is simply miraculous.

Among the Vinitians on the train were: Mrs. Weir, Chief Buntington, Dr. T. T. Wimer, Rm. Couch, John Parks, Ab. Roach and Hoolie Bell. Dr. Wimer was the only one of the three injured sustaining a badly wrenched leg.

A new train was made up at Wagoner which arrived here shortly after midnight. It is said the Cherokee council will look into the matter and try to find out who represented the Nation in the collection of the four million dollars due from the government. Halseell and Turner were duly empowered to collect it but Robert L. Owen and Dave Muskrat seem to have usurped the job.

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KATY TO BUILD

Separate Depot As Result of Failure to Reach Agreement on Union Station.

WILL BE ERECTED

Opposite the Cobb Hotel and is to Cost \$5,000—General Disappointment at the Decision—Prospects of Clash With City Authorities.

All hope that Vinita would be given a union station has practically been dissipated by a notice issued by vice-President Allen to the effect that the M. K. & T. would erect a separate station. The notice states that the successor of the present shack will cost approximately \$5,000, which indicates that a frame structure is proposed.

Mr. Allen has intimated that the new building will be erected opposite the Cobb hotel, which location is within the fire limits and it is very doubtful if the city authorities will consent to the erection of a frame building.

Mayor Parker called upon Mr. Allen about ten days ago and was informed by him that the superintendent and other Katy officials who had visited Vinita had left there with the impression, given out by certain citizens, that Vinita was not in favor of a joint station. Mr. Parker denied that this was true, and informed Mr. Allen that the company could not justify its failure to go on a joint station on any such grounds, as he was prepared to demonstrate.

Mr. Hammond, assistant manager of the road, was called in and admitted that the company had about concluded to construct a frame depot opposite the Cobb hotel, and the controlling reasons for not going into joint station were the danger from blocking crossings and the increased cost which it would require. However, at the solicitation of Mr. Parker, he promised to hold another conference with the Frisco officials to reconsider the question. Apparently, nothing resulted from this latter conference, and

the question now is whether the railroad company, on account of the town's pressing necessities, will be permitted to construct a \$5,000 frame building at Vinita, within the fire limits, while they are preparing to erect a \$40,000 one of brick and stone at South McAlester.

THUS DID HE WIN.

In Up-to-Date Romance of the Football Field That Comes Out All Right.

This is a tale, vouched for by more than one person, although for obvious reasons the names of the hero, the heroine and the grim and hard-bested, rich old papa have been necessarily left out, says the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. A certain prominent member of a Frankfort athletic association, along with other young men of the town, was enamored of the lovely daughter of one of Frankfort's wealthy business men.

Now, this young man is not particularly burdened with this world's goods, and among the other suitors were men of considerably more wealth. Yet the young woman, with the perversity of her sex, favored him more than the rest. Perhaps it was his winning ways or his manly, athletic proportions. At any rate, she gave him to understand that, so far as she was concerned, riches would not stand in the way of their union. Now, the parent is an enthusiast of the game. He knew the young man, was aware that he was a football player of no mean stripe, and when he asked for his daughter's hand, intimating delicately that it was for love alone he sought her, the old gentleman listened patiently to his story. Then, much to the suitors' surprise, he answered him thus: "Go and score a couple of goals for our team; then come and see me again."

Highly elated, the young player bided his time. At last came the golden opportunity. One Saturday afternoon several weeks ago his team was up against a powerful rival. Conspicuous among his fellow players was the young man. He was a tower of strength to his team, and before the game was over, in a blaze of glory, amid the plaudits of his friends, who were little aware of the stake for which he was really playing, he kicked the ends for two touchdowns, kicking a goal. He could hardly wait to doff his uniform before he was at the home of his desired one. Somewhat in gaining an interview without delay, he right speedily did make the father acquainted with the result of the game, not forgetting to remind him of his promise.

"And now," said the father, "tell me in what respect you differ from your rivals in seeking my daughter's hand?" "That is easily explained," said the football player, without a moment's hesitation. "They loved for gold while I goaled for love." So pleased was the magnate with the young man's ready answer and his earnestness that he gave his consent then and there. "Thus did the football player, by his wit and good playing, win his bride and incidentally a fortune of about \$50,000 or so.

REPORT ON SITE

For the New Jail to Be Made By Special Agent of Department.

PROPERTY OWNERS

Object to the Sewer Proposed in Connection With the Location First Selected—A Decision Will Probably Be Reached Within Few Weeks.

Special Agent R. J. W. Brewster of the Department of Justice was here yesterday investigating the opposition which has been encountered in connection with the proposed erection of the new federal jail on the McClelland property.

Property owners have entered their objections to the proposed sewer traversing their land, and others to the pollution of the waters of Bull creek. Ose Frott, one of the largest property owners affected, however, has given permission to build the sewer across his land.

The strongest opposition has come from L. B. Bell, who objects to the jail being drained into Bull creek.

Through the illness of his wife, Mr. LaDow, who first investigated the conditions here, was prevented from coming to report on the present opposition and Mr. Brewster will take up his work. Owing to the absence of number of the court and jail officials, who are at Tahlequah, Mr. Brewster will postpone any action until their return.

Mr. Brewster left for Ardmore yesterday, but expects to return within ten days, when the matter will be taken up.

It is thought that an amicable adjustment can be reached, and that the erection of the building will commence in the near future.

Spent More than \$1,000. W. W. Baker of Plainville, Neb., writes: "My wife suffered from lung trouble for fifteen years. She tried a number of doctors and spent over \$1,000 without relief. She became very low and lost all hope. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and thanks to this great remedy, it saved her life. She enjoys better health than she has known in ten years." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Peoples' drug store. dw



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