

POSTMASTER AT PHOENIX MEETS UNTIMELY END

C. B. WOOD PERISHES IN FIRE AT HIS COUNTRY HOME, CAUSED BY A LAMP EXPLODING.

PHOENIX, Nov. 1.—Overwhelmed by the fumes of an exploding lamp, C. B. Wood, postmaster of Phoenix, died, and his body was partially consumed in the ruins of his country house on the Black Canyon road, near the grand canal Sunday evening.

Warned by Mr. Wood's last words "Look out," and by the sight of fire bursting out of the windows of the frail wood structure, C. L. Madison, renter of the ranch, was able to rescue his bedridden son from the room next to that in which the tragedy occurred. Madison dragged the young man a short distance from the house, placed him on a cot, and rushed back into the house screaming to men on the other side of a canal, nearby. As he opened the door, smoke and flames billowed out, and he was driven from the place, blinded, stunned, and compelled to stand aside and watch the fire rapidly spread throughout the building. At this time, he had no idea the unfortunate man had not succeeded in escaping from the house. It was not until he had, with a score of neighbors, attempted to form a bucket brigade to throw water on the fire, that Mr. Wood was missed, and the horrible possibility occurred to the group.

Madison, in his overwrought mind, had formed no coherent ideas, when neighbors, and later officers of the Phoenix fire department and reporters questioned him. His stories about what actually occurred, were as varied almost as his hearers. The one to which the most credence was given however, is this:

Although Mr. Wood had moved to a home in the city, he maintained two rooms at the ranch house, where he kept a great quantity of private papers and his desks. He was in the habit of visiting the ranch house frequently, to spend considerable time in his study. He had been in his room for some time Sunday afternoon. At about five-fifteen, he had called Madison, and had asked him for a lamp. Madison filled a lamp in the rear of the house and took it to Wood's room, leaving there immediately thereafter to attend to some chores outside.

Five minutes after he left the room, Madison heard the soft explosion that indicated the bursting of a coal oil lamp. He heard the cry "Look out." Turning, he saw the glare of fire through a window in the room the postmaster was using. His first thought was to save him, son, who was not able to rise from his bed.

The Life of Mr. Wood.

Chalmers Barbour Wood was about forty-five years of age and had been a resident of Maricopa county for fifteen years. He was born in the "Kingdom of Callo" Missouri, and was educated at Westminster College. Almost since attaining his majority he had taken an active part in democratic politics and he quickly became an active figure in politics after arriving in Arizona. He held various positions in the county and was elected to the first state senate in which he served with distinction. He was chairman of several important committees and was a member of every important committee. Mr. Wood was appointed postmaster about a year ago and he discharged the duties of that office in a most efficient manner.

Mr. Wood was an old friend of Speaker Champ Clark. Mrs. Clark had been one of his earliest instructors and he was therefore a supporter of the speaker in the contest for the delegation from this State to the Baltimore convention. It was supposed that that fact militated against him somewhat in the contest for the appointment of the postoffice.

Though he was strongly aggressive, he had many friends for he himself was a faithful friend both in his social and political relations. His tragic death will be widely mourned. He leaves beside a widow, three children, a son and two daughters.

SUPPRESS HERALD

GALVESTON, Oct. 30.—Advices to the local Carranza consulate state that the Mexican Herald of Mexico City which has been a consistent antagonist of the revolution and supporter of Huerta, was suppressed last night by the Constitutional authorities. It is said that the prosecution of the persons implicated in the assassination of Madero and Saurez will be continued.

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Prescott, Arizona, October 4, 1915. Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, October 4th, 1915, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. Present: William Stephens, Chairman, Henry J. Suder, Member; Harry W. Heap, Member; R. T. Belcher, Clerk.

Minutes of the meeting of September 7th, 8th, 21st, and 22nd, were read and upon motion, same were approved. The Board, together with the Deputy County Attorney proceeded to count the money in the County Treasurer's Office, the same was found to be correct and to agree with the balance as shown by the books, and to be as follows, to-wit:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Gold, Currency, Silver, Pennies, Certificates of Deposit, Vouchers, Total, and various tax and fee items.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Board of Supervisors Warrants, Road District Funds, School District Funds, State Tax Fund, Court Orders, Refund 1914 School Tax, Library Fund, Petty Cash, Balance on hand September 30, 1915.

State of Arizona, County of Yavapai—ss. E. A. ROGERS, Treasurer, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of October, 1915. (Notarial Seal) J. J. KEOHANE, Notary Public.

Upon motion, Mr. A. L. Lessard was authorized to expend the sum of \$100.00 in repairs to the road leading from Humboldt to Stoddard and a further sum of \$100.00 in repairs to the road leading from Stoddard to Mayer.

A writ of Garnishment, having been served upon this Board out of the Justice Court of Prescott Justice Precinct, County of Yavapai, State of Arizona, in the case of E. E. Richards vs J. T. Shivers, requiring said Board to answer if the County of Yavapai is indebted to the said J. T. Shivers:

It is ordered that the County Attorney of this County be, and is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an answer to said Writ of Garnishment stating that the said County of Yavapai is indebted to said J. T. Shivers in the sum of Thirty and no/100 dollars (\$30.00).

The report of L. S. Colwell, County Recorder, covering fees collected during the month of September, 1915, was checked with the blotter on file in the Recorder's office, the same being as follows, to-wit:

Total fees for filing and recording, month of September, 1915, \$340.15. Total fees for certified copies, abstracts, etc., 15.00.

Total \$355.15. The report of P. J. Farley, Clerk of the Superior Court, covering fees collected during the month of September, 1915, totaling \$240.35 was checked, found to be correct and ordered filed.

The reports of J. F. Young, Sheriff, for the period September 1st to October 1st, 1915, were checked, found to be correct, and ordered filed, the civil fees amounting to \$109.20, there being no license tax collections.

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried, Mrs. M. E. Hudson was granted a widow's exemption, she having filed a widow's affidavit. A delegation of citizens appeared before the Board relative to the construction of a road to the Experimental farm, the said road to leave the Granite Dells road at a point near Deming's house and follow a route, already determined, through the rocks. It was stated that Maney Brothers Construction Co. would contract to construct the road for \$3100.00. The Board requested that Maney Brothers have specifications prepared covering the proposed road and submit the same to the County Engineer.

Main table of proceedings with 3 columns: No., Name, and Amount. Lists various individuals and their payments or expenses, such as salaries, taxes, and fees.

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Amount. Continuation of the main table of proceedings, listing names like H. W. Heap, Jerome Transfer Co., and others.

The following pay rolls covering work performed on county roads for the period ending September 30th, 1915, were taken up and approved for payment, the same being as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount, and Description. Lists road workers and their payments, such as W. H. Merritt, Frank Clavin, and others.

Reports for the month of September, 1915, from the following Justices of the Peace, were received, checked and ordered filed:

F. H. Baldwin, Jerome Junction; Geo. W. Hance, Camp Verde; F. H. Cartmell, Seligman; S. F. Denison, Jerome; Ward H. Wheeler, Mayer; T. L. Harden, Bumble Bee; B. R. Marks, Crown King; John E. Fagerberg, Ash Fork; Oscar Rush, Kirkland; Chas. H. McLane, Prescott; B. W. Mowday, Humboldt; Albert E. McGill, Congress Junction; W. A. Kearns, Cottonwood.

Reports for the month of September, 1915, from the following Constables, were received, checked and ordered filed:

J. A. Stapp, Kirkland; P. L. Campbell, Seligman; J. W. Hudgens, Jerome; J. E. Shearer, Crown King; Joe Cook, Cottonwood; Frank F. Barnett, Ash Fork; W. A. Scott, Jerome Junction; Orville Glenn, Congress Junction; John S. Speer, Camp Verde; Thos. E. Thompson, Mayer.

Upon motion, the Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector was authorized and directed to strike from the assessment of Mrs. J. L. Thomas, for the year 1915, mining claims Hunter No. 2, and Hunter No. 3, and add to the said assessment Dixie No. 2 and Dixie No. 3, account erroneous assessment.

Upon the recommendation of C. E. Gentry, County Assessor, the Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector was authorized and directed to strike from the Union Jack Mining claim, assessed to W. T. Reid, 7.335 acres, account erroneous assessment, the claim consisting of but 7.675 acres, instead of 15.01 acres.

No further business appearing the Board, upon motion, adjourned until Wednesday, October 6th, 1915, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. WILLIAM STEPHENS, Chairman.

Attest: R. T. BELCHER, Clerk.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Prescott, Arizona, October 6th, 1915. Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona, met pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, October 6th, 1915, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. Present: William Stephens, Chairman; Henry J. Suder, Member; Harry W. Heap, Member; R. T. Belcher, Clerk.

D. M. Clark, having appeared before the Board, and having executed a Release and Satisfaction of all his claims against Yavapai County, on file with the Board, and included in the county claim and cross complaint in the suit against said D. M. Clark, now pending in the Superior Court, said claims being for salary and other matters incident to the duties of the Road Superintendent, and said Release and Satisfaction having been executed for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars and Sixty-two cents (\$827.62), and said D. M. Clark, having requested and authorized the Board to pay out of said amount the sum of Ninety-six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$96.25) to the Prescott National Bank to satisfy a certain road certificate held by said Bank:

IT IS ORDERED that the sum of Eight Hundred Twenty-seven dollars and Sixty-two cents (\$827.62) be and it is hereby allowed to said D. M. Clark for and in consideration of all of his said claims of every kind and character which he now claims and holds against said County of Yavapai.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Treasurer of this County pay over to said D. M. Clark the sum of Seven Hundred Thirty-one Dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$731.37), and to the Prescott National Bank the sum of Ninety-six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$96.25), and the Chairman and Clerk of this Board of Supervisors are hereby directed and authorized to draw up proper orders on the Treasurer of said Yavapai County for said sums.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Attorney be and he is hereby directed to dismiss the civil suit now pending in the Superior Court, known as Yavapai County vs. D. M. Clark.

There being no further business, the Board, upon motion, adjourned.

WILLIAM STEPHENS, Chairman. Attest: R. T. BELCHER, Clerk.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Prescott, Arizona, October 13th, 1915. SPECIAL MEETING.

Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona, met pursuant to adjournment on Wednesday, October 13th, 1915, at 11:00 o'clock, A. M. Present: William Stephens, Chairman; Henry J. Suder, Member; Harry W. Heap, Member; R. T. Belcher, Clerk.

The question of the construction of the road to the Experimental Farm was again taken up. Specifications covering the proposed road were submitted by Maney Brothers Construction Company and the same were carefully examined by the Board. The matter was thoroughly discussed and after giving the proposition due consideration, it was ordered that no action be taken in the matter of the construction of said road.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned.

WILLIAM STEPHENS, Chairman. Attest: R. T. BELCHER, Clerk.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Prescott, Arizona, October 18th, 1915.

Board of Supervisors of Yavapai County, Arizona, met pursuant to adjournment on Monday, October 18th, 1915, at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. Present: William Stephens, Chairman; Henry J. Suder, Member; Harry W. Heap, Member; R. T. Belcher, Clerk.

The report of Chas. R. Kinsman, Constable, Humboldt Justice Precinct, for the month of September, 1915, was received, checked and ordered filed. The report of W. R. Fitzgerald, Constable, Prescott Justice Precinct, for the month of September, 1915, was received, checked and ordered filed. The report of H. T. Southworth, County Physician, for the month of September 1915, was received, checked and ordered filed.

Upon motion, the Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Collector was authorized and directed to accept the sum of \$1000.00 in full payment of all back taxes assessed against the Yeaver Mountain Mining Company for the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915.

The application of C. E. Yeaver for a leave of absence from the County and State from October 11th to November 21st, 1915, was taken up and granted. A petition was received from the residents of Red Rock and vicinity asking that an appropriation be made to repair the Red Rock road. Upon motion the request was denied.

The payroll of county officials and employees for the period ending October 13th, 1915, having been approved by the Board of Supervisors and the County Recorder, warrants in payment of salaries were ordered drawn upon the Expense Fund, the same being as follows, to-wit:

Table with 3 columns: No., Name, and Amount. Lists county officials and their salaries, such as William Stephens, Henry J. Suder, Harry W. Heap, etc.

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