

SEN. OWEN OF OKLAHOMA

The New Member from the Youngest State

A CHEROKEE INDIAN

Although an Oklahoman by Adoption is a Virginian by Birth—Has Been in Turn Teacher, Editor, Lawyer, Banker, and Man of Business.

When Robert Latham Owen, Senator from the new State of Oklahoma, entered the Senate Chamber, he was regarded as merely an interesting addition to the greatest deliberative body in the world. He is a Cherokee Indian, or, rather, the blood of Cherokee ancestors courses in his veins.

Although an Oklahoman by adoption, Senator Owen is a Virginian by birth. He was born in Lynchburg, Feb. 2, 1856. His father was Robert L. Owen, formerly President of the Virginia & Tennessee Railroad, while his mother was Narcissa Chisholm Owen, of the Cherokee Nation.

Owen, Sr., saw to it that his son went out into the world equipped with both good health and the best of education. He seems to have



ROBERT L. OWEN.

been a man of stern purpose, but he was a hero to his two boys. He reared them with a rod of iron, and while he wielded complete authority over their affairs, they made him their hero.

Young Owen was taught the rudiments in private schools in Lynchburg. Later he was sent to a preparatory school in Baltimore, an event that marked the first separation between mother and son. Leaving there he entered Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va., from which institute he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of Master of Arts.

It was probably the call of the West within him that started him toward the setting sun, for he had much of his mother's spirit. In any event, for the next few years the Senator-to-be filled a number of roles. He was in turn, teacher, editor, lawyer, banker, and business man, engaged in various enterprises. He made a sterling reputation as a skillful lawyer, and later added to his reputation as a banker of foresight and unimpeachable integrity.

During his busy life, however, Owen found time to enter politics. He plunged into public affairs with the energy that characterized his private undertakings. As a result, he was a member of the Democratic National Committee from 1892 to 1896. He was a member of the subcommittee that drew the party platform in 1896, and ten years later was Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee in Oklahoma. Owen was nominated June 5, 1907, for the United States Senate by a State primary that gave him the largest vote of any candidate by about 10,000. The remarkable vote cast for him over the other candidates is an indication of the popularity he enjoys in his home State.

When Owen was sworn in as a United States Senator he was accompanied by his blind colleague, Thomas P. Gore. It was necessary that the two men settle which should be seated for the short term and which for the long. It was decided to leave the matter to chance. Two pieces of paper were prepared, one shorter than the other. The Senator who drew the longer of the two was to have the long term.

A blindfolded page was called and the slips given him. Because of his colleague's affliction, Owen insisted upon him drawing first. Gore did. It was discovered he had drawn the short slip. As a result Gore's term expires in March of 1909. Owen will serve until 1913.

But as he turned away from the drawing that to him had been so successful it was difficult to judge whether Owen was glad or sorry. His gaze rested compassionately on his colleague, who held out a groping hand in congratulation. Grasping it, the two went arm in arm back to their seats, the stalwart young Indian guiding the hesitating steps of the other to his desk.

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STRANGE ERRORS OF TYPE.

Curious Mistakes Spring Up With Surprising Frequency.

Somewhere in the United States there is said to be a newspaper compositor who is one hundred and five years of age. He made so many typographical errors during his life that he is afraid to die. The jest may be admitted, but the majority of typographical mistakes often have results which are far removed from the field of humor. Compositors and proof-readers frequently realize this the "day after." In contemporary times, with the typewriter, the linotype machine and the corps of careful editors, compositors, proof and copy-readers; men who have been thoroughly and completely trained in their work, the big city dailies consider it part of their business not to make mistakes. Though great precaution is taken to prevent errors of type and grammar, curious mistakes spring up with surprising frequency, especially in the editions of small country weeklies where the copy is penned and set by hand.

The typographical error is far more numerous in contemporary publications than grammatical mistakes. Type is at best a slippery article, even on the linotype machine with its perfect keyboard. The operator as the one-time type-setter is now called, finds it an exceedingly easy matter to transpose a letter now and then, an incident which often changes the meaning of the sentence.

A dramatic writer once noted in his review of a play that "others in the cast were, etc." The compositor while setting up the sentence merely touched the "t" before the "s" on the key-board and the astonishing result was; "others of the cats were, etc." "Seekers after office," written in an article by a political reporter, turned out to be "suckers after office." Years ago the owner of a Philadelphia newspaper wrote an editorial headed "Circumstances alter Cases." When the proof came down from the composing room he was amazed to discover that his comment was entitled, "Circus Horses at the Races."

The reporter who wrote "The meeting was attended by a large number of distinguished men" was asked for an explanation when the city editor read "The meeting was attended by a large number of distinguished men." A clergyman was once quoted as saying that "marriage was an infernal teapot." He really viewed marriage as an eternal transport. "Another clergyman used the phrase "And an adversary came among them and sowed tares" but was quoted as remarking that the adversary sowed trees.

An agricultural society offered a prize for the best mode of irrigation. The country paper printed it "irritation" and a farmer sent his wife to claim the premium. "Shoot folly as it flies—Pop!" was once printed "Shoot Polly as she flies—Pop!" and a total abstinence author who wrote "drunkenness is folly" was surprised to learn subsequently that "drunkenness is jolly."

The sentence, "The cow was struck by the train and cut into halves" turned out to be "was cut into calves." The friends of an actor were greatly distressed one day to read that he was starving in the West. An investigation followed and it was learned that the actor was starring.

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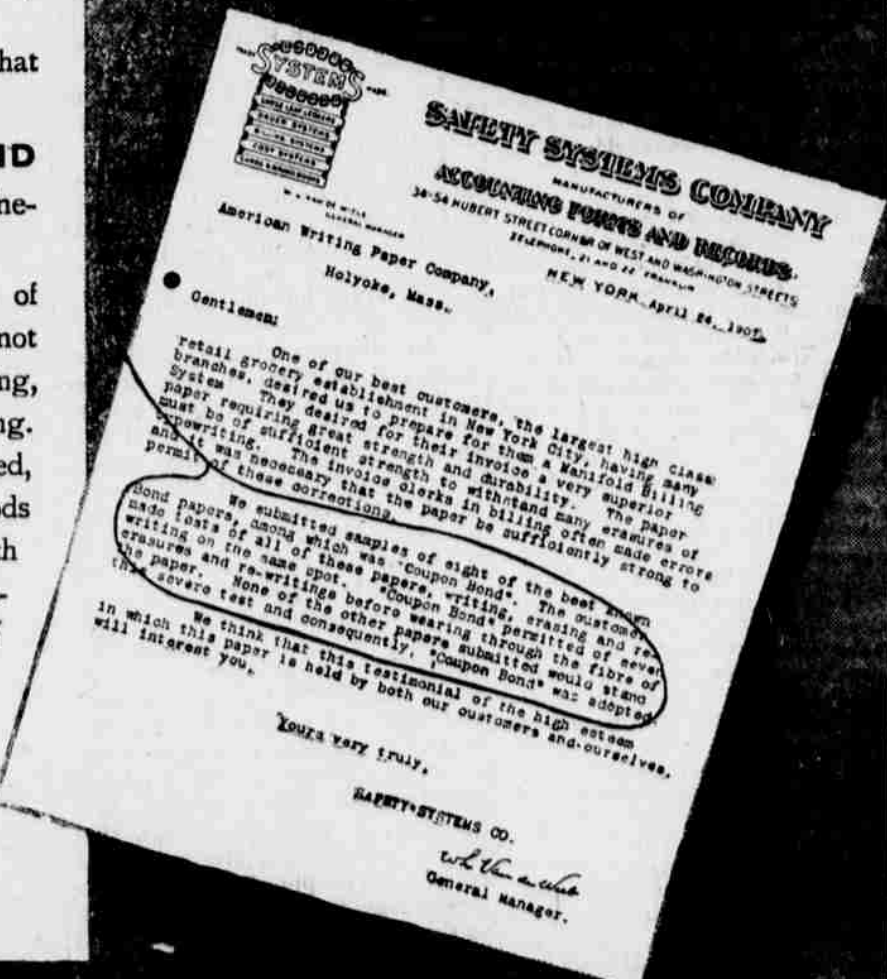
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