

The Enid Eagle.

H. E. Havens, Editor.

Enid, Okla., March 25th 1903.

Hon Green McCurtain

Dear Sir:-

Having read your recent letter on the subject of Statehood I enclose you an editorial on the subject which seems to me to indicate the best policy for the people of both Territories. If you could induce some of your newspapers to lead off with emphatic expressions on the line suggested it would no doubt have the effect to bring about what you desire, as well as what seems to me to be to our interests also

Very Truly Yours

H. E. Havens

Kinta Indian Territory March 27th 1903.

Honorable T. M. Buffington,
Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation,

Sir:

Enclosed herein please find copy of letter from Mrs. J. S. Morrow dated at Atoka Indian Territory March 26, 1903, which explains itself. This lady stands well in the National Women's Christian Temperance Union and will be of much assistance to our plan of separate statehood.

I have to most respectfully request that you accede to her request, in that you address to her a letter, indicating that you favor the exclusion of the liquor traffic from the Indian Territory, as the only plan for the preservation of the Indian race together with his vast estate.

I am sure that the plan we have inaugurated will be popular and the only thing necessary on our part is to push it along, and in that connection I agree with your suggestions as to having a meeting to arrange plans. I shall advise with you further along this line in the near future.

I am yours very respectfully.

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Sans Bois, I.T., April 2, 1903.

Mr W.H.Harrison,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of recent date, and am glad to know that you approve of the plans suggested by me for separate statehood for the Indian Territory. I think this will be very popular with the people of the Indian Territory, generally. We entertain no ideas in common with the people of Oklahoma. All the Treaties of the past have guaranteed to the Indian people that no state-line should ever be drawn around them without their consent. Unless we do something between now and the meeting of the next Congress, I feel sure that Congress will make some disposition of this Territory which will settle its future status with reference to statehood.

With reference to our local politics, and especially Atoka County, I would suggest that you be a candidate for Representative. You are of course on the ground, and understand the situation very much better than I do, and I defer to your judgment. I think Johnson Ott would be all right if you can elect him. Lon Harkins would be a good man. If you choose not to be a candidate yourself I would suggest that Lon Harkins and Johnson Ott, if you think you can elect them. It is very important that you put out your very best men. This is a matter, however, that I trust to your judgment, and hope you will look over the situation carefully, and only select those who can pull through with a safe majority.

The writ of prohibition filed in the U.S. Supreme Court by the Court Citizens, I do not think will amount to a great deal. Of course any little favor extended to these people, such as delay, makes them feel good, and I regret that the Supreme Court did not pass upon the matter summarily. However we can not have everything our own way however much we may wish it.

Hoping you well, I am,

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.M.

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March 26th/1908

Hon. Genl. M. C. ...

Dear General

I see by the papers that you have written the Government of the ...

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as candidates for our
Representations I do not
know. our County was
so badly split up last
year that I hardly know
who is Tuskahoma men
and who are not.

Maybe you might suggest
some over here.

I see the Supreme Court of the
United States has allowed the
Court Citizen Lawyers to
file suit trying to set aside
the judgment of the new
Court but hope they will
not succeed. as it will
delay things very much.
let me hear from you
as I am perfectly in the dark as
to what is being done.

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and anything I can do to
keep the cause will be done.
I had a letter from the Nat
Chairman notifying me
of my appointment as
Chairman of this County
so I will call our Convention
for first Monday in
May to nominate Repre-
sentations and elect dele-
gates to the national
Convention as he says to
be held at Tuskahoma
June the 16th 1908 to nomi-
nate national officers.

Everything very quiet
here in a political way
as there seems to be no
aspirants to office and
just who we will elect

Atoka, Ind. Ter
March 26th 1908

Hon C. M. McCluskey
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Dear Friend

I see by the
papers that you have written
the Governors of the different
nations in regard to a
Constitutional Convention to
be held by the five nations
looking to a formation of a state
by our nations at the expira-
tion of our Tribal Governments.
I approve of your move
in this matter. as I think
it highly necessary that
something be done to keep
from being attached to
Oklahoma or any other territory.

Sans Bois, I.T., March 28, 1903.

Mr C.S.Vinson,

Lehigh, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 25th and note what you say with reference to the Indians selling their lands. I have done and am doing everything in my power to prevent this robbery of the Indians, but it is not a very pleasant thing to think that in spite of all your efforts they will just let the people rob them any way, and oft times encourage it.

I am glad to know you approve of the Constitutional convention. I think it would be well for you to let your views be known to this effect. Do not hesitate to express your convictions in the matter at any and all times, and encourage others who are of the same opinion to do likewise. This will help the cause along and put the people to thinking.

GMcC-W

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

Office of

Green McCurtain Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Kinta I. T. March 27, 1903.

Mrs. J. S. Morrow,
Atoka Indian Territory.

Dear madam:

I have your esteemed favor of yesterdays date wherein you state your endorsement of the seperate statehood plan suggested by me in my letter to the Governors of the different tribes in the Indian Territory and more especially that part of such letter which proposes the "Liquor traffic" being excluded and, wherein also you request that the different Governors together with myself, address to you a letter conveying the sentiment of in such a way excluding the liquor traffic.

In reply have to say in my opinion the only plan to preserve the Indian race together with his vast estate, is to exclude the liquor traffic and, with that end in view more so than for any other reason I suggested by letter to the Governors, the plan you refer to.

I have had already from Chief Porter of the Muscogee Nation and from Chief Buffington of the Cherokee Nation, letters endorsing such plan, heartily and, I have no fears but that they will comply with your request in that they will address you, expressing themselves in a siml ar way, which I have requested them to do.

As yet I have not heard from Governor Mosely of the Chickasaws or from the Governor of the Seminoles, I have no fears but that they will favor the plan.

I trust that you will succeed in securing the support of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, with its powerful influence throughout the United States.

Very respectfully.

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

Murrow Indian Orphans' Home.

J. S. MURROW, President.
D. N. ROBB, Treasurer.

D. ROGERS, Secretary.
E. H. RISHEL, General Manager.

Until now there has never been an Orphans' Home, exclusively for Indian children, founded upon purely benevolent principles, in the United States.

There are eighty-three Indian orphan children in this Home. Ten thousand dollars are needed for buildings and other improvements and money, clothing and food to support the children. Contributions are solicited. Will you help these Indian orphans? Please help NOW.

Atoka, Ind. Ter., March 26-1903. 1903.

Hon. Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief - Choctaw Nation.

Dear Sir & Brother:

I beg you will allow me to consume a few moments of your precious time. I read, recently, in the paper, your letter to the Governors of the five tribes, in which you suggest that steps be taken to secure, for Indian Territory, statehood by itself. This is certainly just the thing to do, and the sooner the step is taken the better, before some other trap is set to ruin Indian Territory. You also refer to the fact of "excluding the liquor traffic from Indian Territory". I presume you mean to make the new State a prohibition State. From my standpoint that is the very wisest thing that can be done for the Indians, and, really, there is very little hope of a continuance of the Indian race unless intoxicating liquors is kept from them.

I beg to ask a few questions. Will the other Governors unite with you in this matter, and will they also stand for prohibition of all intoxicating liquors? If so, will you write me a letter making this statement? And will you induce the other Governors to do the same? If you will, I will present this matter before the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, and I feel very sure I can get them to take up the matter. They will send out Petitions all over the U.S. and ~~the~~

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Atoka, Ind. Ter., _____ 1903.

Congress will be deluged with Petitions asking that Indian Territory be allowed to become a State, with its present boundaries, with the additional proviso, that, for the sake of preserving the Indian race, it must be a prohibitory State. The National Women's Christian Temperance Union is a power in the U.S. and I believe it can and will be of great use to you in securing statehood. At least let us make a mighty effort to save Indian Territory, and to save the Indians.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and praying God's richest blessings upon you and yours, I remain

Yours Very Respectfully,

Mrs. J. S. Murrow

Sans Bois, I.T., March 25, 1903.

Judge John H. Rogers,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 21st inst, and in reply desire to say that it affords me pleasure to give your friend, Col. Coulter and Mr Joe Smith the privilege of rustiating in the Choctaw Nation. I feel sure that they will not be able to destroy any game or disturb anybody.

I appreciate what you say with reference to the letter addressed, by me, to the Governors of the Five Tribes in regard to statehood, and am glad to know that you endorse it. I wish you would take occasion to give out a statement to the press to the effect that you endorse said letter, giving your reasons therefor. The high regard in which you are held by the people of this section would put them to thinking, and would greatly aid the Indian in this laudable attempt to erect a government that will be in consonance with their ideas. Hoping you good health and a long life,

I am,

PSL(W)
Encl.

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



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CHEROKEE NATION
TAHLEQUAH, INDIAN TERRITORY.

3-23-1903

Gov. Green M^cCurran

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Indian Terr

Dear Governor:

Your letter of the 14th inst. with reference to a Constitutional Convention for the Five Civilized Tribes has been read with interest. I heartily endorse your plan, and will be pleased to meet you and the other three Governors to talk the matter over before making a general call.

Sincerely yours

T. M. Buffington

Principal Chief

Cherokee Nat.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Sans Bois, Ind. Ter., March 14, 1903

Dear Governor:

After much serious reflection, I am convinced that it is the duty of the Indians composing the Five Civilized Tribes, to make one supreme effort to erect a state out of the present boundaries of the Indian Territory.

I believe that a plan, heartily entered into by the Governors of these Tribes, which comprehended the calling of a constitutional Convention, composed of Indians, and the adoption of wise fundamental laws for the future government of the state, would succeed; said Constitution to be submitted to Congress for its approval, and to become effective upon the expiration of present Treaties after it had been submitted to the vote of the whole people of the territory embraced.

I am convinced that there is a powerful sentiment, in and out of Congress, that is inclined to give us a state, separate and apart from Oklahoma.

The exclusion of the liquor traffic from the Indian Territory would bring to our side an influence that is world-wide.

It seems to me, in the light of our history, it would be fitting and just to permit the Indian to have a voice in the specification of at least one state, on a continent to which he once lay claim.

These slight suggestions are made with the hope that the plan once undertaken, may be harmonious throughout, insofar as the

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

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Indian is concerned.

I desire to add, in conclusion, that I have addressed a letter written in a similar vein, to the Governors of the other Nations. I hope, in the event the ideas advanced are in accord with your judgment, that I may hear from you at an early day on this subject. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Principal Chief Choctaw N.

Muskogee, I.T., March 16, 1903

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Prin. Chief Choctaw Nation,

Sans Bois, I.T.

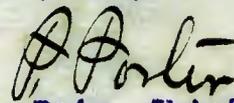
Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 14th inst. The suggestions made therein are entirely in accord with my own views in the matter. I would suggest that after hearing from the Chiefs of the other Nations, that you call a convention of the Chiefs for the purpose of a conference, at some early date, and should it be determined that the Indian Nations themselves propose a plan upon which to organize a government for the territory embraced by them, in my judgment it would be best for them to take considerable time in order to lay the foundations of government on such a broad basis as will embrace not only the present interests of the people of the Indian Territory, but the interests that the growing possibility of a state would make necessary.

At the conference of the Chiefs, when called by you, the question as to whether we would better attempt it distinctively as an Indian people, looking to the broader interests of the future citizens of the state, caring for all alike, should be considered. The thought suggests itself that after agreeing among ourselves on a proposed state constitution embracing our territory, had we not better confer with the residents of our territory not Indian, and with a view of embracing the interests of all the people of the territory in the organization of the proposed state.

Thanking you for your kindly suggestions and assuring you of my hearty co-operation in the subject matter of your letter, I am,

Very respectfully,



Prin. Chief Creek Nation

Sans Bois, I.T., March 19, 1903.

Governor P. Porter,
Muskogee, I.T.

Dear sir:

I acknowledge, with pleasure, receipt of your letter of the 16th inst, in which you state that you are entirely in accord with the plans for the formation of a state, as suggested in a former letter. As soon as I hear from the other Governors on this matter I will write you again.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

United States District Court,

EIGHTH CIRCUIT.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS,

CHAMBERS OF

JNO. H. ROGERS,
JUDGE.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 21st, 1903.

Hon Green McCurtain.

My dear sir:

An old friend of mine, Col Coulter, who lives near Texarkana, wants to take a sick friend of his, Mr Joe Smith, to the Sulphur springs near Eagleton, in the Choctaw Nation, on account of Smith's health. Smith is no hunter, but Col Coulter has been hunting all his life. He is now 65 years of age, and I do not think he will do much harm. He wants to go down there and camp, and don't want to be disturbed,-- and they want to take one other man along with them, I suppose to do the cooking and take care of the camp. If you will send me a letter that will protect Coulter and Smith and his friend while they camp there for a short time, I would very greatly appreciate it, and I am sure they would. Col Coulter is an old fashioned southern gentleman and is incapable of doing anything that is either mean, or little or improper if he knows it. I think he is as honorable man as I ever knew.

I wanted to add, in this connection, that I read while recently in Wichita Kansas, of your letter addressed to the Governors of the different Nations in regard to Statehood, and I most heartily and earnestly indorse it. If there is anything in the world that I can do, by way of suggestion, counsel, advice or assistance in taking the necessary steps to accomplish the end desired, it would afford me a very great pleasure to do it. I have always had a sentiment about the five tribes, and have believed that the United States ought to

see to it that their indian policy has developed, at least, some
indians to the extent that they are willing to trust them with
Statehood; and the erection of a State of the five tribes would be a
monument to the Indian policy of the United States, which I think
has not always been just, though at times liberal, but in many respects
extremely faulty.

Please let me hear from you as early as convenient.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,

J. M. Rogers

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
SEMINOLE NATION.

Wewoka, I. T., March 28th, 1903

Hon Green Mc Curtain
Governor of Chactaw Nation,
San Bois I.T.

Dear Sir

Your favor of recent date to hand and in reply will say that your views on the Indian problem meets my hearty approval and would suggest that you take the initial step in this matter by calling a meeting of the ~~Chickasaw~~ Chiefs to agree on some plan of action trusting to receive notice of ~~such~~ such meeting from you soon

I have the honor to remain,

Yours truly,

Halbutta Micco
Prin. Chief of Seminole Nation

J. Johnson
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Sans Bois, I.T., March 31, 1903.

Governor Halbutta Micco,

Principal Chief Seminole Nation.

Weweka, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 28th inst and am glad to know that you endorse my views on the winding up of the Indian Territory, and finally making a state. When I have heard from all the other Governors, I will then issue a call for a meeting of the Governors, for the purpose of formulating a plan of action. My present idea is to call a meeting of the five Governors, and at that meeting we will formulate a call for a convention. If you have any preference as to the time of the meeting or place, I would be pleased to hear from you on this line, at once.

GMcC(W)

Very truly yours,

Principal Chief C.N.

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.. TEMPERANCE UNION
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A Knot of White Ribbon.
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METHODS
Preventive, Educational, Evangelistic,
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Agitate, Educate, Organize.

Muskogee 3-31-1903

Gov. M^c Curtain

Sans Bois - I.T.

To the Honorable Governor.

Dr. Sir:-

Your letter to the other
Governors regarding the calling of a Constitutional
Convention, referring to prohibitory laws in Consti-
tution, when this becomes a state, and to work for a
separate state; has the true ring to it. We as the
Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Terr. do
extend to you congratulations, and our hearty support
for the stand you take in this matter. We have worked
hard to keep from being tacked on to Okla. I.T. is large
enough for a state alone. then we do not, we can not
afford to shoulder the awful curse of the saloon that
is keeping Okla. down. The efforts of the W.C.T.U. in
1901 had a mighty weight in keeping I.T. from being
annexed then, by Congress. I laboured hard, and felt
paid for all I did, when we were let alone. Would it
be asking too much of you to let me know when you
are to hold that Constitutional Con. and where. also

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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN . .
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If there is anything special you would like for us as a W. C. S. U. body - or myself individually to do, to let me know. We are at your service, and will be only too glad to lend a helping hand still, in keeping out of the S. I. the saloon, and remaining, as a state separate and independent. May I ask you to please write an article for "Our Helper," the W. C. S. U. official paper of I. T. for the May number. It is too late to get it in the April No. I send under separate cover copies of Our Helper

May I have a reply to this letter, and answers to my question, at your earliest convenience.

I am most truly yours.

Laura E. Harsha
Muskogee, I. T.

Sans Bois, I.T., April 10, 1903.

Honorable D.H. Johnson,

Bret, Indian Territory.

Dear Governor:

I enclose herewith copy of letter addressed, some time ago to the various Governors of the Five Tribes, which explains itself. The response from the various Governors has been very favorable to the plan outlined. Governor Mosley has not, as yet, indicated, by letter or otherwise, his opinion with reference to this matter. I am exceedingly anxious that the Choctaws and Chickasaws should act as a unite in this matter, and I urge you to confer with Governor Mosley and ascertain his views, and urge him, if possible, to come to this meeting, as indicated in the copy of another letter also enclosed, inviting the Governors to meet at Eufaula, I.T. on May 20, 1903, and if he can not possibly come, that he send a delegation there that will express his views upon this subject. I feel that it is incumbent upon us Indians to take a decided stand in this matter one way or the other before the convening of the next Congress. I have been advised, by our friends in Washington, that unless some effort is made in this direction, very radical action will likely be taken, that may prove very detrimental to the interests of the Indian people. I hope you will see proper to be present at Eufaula when we meet there, in order that we may thoroughly canvass the situation relative to the future welfare of our people.

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Encl.

Principal Chief C.N.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Sans Bois, Ind. Ter., April 10, 1903

INDIAN TERRITORY STATEHOOD.

Dear Governor:-

I would respectfully suggest that a meeting of the Governors of the Five Tribes take place at Eufaula, Indian Territory, on Wednesday, May 20, 1903, for the purpose of discussing the proposed plan of Statehood for the Indian Territory.

Hoping the time and place suitable, and that you will not fail to lend your personal presence on that occasion, with such friends as you desire to invite, I am,

PSL(W)

Respectfully,

Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation.

St. Louis, Mo. April 18, 1903.

Gov. Green McCurtain,

Chief of the Choctaw Nation,

Sans Bois, I. T.

My dear Sir:-

The President of the World's Fair and the Louisiana Exposition, the Hon. D. R. Francis, requests that you be present at the Dedicatory Ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held here on the 30th inst., and on May 2nd., to ride in the Civic Parade.

I have accepted the invitation on my part, and earnestly request that you accept the same and be present, as I think it would have a decided effect in giving identity to our territory and would tend to result in giving us separate statehood in the Union.

If you have any riding equipment that would be more satisfactory to you, would suggest that you forward it by express to Mr. Zack Mulhall, St. Louis, Mo., who will have charge of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma delegations at the aforesaid ceremonies. Suitable horses will be furnished and Mr. Mulhall will see that the right kind is given to each one.

Please acknowledge receipt of this invitation to Mr. Zack Mulhall, care of Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., and advise if you will be present.

Yours very truly,

P. Parker

Sans Bois, I.T., April 21, 1903.

Honorable P. Porter,
Principal Chief Creek Nation,
Muskogee, I.T.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your kind invitation to attend the Dedicatory Ceremonies of the World's Fair on the 30th inst and May 2nd, and regret that I am compelled to decline, on account of press of work in this office. As you know, we are now preparring for the opening of the land office at Atoka, and it is keeping my office force very busy taking care of the business.

Regretting that I can not be with you at that time, I am,

GMcC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Sans Bois, I.T., April 18, 1903.

Dear sir:

I desire to address you upon the necessity of selecting the best men in your county, in the coming August election, to represent the Choctaw People in the National Council. Our Tribal Government is nearing its close. It is the duty of the Indian, regardless of party lines, to lend his aid in the selection of such representatives in council, as will reflect the intelligence, the common honesty and sterling integrity that has ever characterized the Choctaws as a people. In the crisis through which we are now passing, representatives should be elected to council who are known to possess these commendable qualities. I therefore urge you to attend your county convention and earnestly and actively put forth your personal effort to this end. In closing our record as a Nation, I trust that each citizen will feel the fullest individual responsibility and labor with the view of making that record so creditable that it may excite the respect of those who accomplished the extinction of our tribal authority.

Very respectfully,

Green. W. McCurtain

Principal Chief C.N.

<p style="text-align: center;">Officers Indian Ter. W. C. T. U.</p> <p>President Mrs. Laura E. Harsha, Muskogee.</p> <p>Vice-President Mrs. K. E. S. Murrow, Atoka.</p> <p>Cor-Secretary Miss Martha Gilmore, Muskogee.</p> <p>Rec. Secretary Mrs. A. E. Griswold, Holdenville.</p> <p>Treasurer Mrs. Fay Riggins, Holdenville.</p>	<p>OFFICE OF</p> <h1 style="margin: 0;">OUR HELPER.</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Not to Be Ministered Unto, But to Minister.</p>	 <p>Officers for OUR HELPER</p> <p>Mrs. Laura E. Harsha, Manager.</p> <p>—o—</p> <p>Miss Martha Gilmore, Editor.</p> 
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Muskogee, I. T., April 28, 1903

Gov. McCurtain,
Saus Bois, I. T.
Dear Sir,-

We, of the Indian Territory Woman's Christian Temperance Union, are much interested in the statehood question, and in keeping liquor out of the territory as much as possible. We know that you think as we do upon these subjects and trust that we may work together toward the accomplishment of the best results. It occurred to us that, since Secretary Hitchcock is coming here the 7th of May to investigate the conditions and needs, it might be well to write to him concerning the Indians views of the situation, and the necessity for keeping the liquor traffic from getting a foothold in this country. If you think it advisable, would you write him a letter for your words would have weight with him?

You know we are publishing Our Helper in the interest of the temperance work of the Territory.

Could you find time to write us a brief article
stating why we should form a separate state
or upon any phase of the subject that you prefer.
We should be glad to have you become a
subscriber to our paper. It is but 25 cts a year.

Yours, for humanity,

Martha Gilmore

Cor Sec, Terry H. C. T. U.

Sans Bois, I.T., April 3, 1903.

Mrs Laura E. Harsha,

Territorial President, W.C.T.U.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

I am just in receipt of your favor of the 31st ult, and am glad to know that you commend the letter written by me to the other Governors of the Five Tribes, which contemplates the calling of a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of erecting a State out of the Indian Territory, proper. I certainly appreciate what you say in your letter with reference to the good women of the W.C.T.U., and believe that by a concerted plan of action, on the part of the Temperance people of the United States, Congress can be induced to give us a state separate and apart from Oklahoma, for the purpose of keeping whisky away from the Indian. History teems with facts showing that alcohol has been the bane of the Indian's existence. If we are attached to Oklahoma we can not exclude whisky, and the only thing left open for us is to make an intelligent fight for Separate Statehood.

I think, at the proper time, that the temperance organization here should put itself in a position to communicate with temperance organizations in every Congressional District in the United States, and plead with the constituents of each Congressman to urge their particular Congressman to fight and vote for the measure that proposes to give the Indian Territory statehood separate and apart from Oklahoma. I believe this the better plan, than circulating large petitions. However I am willing to trust the judgment of the good women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Indian Territory to find a plan that will induce Congress to yield to us in this righteous cause.. I feel sure that, if it had not been for the efforts of your organization in 1891, we would have been already attached to Oklahoma.

In compliance with your request, I will, later on, write an article on the subject, to be published in "Our Helper", your official paper. Thanking you for the interest you display in this important movement, I am,
P.S.L.(W)

Most respectfully,

Principal Chief C.M.

Sans Bois, I.T., April 21, 1903.

Mr Zack Mulhall,

c/o Planters Hotel,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Hon. P. Porter, inviting me to be present at the Dedicatory Ceremonies of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held in your city on the 30th inst and May 2nd, and am sorry to be compelled to inform you that it is utterly impossible for me to attend at that time. My people are now preparing for the opening of the land office at Atoka, I.T., and it is requiring all the time of myself and my clerks to assist them. I regret very much that I am unable to attend, but such is the case.

McC(W)

Yours truly,

Principal Chief C.N.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Sans Bois, I.T., April 25, 1903.

Dear Sir:

There will be a meeting of the Governness of the Five Tribes, at Eufaula, Indian Territory, on Wednesday, May 20, 1903, for the purpose of discussing a plan which proposes statehood for the Indian Territory. You are respectfully requested to be present to take part in the deliberations on that occasion.

PSL(W)

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.

Executive Office,

Muskogee Nation.

B. Porter, Principal Chief.

Muskogee, I.T., April 25, 1903

Hon Green McCurtain,

Chief Choctaw Nation,

Kinta, I.T.

Sir:-

Yours of the 10th inst. suggesting that a meeting of the Governors of the Five Civilized Tribes be held at Eufaula on May 20, 1903 for the purpose of discussing the whole plan of statehood for Indian Territory. It will be entirely satisfactory to me and I will be present on that date.

Respectfully,

B. Porter

Prin Chief

OFFICE OF MINING TRUSTEES
FOR
CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.
SOUTH McALESTER, IND. T.,

April 27, 1903.

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief of Choctaw Nation,
Kinta, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir,-

I have your letter of the 25th instant, requesting me to be present at Eufaula on May 20, next, at the meeting of the Governors of the Five Tribes, and will try to be there.

Yours truly,

Samuel Jackson

Hugo St
4/27/03

How Green Mc Curtain
P 66 W

Sans Bois St

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 18th Inst to hand & contents noted and have to say am pleased with your desire and intentions as to the winding up of our Government. and will gladly do what I can. when do you think I will likely get my appointment as Coal Commissioner.

Very Resp
N.E. Sanguin

Executive Office,

Muskogee Nation.

B. Porter, Principal Chief.

Muskogee, I.T., April 8, 1903

Gov. Green McCurtain,

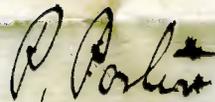
Kinta, I.T.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication enclosing copy of a letter from Mrs. J.S. Murrow, requesting me to address a letter to her in reply to said letter. I have today written her a letter in harmony with your views on the subject.

Referring to the matter of holding a conference of the Chiefs of the Five Tribes, I trust you will take ~~xxxx~~ steps as early as practicable to hold such conference.

Respectfully,



Prin. Chief Creek Nation

Executive Office

Ardmore Ind. Terr.

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Hon. Gen. McCurtain
Principle Chief of the Choctaws

Dear Sir:

That you will be the first to call a convention that will have any bearing on statehood for D. T. is assured. That your tenets meet with the approbation of the intelligencies of the whole country history will record. Your active and statesman like defense of the interests and future welfare of your own people, in the matter of timber segregation for allotments is a marvel and example of other people who desire good government

because the interests of all, Indian white and black, are identical, when it comes to a common interest, in measure to maintain the good and encroachments of monopoly. One has to contemplate the conditions which will prevail in the future, in order to make wise provisions now. Government and laws are for the weak, the strong can care for them selves hence the wisdom of your prohibition tenets. Let the constitution prohibit the use and sale of intoxicants. The acquisition of land by lease or purchase in excess of an allotment

by any one firm person
or syndicate. For the reason
that the controls of large bodies
of land by one firm person
or syndicate is always a menace
to good citizenship. The eyes
of the country are upon me. For
the hope of thousands get anchored
in the stars taken by your

Pardon the assumption
of one who feels an interest
in the welfare of a great people
and allow me to express
myself with patriotic sentiments
Yours Respect
Miss M. H. Becker

Sans Bois, I.T., April 2, 1903.

Governor Hulbutta Micco,
Principal Chief Serinole Nation,
Wewoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Governor:

You will find, herewith enclosed, a letter from Mrs J.S. Murrow, of Atoka, I.T., which explains itself. Mrs Murrow ranks high in the councils of the 'National Woman's Christian Temperance Union' and will be of much assistance to us in our effort to secure statehood for the Indian Territory. I therefore most respectfully suggest that you write her a letter indicating that you favor the exclusion of the liquor traffic from the Indian Territory, as the proper plan for the preservation of the Indian race, together with his vast estate. This will bring to our aid and assistance an active body of men and women who have a world-wide influence.

Hoping you will view this matter in the light set forth,

I am,

PSL(W)
Encl.

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

Kinta Indian Territory March 27th 1903.

Honorable P. Porter,
Chief, Muskogee Nation,
Muskogee Indian Territory.

Sir:

Herewith enclosed please find letter from Mrs. J. S. Morrow dated at Atoka Indian Territory March 26th 1903, which explains itself. This lady stands well in The National Women's Christian Temperance Union and will be of much assistance to our plan of seperate statehood.

I have to most respectfully request that you accede to her request, in that you address to her a letter, indicating that you favor the exclusion of the liqour traffic from the Indian Territory, as the only plan for the preservation of the Indian race together with his vast estate.

I am sure that the plan we have inaugurated will be popular and needs but to be pushed along, and in that connection it has been suggested that we have a meeting and arrange plans, to which I fully agree. I shall advise with you along this line further in the near future.

I am yours very respectfully.

Principal Chief, Choctaw Nation.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

CHOCTAW NATION

GREEN McCURTAIN, PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Sans Bois, Ind. Ter., April 10, 1903

INDIAN TERRITORY STATEHOOD.

Dear Governor:-

I would respectfully suggest that a meeting of the Governors of the Five Tribes take place at Eufaula, Indian Territory, on Wednesday, May 20, 1903, for the purpose of discussing the proposed plan of Statehood for the Indian Territory.

Hoping the time and place suitable, and that you will not fail to lend your personal presence on that occasion, with such friends as you desire to invite, I am,

PSL(W)

Respectfully,

**Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation.**

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CHOCTAW NATION

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PSL(E)

Respectfully,

Principal Chief,
Choctaw Nation.

BANKS & JOHNSON,

ATTORNEYS AND COUN-
SELORS - AT - LAW.

WEWOKA, IND. TER., April 16 1903

Honorable Green McCurtain,
Principal Chief of Choctaw Nation,
San Bois, I.T.

Dear Governor ;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor
of the 10th, nameing May 20th, as the time for a meeting of the Govenors
to consider the statehood matter I shall take pleasuer in meeting you
at that time and hope the other Nations will attend,

I am
Respectfully,

J. Johnson
Secy.

Gulputta Micoe
Chief Seminole Nation

Sans Bois, I.T., April 2, 1903.

Mrs J.S. Murrow,

Atoka, I.T.

Dear Mrs Murrow:

I am just in receipt of a letter from Governor Hulbutta Micco, of the Seminole Nation, in which he states that the plans presented in my letter to him, receives his hearty endorsement. I have written him in todays mail enclosing a copy of your letter, and asking him to write you indicating that he favors the exclusion of the liquor traffic from the Indian Territory as the proper plan for the preservation of the Indian people. I think that you will likely receive a letter from him in due time endorsing that movement. When Congress meets I think personal letters from the good people who compose the 'W.C.T.U.' should take up the matter in every Congressional District in the United States, and urge upon their Congressman, the necessity of aiding the Indian in his effort to exclude the liquor traffic, by giving the Indian Territory separate statehood from Oklahoma. In my experiance this is the most telling way of securing Congressional action, by calling strictly to account through their constituents, of each Congressional District, their particular Congressman.

Wishing you and Brother Murrow many long and hapy years
among us, I am,
PSI(W)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 5, 1903.

Our Helper:

From the view-point of the Indian, the treaties between the United States Government and the five tribes are sufficiently momentous to stay our attention. These treaties contain the guarantee that no state lines should ever be thrown around the boundaries of the present Indian Territory, without the consent of the Indians. These considerations were not lightly entered into, by the Government and the Indians, on the occasion when the treaty was made, and it may be safely asserted, that the provision will not be airily brushed aside, as of no importance, when the erection of another form of government takes the place of the present arrangement.

Aside from the legal phase of the question, just mentioned there are moral considerations involved, with which this brief article has to do, that appeal with irresistible force to the human heart. Whisky has not only been the bane of the red man's existence it now threatens to engulf him. The Indian's material well-being is not only threatened. Every home in the Indian Territory, whether it shelters the red, white or black man, is vitally concerned in the fight for self-preservation. The hearty co-operation of every element of good citizenship in the Indian Territory are cordially invited to bend their energies in the final contest that is gradually assuming formidable proportions. Much depends upon the efforts of the good women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Their friends in every congressional District of the United States should be marshaled for the fray. Each individual Congressman should be appealed to by his immediate constituents to vote for the measure that will protect the home, not only of the red man who desires to perpetuate his race, but the white and black man whose interests are so identified and interwoven that the well-being of one means general welfare and happiness of all.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 5, 1907.

Miss Martha Gilmore,

Editor 'Our Helper,'

Muskogee, I.T.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed you will find an article to 'Our Helper' which very briefly touches the statehood question, and the exclusion of the whisky traffic from the Indian Territory.

With reference to your suggestion that I write the Secretary of the Interior concerning the Indian's views of the situation, I desire to suggest that as this is more particularly a matter for our courts, at this time, I feel that it would not be quite the appropriate thing, to address him upon this question. I shall take occasion, however, when I see him personally, to urge upon the views as indicated in the letter enclosed to 'Our Helper'. I hope that the good women of your organization will lend their every effort in behalf of this fight. I believe that without their aid our cause would be already lost. Party and political expediency determines all these matters, in the Halls of Congress. It may be that the great moral force that you will be able to gather under the banner of the W.C.T.U. may induce Congress to grant our demand. I certainly appreciate your sincere efforts in this matter, and am ready to do whatever I can to aid in the fight.

PSL(W)

Respectfully yours,

Encl.

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 28, 1903.

Mr Alex Posey, Secretary,
Eufaula, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

I am just in receipt of your letter enclosing copy of resolutions adopted by the Statehood Convention, at Eufaula, on the 21st inst. I note what you say with reference to the statehood sentiment becoming popular. I hope you will use your editorial pen vigorously in behalf of this cause, as the people of this country are a reading and thinking people, and are largely influenced by the country press.

Since returning home I am more convinced than ever that we shall succeed in this undertaking. President Roosevelt is the most sincere friend that the western people have ever had in the Whitehouse. He is western in feeling and sentiment, and I sincerely believe that he is disposed to lend us every aid in the erection of a state, as now embraced in the confines of the Five Tribes. You have the ability to handle this sentiment with much force, and I hope to see you take hold of the matter and present it to your readers in the attractive form with which you are capable.

PSL(W)

Yours truly,

Prin. Chief C.N.

Keftaula, T.T.

May 25, 1903.

Now, Green M. Curtin, Prin. Chief of Choctaw Nation,
San Bois, T.T.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herein are the resolutions adopted by statehood convention at Keftaula May 21, 1903. I have forwarded like copies to the president and secretary of interior, also to your fellow chiefs, requesting their most earnest consideration of same.

Very respectfully,

Alex Posey

P. S. P. S.

The double statehood sentiment is getting very popular. The plans outlined by the convention appear to be just what the people in the Territory have long wanted. Success is bound to come if the proper methods are employed and we "keep at it."

Officers
Indian Ter. W. C. T. U.
President
Mrs. Laura E. Harsha,
Muskogee.
Vice-President
Mrs. K. E. S. Murrow,
Atoka.
Cor-Secretary
Miss Martha Gilmore,
Muskogee.
Rec. Secretary
Mrs. A. E. Griswold,
Holdenville.
Treasurer
Mrs. Fay Riggins,
Holdenville.

OFFICE OF
OUR HELPER.

Not to Be Ministered Unto, But to Minister.

Officers for
OUR HELPER
Mrs. Laura E. Harsha,
Manager.
—o—
Miss Martha Gilmore,
Editor.

Muskogee, I. T., *May 25,* 1903.

Gov. Mc Curtain,
Saus Bois, I. T.
Dear Sir,

You know of our desire to do all we can to help win this territory for prohibition and good government. We have a plan in mind to issue a little weekly Bulletin as a means of educating the people upon the principles of government and upon the kind of state that should be formed here, especially as related to the liquor business. We should like to publish this and scatter the copies broadcast through the territory and somewhat outside. But this would take money. What do you think of such a plan and can you suggest a way to meet the expense?

Yours, for God, our homes and our Territory
Martha Gilmore

Sans Bois, I.T., May 28, 1903.

Miss Martha Gilmore,

Muskogee, I.T.

Dear Miss:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst. in which you state that you have a plan in mind to issue a little weekly bulletin as a means of educating the people upon the principles of government and upon the kind of state that should be formed here, especially as relates to the liquor business.

I think this plan a good one. As to the matter of expenses, no definite arrangement has been made, or will likely be made until the various Chief Executives get an appropriation from their respective councils to that end. At the meeting of the governors at Eufaula, some contributions were made toward carrying the work on, by those present; however the amount subscribed is wholly inadequate to the work in hand. I would suggest that it might be appropriate for your organization to appeal to the various organizations throughout the United States for some slight assistance in this direction. It will unquestionably take a vast deal of money to accomplish our purpose, and incidental expenses will pile up enormously in the aggregate. I am glad to see the interest of the good women of the W.C.T.U. in this matter. Hoping you well, I am

PSL(W)

Your friend,

Prin. Chief C.W.

COMMISSIONERS :

S. E. LEWIS,
A. J. HARKINS,
JOHN TAYLOR.

CHOCTAW CITIZENSHIP COMMISSION.

HENRY ANSLEY,
CLERK AND CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS.

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T.,

May 27, 1903.

Governor Green McCurtain,

Sans Bois, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir,-

The Single Statehood advocates met in Oklahoma City last Monday, there was a very small attendance, but they are awake to the situation, and are going to do some hard campaigning. They decided to issue a call for a delegate convention, composed of 400 delegates from each Territory, to meet in Shawnee, O. T., June 24, 1903, in order that they may more fully discuss the situation, and adopt the best scheme to defeat our plans for a Separate State.

Our Executive Committee ought to be getting ready for this campaign, and if you have not heard from the three Governors I would respectfully suggest, that you write them at once, calling their attention to the importance of getting our committee organized and in working order, at an early date.

This is quite an undertaking, yet, I feel confident of success. This is the last fight of the Five Tribes, and we must win. Trusting you will attend to this matter, at your earliest convenience.

Your friend,

Henry Ansley

Sans Bois, I.T., May 6, 1903.

Hon. Thomas E. Oaks,

Atlas, I.T.

Dear sir:

I desire to invite you to attend the meeting of the Govern-
ors of the Five Tribes, at Eufaula, I.T., on Wednesday, May 20, 1903.

I am exceedingly anxious that the Choctaws shall have a representa-
tive gathering of men who will reflect the sentiment of their people.

You and I have differed somewhat in the past, as to what was best
for our country, but I feel sure that we have both accorded to each
other the honor of having been prompted by sincere motives in what
we thought best for the Choctaw people. I hope you will make it
a point to be present on this occasion, as I believe it our duty
to use our every effort to secure to the people of the Indian Ter-
ritory a government separate and apart from Oklahoma. Hoping I
may receive a favorable response, I am,

PSL(D)

Your friend,

Principal Chief C.N.

Sans Bois, I.T., May 5, 1903.

Miss M.H. Becker,

Ardmore, I.T.

Dear Miss:

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 25th ult., and note what you say with reference to the steps I have taken looking to statehood for the Indian Territory, and also my efforts in the direction of protecting the Indians in the lands soon to be allotted to them. I certainly appreciate the interest you display in my sincere attempt to protect my people in a way that will tend to the betterment of their conditions. I appreciate the fact that the task is difficult, and that however much I may labor to protect them, my efforts will prove futile in many instances. I rather enjoy, however, the fact that the sincerity of my motives are appreciated by those who wish the Indian well.

PSL(W)

Very respectfully,

Principal Chief C.N.

Executive Office Choctaw Nation

Green McCurtain, Principal Chief

Sam Tucker	So Mcalister	I, J
Henry Ansley	McAlister	" "
L. C. McCurtain	So Mcalister	" "
A. P. Ward	Kiowa	" "
James Bowers	Oak Lodge	" "
John Taylor	Spiro	
R. J. Ward	Oak Lodge	I, J
Joseph Everidge	Grant	I, J
Allen Wright	So McAlister	" "
S. E. Lewis	" "	" "
W. H. Harrison	Atoka	" "
A. C. Nash	Antlers	" "
Wesley Anderson	Tuskahoma	" "
J. A. Billy	Stringtown	" "
P. J. Hudson	Tuskahoma	

There will be a meeting of the members of the Five Tribes
 at Enfield ^{IT} on Wednesday May the 20th 1905, for the
 purpose of discussing a plan, which proposes statehood
 for the Indian Union, you are ^{respectfully} requested to be present
~~at this meeting~~ to take part in the deliberations
 upon that occasion.

Very Respect,