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ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Dawes Commission Made Public by Secretary of the Interior.

TRIBAL PROBLEMS

Nearing Their Final Solution and the Five Civilized Tribes Are On the Threshold of Great Prosperity.

The annual report of the Dawes Commission, reviewing the work of the commission in adjudicating the affairs of the several tribes, has been published by the Secretary of the Interior.

The report summarizes the work of the commission for the fiscal year as follows:

The fiscal year just closed has been the most noteworthy since the commission entered upon its duties. The bitter anti allotment sentiment has largely yielded to the influence of reason and time, and the Five Civilized Tribes are now fairly upon the threshold of a new era.

The enactment of legislation and the confirmation of agreements has enabled the commission to make marked progress in remedying the objectionable political and social conditions which prevailed in Indian Territory for many years.

While more or less irritation is yet noticeable in some quarters, yet matters generally are rapidly assuming the desired status. On the part of the commission practical working machinery has been designed and put in motion.

WRIGHT'S DUTIES

Will Be Temporarily Assumed By J. W. Zevely.

J. W. Zevely has been ordered by the Secretary of the Interior to assume the duties of chief Indian Inspector in the Indian Territory, pending the recovery of J. George Wright, who is ill at his home in Chicago.

Mr. Wright's condition is such that even under the most favorable circumstances he will not be able to resume his duties for several months. The important matters which are now coming before his office, prompted the secretary in ordering Mr. Zevely, who is thoroughly conversant with Indian affairs to Muskogee at once.

RESENT REPORT.

Tuskahoma Girls Say They Are Ticked to Death With Their Food.

The fearful report sent out from Tuskahoma, sometime ago, to the effect that the young ladies of the Female Institute were being slowly, but surely, starved to death has been spiritedly denied by the supposed martyrs themselves.

In an open letter they state that the reports to the effect that they were fed entirely on corn bread and treacle were maliciously untrue, and that they are simply "ticked to death" at their treatment.

"The Golden State Limited"

Is the Name of the New Rock Island System Train to California Via Kansas City and El Paso, Tex.

Recently the Rock Island system offered a \$100 cash prize for the most appropriate name for their new limited train to California, via Kansas, via Kansas City and El Paso, Tex. There were thousands of names presented from all parts of the United States.

The name decided upon was "The Golden State Limited," submitted by T. H. Davis of the New York Central lines, Denver, Colorado.

Poley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right. Sold by Peoples' drug store.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Many Ministers and Delegates in Attendance.

The fifty-eighth annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, of the Indian and Oklahoma Territories convened at Muskogee Wednesday, Oct. 22, with Bishop Hoos, of Dallas, presiding.

This was the largest conference ever held in this district and is indicative of the tremendous growth of the Methodist church since this conference was founded in 1844, the year of the division of the Methodist Episcopal church.

It is interesting to note that the first conference convened Wednesday, October 23, 1844, and the one next to convene will be Wednesday, October 23, fifty-nine years later. The conference was founded at Riley's chapel at Park Hill near Tahlequah.

At that time the work was almost entirely missionary work among the Indians and there were only two or three pastoral charges in the entire conference which, then as now, embraced the two territories. Twenty-two years ago there were 3,500 members and twenty-five ministers. There were twelve or fourteen churches and only one parsonage located at Okmulgee.

There was not an educational institution in the territory under the supervision of the church. Now there are four educational institutions, 130 parsonages, 180 pastoral charges, 145 ministers and 250 church buildings. Last year there was expended for general church work in this conference, \$95,000, all of which was collected in the conference. The educational institutions, as properties, are worth \$200,000.

At the opening session over 250 delegates were in attendance, which number was later swelled to more than 300.

Rev. M. L. Butler, of Muskogee, who has served as secretary of the conference since 1888, was re-elected and chose as his assistants Revs. J. M. Porter, W. S. Lee and N. E. Ainsworth, and as statistical secretaries Revs. W. F. Dunkle, Z. B. Whitehurst and L. M. Broyles.

The following committees were designated and appointed: Religious worship—Revs. A. M. Ainsworth, M. L. Butler and T. F. B. Reynolds.

On Bibles and Periodicals—J. C. Pickens, G. H. Ray, J. A. Parks, H. W. Bowman, R. A. Crosby, S. M. Jones.

On District Conference Records—R. F. Gessoway, S. C. Carshall, J. E. Lovett, J. B. Mitchell, A. J. Trickey, C. F. Mitchell.

On Conference Relations—C. F. Roberts, L. W. Cobb, J. D. Edwards, W. A. Brewer, C. W. Mayatt, J. M. Woodward.

On Spiritual State of the Church—T. P. Howell, J. F. Sherwood, G. W. Damon, W. R. Waters, A. L. Woodfill, T. M. Jackson, J. S. Adair, A. S. Williams, E. M. Myers.

On Bible Cause—W. D. Watkins, M. D. Hill, A. L. Boyd, T. O. Shank, J. M. Russell, T. C. Mayberry.

On Temperance—Z. B. Whitehurst, J. F. Thompson, J. W. Head, J. D. Blackwell, A. H. Homer, B. C. Clark, F. E. Shanks, D. F. Roberts.

On Admission to Conference—J. C. Fowler, U. V. Wyatt, J. B. McDonold, Moss Weaver, J. S. Lamar, W. H. McKinney, W. H. Pipkin.

EXPENSIVE GAMING.

Heavy Fines Paid By Muskogee Gamblers.

Fines approximating \$700 were paid by Muskogee gamblers, Saturday, as the result of a raid on their game by the authorities of the Western district. A week previous a raid was made on a gambling house and a select bunch of tin horns corralled.

In Commissioner Leekley's court Saturday, the parties who owned and were running the house were fined \$200 each and some of the hangers-on were given small fines of \$10 and costs. Tom McDaniel and Albert Gardner were fined \$100 and costs and six others were fined \$10 and costs.

In assessing the fines, Commissioner Leekley took into consideration the fact that the parties before him promised to close their places of business and to keep them closed and the house that has been rented for a gambling purpose again.

"Watch the Kidneys." "When they are affected, life is in danger," says Dr. Abernathy, the great English physician. Poley's Kidney Cure makes sound kidneys. Sold by Peoples' drug store.

DELAWARE CASE

Will Be Argued Before the Court of Claims Tomorrow.

WILL BE APPEALED

From Whatever Decision is Rendered By Court of Claims and Will Be Advanced On Docket of Supreme Court.

The presentation of the argument of the Cherokee Nation in the Delaware case will be made by attorney W. T. Hutchings before the court of claims tomorrow.

This is a suit in which the Delaware claim, under their agreement at the time of their adoption, a per capita allotment of 160 acres of land above their pro rata share as Cherokee citizens.

This important case will be appealed from whatever decision is rendered by the court of claims, and will be advanced on the docket of the supreme court for final decision under the following section of the treaty:

"Sec. 23. All Delaware Indians who are members of the Cherokee Nation shall take lands and share in the funds of the tribe, as their rights may be determined by the judgment of the Court of Claims, or by the Supreme Court if appealed in the suit instituted there in by the Delaware against the Cherokee Nation, and now pending; but if said suit be not determined before said commission is ready to begin the allotment of lands of the tribe as herein provided, the commission shall cause to be segregated one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred acres of land, including lands which have been selected and occupied by Delaware in conformity to the provisions of their agreement with the Cherokee dated April eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, such lands so to remain, subject to disposition according to such judgment as may be rendered in said case; and said commission shall thereupon proceed to the allotment of the remaining lands of the tribe as aforesaid. Said commission shall, when final judgment is rendered, allot lands to such Delaware in conformity to the terms of the judgment and their individual rights thereunder. Nothing in this act shall in any manner impair the rights of either party to said contract as the same may be finally determined by the court, or shall interfere with the holdings of the Delaware under their contract with the Cherokee of April eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, until their rights under said contract are determined by the courts in their suit now pending against the Cherokee, said suit shall be advanced on the docket of said courts and be determined the earliest time practicable."

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EL BERTA, TEXAS.

A New Town in the Great Fruit and Vegetable Belt of East Texas.

Towns do not grow. They are built. That is why the Missouri Trust Co. and a syndicate of business men are building the town of El Berta. Low rate of drawing. For complete literature contact James Barker, Gen'l Pass. and Tkt. Agent, M. K. & T. Ry., 518 Waterwright Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

He Was a Politician. One day a turtle leaped out of the water and landed on the bank of a stream. The turtle was known as a good mixer, being equally at home in the dry and in the wet. He also had a record with the sports boys on account of a certain affair with a hare, wherein he had won out. So he had lots of friends who were anxious to see if he could get there. When the day came all the fish assembled at the place while the frogs sat on the bank and croaked. The turtle stood on the shore and watched the assembling of the multitude, which at last filled the stream. Then he approached the water and calmly walked across on the heads of the suckers, side-stepping occasionally to get his foot on a lobster. Moral: This is the way it is in politics.—Auntie's American.

The German Twist of It. Legal terms are often confusing to those outside the profession but the following which occurred in the probate court at Elberta, Ohio, N. F. Johnson's will, tells of an exceptional mix-up in which ignorance of the law was combined with English spoken with a Weber and Fields pronunciation.

One day a German woman came in to court and announced excitedly: "Judge, my husband has just died. He left me and three young children, and I want an executioner appointed."

"The judge was too staggered to reply immediately. The woman fearing some mistake, added: "Ain't this the right place?" Ain't you the judge of reproaches?"

Picture framed at Bruno Graffinger's.

Out of Death's Jaws. "When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble, that I had sufficed with for years," writes F. M. Kuse, Durham, N. C. "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 25c at Peoples' and A. W. Foreman's drug stores.

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REDUCED RATES

On Railroads Taken Advantage of By Throngs of Homeseekers.

PASSENGER SERVICE

On Both the Katy and Frisco Are Taxed by the Tremendous Tide of Travel Toward the Great Southwest.

As a result of the colossal rates established by all railroads leading into the Southwest, an army of homeseekers is entering this and contiguous territory every day, and the passenger service on all the roads is being taxed to handle the tremendous tide of travel.

The action of the railroads in giving reduced rates has proven to be one of the most potent factors in exploiting the resources of the Southwest. The first excursion on the Katy brought over 1000 homeseekers this way, 400 of whom, it is estimated, had tickets for points in Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

The majority of the excursionists came from Illinois, Iowa, Ohio and Indiana, and are of the thrifty farmer class of the middle west. One section of the train carried over 600 passengers ticketed for points in Texas.

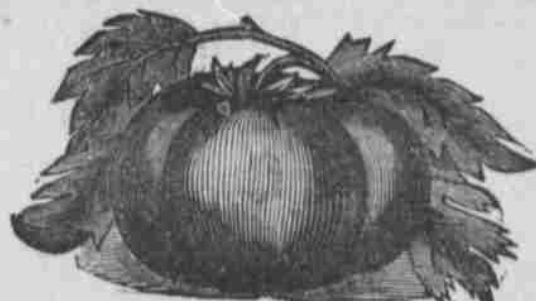
The idea of making the colossal rates originated with Col. S. F. B. More, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at Houston, Texas.

The colonization of the Southwest has always been a pet hobby with Mr. More, and he has succeeded in interesting the other roads penetrating this section.

Thousands of industrial agents are now being employed by the different lines in inducing immigration this way.

Territory Postmasters

The following appointments of Indian Territory postmasters have been announced: In the Choctaw nation—Francis A. McAleer, Bokchitto; Charles J. Lane, McAlester; G. W. Choate, Choate. In the Cherokee nation—Richard Beck, Flint. In the Chickasaw nation—Jesse S. Freeman, Daughtery; Annie Stephenson, Hunton; James K. Davanay, Okra, and Lewis G. Nichols, Tishomingo. Among the Creeks—John J. Darnell, Inola.



CANNING FACTORIES PAY.

The canning season just closing has been one of the most successful in the history of the business in the Southwest. If Vinita had landed a canning factory last spring, a proposition considered at one time by the Commercial club, it would have paid for itself this year. From a Virginia exchange we quote the following: "PROFIT IN TOMATO CANNING." "The tomato canners of Botetourt

county—and their name is legion—are about closing one of their most successful seasons. There are about 125 plants in operation in the county and they will average an output of 3,000 cases, with a net profit of at least 50 cents per case. In many instances, when the packer raises his own tomatoes, the profit is much more than this. This shows up a profit to the canners of something like \$200,000 for this year."

BOOMING TERRITORY.

Rock Island Railroad Offers Big Cash Prize for Best Article on Territory.

The Rock Island system, in following up its recently announced policy of booming the Indian Territory and encouraging emigration to this country, has offered \$375 in cash and transportation to parties living in the territory who will write them a letter describing the conditions as they exist here and the prosperity of the people.

Letters should deal with the writer's experiences since he settled in the territory. They should tell how much money he brought with him, what he did when he first came and what measure of success has since rewarded his efforts.

Letters should not be less than 300 nor more than 1,000 words in length, and will be used for the purpose of advertising the southwest.

This liberal proposition should be taken advantage of. The railroads have determined to build up the territory, and they should be given the encouragement they deserve.

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MANY COMPLICATIONS

Threatened Through Carelessness of Property Owners in Filing on Lots.

Serious complications in obtaining title to town lots are threatened, through the carelessness of property owners in filing on wrong lots. Three have already filed on one lot on the East side, and the members of the townsite commission think that in this as in many other instances it has been through ignorance of their lot numbers.

There is a map in the commission's offices which can be consulted and such mistakes avoided. In some instances where more than one party has filed on the same lot it has been done intentionally, with a view to a contest.

In the matter of filing, the commission urges all lot holders to make sure of their numbers before filing their applications as it will save many delays and much annoyance in obtaining title.

General Rucker's Wife.

Several days ago a short sketch of General Daniel H. Rucker, the oldest officer in point of service in the United States army, was published in the Chieftain and mention was made that he had married, during his frontier service, a Cherokee girl. Dr. Emmet Starr has written that the young lady in question was Miss Flora Coady, who was married to General Rucker at Clark's Spring plantation near Fort Gibson, February 20, 1839. Miss Coady was the niece of Chief John Ross and sister of William Sherry Coady, who at the age of thirty-three framed the constitution of the Cherokee nation.

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SLUMP IN CORN.

Prices Take a Tumble and the End is Not in Sight.

The local corn market this morning showed a decided downward tendency that threatens to develop into a continued slump. The first quotations ranged from 32 to 30 cents, which prices are expected to drop several points by Monday.

The buyers think that the first of next week a downward movement will set in, and probably rest around 25c. Large quantities of the cereal are being unloaded on the market and the sharp demand has abated somewhat, effecting a decline from strictly natural causes.

DAWES INTERESTED.

Aged Ex-Senator Says Territory Will Soon Be a State.

The twentieth annual Lake Mohonk Indian conference is in session at Lake Mohonk, New York.

Reports on the work of the Indian service and the progressive steps taken by the five civilized tribes toward the dissolution of tribal forms of government were read and discussed.

An interesting feature of the opening session was the reading of a letter from the venerable Henry L. Dawes, of Massachusetts, showing that he is still very much interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the Indian.

In his letter, Mr. Dawes gave it as his opinion that Indian Territory would soon enjoy the benefits of a state government.

Country honey at Belmont's.