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TERRITORY NEWS.

Dr. W. H. Bailey, a prominent physician of Ada, died Wednesday of last week after a protracted illness. Masonic burial was tendered the remains the following day.

The Ada Republican club met Saturday and appointed a committee to confer with Judge Thomas, Col. Soper, Hon. Leo E. Bennett and other Republicans leaders in an invitation to address the club and citizens of Ada on the issues of the day at an early date.

One night last week J. Green shot and killed Charles Ekin in the Sander salon opposite Parcell.

An old grudge, renewed by a misunderstanding over money matters, caused the murder. Green came to this side of the river, but afterwards returned and gave up to the officers.

It is said that a millionaire and his daughter recently visited Bill Cook in New York. George H. Conroy, the daughter left in love with Bill— "and she withdrew her love in her father's ear: 'I love the gorrier man.'" And it is further stated that this millionaire and his daughter will try to get Cook pardoned.

A new post office has been established at Conneville, Chickasaw Nation, T. T., and George H. Conroy, appointed postmaster. The contract for carrying the mails between Miami and Conneville, T. T., has been awarded to Jasper Stewart of the Indian Territory.

The Bank of Fairland, Cherokee Nation, was organized last Thursday with F. M. Comer, president; J. W. Vann, vice president; and Sam Skifford, J. B. Lamer and N. C. Gallinger as directors.

All the members of the Dawes Commission, with the exception of Senator Dawes, are expected at Fort Gibson this week.

Jong Sam, a Chinese laundryman, was murdered by unknown parties at South McAlester Thursday night last.

Among the natural productions of the coal found near Fort Gibson is blurring rock, which is a light porous substance resembling pumice stone. The rock is one of the best known substances for filtering water to cleanse it of impurities, and is valuable, the supply of which is being demanded.

We learn that there is a large amount of coal in the hills near this place, and it is easily mined. Pumice stone may also exist. These productions are supposed to be the result of volcanic action at some remote period of the world's history. Taking out and shipping this rock may prove to be a paying business here in the near future.—Fort Gibson Post.

A head end collision occurred Friday morning at Gibson Station on the M. & K. road. The collision was occasioned by a misplaced switch. Both engines and the engine and fireman of both trains jumping in time to save their lives.

Dr. J. H. Lammam, a young physician of Durant, Cherokee Nation, was drowned Thursday last while attempting to cross Blue river.

The remains a mammoth mastodon have been unearthed near Ashmore.

J. R. Hastings' seat in the Cherokee senate from Delaware district, will be contested by Heald Hall, Hastings, who is the present clerk of Delaware district, would not accede to the papers filed by Hall until he put up a bond.

The announcement was made that Adam C. Turner, of Canton, O., will be appointed assistant commissioner of Indian affairs to succeed Thomas P. Smith, formerly of Muskogee, who is to be reappointed to that duty.

Last Monday night Lon Lewis, who has been for the past six months Deputy U. S. marshal, assistant upon Commissioner's Dale's court, but who had resigned one Smith, alias Adams, at or near Fry. It appears that this Smith upon whom rests the murder recently unearthed at Turkey Hill not far from Tulsa, Lewis has not been acting as marshal for some time and it is supposed Smith or Adams, who has been accounting for

MINN. INSPECTOR REPORT.

Indian Territory Inspectors in Coal Land.
You was asked them.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—United States Mine Inspector, Luke W. Bryan, has transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior his report upon the mining interests of Indian Territory. He says:
"Complying with your request of July 1, 1897, I have the honor to report that the mine operators in Indian Territory have complied with the requirements of the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1896, for the protection of the lives of miners in the Territory during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897. I have made periodic inspections of the various mines in this Territory and am pleased to be able to report that I have found that compliance with the law, but also to adopt all necessary measures for the safety of the working. To this end, my suggestions I have made have been readily and cheerfully adopted. Among the additional precautions taken I may mention the plan of prohibiting the miner from entering any working place where the level of the mine has been lowered. The description of the miner is as follows: About 55 years old, a feet 6 inches in height, weighs 160 pounds, very heavy, long, low eyebrows, gray chin whiskers and mustache. Social, industrious and an inveterate pipe smoker."

WONDERFUL SHOOTS.

Are the New Army Guns Now Being Used by the Soldiers at Fort Gibson.
The new army rifle adopted by the United States government last year, is in use now by the troops of cavalry stationed here at Fort Gibson, and is said to be the greatest gun in the world, beating all others for long range and penetrating power. Devastating stories are told of its effectiveness, which sound almost incredible. Actual tests here at Fort Gibson show that the gun will shoot two and a half miles range. Forest trees are not objection to a man against this wonderful rifle, for its bullets will penetrate a solid oak tree 56 inches in diameter. This by actual test near Fort Gibson.

GEN. STAN WATIE.

the Hero of one of the Muskogee War-Field Exploits.
A number of the old citizens of Fort Gibson and vicinity remember Gen. Stan Watie, the celebrated Cherokee commander, who fought in the Confederate service, and was as brave as he was daring. He gave the Federal forces here in the Territory a good deal of trouble to keep up with him. With a regiment of Cherokees well mounted who knew every foot of the country hereabouts it was hard to tell in what section he was likely to turn up, and when he visited a locality it was generally for some purpose not relished by the enemy.

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Stan Watie's cavalry had been making considerable trouble around the garrison near Grand river that had not shown up in this vicinity. One fine evening, however, it was when all was quiet hereabouts he swooped down on the town. There were three or four hundred U. S. cavalry horses quietly grazing in the valley near the National cemetery, then an unbroken prairie from the garrison near Grand river to the hills east and west.

Almost every the astonished guards knew what had happened, Stan Watie's cavalry were riding affairs of this nation, and also a successful business. He is also highly cultured and a close reader of history, and I have met no one who possesses as much knowledge of the personal and general history of his tribe and of its relations to the United States and its rights granted by numerous treaties. He has traveled much and associated with the leaders of thought in governmental affairs and his natural vigorous mind has been enriched and broadened. It is a true and loyal Creek, and clings with loving fidelity to the ancient traditions, and glories in the achievements of his tribe. He was the first act of the drama in which the Indians played the part of heroes with the powers of self-government in meaning the end, and from the curtain will be rung down and the pagan will vanish like an unsubstantial vision, leaving a wreck broken and scattered.

Reaching him he advocates negotiation, believing and hoping that by this course something better can be obtained. That a sense of justice will impel the United States to leave them some of the rights of self-governance and to continue as long as water runs and grass grows.

The Creek commission are fine looking men, and of course they are ordinary talent. G. H. Alexander, the full-blood and half-breed, is William Sapulpa, speaker of the House of Warriers, are able and intelligent men—representatives of every class—some of them can trace their ancestry back into the twilight of their nation's history through a line of Kings and Warriors, eminent in war and council, with no tinge of white blood; others find in their ancestry families distinguished among the whites as well as Indians.

Gen. Porter is chairman of the commission, and was for many years King of his town and president of the House of Kings.

Jack Chulcain, a young Cherokee who has been the scout for about a year, was arrested at the house of his father, near Sallisaw, last Saturday by Deputy United States Marshal James Colby, assisted by Deputy City Marshal, Hald Whitsett, Ed Rogers and Charlie Whitsett. He was taken to Fort Smith. Chulcain is charged with the murder of D. L. Beardsley, near Sallisaw on the 14th of September, 1896.—Tulsa Daily Arrow.

Prevent the Children.
Worms rob children of the life-long perspective of their food, retard their growth and weaken their constitution for life. Most mothers know the symptoms of worms. Children are pale, lose their appetite, are irritable and sleepless. The worms of children have found Wain's Child Worm Expeller a potent and sure remedy. It kills worms and cures the child's stomach and vitality. You can't afford to take chances with your child's health. Buy Wain's Child Worm Expeller at your drug store.

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MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

A square team.
Standing in front of Ernest Watie's implement house is a fine wagon which came rolling into the city last week, drawn by a man about 55 years old. The wagon is a four-wheeled affair with steel wheels and cover, and looks more like a plaything for a child than a vehicle built for use.

The owner of the wagon is D. H. Grace. He has been living in the Territory for a year, but met had luck there and decided to return to his old home near Oxford, Miss. He had no money to pay the way of himself, his wife and his little five-year-old child, so he made the little wagon and started, using himself as the motive power, the little wagon with the pots and pans and scanty supply of provisions, and his wife trailing along by his side. The sight of a man working between the shafts and drawing a wagon was a novel one, and when the outfit reached Garrison Avenue it attracted much attention. Mr. Grace made the wagon himself, his tools being a saw, auger, drawing knife, and one or two implements that he borrowed.

When Grace reached Fort Smith he was met by the city marshal, interested in him, and taking up a subscription, amounting to \$27, which he put in his horse in old Mississippi. The wagon will be raffled off and the proceeds sent to the owner.—Fort Smith Enterprise.

There has been a gradual increase in the use of machinery for the mining of coal and a gradual decrease in the number of days working during the year.

The total number of accidents for the fiscal year was 46 against 57 for the preceding year, but I regret to add that a large number (21) of these were fatal. As in former years the large proportion of the output was by the five companies, to-wit: The Cherokee, Oklahoma & Gulf railway company, the Chicago, Oklahoma & Gulf railway company, the Atoka Coal and Mining company, the Southwestern Coal and Iron company, and the Kansas and Texas Coal company.

The output of coke for the fiscal year was 25,446 tons. The export of long-well mining in this Territory proved a success, and will I hope, be even more so in the future, as, in addition to its many other advantages, it is found in only one important mine of attending address is attracted much attention. Mr. Grace made the wagon himself, his tools being a saw, auger, drawing knife, and one or two implements that he borrowed.

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about the size of a lead pencil, it goes with a winding motion, and its velocity is very great, being about 1,500 feet per second. The ball will penetrate two inches of solid steel, or kill a man three miles distance. The magazine holds five cartridges, besides one in the gun, and it can be loaded and fired very rapidly. The barrel of the cavalry gun is 30 inches in length and heavy at the breech. The infantry gun is six inches longer.

This gun has never been tested in a regular battle, but it is supposed to be the most effective weapon in the world. There is no smoke visible after its discharge, and only a sharp whiplike report that might not be heard half the distance that a man might be killed. The bullet from this gun will penetrate water to almost any depth, being so small and pointed and going with such rapid circular motion. Had the gun been provided with this kind of gun when Stan Watie snatched his horses near the National Cemetery in 1862, that brave Cherokee commander would doubtless have met with a much warmer reception than he did from the cannons of the Federal army, as the probabilities are that most of his men and horses would have been picked off before they reached the hills. This truly wonderful gun is of Swedish invention, the patent for which has been bought by the U. S. government.—Fort Gibson Post.

the herd, in plain sight of the fort on the hill beyond. Directly fire was opened with cannon from the fort, but the Federal horses were stampeded, and the bold Cherokee leader and his forces got clear off with their booty, going in an easterly direction, about where the residence of Houston Strong now stands. It was useless to pursue them, knowing the country as they did, and Stan Watie replenished his cavalry with good fresh horses.—Fort Gibson Post.

The Creek Commission.
In a recent letter to the Fort Smith Elevator, Col. D. T. DuVal has the following to say in reference to the personnel of the Creek commissioners:

General Porter is the only member of the commission who is not now a member of the council. His request he addressed the joint bodies, defining and explaining the position of the commission, and giving most logical reasons for the adoption. The report and speeches had a marked influence upon the minds of the Kings and Warriors, causing some of the most violent opponents to halt and hesitate. The report and speeches were made in the musical and sanerous language of the Muskogees, which is a tongue as yet unknown to me, hence my knowledge of the report comes only of it by interpretation.

General Porter is well known to your readers as prominent in the