

FEATURES OF THE GREAT DRAWING

STORY OF BEST CLAIM AT LAWTON

Governor Richards Saved It for Homesteaders. WAS TAKEN BY MR. COX But Government Paid \$2,000 to Have It Reserved.

El Reno, O. T., July 13.—The man or woman who is known as number one in the drawing which is to take place on July 25 will have a small fortune. If his or her filing is made in the Lawton district, there is a good tract of land near the townsite of Lawton and only one that can be taken at the present time. Had it not been for the determined efforts of Governor W. A. Richards, who has charge of the registration, this prize would not be for the lucky homesteader.

A son-in-law of big Chief Quannah Parker of the Comanches, a white man, had his eyes on this tract of land. When the Indian allotments were made, nothing was said about the townsite being its present location. Cox was the last man to claim his allotment on the last day and the term he took was one mile from the townsite.

During all of the days of the allotting, Cox wanted his allotment near the agency, or where his improvements were. So hard did he insist on this that it was finally agreed that the government would pay him \$2,000 for his improvements and take his allotment elsewhere.

After Cox had decided on the land near the townsite, he learned that the townsite had been located and that he was one mile away. He then made a demand to have his allotment changed so that he might get nearer to the townsite. Governor Richards refused to grant this request and the matter finally went up to Secretary Hitchcock. It was then decided that Cox would have to keep his allotment and let his white brother take his chance for the prize in the drawing which is to occur.

The report came today that Emmet Cox had taken up his residence on that piece of land so much desired by homesteaders. How true the rumor is, is not known, but Governor Richards will see to it that it does not become the property of Emmet Cox.

It was at the request of Governor Richards that the territory did not take this land in its indemnity selection. He wanted one prize for the homesteader and today there is a tract of land for some person that will be worth thousands of dollars to the individual who gets it, or a chance to say that he will take this one tract of land.

A very small part of the people registering in the drawing are homesteaders. They have a vague idea, it is true, but when it comes to locating a farm exactly and knowing just what is on it in the way of timber and water is a difficult proposition. There will be a number of exemptions into the reservation after the drawing in order to determine just where the good land is located.

One of the interesting characters connected with the registration is Governor Richards. He is a man of splendid executive ability. He has seen active service in the west and can give pointers to the best of our men on the art connected with cow punching. Governor Richards is a tireless worker. His office hours are long and he is determined to see that the registration and drawing is to be done right. The talk of fraud have lately incensed him and if a man can be found who will swear that he has bribed a registering clerk, this clerk will be immediately discharged and will have an opportunity of getting back to Washington the best way that he can.

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Very few arrests have been made and only four special policemen have been employed to assist in handling the crowd. Several more men will probably be put on the force to take care of the rush next week. It is very evident that the crowds are orderly, or the police force of the city could not take care of them so well. The people of El Reno are delighted with the manner in which the people through the streets and Mayor Henley said last night, "We only hope that larger crowds than ever will come to El Reno."

The age record was broken today when an old man 85 years of age walked up to one of the booths and registered for a chance in the drawing for farms. He was hearty-looking one when asked what he wanted with a farm, he stated: "I reckon I can do as well with a farm as any of the boys." This illustrates how much interest is being taken in the opening of the Indian lands. More than enough people have registered in these days to take every farm in the new country. But the last man stands as good a show as the first man registered.

The Chetaw from the west last night brought in a large delegation. The members of the party came from all points along the line. They organized in a company at the Cheyenne station and marched up street in double file. They were all strong-looking young men and more than a hundred of them filed one company. The night trains were crowded as usual, but by afternoon tomorrow these people will all be registered and ready to return to their homes in the east and north.

Governor Richards is of the impression that Wednesday and Thursday will be

PLAN REALLY CAME FROM THE BIBLE

Lord Commanded Moses to Distribute Land by Lot. LEVITES GOT TOWNSITES Minister Defends the Drawing by Biblical Citations.

CROSS IS SATISFIED. Has a Real Sportsman's Claim Picked Out for Himself.

Oklahoma City, July 13.—The Times-Journal says: "Hon. William Cross got back from El Reno last night with his registration certificate carefully folded and laid away in his big wallet, alongside of his poll tax receipts and other valuable papers. He feels certain that he will get number one or number two. If he gets number one, that will give him the first pick. He had his eye on a fine claim away up at the head of Cache creek. There isn't much tillable land on it, but there is a big pond well stocked with black bass, right in the middle of it. A big spring of pure, cold water bubbles out of a granite ledge. Mists grow all around the water's edge and the older bush stems will make capital substitutes for mint stems. Off to the west is Mr. Scott, which throws a delightful and most refreshing shadow over the whole farm after 3:30 in the afternoon. It is sufficiently isolated so that Bill and his friends can go barefoot and wade about in the spring brook on Sundays without disturbing services at the school house or shocking those who are enroute to the place of worship.

"For Mr. Cross was not dreaming of Elton all the time he was awaiting his turn to register. He was observing the manner of conducting the registration, and he is satisfied with it, too. The only kick he has to make is that the Oklahoma boys ought to have had those clerkships. "I went up to see how the ladies were faring," said Mr. Cross, "and was delighted to find them most comfortably fixed. The ladies' booth is in the school house. A janitor looks after their wants and keeps them supplied with ice water. As each one enters the room she is given a number and she can find a cool place somewhere in the building to await her turn. There is no lining up or standing out in the hot sun. My advice to those ladies was to complete registering in a time to return on the evening train."

"You ought to correct the report that El Reno is charging for drinking water," said Mr. Cross. "There is plenty of drinking water and it is good. Other drinks are sold at the usual prices. The price of meals has not been raised. There is no discount on account of the heat. But El Reno is not responsible for that. The railroads are taking out about as many each day now as come in, so there is no danger of overcrowding."

"The notaries underfoot to graft yesterday," says Governor Richards and Mayor Henley soon put a stop to it. They notified the notaries that their certificates would not be recognized if they charged more than 25 cents. A fee of 10 cents is allowed for filling up the blanks. But a man can do that himself if he wishes, or the government clerk will do it for him if he cares to spend the time when he reaches the booth."

IS WONDERFUL PICTURE. El Reno Presents Many Sided Views of Humanity.

The El Reno Rapper Bell, in describing the street scenes of that town says: "Anywhere in the streets, alleys and doorways good humor prevails, and the homesteaders laugh at discomforts and encourage each other with song and dance. Daylight finds the streets of El Reno thronged. Each train swells the crowd until 1,000 strangers are gathered, not one of whom has anything but brains to give the city and her people. Thus far no disorder of any serious kind has taken place. Everything is crowded, desk room and use of vacant lots bringing fabulous prices.

"The snake man and street musicians are her, all reaching out for the other fellow's dollar. Lemonade vendors and pop merchants, old and juvenile, are ready to give a harvest for the crowd is thirsty. It is a relief when night comes. The street corner musicians draw small crowds, for the people are tired and are weary.

Those in line near the booths sit or lie where they stand all day. The electric lights illuminate hundreds of men sitting in the middle of the streets. In the alley ways, under the trees, along the sidewalks, tired and worn out, but buoyed up with the hope of being one of the lucky.

One looks at the strange, weird sight of men and women miles and miles from home undergoing strange hardships for a chance in a quarter section of Uncle Sam's domain. Disappointment must come to many. Would that everyone could be a winner.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS. Proposition Is Carried Without a Dissenting Vote.

Toledo, O. T., July 12.—The proposition to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of erecting a public school building carried without a dissenting vote, and Toledo will have a school house by the middle of the next year. The new structure will probably be of native brick and a building modern in all its appointments.

For the past two years we have been busy in need of a suitable school house, says the Advocate, and the proposition which will secure the new school premises is a very wise one. Last winter the children were loaned into the Baptist church like sardines in a box, making it extremely difficult for the faculty to do themselves justice and the children could not have the accommodations necessary to their comfort and welfare. At the beginning of the next school year we hope to see the big boys and girls and the little children all as delighted that they can make the best use of the opportunity offered to serve a common school education.

LUCK, CHANCE AND HOW THEY WORK

Humorous Computations Made by the Waiters at El Reno. ILLUSTRATED BY CARDS Is the Winning Number Foreordained or Not?

WHEAT FROM RUSSIA. Mr. Warkentin Introduces It Among Oklahoma People.

Blackwell, O. T., July 13.—The Times-Journal says that W. R. Warkentin, president of the Blackwell Milling & Elevator company, also of the Newton and Halstead Kans. companies, was in the city today. Mr. Warkentin is an active and prominent member of the Kansas State Millers' Association, was largely instrumental in securing the shipment of Russian seed wheat, direct from one of the most extensive growers in Russia. There is about 15,000 bushels of wheat in the importation and it will be distributed over Kansas and Oklahoma. The Blackwell Mill and Elevator company and the Kingsford Milling company are the Oklahoma mills that will have part of the wheat for distribution. Mr. Foltz of the local company, informs us that the shipment has issued New York, and the car assigned for Blackwell, will probably be here the latter part of July. The price of wheat is not absolutely known until all charges are met but they hope to be able to make the price cost \$2 per bushel. Those desiring some of the seed wheat can make arrangements with Mr. Foltz at the mill.

HOME COMING IS CHANGED. Wyman Loses His Son Under Very Distressing Circumstances.

Blackwell, O. T., July 13.—J. W. Wyman Monday received word from San Francisco of the death in that city of his son, Arthur H. Wyman. The circumstances of his death are peculiarly distressing and the family are inconsolable. Some fifteen months ago Arthur, who is but fifteen years of age, joined the United States naval training school, at Kansas City and was taken to San Francisco. His health was not suited to such duties and Mr. Wyman secured his discharge dated July 2, and they were expecting the boy home, July 3, he was attacked with pneumonia and the end came on the 5th. The word was not received here until the first of the week, when Mr. Wyman sent word to forward the body here, and they expect it to arrive tomorrow. It will be an altogether different homecoming than what the boy and the family expected, and the mother and father will have the sympathy of all our citizens in their great trouble.

WITH BILLIARD CUE. Two Fellows Get Into Quarrel and Strike.

Blackwell, O. T., July 13.—The Sun says that Charlie Hutton was arrested Saturday night by City Marshal Elmer E. Stephenson, for assaulting Frank Abernathy in the Royal Exchange saloon with a billiard cue. The two were drinking heavily and became involved in a petty difference that resulted in a disgraceful brawl.

Abernathy was taken to rooms at the Farmers' restaurant where he still lies in a precarious condition. Being held in jail and may be tried on a territorial warrant. His body is extensively marked with cuts, wounds and abrasions, indicating that he may be a bad man, except from serious trouble.

City Marshal Stephenson is working on a clue that may develop something interesting in the case of this strange, suspicious looking character.

KANSAS LAD ARRESTED. Young Man Is Held On Serious Charge in Blackwell.

Blackwell, O. T., July 13.—The Sun says that Frank Cole, an Arkansas City lad, is under arrest on a serious charge, an attempt to unlawfully, forcibly, violently and against the will of his victim, ravish and carnally know Mrs. Martha Tomp. The crime is alleged to have been committed a few days north of Newkirk on the evening of the Fourth but complaint was not made by the woman immediately.

Mrs. Tomp is a widow, about 35 years of age, and had ridden to the Newkirk celebration with young Cole, aged 21. The trouble occurred on the way home. She left his buggy and was walking northward when she met two men, to whom she explained her trouble. The men took her home and yesterday Cole was arrested.

The prisoner was placed under an \$500 bond which he gave and he will have a hearing a week from tomorrow.

HIS SHARE WAS BIG. Wheat Harvest Wasn't Unprofitable in Oklahoma.

Terkska, July 13.—The News says that wheat harvest in the very profitable for all. The Harvest, who has a 100-acre farm south of town, received \$100 for his share of the wheat crop on his farm, which he rents. The wheat averaged a little over thirty-six bushels per acre and tested sixty-four pounds.

HOW TOWN LOTS CAN BE SECURED

Their Sale Will Begin at Lawton August 6. ANADARKO TO COME FIRST Governor Richards Will Probably Have Charge.

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"The points that are followed in the bill of particulars are of course unknown at this time, but it is believed that the question of the jurisdiction of Judge Irwin in the premises will be thoroughly discussed and if he has the power to enjoin the officials of the interior department from carrying out the mandate of the president in following out the provisions of the act of congress, there is a strong probability of his granting a temporary restraining order that will delay the opening. There have been but few cases in the history of the country where the courts have superseded an order of the chief executive, and for this reason this suit will be of more than ordinary interest. For this is the action that Mr. Johnson will request of Judge Irwin. "Mr. Johnson is out of the city today, and could not be seen in regard to the line of the petition that will be made before Judge Irwin, but it was learned from other sources that the instructions of Judge Springer would be here Sunday and that the case would be positively filed by Monday."

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Andy Johnson says this particular hobos wanted him to join in relieving Jonas Elchick of a bad money. Instead of joining in the "relief," he informed Jonas of what was up, hence the chasing, etc. Early in the morning the hobos and his girl had a ramble over town and came in on foot to find a livin' man to take them home. The man afterward egged was the only person on the street at that hour, and he volunteered to walk Johnson up, who escorted the girl home about twelve miles west. The hobos claimed that as he had done Johnson a favor, he should return the compliment and aid in holding Jonas up. Jonas says he only had 5 cents at the time.

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There is a rather pretty girl-one with whom most any one would fall in love, but just why she would get married to an old man like Blanchard, a married man, in one of those possible phenomena which the stars do not reveal.

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