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NEWS ITEM'S OF ALEX POSEY

At the opening of the new townsite of Alluwe, 15 miles west of Chelsea and 10 miles south of Nowata, located on the new line of railway being built from Pryor Creek to some point in Eastern Oklahoma, it is reported there were fully 10,000 people on the ground endeavoring to secure lots, and between 300 and 400 were sold. Alluwe is in the center of the oil belt of Indian territory, and consequently moneyed men from all parts of the United States were there. A big barbecue of beeves was participated in by the great crowd, and there was public speaking by prominent men. Half a dozen banks and dozens of real estate firms are established. The whole country is excited at the oil prospects. It is expected Alluwe will be a permanent city from 10,000 to 15,000 people by the end of the first week.

Regular navigation of the Arkansas river from Muskogee to Fort Smith was inaugurated when the Mary D. started for the latter town with several passengers on board. The steamer will make the round trip once every week. Passengers may leave Muskogee Monday at 9 a. m. and arrive at Fort Smith Tuesday at 3 p. m. The Mary D. was recently purchased by the Muskogee River Transportation company, and hereafter will make the trips on schedule time. The company promises to purchase other boats and put them into service. This is the first organized attempt to navigate the Arkansas river made in many years, and its success will mean much to the commercial interest of this city.

Muskogee has been caught in the grip of a plumbers' trust and the city government has decided to attack the "monster" after the manner of Thomas Lawson and the "System." The city council believes that it has proof that the plumbers are "holding up" the people and the city as well. The council has decided to levy a license upon all plumbers and in addition place each one under a bond of \$1,500 to guarantee good work. If a plumber is caught doing poor work or other wise "holding up" the city, his license will be revoked and he cannot do

business in the city.

The Snake Indians are again active, according to Alex. Posey, who has just returned from a two months' trip to Bristow, Sapulpa and other places in the Creek Nation. The Snakes have never become reconciled to the new conditions. Mr. Posey says the Snakes are preparing for a big "busk" south of Bristow. In order to carry on their fight against the government the Snakes are raising cotton on small patches, working it on the co-operative plan, the revenues being used to defray the expenses of an attorney at Washington.

In a pitched battle between officers and the Miller gang the notorious desperado, "Wild Bill" Miller, was shot and killed in a hand-to-hand encounter with Deputy United States Marshal Jim Davis, of Wilburton. Miller's gang took refuge in the Kiamitia mountains, near Wilburton, over a year ago and have openly defied the officers to take their stronghold, Marshal Davis was removed from Colbert to Wilburton for the express purpose of breaking up this gang, and his first coup has resulted in the death of the outlaw chief.

A party of government engineers have arrived at Talihina to investigate the reported discovery of gold, silver and copper in the mountains two miles east of Talihina. Samples of what is claimed to be gold-bearing sand and rock, supposed to carry a large percentage of copper, were forwarded to the chief assayer of the geological survey at Washington.

Reports from throughout Indian territory indicate a decrease of 16 per cent in cotton acreage over last year. The cotton crop is several weeks late. Several sections report cotton badly shedding.

At a conference of Creek Indian town chiefs and members of the Indian council held at Muskogee, resolutions have been adopted unanimously declaring for separate statehood for Indian territory and endorsing the movement to hold a constitutional convention.

The labor organizations of Muskogee have completed arrangements for the construction of a labor temple with a seating capacity of 600. The sides of the building will be open during the summer, but will be inclosed next winter.

An effort is being made to establish a market square in Muskogee. Joseph Fryer and William Pahl, of St. Louis, are investigating the practicability of such an enterprise and Mayor Fite and the Commercial Club are co-operating with them.

Cherokees and members of other tribes, who are in business in the Creek nation, protest against payment of the tribal tax, but the Indian agent has ruled that they must be treated the same as white persons conducting business.