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CHAMP CLARK LIVED IN KANSAS

The Grasshoppers Limited the Speaker's Residence in Wichita to Eleven Weeks.

Few persons in Kansas, perhaps, know that Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, once lived in Kansas. Mr. Clark sometimes refers to the fact when he makes speeches in that state, but he always limits the account of his residence there to the short statement that he once lived there eleven weeks. To a friend Mr. Clark told his experience as a young lawyer in Kansas and the reasons he left the state. Here it is:

When he was about twenty-five years old Mr. Clark was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School at Cincinnati, O. After his graduation he started to Fredonia, Kans., to become the law partner of T. J. Hudson, a classmate. For some reason, however, Mr. Clark never reached Fredonia and a lawyer he met in Kansas City persuaded him to go to Wichita.

Wichita at that time was the center of the cattle industry and the town was considered a promising field for a young lawyer. Mr. Clark had no sooner reached the place, however, when the cattle center moved to Great Bend and then the grasshoppers descended upon Kansas. Everyone nearly is familiar with what those pests did to the people of Kansas and Mr. Clark, short of funds when he went to the town, soon found that waiting in an office for clients who never came was unprofitable business.

In exactly nine weeks he was "broke." The only possessions he had were a few law books, and a silk hat, a pair of pearl gray trousers and what was then called a "swallow tail" coat. As Pike county, Missouri, was settled mostly with Virginia and Kentucky people Mr. Clark decided to go there when he got enough money to pay the railroad fare. To his friend the speaker laughingly told how he got the money.

"I went to a farmer and got a job hoeing corn. My pay was \$1.25 a day. I tell you the Kansas sun never was so hot as it was that year. I plugged away at that corn in that high hat and my other 'barrister' clothes, the only ones I had, until I got enough money to go to Missouri. I certainly was glad to leave the state."

Most persons are familiar with Mr. Clark's political battles after he became a resident of Pike county. Years after his experiences in Kansas he met T. J. Hudson in congress, where both were members of that body.

THREE TIMES FIRE VICTIM.

Antlers Editor, After Losing Plant and Wife, is Again Visited.

Antlers, Okla., Dec. 28.—Fire broke out yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and totally destroyed the millinery store of Miss Lucile Watson. The flames broke through into the grocery store of George Reed and the News-Record office, owned by J. B. Regner, the prompt action of the fire department saving the Pioneer drug store and the Antlers postoffice.

The first originated from a stove in the millinery store, but there was no one in the building at the time. The loss is about \$1,000. Reed's loss is \$500, and Regner's loss, mostly by water, is \$400. All are partially covered by insurance.

This is the third time Mr. Regner has been injured by fire. In September his plant was totally destroyed by fire and in November his house caught fire and his wife was burned to death.

Dr. Louis Bagby received a message today announcing the death of his father-in-law, John Enos.

Charter Prohibited by Constitution. Oklahoma City, Dec. 28.—A charter probably will be refused to the Vinita Blue Flint Chat and Gravel company of Miami, which proposed to mine and manufacture, and transport its products over its own railroad. Assistant Attorney General Moore advised Secretary of State Harrison Monday that the state constitution would operate to prohibit the concern from carrying on business under the conditions it had specified.

Article nine of the constitution prohibits railroads from owning mines or manufacturing, the products of which are used by any other than the railroad itself.

The articles of incorporation filed by the Vinita company stated that the corporation proposed to condemn right-of-way, build and acquire railroad lines to be operated for hire.

WHAT EDITORS SAY OF WILSON

Plant City (Fla.) Courier: We have been convinced for some time that Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, was the man of the hour for democracy, and as we have read the adroitly worded editorials which have appeared from time to time in a certain chain of interested-owned, money-controlled newspapers and have watched the shrewd manipulations of certain political forces, we have become more firmly convinced than ever before that upon the nomination of Wilson depends to a considerable extent, the hope of democratic success in 1912.

Woodrow Wilson is of that class of American citizens who believes that the benefits of our government should be equally dispensed and its burdens shared alike by the people of all classes and for this reason he is being opposed by the big business interests of the east and their allies. But despite all this we believe that Woodrow Wilson will be nominated as the democratic standard bearer and if he is nominated we believe that he will be elected president of the United States. The time has passed when the people can be fooled into electing a man president whose soul has already been bartered to those whose interests are limited to the interests of the whole people.

The Growth of Wilson Sentiment. Huntsville (Ala.) Times: From every section of the United States comes most encouraging news about Woodrow Wilson's candidacy for president of these United States. The most favorable part of the activity back of Mr. Wilson is the fact that it is voluntary and gratuitous. Wilson as the man is what appeals to the people because he is square-honest. That's the greatest essential element entering into this campaign. We believe beyond all doubt that Mr. Wilson will be nominated to lead the democrats to national victory and that the people will elect him. The growth of the Woodrow Wilson sentiment for president is simply wonderful. He is becoming more popular and stronger with each passing day.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 28.—The Washington correspondent of the Houston Chronicle, sends the following to his paper:

Men who come here from the Lone Star State, and who care little or nothing for machine politics, say without hesitation that Woodrow Wilson is the choice of the vast majority of the Texas electors. What is true of Texas is also true of all the states on which any reasonable line on popular sentiment can be obtained. To speak of nearby states, Virginia and Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, are from the best information obtainable irrevocably fixed in their favorable regard for the same candidate. In the west his popularity is at white heat, and all who hail from the intermountain and Pacific coast states report here that Wilson is the only invincible candidate his party possesses.

Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 28.—A telegram to the North American from Carlisle, Pa., says:

Progressive spirit is rampant in

NOW FOR 1912

Now is the season when nearly every one determines upon some resolution for the new year. It should be the sowing season for seed that will produce better lives in all of us.

Oklahoma is a great state, and its development has been the marvel of the world. We all want to continue to grow and make 1912 the greatest year in the history of this wonderful commonwealth. There are problems to solve that even now are puzzling the brains and the intelligence of the people of Oklahoma.

What can be done to develop our unlimited resources and thus make the state better and make it loom larger in every way? What is your opinion about it? Have you an idea as to what is wrong and a remedy. Write to the Chieftain in a short, concise manner your suggestions. Get your story into from one hundred to two hundred words. What the people say is public opinion and will command those in power. Do not try to argue but couch your suggestions into brief statements. The country will listen and you will thus help do the thing we all want to do.

Let Vinita and Craig county lead in the great work of progress and development. Do not hesitate to write to the Chieftain and tell the people what you think should be done. We are growing but want to grow along intelligent and sure lines.

TARIFF KEYNOTE FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 28.—Speaker Champ Clark, on his first day in Oklahoma where he always has been a favorite, was given a rousing welcome here yesterday.

The keynote of his speech delivered here last night before a record crowd, was "Tariff." He recited the elements of the platform on which he will make his campaign both for himself and for the party next year. He dwelt on the fact that he had whipped the democratic party in the house into line and assured his audience that the democrats would recommence their fight on the present tariff after the holidays in earnest. Mr. Clark insisted that the coming national campaign would be fought out almost entirely on the question of tariff revision.

When Taft Lost Out.

He said in part: "Although Taft went in with a big majority it seems that he commenced losing out within six months afterwards. It is all on account of the tariff, and in spite of the politicians the coming contest is going to be fought out on the tariff revision question.

"The democrats will revise and re-introduce new bills on the tariff as soon as the holidays are over. We set the example of grafting (urtr AR A the example of getting together, and the only chance we have of losing the election next year is to depend too much upon the quarrels of our enemies.

"The Chicago platform promised a revision of tariff but not a word about

Craig County Taxes.

In 1910 the Craig county tax estimate was \$64,053. In 1911 the estimate was \$89,385. This is an increase of \$25,332 in one year.

In 1910 the valuation was \$12,408,967.

In 1911 it is \$17,671,126. In 1910 the county levy was 5.9 mills. In 1911 it is 5 mills.

The total amount to be raised from direct taxation is \$88,355. The amount to be raised from public service corporations and from all other sources is \$16,340.

Craig county is raising beyond her own estimate \$15,310. Only about 2-3 of the counties of the state have reported to the state auditor but these are raising beyond their own estimates a total sum of \$750,521.

Cumberland county's democracy, and early activity, preceding the selection of delegates to the national democratic president, and all of whom are favorable to the nomination of Governor Wilson, of New Jersey.

From Cumberland county, Sheriff Frank Walters and Dr. M. M. Dougherty, of Mechanicsburg, will seek to become delegates from this congressional district, from which two are to be sent. Bert A. Fritchey, of Harrisburg, and Dr. John Walters and George B. Krouse, from Lebanon county, who desire to attend the national convention of democratic reactionaries have no place in Cumberland, Dauphin and Lebanon counties, which compose the eighteenth district.

Treaty to Prevent Dry Niagara.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The United States and Canada have negotiated a treaty which controls the diversion of water from the Niagara river and preserves the scenic grandeur of Niagara Falls for all time. The treaty goes into full effect automatically in March, upon the expiration of the law which now limits some of its provisions.

The international agreement was made in response to a general demand that the question of water diversion be settled once and for all in accordance with expert opinion. The treaty makers had exhaustive tests conducted by hydraulic engineers, and it was determined that diversions should not exceed 36,000 cubic feet a second on the Canadian side and 20,000 cubic feet a second on the American side, out of a total flow of 240,000 cubic feet a second.

The use of this quantity of water for power purposes, the engineers found, would not affect the appearance of the falls sufficiently for the eye to detect. Since only about half the quantity permitted by the treaty is now diverted, twice the present horsepower can be produced without endangering the scenic beauty of the cataract.

Tom Latta Mounts Tripod.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 28.—Thomas A. Latta, formerly editor of the Tulsa World, has accepted the position of editor of the Oil and Gas Journal, formerly published in St. Louis, but now published here. Mr. Latta assumed his new duties this week and in the future will be at the helm of this well known trade publication. He will have complete editorial charge of the paper.

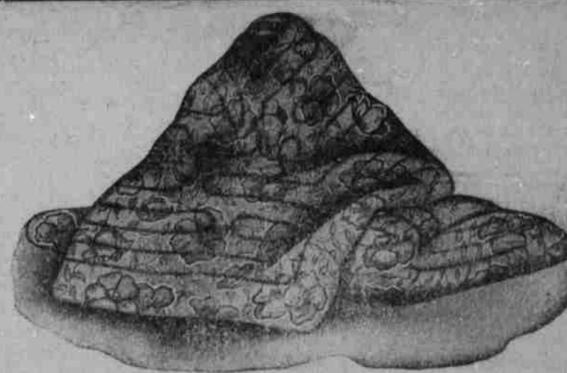
Since severing his connections with the Tulsa World a few months ago, Mr. Latta has been offered many flattering positions in the newspaper field throughout the southwest, where perhaps his ability as a forcible writer is better known than any one else in this part of the country. Mr. Latta's affections for Tulsa were so strong that he did not care to give up his connections with this city.

ROBERT GILLAM A CRUCE CANDIDATE

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 28.—Judge S. M. Davis, a prominent attorney of this city who has returned from a trip over the state in which he visited Muskogee and the greater portion of the counties south of that city, says the people are taking an active interest in politics and that there is more interest being taken in the race for national committeeman than he had suspected. The democrats, generally, he says, are of the opinion that John Doolin will not be a candidate, that it is not in harmony with the Cruce administration to attempt to build up a political machine in the state and there is a sentiment against Doolin founded upon the fact that he is a state office holder and that the honors should be distributed as fairly as possible. With reference to Tate Brady and Robert Galbreath of Tulsa, both of whom are candidates, Judge Davis said neither of them is making great headway for the reason that they are unable to settle the differences between them and Tulsa occupies a position of having two candidates in the field, each of whom is determined to remain in the race and neither can hope to win under such circumstances. Their friends are not enthusiastic for the success of either.

The Ardmore candidate Robert Gilliam has the south side democracy solidly for him, the fourth and fifth congressional districts will go largely instructed for him and the democrats generally are of the opinion that he is the logical man to select for the place. Robert Gilliam is worthy of any honor at the hands of democracy, he has been faithful to the interests of the party, he kindled the first fires of democracy on this side of Red River at a time when the federal government held Indian Territory in its firm grasp

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