CHEROKEES PLAN TO BRING CLAIMS

Districts to Name Delegates to General Meeting on May 21

SESSION AT TAHLEQUAH

Muskogee Meeting Presided Over by Shade Wallen; Tulsans Attend

Special to The World.

MUSKOGEE, May 1.—At a meeting of representative Cherokees held in the United States courtroom in Muskogee Thursday steps were taken to elect one delegate from each of the nine districts of the Cherokee nation, which delegation shall meet at Tahlequah on May 21, and shall select a committee authorized to contract with attorneys who shall represent the Cherokee nation in the prosecution of claims against the United States under the provision the act of congress, known as the Hastings bill, signed by President Coolidge, March 19.

Shade Wallen Presides.

Shade Wallen, United States Indian agent, presided over the meeting and addresses were made by Chief Frye of Salliaw; Frank Boudinot, Washington representative of the Cherokees; Tate Brady, chairman of the Cherokee executive committee; former Congressman Bert Chandler and S. R. Lewis, former secretary to Chief Rogers.

The claims of the Cherokees are many and some of them date back three-quarters of a century and it is believed when the court of claims finally passes on them the Cherokees will recover an amount high in the millions and that each Cherokee will receive approximately $1,000 as the act of congress specifically waives the statute of limitations and further provides that any claims heretofore adjudicated in which the Cherokee nation feels itself agrived may be reopened.

During the last year of Chief Rogers' term, realizing that the Cherokee nation was soon to cease to exist and that no authority would be left which would be authorized to secure a final settlement of its claims against the United States, he called a meeting of Cherokee leaders which was presided over by S. R. Lewis which issued an official call for an election to be held throughout the Cherokee nation to select delegates to a convention which met in Tulsa in October 1916.

Finally Won Cause.

This convention known as the Tulsa convention and consisting of 424 delegates elected and an executive committee of which Tate Brady was chosen chairman and this committee was directed to take all necessary steps to secure a final settlement of Cherokee matters with the United States, at the same time this committee amalgamated with the Keetowah and Night Hawk societies of the Cherokees which already had done splendid work and thus the Cherokees as a result of the Tulsa convention presented a united front and after being defeated before congress several times their bill was signed by President Coolidge last March.

The district meetings will convene as follows: Tahlequah May 8, Illinois district at Gore May 9, the Cooweescoowee district at Claremore May 10, Delaware district at Jay May 12, Canadian district at Podum May 13, Sequoyah district at Salliaw May 14, Flint district at Stillwell May 15, Going Snake district Westville May 16, Saline district, Saline courthouse May 17. Delegates elected at these district meetings to meet in council at Tahlequah May 21.

See Starr's History of the Cherokees, page 419 —

Jennie Springston, known as Jennie Mitchell, her marriages, 2, was to Joseph Vann & Thomas Mitchell A.S.2.

Riley Springston, to Elizabeth Foreman

at heading of the list appears also Delilah Amelia Vann, to David McNair —

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On page 418. See No. 1. Wiley R Muskey to Mahala Paul —

No 2 Annie C Muskey to Thomas J Corrain —

" 3 Alonzo S Muskey

" 4 Chas Alva Muskey, to Mabel Dell Bomberger

26 names in all —

JUDGE PARKER'S WIDOW NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

Word was received Tuesday night from Durant, Okla., by Mrs. James Parker, 1402 Dodson avenue, that her mother-in-law, Mrs. I. C. Parker, 87 years old, widow of the late Judge I. C. Parker, was not expected to live more than a few hours. Mrs. Parker was stricken with pneumonia about a month ago, and gradually has been growing worse.

She is widely known in Fort Smith, having lived here for about 30 years. Her husband, Judge I. C. Parker, was a federal judge at Fort Smith for 25 years. Mrs. James Parker was to receive a telegram early Wednesday morning concerning the condition of her mother-in-law.

Mrs I C Parker

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Ct. clms letter dated Sept. 5. 23 giving only case on file, being # 34449. but no details of case — Cherokee Nation v. S. United States. case filed Feb 5. 1920 —

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CHEROKEES FIX MEETING DATES TO PLAN SUITS

Each of Nine Original Districts to Have Delegate On National "War Council"

BOUDINOT IS FAVORED AS CHIEF COUNSEL

At a series of conferences to begin next Thursday, May 1, and to continue until each of the nine original Cherokee nation districts has held its meeting, members of the tribe will select a council of nine who will meet in Tahlequah May 21 to outline the tribe's program of suits against the United States government.

This was the outcome of the conference in Muskogee yesterday between Shade E. Wallen, superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes, and three score tribal leaders who were summoned by instruction of the commissioner of Indian affairs with a view to arranging adequate representation of the tribe in the final council.

Nine on National Council

By provision of the act of congress permitting the Cherokees to sue in the national court of claims for damages growing out of alleged treaty violations, the legislative body of the Cherokees to press the suits is to be composed of one delegate from each of the nine old tribal districts.

Superintendent Wallen personally will take the field and attend each of the district meetings. Each meeting will elect its own delegate to the final council set for Tahlequah at 1:30 p. m., May 21. These nine delegates will have power to appoint a committee to make a contract with attorneys, or can make the contract themselves, if they see fit.

Sentiment of the leaders gathered at yesterday's conference was almost unanimous for the retention of Frank Boudinot, legislative representative of the tribe, as the chief attorney in pressing the suits. Boudinot has devoted twenty years of his life and his private fortune to Cherokee legislation in Washington, and is certain to be among the attorneys finally retained.

Ten or Eleven Suits

There will be ten or eleven separate and distinct suits under the authorization of the act of congress. One of the largest will be for the recovery of the value of land allotted to 6,300 Cherokee freedmen. The Cherokees always have contested the right of the government to allot freedmen on an equal basis with members of the tribe.

Places for holding the district meetings are as follows:

Tahlequah district at Tahlequah, May 8.

Illinois district at Gore, May 9.

Cooweescoowee district at Claremore, May 10.

Delaware district at Jay, May 12.

Canadian district at Porum, May 13.

Sequoyah district at Salliaw, May 14.

Flint district at Stilwell, May 15.

Going Snake district at Westville, May 16.

Saline district at Saline Court House, May 17.

Those who attended yesterday's conference were:

John Campbell, Porum; J. M. Cach, Briartown; Herman Weaver, Briartown; Charles Barnes, Briartown; Sam Starr, Briartown; Ruthie Hicks, Porum; Joe Hicks, Porum; Peter Cramp, Porum; William Rogers, Gore; Claud Ross, Salliaw; Sam Smith, Box;

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Frank Boudinot, Fort Gibson; John B. Smith, Tahlequah; W. W. Harnage, Muskogee; O. H. P. Brewer, Muskogee; Hubbard Ross, Fort Gibson; Richard F. Boudinot, Fort Gibson; F. L. Rider, Muskogee; Mrs. Sam Stanley, Checotah; Jack C. Madden, Muskogee; L. W. Pitts, Muskogee; W. L. Lowrey, Muskogee; William Meeks, Vinita; Tate Brady, Tulsa; F. E. Brandon, Tulsa; E. M. Frye, Salliaw; Walter Fox, Gans; D. R. Coodey, Porum; J. W. Vann, Muskogee; John D. Gulager, Tahlequah; Joe A. Bartles, Dewey; W. M. Gulager, Muskogee; Ross Daniel, Tahlequah; George W. Mayes, Pryor; W. H. Clark, Tulsa; J. B. Cobb, Wagoner; W. E. Sanders, Claremore; S. R. Lewis, Tulsa; James S. Davenport, Vinita; J. E. Duncan, Rose; R. W. Fields, Muskogee; A. B. Cunningham, Tahlequah; Rod Richards, Muskogee; Thomas P. Roach, Muskogee; Margaret LaHay, Muskogee; Bess R. Howard, Muskogee; Carlotta Archer, Pryor; S. P. Parks, Vinita; Eldee Starr, Muskogee; Edward B. Smith, Muskogee; Fred McDaniel, Tulsa; Cora Archer Shackelford, Muskogee; James W. Duncan, Tahlequah; J. H. Sixkiller, Watts; R. H. Meigs, Fort Gibson; Frank S. Hendricks, Muskogee; John C. Goodrich, Muskogee; C. D. Hitchcock, Eufaula; T. A. Chandler, Tulsa; C. P. Cornelius, Gore; R. J. Scott, Muskogee; William Clark, Sapulpa; W. H. Ballard, Muskogee; Ed N. Washbourne, Salina; W. A. Clark, Chelsea; Lola M. Rambo, Muskogee; C. J. Hunt, Muskogee.