

Many Efforts Made in Past to Make Indian Territory a State

Redmen Opposed Every Effort Because of One Sought to Protect Interests.

MANY GREAT ABORIGINES

Col. Adair's Address in Congress One of Most Memorable Made for Indians.

TULSA, Nov. 8.—During the 70s a great deal of effort was made in congress to pass bills providing for the erection of a territorial government in Indian Territory. Inasmuch as the interests of the Indians received no special consideration in many of these bills there was great opposition to them by the Indians as well as by their friends, inside and outside of congress.

The nations of the five civilized tribes, in selecting their delegates to Washington, invariably selected their most able and well qualified men. The Cherokee delegates, in particular, were noted for their ability. A delegation sent to the seat of government some 45 years ago was particularly strong one. A prominent member of this delegation was Col. William P. Adair, at the time assistant chief of the na-

tion. One of the most able arguments made at the national capital was that delivered on the 31st day of January, 1876, by Colonel Adair. In relation to the expediency and legality of organizing the Indian Territory into a territory of the United States, to be called the Territory of Oklahoma, the argument being made before the committee on territories of the house of representatives of the United States. Colonel Adair was noted for his oratorical ability, and the closing paragraphs of his lengthy argument are given below.

Indians a Proud People.

"They (the Indians) are a proud and spirited people, and human nature, ever true to itself, has done as much for them in that regard as for any other people on earth. Experience has proved that they cannot be made slaves as the African. They would rather die. Although their history, written as it were in their own blood, shows that in the last 200 years over 2,000,000 of their race has been swept out of existence, leaving behind them but the remnant of barely 300,000 souls, still the fire of patriotism and of pride and liberty burns as brightly today in their bosoms as it did in those of their ancestors when Columbus discovered America. Their natural instincts in that particular are not inferior to those of your more enlightened race, and certainly if they are true to themselves they cannot readily injure anyone else. They love

their country and their homes, and they are proud of their race, and why should they not be? The same God that created the white man also created the Indians, and while providence, in a physical point of view, seems to have ordained a difference of accountability of the races here, the Indians believe there will be no difference in the great hereafter; and that, though it may be true that they, like the balance of the earth, may be doomed to die, yet they prefer to die a natural death and do not wish to go before their time. Should they be despised for having those virtues that all honest people have approved and that have characterized the greatest men and nations that ever lived? I know and have felt its force, that there are a few misguided and misinformed people who regard the Indian as an inferior race by nature. But we thank God for the hope that your government and the great masses of your people are our friends. Your great government, whose proudest boast is that it is a friend to the weak, cannot afford to sacrifice the human race and its impartial posterity. An impartial posterity responsible for its sacred trust that God has placed in its care for the Indians, who hold your bonds for protection, and whose history, although written by their enemies, tells a story in which there is much to awaken the sympathy and excite the admiration of an impartial world.

Many Notable Redmen.

"Your race has had its great names and its great heroes, the memory of whom you justly cherish and reverence. The Indians are no less true to the whites to the emotions of human nature. They also

have had their renowned characters whose greatness they love and whose genius, patriotism and fidelity they admire with a feeling of native pride, which inspires them with the proud spirit of honor. Why should they not be proud of King Philip of Pokanoket, the Scipio Africanus of his tribe, of Tecumseh, who fought for his country and died like the great Leonidas in battle and fell in glory with his face to the foe; of Pontiac, whose military skill and genius, and fate, were not unlike those of the first Napoleon; of Cassin, who could only be captured by a superior force under a white flag; of Billy Bowlegs, who whipped the government in the everglades of Florida for six years and proved to be worth \$50,000,000 to your government, and who was able to boast that he outgeneralized General Scott and Taylor and many other of your ablest generals; of Weatherford, who with greatly inferior force whipped General Jackson in several pitched battles, and with only his war clubs and tomahawks sealed the walls and captured the forts of artillery of Jackson, and who, after a public reward for his head, gave himself up to die for his people and was spared for his valor, and who, General Jackson declared when he was president in this city, in the general he had ever fought, Pakenham not excepted.

"Have not the descendants of such people as these a claim on common humanity for existence? In the name of common justice, let me plead for your people. Gather them together under their own vine and fig trees, in homes of their own in the Indian country. Keep your good faith with them. Educate them up to the standard of your own

people. Give them their own choice as to any change of their governments, and the day will come when they may have the honor of adding one more bright star to the flag of your great nation."

Pioneer Judge Passes.

COUNCIL GROVE, Kan., Nov. 8.—After practicing law for nearly 50 years in Kansas, Judge Malcolm B. Nicholson, one of the most widely known jurists in the state, died at his home here on November 1. The judge was one of the last of the "old guard" of lawyer-politicians prominent both in their profession and in affairs of state in the '70s and '80s.

FARMERS URGED TO PUT JERSEYS ON THEIR FARM

Farmers and dairymen from all over Tulsa county and eastern Oklahoma will come to Tulsa tomorrow to attend the first annual sale of the White City Jersey Farm, owned by Glenn T. Braden, president of the Oklahoma Natural Gas company. This farm is located south and east of Kendall college, and is one of the finest developed agricultural places of Tulsa county. Seventy or more heads of Jerseys, all native to Tulsa county, will be sold and according

to H. C. Stebbins, the manager, this will be the means of inducing many farmers to place Jerseys on their farms. Heretofore the Holstein-Friesian breeders have been in the majority in this county but the Jerseys are crowding the black and white cow hard.


To Discuss Campaign.

The dedicatory fund of the Young Women's Christian association will be discussed by representatives of the civic, social and young women's clubs of Tulsa at supper on Tuesday evening in the gym of the association, building, Fifth and Chiyenne. The hour is 6:30 p. m.

WOMAN HIT BY TRUCK IS AWARDED \$4,000 DAMAGES

Verdict for \$4,000 was awarded Beta M. Riley against Fred J. Meyers and Tony A. Eaton, doing business as the Nichols Transfer company, by the jury in superior court Saturday. The plaintiff brought action against the defendants for damages as the result of an accident at Second and Main streets, December 6, 1918, in which she was injured when struck by an automobile driven by an agent of the defendants. Damages of \$25,000 were asked in the petition.

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