

NANY OKLAHOMANS IN WASHINGTON

Coming Inaugural Attracts Some While Others Are On Self Boosting Mission.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Washington is full of Oklahomans here seeking political appointments, legislation, looking after private business, getting ready for the inauguration, and some on official business with the departments.

Gov. D. H. Johnson, of the Chickasaw nation is here. He was summoned by the secretary of the interior to discuss a number of matters among them the payment for improvements belonging to Indians on the segregated coal lands. Incidentally he is looking after legislation which would cut off the salaries of tribal officials and members of the council. With Gov. Johnson is C. E. Millon, of McAlester, who has some private business and is also interested in the disposition of the coal lands.

J. H. Gregg, district attorney for the Eastern district of Oklahoma is here, but refuses to discuss his business further than to say that it is official. He has been at the department of interior discussing the land suit cases, and also at the department of justice. At the later place he discussed the appointment of an assistant in the office at Muskogee, but so far no agreement has been reached.

There is a vacancy in the office and Alexander Richmond was slated for the place, but Mr. Gregg refused to endorse him at first, and finally the appointment was blocked here by the interference of a prominent Oklahoma republican. There are a number of applicants who would like to have the job, but they are not pushing the matter very hard because the salary is only \$2,000 per year. Judge Spencer Blackburn was a candidate but according to Congressman C. E. Creager, he has withdrawn. Others who are here: Chas Wilson, of Muskogee; J. C. Denton, of Nowata; D. L. Sleeper, of Tulsa; F. W. Hoyt, of Muskogee.

When the last vacancy occurred in Mr. Creager's office the department here, acting upon the advice of the president, forced the selection of an assistant from the civil service. It is up to Mr. Creager and Joe Norris to recommend a man, but they have not done so yet, and it is doubtful if they and Mr. Gregg can agree on a man. The assistant has got to get his appointment at the request of the district attorney.

Judge James T. Humphery, of Muskogee, is here trying to get action on three thousand of the land title suits in Oklahoma. He represents a large number of clients who have pooled their interests. He is before the department of interior with a number of them to see if they can not be disposed of at once and not have to wait for a long and tedious process of going through the courts in regular order.

J. F. McMurry, of McAlester is here. He is interested in getting through legislation that will open the way for the government to purchase the coal lands of the Chactaw and Chickasaw nation. He wants the president to appoint a commission of three men, not members of congress, who will be sent to Oklahoma to make an exhaustive examination of the coal lands, timber lands and all surplus unallotted lands, and report the first of next December not only what the properties are worth, but whether it will be advisable for the government to purchase them.

Let it be whispered that the famous "Buster Brown" company is soon to appear in any town throughout the United States or Canada and interest with happy anticipation is at once aroused. This well known company is booked for an early date at Vinita, Thursday, March 11th.

D. M. MARRS WILL FURNISH QUARTERS FOR POSTOFFICE

D. M. Marrs today received a letter from the postal authorities at Washington informing him that his proposal to lease the government quarters for the Vinita post office had been accepted, and that a contract covering same would follow. The lease is to run for ten years, dating from March 1, 1909.

JUDGE CONNORS OFFERS REWARD

Kansas Publishers Can Make Money by Proving Statements Made About Prison Investigation.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 27.—If Kansas newspapers can prove their statements against the charge of cruel treatment given Oklahoma prisoners when they were confined in the Kansas penitentiary, President J. P. Connors, of the Oklahoma state board of agriculture, will pay each one of them a reward of \$100. Judge Connors, who made an investigation of prison treatment, substantiates fully the charges preferred by Commissioner of Charities, Miss Barnard.

Kansas newspapers are still denying the indictments preferred against their penal institution, and are giving vent to some very drastic criticism of Miss Barnard and her report on the prison conditions.

Judge Connor's defense of Miss Barnard has attracted considerable attention in Kansas and he is now being assailed for giving to the public a statement regarding conditions as he found them.

WAR ON TEXAS FEVER TICK BEGINS IN EARNEST MARCH 1

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 27.—Beginning March 1st, a determined effort will be made by the state board of agriculture to rid Oklahoma of the Texas fever tick.

Supt. Bryan, in charge of the quarantine division has completed his plan of attack. All inspectors who have been retired since the first of the year, will resume their work and additional men employed. By curtailing the work during the winter months a sufficient saving was made to enable the additions to the force now being arranged. Dipping vats for every township in the county is the eventual result of this battle against the fever tick. Legislation looking to that end is pending.

HASKELL HEARING SET FOR MARCH 8, AT VINITA

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 27.—Council for Governor C. N. Haskell at the governments attorney today agreed that Haskell's hearing in the town lot cases should be held March 8, at Vinita, instead of March 1, as formally announced.

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA WILL HAVE TO WAIT

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—There will be no statehood legislation for New Mexico and Arizona at the present session of congress. At a meeting of the committee on territories today all members, regardless of party, in a sensational scene abandoned consideration of the house bill.

JUSTICE SWIFT FOR ORVILLE FOLAND

Boy Who Killed Expressman Haymaker Muir, Spend Remaining Days in Prison.

Hutchinson, Kans., Feb. 27.—Orville Foland, the boy who murdered Expressman Jesse Haymaker on Wednesday morning in the Wells Fargo station here, was yesterday sentenced in the district court to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Lansing, he pleading guilty to murder in the first degree. He will be taken to the prison tomorrow night to begin his sentence.

While confessing to the murder, Foland declared, until last night, that he did it while he was in a half sleeping condition. But he finally confessed to all of it and said he had killed the man while fully awake and that he, alone, was responsible for it.

When sentenced today by Judge C. E. Branine of the district court, Foland was crying. He could not keep back the tears and he could hardly stand as the sentence was pronounced. Judge Branine made a very impressive talk to the prisoner and the court room was crowded.

Foland is but 19 years old. He was born in Illinois. His father ran away and left his mother ten years ago. She and Orville were trying to pay for a home here on the installment plan and Orville was often out of work. He had a common school education but stayed out late at nights, playing pool and other games. He smoked a few cigarettes and drank but little liquor, not having had a drink the day or night of the murder, according to his confession.

The case was handled quicker than any other that had ever been in the district court, and less than fifty-five hours after the crime had been committed, he had been sentenced to life imprisonment.

HOLD UP MEN GET LIFE SENTENCE FOR TAKING 46 CENTS.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Three hold-up men accused of theft of forty-six cents, were sentenced to life imprisonment by a jury today. The sentence is made possible by the passage of a law in 1907 providing that a severe penalty be inflicted for high-way robbery committed with the aid of deadly weapons.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 27.—Representative Partridge, republican, from Alfalfa county, has pending a resolution setting the date for final adjournment of the legislature for March 5th. It will likely be defeated as the impression prevails that the legislature will be required to remain in session until March 15th in order to complete important work now on hand.

Wilburton was fortunate in securing a \$240,000 appropriation for her school of mines. Both houses have acted upon the measure.

A special senate committee took the school land bill, as passed, to Governor Haskell Thursday morning. It is understood that the governor will approve the measure within a few days.

Dennis Flynn, who received the minority vote for United States Senator, was mixing with solons Thursday.

The house has given an orphan home to Nowata.

Those who defended the newspaper boys' bill, an act appropriating funds to pay old election accounts were: Representatives Tillotson, of Nowata; Durant of Durant; Anthony, of Marlow; Burnett of Washita; Faulkner, of Kiowa, led the opposition with a motion to postpone indefinitely.

Appropriation bills have the right of way.

Vinita is represented in the lobby by a large delegation of her foremost business men. They are setting a fast pace in the race for the insane asylum.

Oklahoma's second legislature is backing up the educational institutions of the state in almost every instance. Appropriation bills to sustain the established institutions, and those looking toward erection of new schools, are not subjected to serious amendment. Sentiment among the solons seems to be: "Nothing too good for Oklahoma's educational system."

PRINTING BILLS MAY BE PAID

Eighteen Thousand Dollars Appropriated to Pay Debts Incurred in Constitutional Election.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 27.—The lower house of the legislature today passed the Japp-Burnett bill, appropriating something over eighteen thousand dollars to defray the printing and publishing expenses incurred in the constitutional ratification election.

There bills were held by newspaper publishers in practically every county in the state. Last winter the legislature failed to appropriate funds to meet this indebtedness.

Through the influence of the Oklahoma Press association, the Oklahoma Democratic Editorial association, and Governor Haskell, the measure was again presented and today was adopted.

It is believed the senate will pass the bill without amendment. Perhaps no measure pending before the legislature has created as much interest among newspaper publishers.

DRUNKEN ITALIAN LABORERS PRECIPITATE A SERIOUS RIOT

By Associated Press.

Weeping, Neb., Feb. 27.—Italian laborers and citizens of this town last night engaged in a riot in which two citizens sustained bullet wounds and many of the combatants were injured, none fatally.

The laborers who had been drinking, began a disturbance and when the city marshal attempted to quiet them it started a riot. Today all is quiet, the laborers having locked themselves in their cars, while the officers and citizens are maintaining strict surveillance.

THE TAFTS LEAVE NEW YORK FOR WASHINGTON

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 27.—President-Elect and Mrs. Taft left here today for Washington, where Mr. Taft will spend the interval preceding his inaugural. On reaching Washington the Tafts will go direct to the Boardman residence, which will be their home until the fourth of March, when they will remove to the White House.

COMMITTEE FAVORS ANTLERS

But Vinita Entered No Combine And Will Continue to Fight For the Insane Hospital.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 27.—Antlers scored over Hugo in her five weeks contest to secure a favorable report from the special legislative committee appointed to visit aspirants for the eastern Oklahoma insane asylum.

Three members from the house and three from the senate visited Antlers, Hugo and Vinita. They were unable to agree until last night, when the unanimous report was returned.

This eliminates Hugo by reason of a compact entered into with her neighbor, Antlers, but as Vinita was not pledged to abide by the report, she will make a determined fight when the bill comes before the lower house.

WHEAT CONTINUES RECORD BREAKING ASCENT.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Wheat market continues its record breaking ascent today, May wheat selling at 119, July 105 7/8, shortly after the opening of the board of trade today. The pit is in a ferment of excitement.

VINITA WINS IN LOWER HOUSE

Bill Locating the Insane Hospital To Be Taken Up by The Senate Next Tuesday.

A telegram received this morning by E. B. Davidsor, secretary of the Commercial club, from the "boosters" now at Guthrie states that a bill providing for the establishment of the northeastern branch of the state insane hospital at Vinita, came up before the house this morning and passed by a vote of 55 to 41. The senate will take up the bill next Tuesday. The "boosters" are sanguine of the result, but the fight is by no means ended. J. W. Orr phoned this afternoon that he and some of the other boys would reach home tomorrow.

It behooves Vinita citizens to record these men who are devoting so much valuable time to the interests of the town, at their own expense, a rousing reception and unstinted cooperation in the labor.

GUTHRIE MAY LAND IN WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 27.—Oklahoma City's successor in the Western Association circuit will be decided upon at a meeting of league magnates to be held at the Connor hotel next Tuesday. The meeting has been called especially for this purpose.

Speculation has been rife during the past few weeks among Joplin fans regarding the probabilities of the succession. At one time Independence, Kans., was considered the most likely candidate for the franchise, but the latest "dope" favors Guthrie, Okla. It is known that President Shively attended a conference at Independence before his departure for the national convention at Chicago, but the result of this conference is not known.

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