

OKLAHOMA.

A STRIKING PICTURE OF ITS SETTLEMENT.

The Phantom Hopes of Disheartened Boomers—Not the Land of Promise They Imagined—Scenes in the Chief City.

The stupendous expectations of the 60,000 pioneers who rushed pell-mell across the Oklahoma border...



FOOTING IT.

Within that short time a population of 60,000 souls has crossed the line and rushed with thoughtless haste in search of an obscure phantasmagoria.

Many of those who entered the enchanted gardens in an inebriation of delight are quitting them already in the agonies of bitter disappointment.

The fickleness of the multitude was never more cleverly illustrated than when the reaction set in.

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ments known to the American populace.

A curious and reflective mind will not fall on many subjects more attractive on mass than the compact humanity stretching several deep for sixty miles along the border of this modern Canaan.

A saloonkeeper from Arkansas went into partnership with the Captain of a Lake Superior schooner to practice law together at Guthrie.

While it may not be said that fortunes were made in a day, as in the times of ancient forty-niners, still some very remarkable instances of money-making attended the boom.

Then he happened to learn of a great scarcity of axes and axe handles. The hardware speculators had entirely overlooked this very necessary article.

About this time a swell young man chanced along who owned a proprietary interest in a town site in the fertile Canadian Valley.



THE FIRST BARBER SHOP.

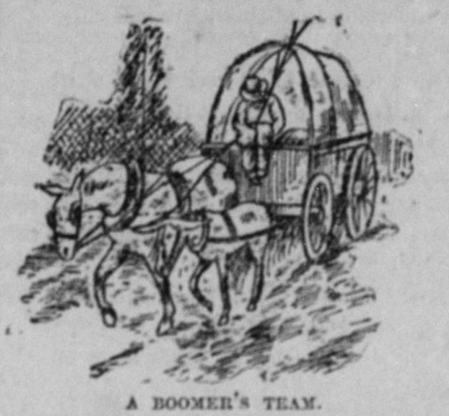
It is a great mistake to suppose that all the boomers are in search of a quarter section. Many of them wouldn't take it as a gift.

Thus one party informed me he had sold picket-fences at Alfred, cakes and pies at Guthrie, crockery at Edmond, horse-shoes at Oklahoma City, sheep at Verbeck and bad whisky (on the quiet) at Norman.

Conceive the surprise of a former resident of Oklahoma in coming suddenly upon the new scenes and magic changes that have altered his native land!

The old Indian country where, but a few months ago, scattered bands of Creeks and Seminoles roamed at will, has

become the new territory—the land of "newness" in all that the term implies. The quiet and at times gloomy forest trail from Guthrie to Kingfisher is now punctuated here and there with trading posts and newly surveyed farms.



A BOOMER'S TEAM.

arms which no fortifications, however strong by nature or by art, can resist; arms before which rivers part like the Jordan and ramparts fall down like the great walls of Jericho.

Among the towns in Oklahoma, Guthrie, from its central location, has made the best growth, and the first two-story house is just building.

Besides the land offices, both Guthrie and Kingfisher have banks, backed by substantial men, and Oklahoma City boasts a newspaper.

One of the features of Guthrie is an enterprising young woman from Michigan named McGaherty, who has settled upon a town lot near the land office.

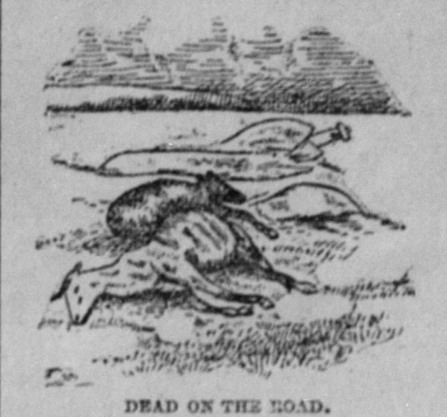
For two years I had remained so bad that I was unable to get up and confined me to my bed for a whole year.



BROKEN DOWN.

Not to be outdone in any of the metropolitan features, Guthrie has the omnipresent baseball club, except the "Guthrie Howlers."

and the technical nicety of daisy cutters and slides is lost sight of in the blood-curdling yells which resound over the prairies in the evening when the club is at practice.



DEAD ON THE ROAD.

There is a little mission chapel at Guthrie, an offshoot from the Old Sacred Heart Mission in the Pottawatomie nation, which, tradition says, was founded by a band of priests about the time Daniel Boone settled in Kentucky.

Notwithstanding the formidable combination of bad elements which sought the occupancy of the new country, experience entitles one to believe that the boomers have, as a class, preserved remarkably good order.

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Dresses for Girls.



1. Girl's dress of surah: Straight gathered skirt, with pinked-out ruffles around the bottom; full waist, gathered into a collar and into the belt; the sleeves have puffs at the shoulders and are plain to the wrists.

2. Tiny girl's dress of cashmere: Skirt in side plait; waist plaited from shoulders to waist-line and crossed in surplice fashion; a velvet collar has square points extending down either side of a vest made of embroidered material.

How the Signal Corps is Paid. The 500 men in the Signal Service Corps are paid monthly their army pay proper, commutation of rations and commutation of quarters and fuel.

The amount of tobacco grown of late years in Germany has been sufficient to have some effect on the American trade.

Origin of "Uncle Sam."

Speculation has recently arisen regarding the origin of the term "Uncle Sam" as applied to the United States Government.

The name of Warner's Safe Cure, likewise, will be held in high esteem, as familiar as a household word, while it continues to cure the worst forms of Kidney Disease, which the medical profession confesses itself unable to do.

Living for Centuries in a Solid Rock.

The dislodgment of live bats and toads from solid limestone or coal seems to have so often occurred as to need no more proof of the fact.

"Bayeux Tapestry."

"Bayeux tapestry" is a web of canvas or linen cloth 214 feet long by twenty inches wide, preserved in the public library at Bayeux.

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How They Vote in Greece.

"Any man in Greece can be a candidate for any office," says Dr. Constantinos, "and when a man announces himself as a candidate, the government must provide a ballot box for him."

"Then each candidate would get the same number of votes, I should think."

"That is possible, but I never knew it to happen. Let me explain a little further. Each ballot is divided into a black and a white compartment with a funnel in the middle. Every voter is given white balls and black balls, and putting his hand down in the funnel, drops them as he chooses.

Forced to Leave Home.

Over 60 people were forced to leave their homes yesterday to call for a free trial package of Lane's Family Medicine.

The Maine is the heaviest vessel of the new navy at present contracted for.

Children Starving to Death. On account of their inability to digest food, will find a most marvelous food and remedy in Scott's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites.

A Radical Cure for Epileptic Fits. To the Editor—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease which I warrant to cure the worst cases.

No OPIUM in Pin's Cure for Consumption. Cures where other remedies fail. The

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The Latest, Current Cures.

On Crutches. Ferry, Tex., June 25, 1881. Was on crutches for three months; one bottle of St. Jacobs Oil cured me. No return in two years.

Since the War. Wagonville, O., June 25, 1881. Had rheumatism since the war. In two years ago two applications of St. Jacobs Oil cured me. No return since.

No Sleep. Brownsville, O., June 25, 1881. Wanted the Bear at night, suffering with rheumatism; no relief; tried St. Jacobs Oil; half a bottle cured me. No return in two years. J. F. WATERS.

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