BOOMER'S CHANCE

Last Chance for Home-Seekers in the United States.

Czening of Kiowa-Comanche Reservation Gives Them 3,000,000 Acres-What the 2,900 Indians Are to Get Before the Land Boomer May Step in and Get a Share_Who Will Win?

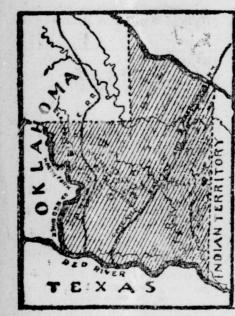
October, 1900, the United States sovernment will throw open 3,000,seekers. The strip to be opened up is known as the kiewe-Comanche reservation. It lies between southeastern Oklahoma, the Indian Territory and Texas and will be added to Oklahoma.

For ten years the covetous eyes of the "boomers" have been fixed upon this attractive strip of country and the rush is expected to be the largest and most picturesque of any of the great runs which have been made for government land. It will be the last opportunity of the "boomer," writes newspaper correspondent, Andrew Downs.

There are about 2,900 Indians in the country. Each of these gets an allotment in severalty before the whites can come in. Every Indian man and woman over 18 years of age can pick out 160 acres as his or her share and hold it against all comers, Every parent can likewise a quarter section for each and the commissioner of Inaffairs must select a quarter section of land for each orphan In-

All this acreage must come out of 8,000,000 acres to be opened. And the half is not told-the government is fairly eclipsing itself in generosity with these Indians. Two sections in each township are to be gebing hhetrigrt rdfer fder er er errr set apart for school purposes, aggregating 329,877 acres, and the Inare to have, in addition to their allotments in severalty, a tribal allotment of 430,000 acres for grazing purposes. Then there is a government retention of 70,000 acres for Fort Sill, which is in the Comenche country.

So of the total of 3,000,000 acres To be opened there will be inviolate an aggregate of 1,354,717 acres, leaving accessible by occupation 1,-614,076, or about 100,000 acres less than the area of the original Oklahome country. It is estimated that (The shaded portion indicates the territory to be thrown open to "boomers."] after all deductions of allotments, grazing, school and government lands



MAP SHOWING THE NEW ADDITION TO OKLA HOMA.

and township sites have been made there will remain of quarter section claims, which are good, tillable land, about 1.100.

There are several reasons why the whites have sought to share the Comanche country with the Indians. In the first consideration the Wich-Ita mountains, which have silver in them, are in the country to be opened, and in the second there is a world of good agricultural land, which is not developed under Indian ownership as it will be when the white man gets in there with his plow.

Perhaps no better estimate of the country can be found than that which the United States commissioner of Indian affairs made when the census of the tribes in this reservation was taken in 1890: He said:

From careful observation and information obtained from white men who have lived here and from some of the more intelligent of the Indians it is estimated that fully 80 per cent. of this country is tillable and favorable to the production of corn, oats, rye and other cereals; also of cotton, vegetables and fruit. Wild grapes are found in abundance.

"The Wichita mountains occupy a very small portion of the territory. lying near the centre, a little to the northwest, the lands within their walls affording good pasture lands for the fine herds of cattle and horses, all at this season in excellent condition, belonging to the Indians, who winter their stock there because the grass is good the year through the mountains protect them from the winds."

The race will not be so much to the swift as it will be to the quick witted and sagacious, for the route will be over mountain ranges and through winding valleys, and men unacquainted with the country are apt to spend a day in hard travelling and find themselves at sundown just about where they were when hev started.

The Indians, of course, are going o take the finest land. They get their allotments before a white man can set foot in the country, but even efter they have chosen there are going to be so many acres of fertile farm land and forest that the rush to get them will be terrific. Eventnally it will all pass into the possession of the white man, who, if he cannot secure a claim in the rush. will go the next shortest route to property holding by marrying an In-Has woman and becoming in all le-

gal status an Indian,

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

Greatness-Climatic Conditions Forbid-

ding Even to Rugged Russians.

Viadivostok, a City That Narrowly Escapas

Vladivostok means "ruler of the east," and Russia intends to demonstrate that the place is not misnamed. It is originally the terminus of the great Siberian railway and is the position from which Russia will watch China. Vladivostok is on the forty-third degree of latitude north, which is about the position of Florence and not far



RUSSIAN SOLDIER IN WINTER UNIFORM. from the latitude of New York, but the climate conditions are different. During nearly the whole summer the coast line is veiled in fog. In September the sun attains its fullest power and shines brilliantly until the end of October. The summer teniperature is greatly affected by the fog. In winter the thermometer falls to 22 degrees below zero F.

The Russians wanted to build up a great trading port in Vladivostok, so of course they reserved the quay for the vessels of the so called "volunteer fleet," called into being after the last Russo-Turkish war. Merchant vessels were compelled to anchor in the offing, and naval authorities and customs officials refused to encourage trade. For a long time neither the town nor commercial firms were able to obtain the requisite site for landing their goods, and so late as 1894 passengers were landed in flat Chinese boats.

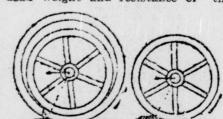
The society of Vladivostok the best. Bands of convicts employed in making the railroad used to escape in great numbers. These found a hiding place in Vladivostok, and neither life nor property was respected by them. When night fell, the townspeople were in the habit of barricading their houses and of firing guns from their windows to warr marauders that the inmates were armed.

A REVOLVING RAIL.

A Wheel Which Carries Its Own Track With It.

new thing in wheels is being used successfully in France. It is nothing else than a wheel that carrics its rail with it. The wheel is double, the inner circle, or wheel proper, running on the interior surface of the outer circle, which the inventor calls a "movable rail." It is claimed for this wheel that this movable rail can be adapted to any wheel in any circumstances.

On macadam or any smooth, hard roadbed the movable rail has no advantage. Such a road is practically equivalent to a rail, and a device of this kind would only increase the dead weight and resistance of the



THE "MOVABLE RAIL" IN USE COMPARED WITH THE ORDINARY WHEEL.

carriage. But when the road is rough or muddy, or on a stone pavement, the superiority of the new system is evident. It is known by the

name of the inventor Izart. When the ordinary wheel meets an obstacle it is first checked and transmits a shock to the passengers. Then it surmounts the obstacle, lifting its load vertically. The force of traction being exerted horizontally, the necessary effort is considerable. When the obstacle has been passed there is a fall and another shock, and the same thing happens at every ob-

stacle, at every paving stone. When the Izart wheel reaches the obstacle the "rail" is checked, just as the ordinary wheel is, but at the same time it forms an inclined plane on which the inner wheel moves easily and without shock up to the point A. at which it is just above the obstacle. The weight of the load then causes oscillation of the circular rail, the portion of which behind the point of application forms a lever, and aids in carrying forward the vehicle. The descent from the obstacle is made with equal case and without shock, the rail always acting as a bridge between the road and the obstacles upon it.

Many Millions in Orange Greves. The capital invested in orange growing in the state of California is estimated at \$44,000,000.

The population of India in 1891 amounted to 288,000,000; at a very moderate estimate now it may be put down

Bold Balloon Experiment To Be Tried in Berlin.

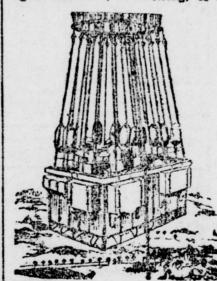
Its Object Will Be to See How Long a Balloon Can Stay in the Air-Five Wise Men Will Be in the Basket-Herr Zekeli Is the Chief Aeronaut of the Party.

A very interesting balloon experiment will be made shortly in Berlin, when Herr Zekeli, a German acronaut, with four companions will make an ascension in the largest balloon ever constructed, the object of the experiment being to ascertain how long a balloon can stay in the air. No effort will be made to attain any great height, nor distance, and it is possible that the great ship will not get more than a few hundred yards from the earth, but the conduct of the ship after being in the air some time will be closely observed.

Some idea of the great size of the balloon may be had from the fact that it is over 262 feet in circumference and will hold over 282,500 cubic feet of gas. Andree's balloon, which held the record for size, held only 176,500 cubic feet of gas. The cover of this later air ship, which is made from percale thickened with caoutchouc, weighs over 2,090 pounds, and the net that is over the cover weighs over 1,650 pounds. There are 18 miles of rope in the

The car of the balloon is slightly more than seven feet long and six feet wide, and will accommodate five persons. Provisions and ballast are fastened to the ropes; a water reserve of three tanks containing 58 quarts each are hung outside of the car. There are sleeping accommodations for two persons, the berths being arranged one over the other to save space.

Besides Zekeli, there will be Dr. Berson, the principal of the Meteorological Institute; Dr. Seering, of the



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Astrophysical Institute; Mr. Alexander, of London, and a fifth person, who has not been selected yet. Provisions for three months and a large quantity of ballast will be taken aboard.

Owing to the dangers from having a fire in this car the occupants must dispense with all warm food. The car will be lighted at night by three electric incandescent lamps, which are supplied by 28 batteries, placed in a chest on the outside of the car. After the ascension the drag rope, measuring 985 feet in length and weighing 1,100 pounds, will be thrown overboard. The members of the expedition are armed, not knowing where they may land. A number of post pigeons will be taken. which they will send out from time to time.

The gas valve of the balloon is operated from the car. There is a roof over the balloon to protect it from rain, the force of which may make a hole in it. Beside the valve line, there is another rope which on landing will be used to tear a hole of 60 feet in the balloon and allow the gas to go out. It is estimated that the carrying capacity of the balloon is 11,500 pounds. Its own weight is 8,265 pounds.

The filling which will take 16 hours, will be conducted through a gas main 14 inches in diameter and will be done direct from the gas works to the Friedenau park, where the ascension will be made.

Shoes From Leather Scraps. "Next winter you will be wearing shoes with soles made from leather scraps," said the manager of a Massachusetts shoe factory who spent last week at an uptown hotel. 'No; they won't be pieced together, if that's what you mean by asking if such soles won't be rough looking. The leather will be made much after the process that turns wood pulp into paper, only the pulp will be made from leather. Some genius has invented machinery which will take a pulp made of leather scraps, press and mold it into a solid mass and run it out at the other end a continuous strip of shoe sole. You will soon be able to buy sole leather by the yard and at a price that will make going barefoot a positive crime.

"Sole leather has been costing us from 18 to 30 cents a pound for There is a great deal of years. waste and practically no use for the scraps. A small quantity is used in making dyes, and the manufacturers of case hardened steel find use for a little more, but the bulk of it is thrown away. This new process will use all the scraps which can be secured and will bring the price of sole leather down to 5 cents a pound. The leather manufactured in this way will have no plies and for that reason will turn water better. It should make a big difference in the price of the cheaper grades of shoes."-New York Tribune.

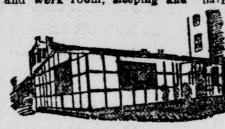
The Largest Sturgeon.

According to good authority the largest sturgeon ever taken was caught recently in the North Sea. He weighed over six hundred and fourteen pounds, measured a trifle over eleven feet and had a girth at us and a half feet,

WALDERSEE'S HOUSE.

The Count's Portable Dwelling in China Will Be on a Large Scale, as Such Things do.

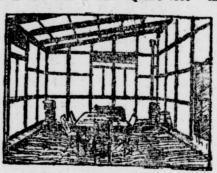
The portable dwelling of Field Marshal Count Von Waldersee, of which mention has been made in cable dispatches as having accompanied the German general to China, contains seven large and comfortable rooms. They include the audience and work room, sleeping and bath



DWELLING.

room for himself and his staff offcers and quarters for servants,

The house is made of asbestos, being proof against fire. It is impenetrable by heat or cold and can withstand all conditions of weather. The asbestos material is very light, it is water proof, possessing all the qualities of slate without being brittle Nails could be driven into it as into wood and the material can also be planed—a process which would be impossible with slate. The framework is made of appropriate wood material. The asbestos plates are each one and a half square feet



size, and are a quarter of an inch thick. The exterior walls are double, and between them is an air space. The asbestos roof is in a diagonal

The entire house covers an area of 2,200 square feet of ground, while the roof is 16 feet high. The dwelling can be quickly taken apart, packed closely in chests and moved to another spot. In the test made at Hamburg, before the departure for China, it took two hours and a half to take it apart and eight hours to reconstruct it.

GLADSTONE'S ASTUTENESS.

How the Future Prime Minister Detected a Fraud.

One day Mr. Gladstone, who had then just turned twenty, was stopped in a street by a man minus a leg, who solicited alms and averred that he had been disabled at Waterloo. Inquiring the number of the fellow's regiment, Mr. Gladstone then submitted him to a s examination concerning its position in the great battle, and the wouldbe ex-warrior broke down entirely. He admitted that he was a complete fraud, and owned that he had lost a leg by being run over by a wagon. He further volunteered the intelligence that he was intoxicated at the time. But, noticing that Mr. Gladstone seemed more amused than otherwise, the vagrant whined: "Sir, if you had only lost a leg to get a living out of you'd be inclined, I fancy, to make as much out of it as you could. I told the truth till I was starved, then I got on the battle of Waterloo lay, and it pays much better. Thank heaven, young gentlemen, all folks are not so mighty smart as you are, and most of 'em believes me!" The young Oxford undergraduate, as he was then, was so tickled with the candor of the imposter that he gave him a shilling,-Household Words.

New York city still has fifteen street car lines operated by horses, and the bobtail car drawn by one horse is frequently seen on the metropolitan streets.

According to an article in Globus. about 30,000,000 persons left Europe during the century just closing to seek to better their fortunes in other lands.



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DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Picture of the Prince of Wales' Creat



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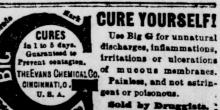
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