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A GOOD ONE

P. L. Andrews Tears Off a Chapter

Sends Greetings to His Comrades at the Smoke House and Tells of Life in the West.

Tulsa, I. T., Feb. 29, 1905.

H. A. Fristoe, and all the brethren of the Decatur, Ind.

Beloved Sirs:

Unto all the loafers that inhabit and frequent the Smoke House, this epistle is directed, I am in the land of the Red Man and the Squaw, the land of sunshine and warmth. Ever since I arrived in the territory there has been one continual bright sunshine every day in the sky, and the atmosphere is clear, pure and invigorating. It would be a good place for some more of the Smoke House loafers.

They would get some of the stink blown off them. I was down at Chandler, Oklahoma, over Sunday, and there met John Wisely, a former citizen of Adams county, who came here at the opening of the Territory and who has since prospered and accumulated considerable property and is now on East street, Oklahoma, at the present time suffering to some extent from a depression in business following the period of boom and excitement of the last few years, and a feet now move in the direction of Indian Territory.

Here great bonus excite the people, and you find people from everywhere in the United States. Especially is this true of Tulsa and Muskogee. Two years ago I visited Tulsa and found a small, un-

promising town of about 2000 or 3000. Now she is a city of about 7000, with five railroads. The old frame shacks of two years ago have given way to stately two and three story brick buildings, of the most modern style.

Last Saturday they broke ground for a new five story brick hotel building that is to cost \$70,000. Real estate that could be bought for a song, now brings fabulous prices, and you might as well go on State street, Chicago, to buy real estate on the main street of Tulsa. If man's

foresight was as good as his hindsight, what a field for profitable investment would have presented itself here year or two ago. A thousand dollar investment then would have made the investor a for-

tune now. But the time has come to keep hands off. And although Tulsa has gas and coal in an abundance, she certainty will not be able to avoid or prevent the reaction that must certainly come, for the water will sooner or later squeeze out and the wind will escape, and the fellows who have bought it will be themselves losers.

But there is no question but Tulsa will become one of the good cities of this western country—one of the substantial ones when things have assumed a normal state and values become real, instead of fictitious. Well, how goes the "chicken game?" Is Fisher improving any? I would like to skin him again; he is so easy. Is Baxter and Russell still running foot races for the carom board?

Well, boys, load up and come out on the 7th of this month and have a good time for twenty-one days; it does not cost much, and you will be glad that you are here. I cannot say now when I will be back to Decatur, probably before long, probably not for sometime. But until I come, let me admonish you to be good. If any of you come next month, I will meet you at Tulsa, for I expect to be here until after the 7th, or at least to make this my headquarters until about that time. I have not heard from Decatur since I left it. I expected to get some mail this morning, but did not.

Address all communications to Tulsa, Indian Territory. With love to all the old boy, I remain yours very truly,

P. L. Andrews

AN ELECTION

To be Held at Berne For Traction Line

Fort Wayne & Springfield Company Asks Twenty-five Thousand Dollars Subsidy From Berne.

Another step forward in the direction of securing an interurban line through Berne was taken last

Tuesday evening when Messrs.

Koenig and Fledderjohann, of the

Fort Wayne Springfield Railway

Co., were in town and met with a

number of citizens at the town hall

and presented a petition asking the

commissioners to arrange for an

election to be held in Berne and

Monroe township to vote this com-

pany a subsidy of \$25,000. The

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THE LEGISLATURE

Anti-Trust Legislation is Defeated

The Governor Signs Several Bills Among Them Being the Legislative Apportionment.

To legalize acts of township advisory boards taken without notice on account. Passed 36 to 0.

To empower county councils by resolution to return unexpended balances of appropriations to the general fund of the county. Passed, 4 to 0.

By a vote of 53 to 3 the codification bill on cities and towns passed the house. The debate preceding the vote was spirited, but touched on unimportant details of the measure.

Governor Hanly signed the Guirl insurance bill, a measure which permits foreign mutual fire insurance companies to enter Indiana and do business. They must have premium notes amounting to \$200,000, and cash assets amounting to \$50,000.

At the conclusion of a discussion which continued during the greater part of the afternoon, the Guirl house bill, directed against trade combinations, which came up in the senate on a divided committee report, was defeated, 27 to 14.

Reported favorably by the house committee on insurance, the Stricker bill, permitting foreign fire insurance companies to hold securities in city, county and state bonds outside Indiana, was passed in the house under suspension of rules.

At last night's session of the senate an effort was made to amend the general appropriations bill to allow the state normal school at Terre Haute, \$50,000 for the erection of a new dormitory for young women student. Senator Cavin's motion to this effect was lost by a vote of 18 to 20.

The governor signed the new legislative apportionment bill, which re-districts the state. The most radical changes are in senatorial districts in the southern part of the state. Under the act democrats will lose one senator. Senator Millburn's district—Davis and Dubois—is abolished. Davis is placed in a district with Pike and Dubois in a district with Crawford and Perry.

The expenses of the general assembly up to February 28, as shown by the warrants that have been issued by the auditor of state, have been \$79,165.45 of which \$49,099.32 was paid for the house of representatives, and \$30,066.13 to the senate. This does not really include everything for which warrants for

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The proof of superiority in shoes is in the fitting and wearing.

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