

OKLAHOMA: THE FRONTIER STATE

OKLAHOMA, "The Land of Now," (embracing Oklahoma and Indian Territories), entered the union as a state on November 16, 1907, with a population of approximately 1,400,000. The government census (four districts missing) shows a population of 1,408,000. In addition to the persons residing in the four missing districts, a number of Indians not reached by the census takers are believed to have been omitted from the government census total.

The Indians in passing out of the life of Oklahoma into its history. But he is still as much in evidence in Oklahoma as the negro is in a number of northern states. Recently believed to be ultra-conservative about that the new state of Oklahoma contains 72,000 Indians. Only 400,000 of these, however, are more than three quarters blood. The wild Indians of Oklahoma exist only in history. The redman of the present is adjusting himself to the white man's civilization.

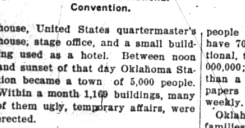
"Oklahoma" is a Comanche Indian word, signifying the "Land of the Fair God." Surely the fair god could not select a more comfortable place for a home. For instance, everything good to eat which distinguishes our ozone might desire is obtainable from Oklahoma soil. Upon a single Oklahoma farm can be seen growing simultaneously the products that grow in all the states from Maine to California. Corn and cotton thrive side by side.

Amazing Natural Resources.
Within its borders Oklahoma is known to have vast stretches of coal lands; natural gas, also, is abundant. The state's resources in salt, asphalt, oil, granite, and limestone, stone, zinc, lead, copper, gold and tin, place it among the most desirable sections of the country for investors.

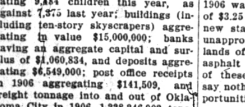
Eighteen years ago this great new state was a cattle range and Indian hunting ground.

The first rush into Oklahoma was on Monday, April 22, 1889. On the morning of that day Oklahoma City, the present metropolis of the state, then known as "New Territory," consisted of half a dozen small buildings, the Santa Fe station, section

PROMINENT MEN OF NEW STATE.



W. H. MURRAY, President of Constitutional Convention.



C. F. HALL, Governor.

house, United States quartermaster's store, stage office, and a small building used as a hotel. Between noon and sunset of that day Oklahoma State became a town of 5,000 people. Within a month 1,100 buildings, many of them ugly, temporary affairs, were erected.

And so Oklahoma City has continued to grow until it is the metropolis of a population of 85,000, modern schools aggregating 9,484 children this year, an against 7,750 last year; buildings (including ten-story skyscrapers) aggregating to value \$100,000,000; banks having an aggregate capital and surplus of \$180,534, and deposits aggregating \$8,549,000; post office receipts in 1908 aggregating \$141,699, and freight tonnage into and out of Oklahoma City in 1908, 1,238,246 tons.

Factories are springing up. Oklahoma City this year has 2,347 factory employes, a gain of 531 over last year; and 1,176 jobbing house employes, a gain of 230 for the year.

ABOUT THE REAL ARAB HORSE.

He is Virtually a Pony, But a Remarkably Sturdy One.

The Arab horse is virtually a pony, standing 14.2 hands, often under 14, and he is not, even in the gallop, indeed, he is slow. He is a very poor trotter, both as regards speed and action, a bad hack, and cannot walk with any perfect ease. He is unfitted for harness and is totally unfit to ride except at the gallop. He is his natural gait, and in his movement is free, smooth, delightful and easy. As regards his general make-up and formation, he is perfect, free from constitutional and physical soundness is wonderful. He has great bone substance, vigor, resolution, strength, staying power, courage, boldness, the soundest legs and feet and extraordinary lung power, which is due to the sympathetic condition of his life and to which he has been used from time immemorial; extraordinary eyesight, good temper, mild manners, tractabil-

of the United States, so far as its population is concerned, more than that of any other country. The agricultural products are concentrated in the cotton, wheat, corn, sugar, and stock raising, easterners and westerners mingle harmoniously, all growing prosperous together. Every state in the union is represented by at least 500 natives.

A substantial evidence of the intellectual worth of Oklahomans generally is the number of modern daily newspapers which they support. Furthermore, they have good schools, libraries and churches.

Oklahoma has a modern public school system supported by the income from a \$25,000,000 public school fund. This fund, which is \$100,000,000 in value, at \$200,000,000 the income from the rental of which amounts to about \$500,000 per year, and \$500,000 paid into the school fund by Indian Territory in lieu of land.

Some of the richest oil fields in America are in Oklahoma. The Glenn Pool, oil well, in the southern part of the state, has produced more than 450 million barrels of oil, with a total capacity of 100,000 barrels a day. The first of these wells was sunk in December, 1905. Pipe lines have been constructed for the transportation of this oil to the Texas coast and to the refineries at Whiting, Ind. More than \$100,000,000 has been invested in tanks, pumping stations, and pipe lines in Tulsa county, Eastern Oklahoma, which is not uniformly even as the western portion of the state, produces more than 2,000,000 tons of coal a year, for which its mines receive about \$5,000,000. The coal field extends from the vicinity of Tulsa on the north to the Oklahoma coast on the south, for more than 100 miles. The state contains

State University.
The head of the public school system of Oklahoma is the state university, located at Norman, open to female as well as male students, and comprising a college of arts and sciences, a school of medicine, a school of applied science, a school of pharmacy, a school of music, a school of the arts, and a preparatory school. The campus, consisting of 60 acres, lies at a slight elevation, overlooking the South Canadian river. University buildings were built five years ago at a cost of \$700,000. Science hall is a new building, 63 by 125 feet, of gray pressed brick. The university is provided with a library building given by Andrew Carnegie, and a gymnasium, 45 by 100 feet. There are four other buildings of wood, devoted to engineering work, and two devoted to the anatomical laboratory.

The other advanced public educational institutions of Oklahoma are agricultural and mechanical college, three state normal schools, a university preparatory school, a colored agricultural and mechanical college, and a school at Chicko, on a reservation containing 8,900 acres of agricultural land for the education of Indian boys and girls in the higher branches of learning.

Color Line Drawn.
The supervision of instruction is vested in a board of education, of which the state superintendent of public instruction is president and the governor secretary. The board of education has members ex-officio. A color line is drawn on negroes in Oklahoma, a general school being provided for negro children, and separate accommodations as the schools for white children. Education is compulsory for all children in the higher branches of learning.

The Chilocco Indian school is one of the best in the country. It is situated on a reservation of 10,000 acres, and is one of the best in the country. It is situated on a reservation of 10,000 acres, and is one of the best in the country.

Oklahoma is larger in area than Indiana and Ohio combined. Oklahoma will be the twenty-third state in the union in point of population.

Oklahoma has 9,500 miles of railroads, 700 banks and 50 daily newspapers.

Oklahoma's metropolis, Oklahoma City, has forty miles of asphalt pavements.

Oklahoma's constitution is the biggest in the union, being made up of sixty thousand words.

State-wide prohibition is provided in the constitution. The "initiative and referendum" are in the state constitution and extend to the municipal level.

Oklahoma has 26,469 full blooded Indians and 50,670 part Indians. Many of them are highly civilized.

Oklahoma is a "corn state," raising 150,000,000 bushels last year.

FAMOUS NEW ENGLAND TREES.
Havoc Wrought by Recent Storms Among Cherished Antiquities.

None of our antiquities are more cherished by healthy natives than our ancient and historic trees, says the Boston Transcript. When the old elm on the common blew down, about 20 years ago, there was a genuine grief among the older citizens. Of such a sort is the scramble for souvenirs of this patriarch of our oldest park, even down to the smallest twig. The chestnut oak at Hartford has given its name to numerous institutions, and its remains have been scattered in various forms, artistic or otherwise, through the homes of Connecticut and even other states. The old elm in Cambridge, under which Washington received his commission from the continental congress, but now fast tottering to its fall, has been the shrine of hundreds of thousands of our countrymen. In a severe storm recently was swept away a tree of two remarkable sentinels of as

many towns. The revolutionary tree at Arlington was two-thirds destroyed, and probably the remainder has sustained more injury.

But Lancaster mourns an even greater loss. Her chief matter destination is practically destroyed. Her queen elm, which has been declared the "last" in Massachusetts, is a tree of 100 years of age, with a diameter of 10 feet, and a circumference of its trunk nearly 37 feet. To these two towns the storm brought general bereavement.

"Two Stars" Bed Appears.
Among the new inventions for state, bed appears to be a two-star bed, two and three-star beds or cots, and a one-star bed. They certainly have the advantage of being more compact than the ordinary single bed, and are furnished with a woman wire spring, mattress and pillow.

Oil Fields Are Rich.
Some of the richest oil fields in America are in Oklahoma. The Glenn Pool, oil well, in the southern part of the state, has produced more than 450 million barrels of oil, with a total capacity of 100,000 barrels a day.

Good, comfortable, cozy, old-fashioned house with 20 feet front on Main Street. Fine location, plenty of room. Price \$1,200.

One on the right side, just south of land owned by John Gorman on 1st frontage. Apply to J. G. Gorman, 101 N. 1st St. For particulars inquire of M. G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

101
Farm of 12 acres in sections 22 and 15, South of Woodward Avenue, 1/2 mile from Woodward Avenue. 1/2 mile from Woodward Avenue. 1/2 mile from Woodward Avenue. Price \$2,000.

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Eight-acre farm in White Lake township, 1/4 mile from Woodward Avenue, 1/2 mile from Woodward Avenue. 1/2 mile from Woodward Avenue. Price \$2,000.

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Real Estate Exchange

OF WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL
Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

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