

and the excess, if any, to be deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury for the school fund; and that all lots heretofore sold by the Cherokee Nation, and to which said nation has given deeds, and for which the purchase price has been paid into the Cherokee Treasury, is hereby confirmed."

At this meeting every townsite delegate in Washington was present, and the amendment just quoted is understood to be what they will insist upon as a unit when the committee is ready to hear them.

The Indian appropriation bill is completed. It carries two items of special interest to the people of the Indian Territory.

The Dawes Commission is reduced to three which will go into effect on June 30th next.

The bill also carries a paragraph providing that the Director of the Geological Survey may use any monies appropriated for the survey of the Chickasaw Nation, that may be on hand at its completion, for the completion of office and field work in 1899.

I am in possession of such facts as justify me in saying, without hesitation, that