

well informed man doubts that many wise measures and fine strokes of diplomacy in the final adjustment of tribal affairs are the results of his thought and counsel. It is said of him "that he plans while others sleep," and that "he executes with the skill and daring of a trained diplomat."

To make business he creates conditions. He reaches out for courts, with their attendant prestige and benefits, and the government assents. To draw trade and encourage the cotton industry he builds a gin and compress of wondrous capacity and superior kind. Before other men had thought or competing points had got on the map he had planned to have the golden streams of wealth held in trust by the government for its Indian wards, flow through Wewoka, an advantage other towns would give half their possessions to control. If he has utilized the great agencies created by his superior talents to expand his business to proportions not surpassed in either territory, all the citizens of Wewoka and its trade radius have received resultant benefits. The working out of his plans has made of a mere trading post a vigorous little city of 1,200 population and given it a powerful prestige in the future distribution of honors when the new state is launched.