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Interview With Albert Jehn Hare,
1701 South St. Louis Street,
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Hare was born on a farm in Wyandot County, Ohio, on March 3, 1851. He was educated in the district school in the neighborhood known as "Poverty Run". He remained on the farm until twenty-one years of age, working on the farm. He taught country schools during several winters.

In the spring of 1872 he went to Madison, Wisconsin, where he worked at compiling and publishing a farm atlas. He followed this business in Iowa, Missouri, and Ohio, as well as in Wisconsin. On October 10th, 1878, he was married to Henrietta Rigby Ingram at her home in Maryville, Ohio. In January 1880, he and Mrs. Hare moved to Sandusky, Ohio, where he engaged in the manufacturing and sale of printers' type cases, with concave bottoms, the only one of that type on the market. He and Henry Beilsteni built and operated the first steamboat to run the river between Sandusky and Cedar Point, a summer resort.

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In 1887 he moved back to Marysville, Ohio, where he became part owner and editor of the Union County Journal, a weekly paper of the Democratic faith. He continued his connection with the Journal until August 1, 1904, when he sold the Journal and he and W. E. Decker of Paulding, Ohio, came to Muskogee, Indian Territory, and founded the Daily Democrat. This was a morning paper and Democratic in politics, as the name implies. In 1906, he and Decker bought the Times, an evening paper and combined the two under the name of the Times-Democrat. The Phoenix, a morning paper was being published at that time in Muskogee by Clarence B. Douglas and Frank F. Merriam, now Governor of California. The Phoenix was printed on our presses, a Webb press, as the Phoenix was a morning paper and the Times-Democrat an evening paper.

Tams Bixby bought the Phoenix about the year 1907. Bixby was formerly head of the Dawes Commission at Muskogee. His sons, Edson K, Joel and Tams Bixby all are newspaper men. Edson now publishes the Leader of Springfield, Missouri, on which paper Mr. Hare's grandson now works as a reporter.

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Mr. Hare moved to Pawhuska on February 12, 1916, and was there until 1918 when he moved to Sapulpa, where he was the first editor of the Creek County, Democrat. He came to Tulsa March 1, 1920. Mr. Hare is a Democrat, a Methodist and a Mason. He received his masters degree at Warpole Lodge #176 in Upper-Sandusky, Ohio, on March 7, 1876, and was knighted in Maryville, Lodge No 1100 K. of P. on February 22, 1895.

In 1925, Mr. Hare planted in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Tulsa, several acorns from Burr Oaks. Now these trees are from six to eight inches in diameter. These acorns came from a rather famous tree on the farm of Nate Farmer, a well known and highly respected citizen of Muskogee vicinity, of years past. Picnics used to be held on the Farmer place and on August 7, 1905, Charles N. Haskell spoke there. He was active before statehood in the movement to make a state of the Indian Territory and to have it named Sequoyah. A convention was held and a constitution drawn up. A great number of people endorsed this plan.

Mr. Hare has two children now living. A daughter, Florence, and a son, Russell. Russell is a resident of

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Paris, France, where he has been since 1918, as a member of the law firm of Conder Brothers. Mrs. Hare, his wife, died February 2, 1921, and is buried in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Tulsa.