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TAKE UP STATEHOOD BILL JANUARY 4

Action on the Hamilton Measure to Be Taken Immediately After Adjournment.

PROSPECTS OF PASSAGE GOOD.

Senator Beveridge, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories, is Making Every Effort to Secure Adoption of Bill at This Session.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The statehood bill will remain in statu quo until January 4th when congress reassembles.

The situation in regard to the bill appears to be about as follows: Senator Beveridge, at the wish of the president, has taken up the work which Senator Quay left unfinished at his death and it remains to be seen whether the young senator from Indiana will be able to induce the senate to do what Mr. Quay, with all his years of experience and his influence with his colleagues in that body, was unable to accomplish in a longer time than Senator Beveridge has before him. He has, however, started in with the determination to fight for the passage of the bill as amended by his committee until the present congress expires.

Senator Bard has given notice that he will fight for an amendment to the bill confirming it to the formation of one state by the union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory.

Senator Bate, of Tennessee, has made a motion to have the senate read the bill back to the committee for the hearing of further testimony in opposition to it, which he expects to receive any day now. No action will be taken on this motion until after the hearing.

Senator Beveridge moves to begin consideration of the measure by the senate. Mr. Beveridge knows what he has before him; he is not, of course, admit the possibility of a defeat. He knows that nearly every eastern senator is opposed to the bill, as it now stands, and that also there are quite a number of western senators who will not support the measure in its present form. It is asserted by those who oppose the amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic in the Indian Territory for ten years that such prohibition will be necessary, as the new state, when formed, can do away with such prohibition within a year or six

months. Several members of the house are known to entertain the same views.

There seems to be a growing feeling that should it become evident that the statehood bill will fall of passage, at this session of congress, the Indian Territory should be given a delegate to look after the interests of her people and present them to congress, as is done in the case of our other territories.

Representative Stephens, of Texas, has submitted a resolution to the house directing the secretary of the interior to produce any information that he may have as to whether or not any member of the Dawes commission, or any clerk or employee in the Indian service in the Indian Territory, who are required to swear that they have no financial interest in any person or corporation dealing in Indian lands, as required by the act of April last, have refused to make such oath and have not drawn their salary because of such refusal, and the name or names of any such officer or employee failing to draw their salaries under this law, and whether or not he has any knowledge of or is in any way advised that any such officer or employee, has been or is now guilty of dealing in Indian lands through corporations or otherwise.

WANTS PART OF THE KATY LINE

Wabash Railroad is After the Hannibal and Moberly Division.

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 24.—There is a well-defined rumor in railroad circles here to the effect that negotiations are pending, through which the management of the Wabash is seeking to acquire that portion of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas road, between Hannibal and Moberly, which is seventy miles in length. The Wabash now has trackage rights over the road covered in a lease, through which its freight and passenger traffic out of Kansas City east is moved. Through passenger trains use the line to St. Louis, Kansas City, and Detroit, Buffalo and Boston. The purchase of the line would give the Wabash a direct route from Kansas City east. The physical condition of the road is not the best possible, as it is full of sharp curves and heavy grades. The Wabash will equip its line between Hannibal and Buffalo, Ill., for heavier and faster traffic, as over this line its through business will pass. Curves will be eliminated, the grades reduced and heavier steel laid. The action of the Wabash in dividing its middle division is said to have been due to the important changes contemplated through the purchase of the Hannibal-Moberly line of the Katy.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

WRITTEN FOR THE NEWS BY D. B. B.

The Christmas bells ring out their glad refrain;
The Christ who died for us is born again!
The faith, the hope, the charity His dear words taught,
Live in our hearts today. 'Twas not for naught
He came to save his sisters, brothers—all!
And we, who oft' times err, today recall
The vastness of that love, the charity
His justness grants even to the Pharisee,
Who says: "Let me first go and do a goodly act,"
And leaves his brother with his woe intact.
Let us this day of days a lesson gain—
From Him who died for us in grief and pain,
And as we pass a-down life's little road,
Seek less the larger things, but ease the load
That bows a-brook our human heart,
In home, in church, or in the busy mart,
"Do good towards man," the ringing bells all say;
"Do good towards man," 't is the Christmas Day!"

ANOTHER PORT ARTHUR FORT HAS FALLEN

Important Ridge on Riplung Mountain Is Carried by Japanese Army.

THE RUSSIANS WERE REPULSED.

Prisoners Taken Report the Death of Generals Kondratenko and Iram and Wounding of General Fock at the Battle of 203-Meter Hill.

Special to The News.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces at Port Arthur have captured a ridge on Riplung mountain and successfully repulsed the efforts of the Russians to retake the position. The prisoners taken report the death of Generals Kondratenko and Iram and the wounding of General Fock at the capture of 203-Meter Hill. The Japanese gunners now have the range of the Russian battleship Sevastopol and expect to soon send the ship to the bottom.

London, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that in the event of Admiral Kamimura (who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers) notifying it of the approach of the second Russian Pacific squadron the whole Japanese fleet which has been operating at Port Arthur would be ready to

proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times' correspondent at Peking reports that the Chinese have seized at the Fengtai station, near Peking, three million rounds of Russian rifle ammunition consigned to a Russian firm at Tientsin and evidently destined for Port Arthur. The ammunition was concealed in boxes of wool brought from Kalgan on camels.

General Oku's Headquarters, Dec. 23.—Russians along the front of General Oku's army during the night of December 20 made a determined attack on Lamuting but were driven back with heavy losses. The Japanese sustained no casualties. Dismounted Russian cavalry attacked Japanese cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of December 20-21 but were repulsed with heavy losses. Small detachments of Russians nightly attack the Japanese outposts and parties but with no success.

Foreigners Must Leave.

Special to The News.
Tangier, Dec. 24.—All foreigners have been ordered to leave Fez, the capital of Morocco. Great excitement prevails and serious complications are feared.

Doctors Charged With Murder.

Special to The News.
Muskoogee, I. T., Dec. 24.—Drs. C. E. Dally and E. D. Sims, Fannie Ward and Dora Harmon, were arrested here today charged with murder as a result of a criminal operation on Edith Grubb of Wagoner.

CANNOT BE A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS

Judge Raymond Hands Down Another Decision Telling Why Muskogee Can't Be a First Class City.

COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE LAW.

Says Statute Cannot Be Found Which Permits a Federal Judge to Take Such Action—The Courts Do Not Make the Laws.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 24.—United States Judge C. W. Raymond handed down a decision Friday morning setting forth the reason why Muskogee cannot be made a city of the first class. The decision is a complete review of the laws bearing on the subject and is interesting to Muskogee people as well as to every town in Indian Territory of 5,000 or more inhabitants.

In his decision the judge laid stress on the importance of the laws and says, not what is popular, but what is law, should be the rule. He calls attention to Sections 726 and 727 of Mansfield's digest which reads in part as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the governor, auditor or secretary of state, or any two of them to ascertain what cities of the second class shall be entitled to become cities of the first class."

Judge Raymond says he is not a governor and his statute can be found providing that a judge of the United States court in the Indian Territory shall exercise such power as is given to a governor in the sections above mentioned, and in addition the judge can find no power granted to him by congress to make the order asked, and, therefore, it must be denied.

CENSUS OF THE TERRITORY.

Would Require a Large Sum to Complete the Work.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Senator Stewart recently called on the census department for an estimate of how much money it would require to take a census of Indian Territory and how long it will require to complete the work. He has received a reply saying that \$50,000 and thirty days would do the business. It is quite probable that the senate will ask for the work to be done in the near future.

Dynamiters at Work.

Special to The News.
Cincinnati, O., Dec. 24.—Another attempt was made last night to blow up with dynamite the Newport Foundry & Machine Company's plant in this city. The officers are working on the case and several new arrests will be made soon.

Courts Still Busy.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 24.—Three more election officials were sentenced today. This makes a total of thirty of those that have been disposed of in this manner by the courts.

THINGS ARE COMING OUR WAY

We are getting business that other jewelers have had for the past nine or ten years but which is now ours by right of new superior goods at lower prices.

Hadn't You Better Follow the Procession?

and deal with the house which does the business. You still have tonight and Monday to buy and many broken lots of stock will go at a sacrifice.

My Stock of Souvenir Spoons is the Largest I Have Yet Shown.

For today and Monday we will sell any souvenir spoon in stock at a reduction of 10 per cent from marked prices. You know what that means, many spoons will be sold for less than you ever saw them sold before.

All the other special prices will hold good till Monday night.

"Match Me If You Can"

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With my sincere thanks and appreciation for your patronage which enabled me to do the biggest jewelry business in the town, I remain as ever the same old, very truly yours,



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A new depot within four months. "This is really too sudden."

Never mind about the crossings—we won't need them very much after dry weather comes next summer.

From a newspaper standpoint it is too bad that Mrs. Gladwyne and Tom Lawson did not arrange for non-conflicting dates.

It beats all how some people persist bothering a man even after they have been turned down good and hard several times. President Roosevelt must be a man of great patience.

Half-and-half (half dry and half wet) will be the popular drink when the statehood bill goes into effect. The drink will be sold in the Indian Territory strictly for medicinal and mechanical purposes, however.

For South McAlester in 1905: A \$100,000 hotel, \$100,000 Masonic Temple, \$38,000 depot, paved streets, twenty-five miles of new sidewalks, new railroad, new schools, and not a big boom either.

The banquet given to Judge Parker by the bar of New York City Wednesday night and the bouquets thrown to him over the festal board, will do much to heal the wounds made by the landslide in November.

A territory farmer, while plowing his field last week, unearthed a dollar bearing the date of 1798. The man with the plow can duplicate that act many times over on the rich lands of the territory. All the time on the dollar.

Chicago has astonished the country by announcing that preparations are under way for the dedication of her big federal building. It was supposed

that the ancient structure, begun so long ago, would reach the dedicatory stage some time in the millennium, or about the time our new depot is finished.

The drought in Mississippi compelled the people to pay five cents a gallon for drinking water in some sections, and those who have been accustomed to pay five cents for drink for something stronger consider the price outrageous. "The idea of buying drinks for their wives and children is one that they do not indorse."

The way to happiness is by indirection. Whoever seeks for happiness solely does not find the genuine article. Happiness is one of those products that is put up under another label. The heart throbs with its warmest blood when another heart has been made glad. If you can bring sunshine to some home this Christmas, do it.

A certain king of a far off land has a curiosity to know what the American papers publish as news or comment concerning himself, his country and his people; so he commissions an American clipping bureau to gather all such material. Last month the bureau gathered 11,747 items for the monarch. There is a certain colonel in the territory who might adopt this plan, but then he might not enjoy reading the clippings.

Keene, the Wall street heavy, played once said: "It does not pay to hunt game in Wall street with a brass band, and whenever a man gets up on the fence and crows he makes a target of himself, and you can bet your last dollar he will end in the ditch." Mr. Lawson, who is just now in the throes of a particularly strident series of crows, seems to be a striking exception to Mr. Keene's dictum. However, the end is not yet.

The probable action to be taken by congress at the present session with regard to territory matters is of vital import to every property holder in South McAlester. Next Tuesday night at the Court House a meeting will be held to take steps toward protecting this city's interests at Washington and the hall should be packed full of public spirited citizens, eager to do good to their town. We cannot make a town by twiddling our thumbs.

The fight on Lawson has been called off. Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company; Dwight Braman, stock broker and former receiver for the Bay State Gas Company; Roger Foster, lawyer and counsel for the creditors of the Bay State Gas corporation, of which Edward J. Addicks was the head, and others mentioned in the recent series of election corruption and bribery charges to go unchallenged. Their position reminds

us of the darky who, when arraigned on a charge of stealing chickens, responded to the judge's query as to whether he was guilty or not guilty: "Yeah, honah, ah'd rather not say. If yeah Honah please, ah'd prefer to drop the entire subject."

MINER BADLY INJURED.

Receiver Terrible Knife Wound in the Abdomen.

An Italian miner at Archbald was almost disemboweled by John Holtman late Saturday evening near Holtman's home. It is said that the Italian was intoxicated and attacked Holtman with a revolver as he was cutting kindling wood in his yard. Holtman drew his hunting knife and made a fearful gash in the Italian's abdomen. Holtman was lodged in jail late Saturday night.

Officers Installed.

Chapter No. 614, The Daughters of the Confederacy, held its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. J. Williams. The officers for the coming year were installed as follows: Mrs. M. A. Cabell, president; Mrs. D. M. Hatley, first vice president; Mrs. A. S. Riddles, third vice president; Mrs. G. F. DeWing, treasurer; Mrs. T. H. Millwee, recording secretary; Mrs. E. Poe Harris, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Gresham, historian.

After the business was transacted, the hostess served delicious refreshments. The chapter adjourned to meet and celebrate General Lee's birthday, January 19th.

Dodge Has Been Released.

Special to The News. New York, Dec. 24.—Charles F. Dodge, who was brought here from Texas charged with perjury, was released today on his own recognizance. It is reported that Dodge has confessed, implicating others and will turn state's evidence.

Francis to be Decorated.

Special to The News. St. Louis, Dec. 24.—President Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, is to be decorated by the Japanese emperor with the highest decoration in his power, the order of the Rising Sun.

May Reduce the Membership.

Special to The News. Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt is considering the advisability of reducing the membership in the Panama canal committee, although nothing has been decided upon.

MENU

For Christmas Dinner at the Katy Eating House.

Consomme a la Celestine	Roast Turkey—Oyster Dressing, Cranberry Sauce	Disjole of Lobster
Queen Oysters	Roast Suckling Pig—with Baked Apples	Radishes
Fllets Mignons—Dixelles	Roast Brioche of Venison—St. Hubert	Butter
Mashed Potatoes	Asparagus on Hollandaise	French Kisses
Hot Stuffing	Lettuces and Tomatoes on Mayonnaise	Raisins
Roast Chicken	English Plum Pudding—Whisker	Edam Cheese—Salted Water
Crème a la Vanille	Orange Cream Tarts	
Ice Cream		
Almond Macaroon		
French Kisses		
Raisins		
Edam Cheese		
Salted Water		

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HARRY SNYDER, Prop.

SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE.

Engineers Have Finished Work Between Chetopa and Tulsa.

Tulsa, I. T., Dec. 24.—W. H. Hendren, chief engineer of the Kansas City, Tulsa & Southwestern railroad, and a corps of engineers came in today from the field, after completing the final survey of 100 miles of the road between Tulsa, I. T., and Chetopa, Kan. After the holidays, the corps will again go into the field, and will run a line south-west to Wichita Falls, Tex., passing through Shawnee and other cities. A line to Oklahoma City is part of the project.

The line is considered to be a Missouri Pacific proposition. It will be the shortest line from Kansas City to Texas and passes through rich country. The heaviest grade on the line located is fifteen feet to the mile, which is an advantage over some Indian Territory roads that have grades as great as fifty-two feet to the mile. Lee Van Winkle and Major Moberly of Oklahoma City and C. R. Lynch, C. J. Sawyer, W. A. Cook, E. C. Reynolds, C. S. Walker, W. H. Hendron, Lew Appleby and Jay Potts are the incorporators of the road.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED.

President Finney of the Katy Will Spend Thousands of Dollars on the Road.

President F. N. Finney, of the M. K. & T., has outlined a comprehensive scheme of improvements for the system of which he is the head, and it is understood will push them to completion as fast as possible. He will first give his attention to the track and bridges of the road, and will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in bringing it up to the standard which he desires.

Mr. Finney's object in starting on his last tour of inspection, which suddenly came to a halt at Parsons on account of unfinished business, was of the purpose of estimating the cost of the needed improvements. As he was unable to complete his tour the chief engineer, S. H. Fisher, was sent on to do the work. It is understood, however, that Mr. Finney will complete his trip and look the situation over personally before he attempts to carry out his improvement plan.

Railroad men who know Mr. Finney and his methods believe that his administration will be marked by many substantial improvements than that of any other president who ever held the office.

EXPECTS NO TROUBLE.

Geo. Mansfield Says Nations' Attorneys Will Get Their Fees Soon.

Geo. Mansfield returned Saturday from Washington, D. C., where he went immediately after the allowance of the \$750,000 to the nations' attorneys by the Citizenship Court. Mr. Mansfield said that he heard nothing about the filing of an injunction suit in order to prevent the payment of the fee. Mr. Mansfield said that he would return to Washington soon after the holidays and expected to get the firm's money without any trouble.

AN IMPORTANT ORDER.

Judge Sulzbacher Hands Down Important Decision in Land Case.

Judge Sulzbacher has handed down a decision that will be far reaching in its effects and of the interests of many persons. It was in the case of Harrison E. Presley vs. Lowe et al. in objection.

The plaintiff, a minor, brought suit against the defendants, lessees of the land, for possession of same. The land in question had been leased by Plaintiff's guardian, but the lease had not been approved by the court, hence it was held to be void.

The court, after hearing the arguments and cross-examination, stated that they had taken possession of the land under the lease, had paid the rents and made improvements on the place and asked that the case be transferred to the equity docket; that they be permitted to hold the land, or here a receiver appointed to hold the same until they were reimbursed for the rents and improvements made.

The court, after hearing the arguments of counsel, held with the de-

A GOOD OFFICER GONE.

Frank Grayson Has Been in the Service of the Government as Field Deputy for Three Years and during that time has brought many desperate criminals to justice. He was a tire-

OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED.

Geo. Motion of the Katy Wright's Agent Cornett That Depot Will be Built.

Agent Cornett Saturday received official notification that the contract for the new depot had been let. The notice came from the Hon. General Passenger Agent for the Katy. Mr. Motion said that work on the new passenger station would begin as soon as the material could be got upon the ground. In addition to spending a large sum on the depot, the company will transform the space now occupied by the depot and dining hall into a neat park.

WORDS FOR THE DAY.

THE GRAND LEADER desires to thank its friends and patrons for their liberal patronage during the year about to close and to wish them one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. A steady increase in our business bears testimony to our success in supplying the public's wants.

During the year about to begin it will be our purpose to increase our business by soliciting an increased share of patronage. We will continue to use our best efforts to please the people. We have gained the confidence of many people in South McAlester during the period that we have conducted our business here and we hope by careful and conservative business methods to merit a further share of public favor. With the best greetings of the season:

THE GRAND LEADER.