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## INSURANCE LAW IS WISE LEGISLATION

People of Oklahoma Protected From Wild Cat Insurance Companies And Fraud.

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 7.—One of the wise provisions made by the democratic legislature for the protection of the people against wild cat insurance companies was that compelling foreign insurance companies to appoint the insurance commissioner their agent, upon whom service could be had in the event of a law suit.

Previous to this time foreign companies could come into Oklahoma, solicit insurance and with impunity deny the payment of losses and defy the insured because there was no way by which suit could be brought to compel the payment of losses.

Reputable foreign companies have complied with this provision, but there are a few companies of the wild cat variety who seek to evade the law and prey upon innocent people by soliciting insurance upon which they have no intention of ever paying in case of loss.

T. J. McComb, insurance commissioner, who has done so much to place all kinds of insurance in Oklahoma upon a substantial basis, desire to warn the people against accepting insurance in any unauthorized company. He says that very few of these unauthorized companies send agents into the state because they are liable to arrest and prosecution, but that most of them operate through the mails.

Every authorized agent, and there are over twelve hundred, is provided with a certificate from the insurance commissioner which shows the company and the kind of insurance that it is authorized to do. Persons paying for insurance should see that the agent and his company are duly authorized and provided with a certificate.

## DECISION ADVERSE TO BIG LAND SUITS

Judge Ralph Campbell Sustains Demurrers of the Defense in Famous Mott Suits.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 7.—Judge Campbell yesterday sustained the demurrers of the defendants in the farm land fraud suits, involving 30,000 pieces of farm property, holding that the government has no right to prosecute these suits because with the removal of restrictions the government conferred the right of citizenship upon the Indians.

The decision of Judge Campbell is one of the most important court actions of recent date and will affect more Oklahoma titles, probably, than any similar one.

The land involved is scattered all over the old Indian Territory and if the contentions of the government attorneys held good would precipitate a wholesale jumbling of titles to lands.

### Inaugural Flag Received.

The flag that floated over the White House when President Taft was installed as chief executive of the United States has been presented to Col. Cusey and can now be seen at his office in the court house. It is 19x20 feet and was at the request of Congressman Creager presented to the full blood Indians of the Cherokee nation.

## ROCK ISLAND COMPANY CONSENTS TO REDUCTION

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 7.—Rock Island tariff 14, 351-C, quoting interstate rates on cantaloupes provides for minimum weight of 24,000 pounds.

The Oklahoma Fruit Growers association through Mr. S. B. Jackson of El Reno, requested the commission to use its best efforts to get this minimum reduced to 20,000 pounds and the commission has today notified the Oklahoma Fruit Growers association that the Rock Island has consented to this reduction.

This is another one of the numerous acts of the commission fostering fruit and other industries within the state of Oklahoma.

## MANY NEGLECTED TO PAY POSTAGE

Spokane Chamber of Commerce to Pay Full Postage on Applications For Registration.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 7.—Arrangements have been completed by the Spokane chamber of commerce to provide full postage for all the unstamped envelopes, containing applications for registration on lands in the three Indian reservations, mailed in Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Missoula and Kallispell, Mont, thus assuring to every person registered before midnight on August 5 an even chance in the drawing beginning the morning of August 9.

Frank W. Smith, baseball fan and patron of amateur sports, originated the plan and was the first subscriber to the fund, which was raised in an hour. When he learned that more than 1,400 unstamped envelopes were held in the Spokane post office and as many more at the three other registry points he realized that several thousand persons would thus be deprived of the opportunity to participate in Uncle Sam's big lottery.

He brought the matter to the attention of L. G. Monroe, secretary of the commercial organization, with the result that sufficient funds were forwarded to the postmasters of the four cities to insure the delivery of every unstamped letter to James W. Witten, superintendent of the opening, at Coeur d'Alene.

"More than 225,000 persons were registered and it is a conservative estimate that at least two percent neglected to provide postage to carry the applications, which many came thousands of miles to procure, to their destination," Mr. Smith said. "It would be unfortunate to deprive these people of the chance to take part in the drawing, as would be the case if they waited for the return of the applications from the dead letter office. Paying for all the letters held for postage is the only way to make certain that none was left out, as there are no marks by which an individual envelope can be distinguished."

## WILLIAM LITTLE, JR. DEAD AT RAMONA

In a telephone message this morning to his family here, Col. W. M. Little, communicated the news of the death of his son, William Little at Ramona. The deceased is well known here, having been reared in Vinita. A few days ago the father received word that his son was seriously ill and went to Ramona. The death came early this morning. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon.

## ANOTHER REBUKE TO REPUBLICANS

Both Foreign And Domestic Capital is Busy in Oklahoma—Fees Amounted to \$1,000.02.

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 7.—Another circumstantial rebuke was given the republican calamity howlers who have been proclaiming that democratic laws was driving foreign and domestic capital out of the state, yesterday.

The office of the secretary of state shows that both foreign and domestic capital is very active. The largest corporation asking for a charter Thursday is the Enid and Central Oklahoma Traction company, with headquarters at Enid, and a capital stock of \$1,000,000. The fees for filing this charter was \$1,002, which goes to the state of Oklahoma instead of the pocket of the secretary of state as it did when Oklahoma was a territory. This is an interurban railroad project and is scheduled to run through Comanche, Caddo, Canadian, Kingfisher, Garfield, Logan, Alfalfa, Grant and Noble counties, and connects the cities of Lawton, El Reno, Kingfisher, Enid, Cherokee, Alva, Pond Creek, Medford, Blackwell and Guthrie. The incorporators are W. H. Stewart of Enid; R. W. Whittingham of Enid; M. T. McMahon of Toledo, O.; J. W. Smith of Toledo, O.; and C. E. Buckhart of Enid.

Other charters granted yesterday are as follows:

Quintuple Oil company of Pittsburg, Pa., capital stock \$100,000.  
Union Coal company of McAlester, capital stock \$50,000.  
The Bank of Meno, capital stock \$10,000.  
Guarantee Bank of Shattuck, capital stock \$15,000.

## DEMANDS RETURN OF SALARY PAID

Attorney General Addresses Letter to Lieutenant Governor Bellamy Asking Return of \$1,937.50.

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 8.—Attorney General Charles J. West has addressed a letter to Lieutenant Governor Geo. Bellamy demanding the return to the state of \$1,937.50 which the report of the state examiner and inspector Charles A. Taylor, shows he has drawn from the banking board for salary as chairman of that board up until April 30, 1909.

"You will therefore please upon the receipt of this, return by proper funds to the treasury of the banking board the sum of \$1,937.50 as shown by the examiner and inspector's report and any further sums, if any, paid to you since the making of said report," says the attorney general's letter, "and I would be glad to hear from you at once that you have made such payment or anything else that may occur to you as being proper in the premises."

The attorney general states in his letter that two previous letters, one addressed to the lieutenant governor and the other to the banking board bearing on that subject remain unanswered. West declined to state what he would do if Bellamy declines to refund the money if it is believed he will take legal steps to recover it in such a contingency.

The money referred to by the attorney general is the salary of \$115 a month that has been paid to Bellamy for services as chairman of the state banking board in addition to his regular salary as lieutenant governor of the state.

### A Fast Home Team.

Every one should turn out to see the ball game tomorrow. The fast R. M. Jones team of Muskogee plays the locals. The home team is playing good ball and the team is made up all of home boys, who are working hard to give Vinita good baseball. On Monday and Tuesday the locals play the fast Sapulpa Indian team. The fans should turn out to witness these games as the team is advertising Sapulpa and the locals wish to take their measure and stop their winning streak.

## CANNON REFUSES TO APPOINT CARTER

Oklahoma Congressman of Indian Blood Punished For Voting Against House Rules.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—Friends of Congressman Carter are complaining because Speaker Cannon left him off the committee on Indian affairs. Carter asked to be permitted to stay on the committee. He is the only representative with Indian blood. Carter says that Cannon got even with him because he voted against the speaker's rules.

Cannon put him on the committee on foreign affairs a better committee but not as satisfactory as the Indian affairs committee.

Carter's wail uttered for publication is: "I spoke to the speaker personally and sent him a letter to the effect that I desired only to be on the committee on Indian affairs. Cannon said: 'Alright.'"

"He gave as his reason for the change that there was such a clamor for an assignment on the Indian affairs committee that he could not satisfy everybody. I told him that there were four democrats assigned to the Indian committee, none of whom had asked for an assignment, and that all would rather serve on the foreign affairs than on the Indian affairs, if he would permit the change."

"His reply was, 'No, No, I cannot permit you members to be swapping committee assignments.'"

Little Miss Marjorie Yeargin, who has been the guest of Maude Conner for several days returned to her home last night.

## PRESIDENT TAFT WARMLY GREETED AT BEVERLY

By Associated Press.  
Beverly, Mass., Aug. 7.—President Taft reached his summer home at Woodbury Point at 8:30 o'clock this morning, being greeted by his family. He was accompanied by his private secretary and Captain Archibald Butt, his military aide. He was given an enthusiastic greeting. The president said he had no definite plans for the summer, except to obtain the maximum amount of rest and recreation with a minimum of state business.

## FINED FOR BUILDING FIRE ON PAVEMENT

The first infraction of the new city ordinance against building fires on the pavement was brought to light this morning, when the city engineer filed complaint against the clerks at the Watson store on South Wilson street for burning papers on the paved alley back of the store. The defendants were fined one dollar and costs by Police Judge Byrd. As the contractors refused to guarantee pavement where fires were built, the city officers are going to rigidly enforce the ordinance prohibiting this practice.

## PRISONER INJURED WHILE JUMPING FROM TRAIN.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 7.—John H. Shaw, charged with forgery at Booneville, Ark., to whom he was being taken from Greeley, Colo., jumped from the train near Shawnee early last night and received injuries from which he died a few hours later. The train was running thirty miles an hour when Shaw leaped from the window.

## COUNCIL MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION

Canvassed Returns of Tuesday's Election—Question of Water Supply Was Discussed.

The city council held a special session last night and canvassed the returns of Tuesday's election on the Auditorium bond proposition. The count showed the votes favoring the bond issue to have a majority of 205. A letter was read from the Oklahoma Bond company, purchasers of the bonds, congratulating the council upon the result of the election. The necessary steps were taken for making the bond issue.

On petition of several property owners a new sewer district was created in the south part of town.

The question of preparing for a more adequate water supply was discussed at some length, and in order to supply the city with sufficient water for other purposes, it was decided to prohibit the use of city water for sprinkling lawns for a time. As soon as possible some action toward building another reservoir will be taken.

A letter received from H. M. Preston, president of the Vinita Gas company states that company will begin the construction of its big main pipe line to the Miami district at once, and that they will cut off three and one half miles south of Centralia and connect this city with that main. The present pipe line will also be maintained.

Mrs. G. A. Burns, who has been visiting the family of J. K. Taylor, returned to Joplin this morning.

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