

FUTURE OF OKLAHOMA

Development of the Territory Discussed by Delegate Flynn.

TRAINS CROWDED WITH SETTLERS

Enormous influx of immigration is making the Great Southwest rich in capital and resources—people happy and prosperous, but want to come into the Union.

Delegate Dennis T. Flynn is enthusiastic over the growth and prosperity of Oklahoma. In conversation with the St. Louis Globe-Democrat's Washington correspondent he discussed the development of the territory enthusiastically. He said: "There was never such a steady flow of good people with money into any new possession of this country as has been and is today converging into Oklahoma, and the people of the east have no conception of it."

"If you don't believe it, try to get a seat in a Pullman car going through the territory. They are as crowded as the day coaches. It is impossible for the average passenger at a way station to get a seat on any train in the territory, so great is the multitude of people traveling. It is estimated that, aside from the rush of settlers, 20,000 people from the two states of Iowa and Illinois alone have come to us and bought farms inside of two years. Notwithstanding that, where the main lines formerly operated one through train each way a day three are now run to meet these conditions of immense passenger traffic."

"And what do you think of this? Many of the farms that were given to settlers as free homesteads only two years ago are now selling for \$10,000 each. There is something doing out with us."

"Oklahoma has a territorial extent nearly as large as that of the great state of Ohio. It has a population of half a million. It has an assessed valuation of taxable property of \$300,000,000. It has the largest native born population of any state or territory in the Union. We boast of the largest and best public school system of any state admitted within recent years. Our climate is unsurpassed, and we can raise corn, wheat, oats, cotton, peanuts, rye, sweet potatoes and other agricultural products on the same piece of land, which is a good combination to play to for a farmer."

"The opening of the new lands under the wise and able administration of Secretary Hitchcock has added fully 100,000 new people to our population. The manner of opening these new lands was an entire change from all precedents since the government was organized and has redounded not only beneficially to the people of the territory, but to the administration as well."

"Oklahoma has more state and national banks and more money on deposit in them than any other agricultural section in the country. Brick and frame houses are being erected faster than the material can be supplied. The people are not only prosperous, but are happy. They only ask now for one right to which they are entitled, and that is statehood. We raised a surplus of 30,000,000 bushels of wheat last year, and the total crop was 40,000,000 bushels. We wear smiles with our good crops. The various industries and occupations are all thriving and, while there has been a short cotton and corn crop by reason of the drought, an abundance of other crops and great commercial activity have prevented any stringency in financial matters."

"When we come into the Union, we will come in with colors flying. Oklahoma raises the finest staple cotton, only being surpassed by that of the south sea islands. More miles of railroad have been and are being constructed there during the past two years than in any other part of the country. The territory is fairly being gridironed by the old trunk lines as well as by new companies who want our traffic. The fruit crop, of which little is said, is one of the best. The jobbers are now using our peaches to compete with the best California brands. The prospect of the next wheat crop is very promising, and thousands of cattle are being wintered on the wheat lands. The opening of the Kiowa and Comanche country has given great impetus to the development of these rich lands, and oil and gas have already been discovered."

"I shall advocate that all future lands shall be opened to settlement in the same manner as were the last lands opened. Under the present management by the interior department the settlers are guaranteed freedom from blackmail and contest, while the counties are guaranteed freedom from indebtedness by the sale of lots in the county seat towns and the proceeds used for improvements."

"Just think of three county seats containing 320 acres in what was a wilderness on the 6th of August last bringing within twenty days thereafter about \$750,000 from the sale of lots, the money to be expended for improvements in the counties in which they are located. And we still have several Indian reservations of several million acres of public lands, which can be entered in 100 acre tracts under the homestead law."

"Our people have the greatest personal admiration for President Roosevelt, as they think he is a man of great courage and ability, and," concluded Mr. Flynn as he disappeared within the door of the committee room, "when he signs the bill this winter making Oklahoma a state, we will love him all the more."

Several Japanese women barbers are employed in Honolulu.

Anecdote of the President's Stories of President Roosevelt's youth and precocity are now coming before the Washington correspondent of the New York World. An eastern senator starts off with this: "When Roosevelt was five years old, he came around to the family church early one Monday morning. He found the sexton busy cleaning up. Young Roosevelt opened the door and looked in. The sexton noticed him and told him to come in if he wanted to. Teddy made no reply, but carefully looked at roof, ceiling and floor. When young Roosevelt returned home, his mother asked him where he had been. "I have been to church looking for the zeal," replied the boy. "The zeal!" exclaimed the mother. "What do you mean?" "Why," replied Teddy, "the preacher spoke yesterday about the 'zeal that devoureth man,' and I wanted to see it."

The president shook his head sadly when this story was told to him.

Balloon For Marconi's Experiments. William Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, who is at St. John's, N. F., conducting experiments with his system, succeeded the other afternoon in floating a balloon 200 feet above the summit of Signal hill, which is 600 feet high and overlooks the harbor of St. John's, says the New York Tribune. This balloon is fastened by a series of stays which render it almost motionless. It holds up the vertical steel wire which is used in the system of wireless telegraphy in communicating with distant ships.



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