EXPOILATION OF INDIAN TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA

Hastings Bill Now Pending in Congress Plans Transfer of Indian Affairs From National Government to a Superintendent Who Would Be Trustee for 30,000 Incompetents.

(By GILSON GARDNER.)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The ambitious and sweeping character of a pending plan for taking what remains away from the American Indians challenges attention even at a time when world wars, Mexico and preparedness occupy the attention of the public.

Regular and chronic Indian grafting is too old a story to arouse any interest. For years the Indians have been more or less the prey of the white men and the public regards the matter with some complaisance. However, to take away what remains from the surviving incompetents of one-third of the Indian race left on the continent of North America, considering the fact that the amount of the property is nearly as large as the annual appropriations for the whole federal government is a project quite above the ordinary run of graft.

Indian Bill Introduced.

Legislation now pending in congress—the Hastings bill, H. R. 108—would overturn the Indian policy developed through a long period of years, and, in the words of Joseph H. Choate, "subject the Indian to the worst possible forms of spoliation, not only from outsiders, but from unscrupulous persons within the tribal membership."

This bill seeks to transfer from the federal officials in Washington, including the commissioner of Indian affairs, the secretary of the interior and the president, all the authority now vested in them over all the Indians in Oklahoma, to an official called the superintendent of the five civilized tribes. Nominally, this official would be appointed by the president, but he would have to be confirmed by the senate, and under the practice of that body nobody could be confirmed unless approved by the senators from Oklahoma, and the pressure on the senators from the local political organization in the state would never permit the appointment of anyone but a local politician to that office. The result would be to place the appointment in the hands of whatever Oklahoma political ring happened to be in power.

Trustee for Indians.

This superintendent, so selected, would be made trustee for 30,000 incompetent Indians, together with all their property, which includes: (1) Lands spread through forty counties of what was formerly Indian Territory, an area nearly 20,000,000 acres in extent, as large as the states of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island combined; (2) oil wells in operation from which the royalties alone in one year amounted to $1,500,000 and from which the yield in one year was 27,000,000 barrels, (3) oil fields, developed and undeveloped, so valuable that no man can intelligently name the number of millions of dollars which they are actually worth, (4) farm lands tenanted and otherwise yielding millions of dollars income.

All these riches which are at present in trust for incompetent Indians by the Washington officials under an elaborate system of rules and appeals, would at once be turned over to some local politician, subject to political influences, with the inevitable saturnalia of graft which would ensue. What might be expected was illustrated when the county courts in Oklahoma were two years ago vested with authority over minor orphan children of deceased Indians. This resulted in such wholesale robbery that thousands of these children are today destitute. Indian Commissioner Sells is authority for the statement that the county judges in most instances failed to apply any rule for the protection of the estates entrusted to them, permitting unscrupulous persons to rob these orphans to the extent of millions of dollars.

An Oklahoma Job.

The author of the pending bill is Representative William W. Hastings, but the measure is backed by practically the entire Oklahoma delegation in congress. Secretary Lane has written a strong protest against the legislation. Delegates from Gabe E. Parker, at present superintendent of the five tribes under the interior department, [illegible] brought to bear on [illegible] handling Indian moneys. Mr. Parker [illegible] efforts in every [illegible] not only from those who desire to separate the Indian from his money, but in many cases from Indians themselves, brought to bear upon me to purchase [illegible] and sundry things with Indian moneys, or to make loans on all kinds and classes of security, and even to pay out the money without restrictions [illegible] whatever to individuals, guardians, administrators and every other conceivable way possible to get the money out of the hands of the department."

Before he was elected to congress Mr. Hastings, author of the present bill, said in a letter of protest on another subject: "Many people would not ordinarily deal with a white man who would not hesitate to rob an Indian. They know he is powerless to help himself and that he will not arouse public attention."

The Indian Rights association, Former Commissioner of Indian Affairs Francis E. Leupp, Miss Kate Bernard of Oklahoma, and others have joined in communications to President Wilson urging him to veto this legislation if it should pass. Secretary of the Interior Lane also is expected to follow his adverse report by a similar recommendation if the legislation gets as far as the white house.

LOPEZ IGNORANT OF VILLA'S LOCATION

TORREON, April 26.—Pablo Lopez, the Villa lieutenant captured near Santa Ysabel recently, has been taken a prisoner to Chihuahua by General Barrios. Lopez is wounded in both legs. He says he knows nothing of Villa's whereabouts or whether he is dead or alive.

"I am in complete ignorance of Villa's present location and I do not know whether he is dead or alive. It is true that I was present at the Santa Ysabel massacre, for which General Beltran was responsible. I never heard that I was outlawed, but that will not make any difference, as I am quite resigned to be shot by the firing squad at any time that is set for my death."

General Obregon, accompanied by General Trevino, is expected to leave northward tomorrow for Chihuahua.

HARMONY RULES INDIANA DEMOCRATS

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—The democratic state convention, which convened here today, elected the delegates at large to the national convention and nominated by acclamation unopposed candidates for places on the state ticket.

Governor Ralston, as temporary chairman, delivered the keynote address.

The nominations of John W. Kern for the long term in the United States senate and Representative John A. M. Adair for governor, made in the primary, were ratified.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

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Probate.

William Greenwold estate, inventory and appraisement.

Real Estate Transfers

L. E. Foss et ux to Edith O. Harvey, land in Ashland ... $1000
Leonard Scrap et ux to C. E. Gates, lot 2, block 2, Siskiyou Heights, Medford ... 10
United States to Frank H. Hull, land in sec. 2, 36 W ... Patent
L. F. Parsons to Samuel Mag... Coutney, land in sec. 20 35 3W ... 1
Mattie J. Baird to J. B. Cooley, land in sec. 2 37 2W ... 1
J. G. Gable et ux to Linda Hiscock, lots in Berry's Add., Medford ... 10
John Owens et ux to L. F. Parsons, land in sec. 20 35 3W ... 1

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THE MEADOWS

Manager Hollenbeck of the Meadows ball team announces a game Sunday next, April 30 at Beagle, where the Antioch team hopes to trim the Meadows bunch after failing within the past month.

We are about to have a change of postmasters. Lester Hodgers has nearly completed the installing of P. O. equipment in his store at Beagle and Mrs. Gordon has resigned as postmistress. The change in location is expected to be made very soon. This brings the P. O. appreciably nearer us.

Frank W. Carnahan and party motored from Medford Saturday to visit his cinnabar mine. They returned to Medford the same evening as Mr. Carnahan had an important engagement which called him back. Water is being lowered rapidly in the old shaft and timbering is being caught up as fast as uncovered.

Wallace Dinkum and Ralph Russell spent part of last week riding the Beagle country looking after their stock. They say the range is in pretty good condition this year.

D. S. Force and two sons returned to Agate after spending the week at work on the quicksilver prospect in the Meadows. Mr. Peart the Central Point blacksmith spent some time with them the past week. They hope to get their location straightened out this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore motored to Medford Saturday morning. They had as a passenger our school teacher, Miss Kincaid, who spent the week end with her parents near Agate.

Mr. Rowen at the Mrs. Dewey mine is getting together samples of ore from the different mines in the Meadows district for presentation to the Medford chamber of commerce that people may see what is to be found contiguous to Medford.

Fred Moore and Ralph Russell each took a load of Moore's hogs to market in Medford Tuesday morning. They expect to return to Meadows some time Wednesday evening. There were 20 hogs in the shipment.

Nearly all our young men—and that includes the old ones too, in the Meadows—are devotees of the gun and are finding the war has affected them seriously. The price of ammunition is going up by leaps and bounds until shooting is going to be quite a luxury this fall. Oh, well, more game left for next year.

Theo Lee was a business visitor to Gold Hill on Thursday last from the Meadows. He has a new driving horse.

We are having some frost but the fruit seems to be all right so far.

Bill Cottrell has been doing a lot of work on the new grade out of the Meadows and now has it in excellent condition. Auto parties en route to the Meadows will find the best road is to the west side of cinnabar mountain.

Dr. Chisholm of Gold Hill is planning to resume work in a few days on his copper proposition down on Evans creek. Doc has been very faithful in the development of this property and he richly deserves success.

No, we didn't have an Easter parade, but there were some new frocks and bonnets out at the ball game, which provoked many admiring remarks. It was a fine turn out.

Clyde Hutson who has been visiting his father at the Doctor Chisholm cabin on Evans creek, went in to Gold Hill via Beagle with the mail carrier Tuesday morning to be on hand for school after the Easter vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dunkum who had as their guest Mr. Lampman, drove down to the ball grounds Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lampman has been visiting in the Meadows the past week. His boys, Ben and Rex, are now on the Portland papers.

Retorting of quicksilver from cinnabar ore is going on daily at the Mrs. Dewey mine. A good many people visit the mine to see the process. Ore from various claims is being run to get a clearer idea of values, but all show up pretty well.

Lee Mitchell, who is visiting his home folks for the first time in many months, was down to the ball game shaking hands with his many friends. The whole family drove down from Upper Evans for the afternoon.

The bridge opposite Bill Cottrell's place on the new road to town is getting in dangerous condition. A number of planks are broken. It is hoped the road supervisor discovers it before a serious accident occurs. He will probably order some grading done near there as well.

Supt. LaShelle of the Mountain King mine is living at Ned Potter's ranch and rides over to the mine every day. New men are being added to the force constantly and the work is being rushed along. The men are sleeping in tents on the ridge near the mine and say it gets pretty cold there frosty nights.

Elsworth Drake, Ralph Russell, Wallace Dunkum, John Drake, Edward Russell, Bill Pomeroy and his sister, and Miss Jennie Drake were part of the merry crowd who attended the dance "down the creek" Saturday night, and report the same delightful time usually had at the lower Evans dances.

Mr. and Mrs. John Payne are preparing to camp at the forks of the Meadows road and the Ramsey canyon road while Mr. Payne is employed at the Mountain King mine. Accommodations are still inadequate at the mine.

A good turn out to practice game at the ball park Sunday. The scrub team was beaten by the regulars 20 to 3. A good crowd of the Meadows' people were over to cheer the boys on.

Mr. Kincaid of Agate drove over to the Meadows Sunday bringing his daughter, Josephine, who is our school teacher this year in the Meadows. She stopped at the ball grounds to add her encouragement to the teams who were practicing.

Mrs. John Payne and son Howard are visiting his grandparents, J. H. Drake and wife, this week. Mr. Payne has started work at the Mountain King mine on the night shift.

Bill Pomeroy had business in Butte Falls Thursday. The school teacher over there who lives down the creek, drove home with him to spend a few days vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, returning to Butte Falls Sunday.

Jim Fredenburg and his daughters, Bertha, Jessie and Bessie, were Meadow visitors from Sams valley Sunday. They spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Lee and family.

MR. AND MRS. VERNON CASTLE DANCE AT THE PAGE TONIGHT

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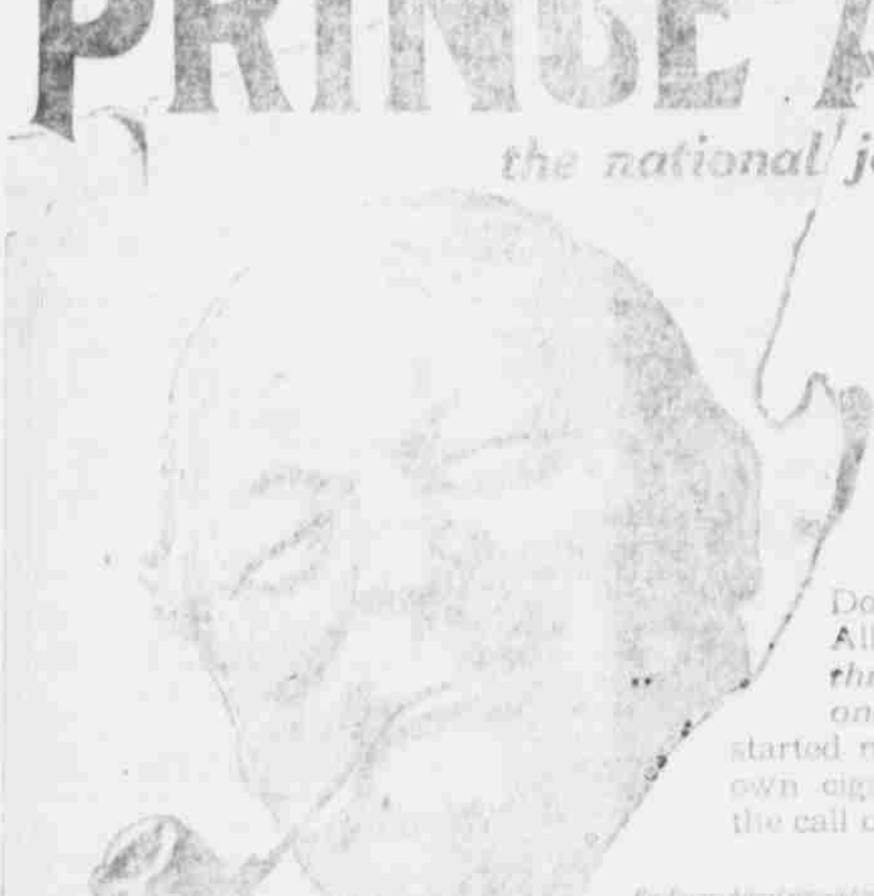
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