

AN ATROCIOUS MURDER NEAR SHAWNEE, O. T.

J. L. Hodges Struck Several Times on Head.

FOUND IN BLOOD POOLS

No Clue Yet to the Identity of the Murderers.

Shawnee, O. T., Aug. 5.—J. L. Hodges, a well-known market gardener, living near here, was found unconscious on the road toward his home Sunday morning. He was surrounded by several pools of blood and his skull was crushed as though he had been hit with a blunt instrument. His head was also gashed as if with a knife. Hodges was brought here, and died Sunday evening. He never regained consciousness. Bloodhounds were placed on the trail, but nothing has been developed.

Oklahoma City, O. T., August 5.—Relative to the murder of J. L. Hodges at Shawnee, the Oklahomaian this morning printed the following:

"The remains of Mr. J. L. Hodges were brought to this city yesterday afternoon, from Shawnee, and taken to the house of C. E. Parker, corner of Main street and Western avenue. The deceased was the father of Mrs. Parker, and was widely known as the contestant for the Colored claim. He resided at the time of his settlement on the claim about where Colorado park is now located. At the time of passing he was about 54 years of age.

"The deceased lived about one mile east of Shawnee and his occupation was that of a market gardener. He was in Shawnee Saturday afternoon and started to drive out to town to his home about 10:30 that night. The next morning about 10:30 o'clock he was found about half way between the town and his home, about 100 feet to one side of the road, lying unconscious on the ground, and surrounded by several pools of blood. His skull was crushed as if from the blow of a club or some other heavy instrument, and his head was gashed in several places as if with a knife, there being one long gash over his right eye. He was taken to Shawnee, where he lived until 8 o'clock Sunday evening, but never regained consciousness.

"Bloodhounds were taken to the scene of the crime and proceeded to the Choctaw depot, where all traces were lost of the movements of the murderer or murderers. Many stories are in circulation at Shawnee relative to the probable perpetrators of the crime, but there has been obtained no clue that gives promise of unravelling the mystery.

"The murder is conceded to be one of the most atrocious in the history of the territory.

"Mr. Hodges frequently referred to Mrs. Parker as his banker, as he would frequently send her sums of money to keep for him. About a week ago he sent her \$100, and it is thought persons may have learned this and waylaid him for the purpose of robbery."

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HEAT GOOD FOR COTTON

July Was Too Cool According to the Growers of Crop.

Guthrie, O. T., August 5.—The excessive heat of the past few days in the territory has been a fine thing for growing cotton, according to statements made by cotton dealers. July was considered a very cool month in Oklahoma, taken as a whole and owing to the cool weather, cotton did not come to the front as rapidly as expected. The past few days have been beneficial to the crop and very severe on humanity and stock.

There is a very large acreage of cotton and it is no longer considered a staple crop in Oklahoma. The acreage has increased year after year and Oklahoma stands in line with cotton states as being a producer of good cotton. Negro farmers owning land in the southern counties of the territory have devoted much of their land and time to cotton. They understand how to raise cotton and care for it. Many white farmers have also experimented in cotton, hiring negro laborers to do the work. It is beyond the experimental stage, however, and judging from reports, next year will see a phenomenal acreage of cotton.

Indian territory cotton is in fine condition. In some portions of the territory, however, the crop was slightly injured by excessive rainfall, but the weather of the past week has helped out these portions of the country. Everywhere comes reports of good cotton prospects and many thousands of dollars will be paid on this fall to the cotton raisers for their products.

DOG SOUP FEAST

Indians Have a Real Interesting Menu at Annual Feasts.

Streed, O. T., August 5.—The Mesquero describes the annual dog soup feast of the Sac and Fox Indians as follows: "The Sac and Fox Indians last Thursday celebrated their annual dog soup feast by straggling and devouring the flesh of some thirty young harkers at the agency, six miles south of here.

"Two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of Otterblinism and the fresh-cut religion. While the dogs were simmering in the several big iron kettles, the members of the lodge beat drums, sang and danced until they were almost exhausted, after which they vigorously devoured the dog soup and drank down some like draughts of freshly churned butter milk. After the feast each one took a kind of pill, which caused violent vomiting, and they claim that the devils are thrown up from their system, which insures good health for a whole year.

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"Before the candidates were taken into the lodge for initiation they were put into a kind of bark sweat bath tub and compelled to perspire freely for about ten hours. Then they were led, clothed only in breech-clouts, into the presence of the high-cow-cow-chorus and the more common members, who each carried an otter skin, and at intervals pointed the grinning heads at one of their members, saying 'Ho. The buck or quaw so pointed at would fall to the ground as if dead for a few minutes, then get up and resume his dancing. The two members were presented with two fine ponies and saddles and many blankets and pieces of calico.

"The other skins used in this lodge are several scores of years old, having been handed down from generations and are considered by the Indians to be worth more than many ponies or bottom farms. "Many hundred pale faces drove down Thursday to witness the peculiar religious proceedings.

WELCOME FOR PANCOAST

Woodward People Gird the New Judge the Glad Hand.

Woodward, O. T., August 5.—At the reception tendered Judge J. L. Pancoast in this city, the following resolutions were presented and adopted:

"Be It Resolved, by the citizens of Woodward and Woodward county, in mass meeting assembled, that we appreciate most highly the appointment and assignment of Judge John L. Pancoast as judge of the Sixth judicial district of Oklahoma, and we extend to him a most cordial welcome, together with the assurance that while he presides as judge and weighs and considers the causes presented and metes out the demands of justice to our people, he will receive the solid and unwavering support of our citizens. While we are well aware of the weighty responsibilities which rest upon him as judge, we are also well aware that by giving him the proper support order will be preserved, the law enforced and the rights of our people secured.

"Be it further Resolved, That we extend to him a most cordial invitation to establish his residence with us; and in making this request we but voice the sentiment already expressed by petition from Beaver, Day and Dewey counties that the geographical location of his district make Woodward a central point, with established lines of communication now utilized by the business public, that will bring him in more direct touch with the people of his district.

"We would further assure his honor that this request has no element of selfishness in it, but it is a broad gauge disposition to place him where he may be reached in transacting the business of his district. We can assure him that the location we tender is healthy and attended with every facility for supplying the demands of a comfortable existence.

"Our public school is fully equipped with as good educational facilities as can be found in his class anywhere in Oklahoma.

"We would further suggest and state that as Oklahoma will attain statehood in the near future, then the question of permanency will have to be considered, which will bring with it the full force of central location and its environments."

DOG TRAILED PORTER

From a House That Was Burned to His Own Home.

Shawnee, O. T., August 5.—Coroner Tackett has returned from a Coroner's where he went with his bloodhounds to attempt the capture of the frubags, who started the blaze in Charles Rodman's building.

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COMMISSION MAKES REPORT TO GOVERNOR

Beckemeyer Dissents From Majority Report.

GIVES REASONS FOR IT

Says He Adhered to County Line Principle.

REPUBLICANS ARE ON TOP

New Districts Will Give Them Majority in Both Houses.

Guthrie, O. T., August 5.—The final report of the commission to re-district the territory of Oklahoma for legislative purposes was filed with Governor Ferguson late this afternoon. The Republican members of the commission, Bert Howard of Lawton, and Clarence E. Wood of Cherokee, filed the majority report, and Otto Beckemeyer, the Democratic member, submitted a minority report. The majority report was accepted by the governor and the election proclamation in September will be based upon this report. There are twenty-six legislative districts, and each district is entitled to one representative. The legislative districts are as follows:

- First district—Kay county.
- Second district—Noble county.
- Third district—Pawnee county.
- Fourth district—Payne county.
- Fifth district—That part of Logan county east of the range line between ranges one and two west, and that part of Lincoln county north of the township line between townships 14 and 15 north.
- Sixth district—Composed of all of Logan county west of the range line between ranges one and two west.
- Seventh district—Oklahoma county, west of the range line between ranges one and two west.
- Eighth district—Oklahoma county, east of range line between ranges one and two west, and all of Lincoln county south of township line between townships 14 and 15 north.
- Ninth district—Pottawatomie county.
- Tenth district—Cleveland county.
- Eleventh district—Grant county.
- Twelfth district—Garfield county.
- Thirteenth district—Kingfisher county.
- Fourteenth district—Canadian county.
- Fifteenth district—That part of Woods county east of range line between ranges 12 and 13 west.
- Sixteenth district—Woods county not included in Fifteenth district.
- Seventeenth district—Blaine county.
- Eighteenth district—Custer county.
- Nineteenth district—Woodward and Beaver counties.
- Twentieth district—Dewey county.
- Twenty-first district—Caddo county.
- Twenty-second district—Comanche county.
- Twenty-third district—Washita county.
- Twenty-fourth district—Kiowa county.
- Twenty-fifth district—Roger Mills and Day counties.
- Twenty-sixth district—Greer county.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS

There are thirteen council districts and each district is entitled to one councillor. The districts are as follows: First district—Kay and Noble counties. Second district—Pawnee and Payne counties. Third district—All of Logan county and that part of Lincoln county north of township line between townships 14 and 15 north.

Fourth district—Oklahoma county and all of Lincoln county south of township line between townships 14 and 15 north.

Fifth district—Pottawatomie and Cleveland counties.

Sixth district—Grant and Garfield counties.

Seventh district—Kingfisher and Canadian counties.

Eighth district—Woods county.

Ninth district—Blaine and Custer counties.

Tenth district—Woodward, Beaver and Dewey counties.

Eleventh district—Caddo and Comanche counties.

Twelfth district—Washita and Kiowa counties.

Thirteenth district—Roger Mills, Day and Greer counties.

The minority report is as follows: Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 5, 1902. To Hon. T. B. Ferguson, Governor of Oklahoma Territory:

Sir—The undersigned minority of the commission appointed by you to apportion the territory of Oklahoma into council and representative districts, being unable to agree with the majority of said commission, begs leave to submit the following minority report:

I recommend that the following be the apportionment of the territory for representative districts:

shall be composed of Caddo county, and shall be entitled to one representative. The Fourteenth representative district shall be composed of Kingfisher county, and shall be entitled to one representative. The Fifteenth representative district shall be composed of Garfield county, and shall be entitled to one representative.

The Sixteenth and Seventeenth representative districts shall be composed of Woods county, and shall be entitled to two joint representatives.

The Eighteenth representative district shall be composed of Woodward and Beaver counties, and shall be entitled to one representative.

The Nineteenth representative district shall be composed of Day and Dewey counties, and shall be entitled to one representative.

The Twentieth representative district shall be composed of Blaine county, and shall be entitled to one representative.

The Twenty-first representative district shall be composed of Custer county, and shall be entitled to one representative.

The Twenty-second representative district shall be composed of Washita county, and shall be entitled to one representative.

The Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth representative districts shall be composed of Roger Mills and Greer counties, and shall be entitled to two joint representatives.

The Twenty-fifth representative district shall be composed of Kiowa county, and shall be entitled to one representative.

The Twenty-sixth representative district shall be composed of Comanche county, and shall be entitled to one representative.

And I recommend that the following be the apportionment of the territory for council districts:

The first council district shall be composed of Grant and Kay counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The second council district shall be composed of Noble, Pawnee and Payne counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The third council district shall be composed of Lincoln and Logan counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The fourth council district shall be composed of Comanche county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The fifth council district shall be composed of Cleveland and Oklahoma counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The sixth council district shall be composed of Kingfisher and Garfield counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The seventh council district shall be composed of Woods county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The eighth council district shall be composed of Blaine county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The ninth council district shall be composed of Custer county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The tenth council district shall be composed of Woodward and Beaver counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The eleventh council district shall be composed of Caddo county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The twelfth council district shall be composed of Washita and Kiowa counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The thirteenth council district shall be composed of Roger Mills, Day and Greer counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The fourteenth council district shall be composed of Lincoln and Logan counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The fifteenth council district shall be composed of Comanche county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The sixteenth council district shall be composed of Kingfisher and Garfield counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The seventeenth council district shall be composed of Woods county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The eighteenth council district shall be composed of Blaine county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The nineteenth council district shall be composed of Custer county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The twentieth council district shall be composed of Woodward and Beaver counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The twenty-first council district shall be composed of Caddo county, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The twenty-second council district shall be composed of Washita and Kiowa counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The twenty-third council district shall be composed of Roger Mills, Day and Greer counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

The twenty-fourth council district shall be composed of Lincoln and Logan counties, and shall be entitled to one member of the territorial council.

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RALSTON IS NEWEST TOWN IN OKLAHOMA

Its Citizens Favor City Making a Steady Growth.

REMARKABLY FINE SITE

Coal Crops Out at This Great Terminal Point.

Ralston, O. T., August 5.—Your representative has just made his first trip to Ralston, the present terminus of the Eastern Oklahoma railroad, and situated in the northeast part of Pawnee county, on the west bank of the Arkansas river, and surrounded by as good, if not the best, agricultural country in Oklahoma. A free wagon bridge which will soon be erected across the river at that point will make Ralston the "supply burg" for the best improved and most thickly settled part of the Osage nation. The "bull-tick" board of the territory has just established quarantine pens at that point and as soon as unloading shutes can be constructed practically all southern cattle shipped to the Osage country for grazing will be unloaded at that point. A good vein of coal crops out along the banks of Eagle creek on the townsite that has been worked profitably in the past by supplying neighboring towns. Business of all kinds, as well as the professions, are fairly well represented, and without exception be men who have unqualified faith in their town. There is no indication of a boom, but the town is having a steady and substantial growth that is far better. Two elegant stone business blocks are now in course of construction, the contract let for a third and a fourth will be begun soon. A large number of comfortable houses are being built, the second church building erected this summer is now nearing completion, the contract for a large and commodious school house has been let and work will commence at once. The citizens will not suffer by comparison with those of any other town on earth, either morally, mentally or physically. A goodly number of them will keep posted on all the latest news by reading the Daily Eagle. The splendid location of the town and the push of her citizens is bound to make Ralston one of the best, if not in fact the very best town in northeastern Oklahoma.

OSAGES SUE HITCHCOCK

Injunction Brought to Prevent Carrying Out Agreement.

Washington, August 5.—Thechumli Fitzer, Geo. Fitzer, Chas. Gladys Fitzer and James L. Gray, representing themselves as agents and delegates of the Creek Indian tribe in the Indian territory, today brought suit to enjoin Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones from proceeding in execution of what is known as the Creek agreement for allotments, etc.

The suit is to be allowed to remain in undisturbed enjoyment of their land holdings and that such property as has already been taken from them under the agreement and the ratifying act be restored to them and an accounting made to them by the government.

They allege that the government has failed to comply with the terms of the agreement and the act of congress ratifying the agreement.

OKLAHOMA GETS FINE LOCATION For the Erection of Its Buildings at the World's Fair.

Guthrie, O. T., August 5.—The Oklahoma building at the World's Fair will be located on a beautiful wooded knoll but a short distance from the great million dollar government building with the Missouri on the right and will look out across a lake toward the art building and art hill with its magnificent terraces. The location is one of the finest on the grounds. The building will be a clubhouse and headquarters for Oklahoma people and their friends and will contain rest rooms, reception hall, library, writing rooms, postoffice, check room, where all baggage may be left, etc. There will be displays of an historical character and the building will be constructed largely of Oklahoma material, but the general product displays of the territory will be in other buildings devoted to the particular class of products.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Run Always Buy Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher WENT TOO LATE

Lincoln County Dissatisfied With Redistricting Plan.

Guthrie, O. T., August 5.—Harry Gilstrap, the editor postmaster of Chandler, and John Embury came over from Lincoln county today to call on the redistricting commission. They were with the commission this morning and are anxious to have some arrangement in regard to Lincoln county other than the one talked of now.

"I have been too busy to pay much attention to politics," said Mr. Gilstrap, in response to a question, "but Mr. McGuire will prove to be a very popular man in our county. We have had considerable emigration during the past two years and I am inclined to believe that it has been beneficial in the Republican party. The price in the market at present is good and many people from the north and east have settled in our county. I do not think there is any question, but what we will carry Lincoln county this fall. We have a Democratic county administration and there is considerable dissatisfaction over the manner in which affairs have been conducted. The officials have raised the taxation during the past two years and this does not go very well with the people of Lincoln county, and hence I look for some change."

Chicago, August 5.—Wm. H. Hahndorf, Jr., the golf player, is evidently ill with typhoid fever at his home in Evanston, and his recovery is doubtful. Hahndorf was taken sick on the first day of the Glenview and Evanston and was not able to take any rest.

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HEAVIEST OF LEDGES

Of Gypsum in Oklahoma Is Located in Dewey County.

Hydro, O. T., August 5.—One of the heaviest ledges of gypsum in Oklahoma is the one that occupies a great part of Dewey, Custer, Washita and Greer counties. It extends along the Washita from Mountain View to Cheyenne and along the South Canadian from Taloga nearly to Grand. It outcrops all along such creeks as Barritt, Quaternary, Cassidy, Turkey, Haystack and Elm Fork of the Red river. In places there are sheer cliffs nearly 200 feet high, composed of the massive white gypsum and blood red clay. In a well in northeastern Washita county a single ledge 1135 feet thick was encountered.

It is estimated that in the half dozen counties where it occurs there are more than fifty billion tons of gypsum waiting to be taken to the ledge along. The Oklahoma geological survey party spent a good part of last week on this ledge. From Cedar Top bluff, in the extreme southeastern part of Roger Mills county, it was traced across the alley of Elk creek, south of Cordell, past Cloud Chief and Seger to the vicinity of Weatherford.

This ledge would make a very fine quarry of cement and it is but a question of time when it will be worked. It goes without saying that the supply is inexhaustible.

During the present week the party is walking along the sandstone ledges and buttes of Caddo county and along Pond and Sugar creeks.

FARMER MOSE ANDERSON Going into Agricultural Business on a Large Scale.

Enid, O. T., August 5.—Mose Anderson, the chairman of the Dewey territorial committee, is a full-fledged farmer in Comanche county. He has just returned from his farm, which is near the Rock Island town of Washita. In addition to having a homestead, Anderson has leased a section of school land and is taking care of that as well as his own farm. He is interested in Comanche county politics and at a convention held in Washita was made a delegate from Apache township to the county convention at Lawton. There was a hotting convention and Anderson is one of the delegates agreed upon by the voters. The fellows who left the regular convention are in hopes that Anderson's prestige as chairman of the territorial committee will help them out of a difficulty. Anderson has been prepared by the voters, which state that men from the Chickasaw nation voted in the organization of the first convention, the one from which they withdrew.

SENDING OUT NOTICES Oklahoma Grain and Grain Products Needed for Exposition.

Kingfisher, O. T., August 5.—The secretary of the commission to