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SULPHUR GETS 'FRISCO

TRANSFER OF SULPHUR RAILWAY HAS BEEN MADE.

Believed the Line Will Be Extended to Ardmore By the Frisco People. Meeting of Directors in Oklahoma City.

Hon. Eugene E. White, president of the Sulphur Springs Railway company and president of the Sulphur Chautauqua assembly, and Judge A. C. Blier, attorney for the Frisco railway, were in Oklahoma City Friday attending a meeting at the First National bank of the board of directors of the Sulphur Springs Railway company.

Local directors are George Cooke, Wm. Cross and Ed L. Dunn. At this meeting the contract with the Frisco railway was approved and, according to a statement of one of the directors, the Sulphur Springs railway was practically transferred to the Frisco.

The Sulphur Springs railway is a line about 8 miles in length extending from Hickory, I. T., to Sulphur, I. T., and gives the Frisco a spur line to the resort that is becoming so popular. It is thought the Frisco will eventually extend the line to Ardmore.

GIRLS FINISH BIG TASK.

Twenty-Two Employees Are Thirty Days Counting \$403,000,000.

The force of treasury employees who have been engaged since June 1 counting the money in the reserve vaults of the treasury department have completed their work and made their report to Treasurer Roberts, who had ordered the counting and who is responsible for every dollar in the vault.

The count showed that there were \$403,000,000 in paper money in these reserve vaults, the exact amount for which Treasurer Roberts is responsible. The reserve vaults contain all the paper money that is held in general reserve for circulation purposes, and all of it is in brand-new crisp bills in value from \$1 to \$1,000.

Thomas E. Rogers, chief of one of the treasury divisions has had charge of the count, and under his direction were twenty-two counters and five balancers and sealers.

When the force of clerks began the count there were 9,253 bundles of

currency, each bundle containing 4,000 notes. Inside these packages were forty small packages, each containing 100 notes. A bundle of paper money containing \$4,000,000 was identically the same size, so far as bulk was concerned, as a package containing only \$4,000, inasmuch as a \$10,000 note is the same size as a \$1 bill.

All of these packages were unwrapped and unsealed, and the bills carefully counted by twenty-two lady employees of the treasury.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONIES.

Public School Building for Lehigh Marks Her Intellectual Growth.

Last Wednesday the cornerstones of the \$10,000 public school building was laid at Lehigh.

The members of the Masonic lodge at that place, Atoka and Coalgate assembled at the Masonic hall and marched in a body to the grounds, where the building is to be erected.

Hon. Henry L. Furman of Ardmore, I. T., was the speaker. The events of the day marked the beginning of a gradual prosperous financial and intellectual growth of Lehigh.

Be sure to get some of the good things at Madden, Sykes & Co.'s this week.

Bixby Denies Fraud.

A Kansas City special says Tams Bixby, chairman of the Dawes commission, was in Kansas City today on his way home to Redwing, Minn., to spend the fourth of July. He said regarding the charges of corruption in the Indian service, of which President Roosevelt has ordered an investigation to be made:

"The general conditions are not at all bad. In fact, I believe there is absolutely no corruption among the many officials who deal with the tribes, and my belief are that things are in a splendid shape. However, the public should be made acquainted with the reason and the source of these numerous, half-hearted charges and innuendoes of wrong-doing.

"I don't think there is any part of the world today," Mr. Bixby said, "that contains as many grafters and their allied workers as are to be found in the Indian Territory. Of course, they constitute a class apart from the conservative and honorable citizens of towns and farms. These grafters are after the land of the Indian and they pursue many methods to secure it. It is because they are hindered or prevented in their plans that they become angered, and, as a result, they try to strike back by hinting at corruption. They are the ones who circulate the reports, but you will observe the charges are never direct."

HITCHCOCK WAS TOO RASH

THE SECRETARY'S HIGH-HANDED ACTION CONDEMNED.

The Creeks and Everybody Else Except the Clique, Denounce His Act in Removing Douglas, Who Seems to Hold Good Hand.

Anent the dismissal of C. B. Douglas from office at Muskogee, a recent special from Washington says some interesting developments have come to light today touching the reported scandals in the Indian Territory. They indicate a sudden reversal of the interior department's determination to insist upon a rigid and searching investigation, and it is learned that Secretary Hitchcock is now less anxious than he was yesterday to have all the details of the scandal ferreted out, and the guilty brought to their deserved punishment.

This sudden change of attitude is creating a good deal of surprise and comment. It is thought the summary dismissal of Clarence B. Douglas is responsible for this and his removal is likely to develop a phase in connection with the matter which is so unpleasant and far-reaching as to inspire strong desire here to hush the matter up and dismiss the case as unworthy of farther attention. Indeed, the department of justice has already announced some such course. It is regarded as resting largely, if not entirely, with Douglas whether the matter shall be dropped, and it is now thought that a diplomatic mistake was made when the secretary ordered him to be dismissed without a hearing.

At the same time that Agent Schoenfeldt was ordered by the secretary to dismiss Douglas he received a summons to come to Washington and answer charges. The secretary had determined to dismiss Schoenfeldt in the same manner as Douglas, but was persuaded by his advisers here to consent to his coming to Washington to undergo a hearing on the charges filed against him. The charges, it is said, were preferred by Attorney A. P. Murphy, who gets \$5,000 a year under a contract approved by the secretary for acting as legal adviser to the Creeks.

When the Creeks learned that Douglas had been dismissed Chief Porter and other influential members of the nation telegraphed the secretary urging that Douglas be given a hearing. They also, it is said, repudiated Murphy and his action against Douglas. The secretary promptly, it is understood, declined to accede to the request of Chief Porter and his associates. Douglas is a man of considerable influence in the territory and it is said was appointed to the clerical place he held on account of his familiarity with affairs in the territory without seeking the place. He is the editor of a Republican newspaper and has been prominently mentioned for Republican national committee man from Indian Territory. The charges made against him by Murphy were confirmed by Inspector Wright,

who came here with Murphy for the purpose of laying them before the secretary, and it was on these charges, without waiting to hear from Douglas, that the matter was dismissed, and this also is the cause of the present undesirable status of the case.

It is understood that the secretary was much chagrined over the publicity given to Douglas' dismissal, and if Douglas insists upon an investigation, some racy developments are looked for which are likely to approximate the postoffice scandal sensations in interest. It is thought that in justice to himself he should insist upon a hearing or to make public the real conditions leading up to the charges and the action of the department.

Great surprise is expressed regarding the action of the secretary in clinging so closely to Murphy, since the matter is repudiated by the Creeks, whom he represents before the department, and also in the secretary's refusal to show the Creek head men the courtesy of giving Douglas an audience. Interest is also expressed in the causes leading up to the appointment of Murphy as attorney for the Indians and that Murphy can come to Washington and without further ado secure the scalp of the first man he designates for removal. Inspector Wright's attitude in the matter is, also being criticised. Should Douglas succeed in getting the case before the public by insisting on an investigation, the developments are expected to cover a much larger scope than now indicated. It is understood that the influences which have been at work were sufficient to convince the responsible officials here that a further investigation would only lead to annoying results which should be evaded.

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Female Gamblers Lucky.

Houston, Tex., July 4.—The largest gambling place in Houston was put out of business temporarily by two "ange women who appeared in the city yesterday morning. They appeared at the gambling house at 10 o'clock. The place was crowded and they created a great stir. They staked gold pieces, of which they seemed to have an unlimited quantity, on roulette, quitting the game about \$400 to the good. They ended up at faro, playing the limit.

After an hour's play they had won all the money in sight, breaking the bank and causing the proprietor to close down for the night. They won in excess of \$12,000 at faro.

After putting the bank out of business the women left the place and were driven to the Grand Central depot, where they boarded a train west-bound. At the hotel where they stopped they registered as Lavinia Jayne, Chicago, and Louise Duicet, San Francisco, but the names are believed to be fictitious. The former was middle aged, medium sized; and the latter much younger and handsome. Both were brunettes, wore dark veils, clusters of diamonds and were expensively clad.

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MUST PAY THE FIDDLER.

The Band That Serenaded Hitchcock in Oklahoma Must Be Paid.

Guthrie, Ok., July 4.—Another opinion of importance was handed down today by the attorney-general, Judge J. C. Roberts, in answer to a request from Territorial Auditor I. W. Baxter.

When Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department visited Guthrie the Oklahoma Cavalry Band, under command of Captain T. A. Neal, was called out as a department of the Oklahoma National Guard, to furnish music during the sojourn of the secretary in this city. The band was on duty the greater part of the two days and presented a full quota of its membership, the members coming from Edmond, El Reno, Perry and other cities for the two days.

For the services of the band on this occasion Captain Neal presented a bill to the territorial auditor, requesting pay for the band for two days' service. The matter was referred by the auditor to the attorney-general, who holds that the bill is perfectly legal and must be allowed under the law, which says:

"The National Guard, when called into actual service, shall receive the same pay and subsistence as received by the army of the United States, except that all members below the commissioned officers shall receive \$3 and rations.

"The governor of Oklahoma, as commander-in-chief of the National Guard, when in his judgment the public interests may require it, may call the organized military, or any part of it, into actual service, and the officers and men, so assigned for special duty, shall be deemed in actual service while acting under such orders."

TERRIFIC STORM IN NEW YORK.

Follows Period of Intense Heat. Deaths Reported.

New York, July 4.—A terrific storm here today followed a period of most intense heat. There were four deaths from the heat today, and a score or more prostrations.

Already three deaths directly traceable to the storm have been reported and many persons were caught in the fury of wind were injured.

At one time the gale blew at the rate of 72 miles an hour in the upper part of New York according to the weather bureau. Many places were struck by lightning which played continuously for an hour or more.

A great section of the Manhattan Field fence was blown down, and there was almost a panic among the thousand men and women who had gathered at the Polo grounds adjoining to witness the New York-St. Louis game. The Polo grounds were flooded with a foot of water, the game was called off, and the attention of the officials and police was directed to getting the "half-panic-stricken" horse ball enthusiasts to a place of safety.

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CLEANING UP THE DEBRIS.

Gainesville Resuming Her Usual Appearance Since the Flood.

Gainesville will soon be her self again. The city officials had a large force of men at work on the streets repairing and cleaning up the debris of the flood.

All the main streets were badly washed out. Several houses were floated from their foundations and turned completely around on 'tots' adjoining Pecan creek.

The merchants have about rearranged their stocks of goods and things are assuming their normal conditions once more, with the possible exception of outside curiosity and anxiety, which is demonstrated by floods of telegrams received by parties in Gainesville from all over the country. This was caused by an exceedingly exaggerated report sent out to some state papers by an unscrupulous correspondent, who had hundreds of lives lost and thousands in great peril.

The big picnic, which was to have taken place yesterday, was postponed indefinitely.

Largest Sour Lake Gusher.

Sour Lake, Tex., July 4.—The largest gusher that has yet been struck at the Sour Lake oil fields came in this afternoon about 3 o'clock on the holdings of the Texas company. Indications for several days have been favorable and the strike did not come altogether unexpectedly. A large crowd of interested people was watching the progress of the work when the crisis came. Oil spouted skyward fully sixty feet above the derrick and at a late hour tonight had not diminished a particle. Immense excitement prevails.

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