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TIME TABLE.

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway.
(Southbound.)
Galveston & Chicago Exp...3:40 a. m.
Cleburne & K. C. Exp.....4:40 p. m.
(Northbound.)
Galveston & Chicago Exp..12:35 a. m.
Cleburne & K. C. Exp.....11:50 p. m.

Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railway.
Arrive at Ardmore.....1:35 p. m.
Leave Ardmore .....3:00 p. m.
Local freight carrying passengers also. No trains on Sundays.

Arkansas and Choctaw Railway.
Leave Ardmore daily.....8:30 a. m.
Arr. Ardmore daily.....12:10 p. m.
Leave Ardmore daily.....2:35 p. m.
Arr. Ardmore daily.....5:25 p. m.
Mixed Train Lv. Ardmore..6:00 a. m.
Mixed Train Arr Ardmore..6:00 p. m.

All United States mails close 30 minutes prior to train time.

Hereafter the mails will be closed at 9 p. m. instead of 8 p. m. as formerly. D. REDFIELD, P. M.

TERMS OF U. S. COURT.

At Ada—Begins September 28, 1903 holds two weeks, and February 15, 1904, holds three weeks.

At Tishomingo—Begins October 19, 1903, and holds two weeks, and February 29, 1904, and holds three weeks.

At Chickasha—Begins November 2, 1903, and March 21, 1904, each term two weeks.

At Ryan—Begins November 16, 1903, and April 4, 1904, one week each term.

At Purcell—Begins November 23, 1903, and April 11, 1904, each term one week.

At Pauls Valley—Begins November 30, 1903, and April 18, 1904, three weeks at each term.

At Ardmore—Begins December 21, 1903, and May 9, 1904, seven weeks each term.

If you turn in a fire alarm by telephone, don't call for the fire department, but tell "Central" where the fire is. L. C. SLAUGHTER, Chief

Use the Long Distance Telephone and call up 'Phone No. 5, if you want the Ardmoreite.

TWELVE PAGES.

Ardmore, Tuesday, December 8.

Mrs. Elijah Dowie, wife of the prophet, is enjoying life in Paris. There is a suspicion in some quarters that Mrs. Dowie carried the strong box with her. There are millions unaccounted for and Mrs. Dowie is said to be a woman of sound judgment and excellent business ideas. Perhaps she fancied she saw a storm cloud coming and prevailed upon the holy man of Zion to place his treasure beyond the reach of creditors and courts. There are long-time traditions and moss-covered traditions which have justified the apostle in feathering his own nest at the expense of his followers and friends.

An Old-Timer.

Dr. I. T. O'Bryan aged 78 years, has arrived in Ardmore from Waco, Texas, to make this his home and engage in the practice of medicine. The doctor is remarkably active for a man of his age. He has a son J. B. O'Bryan, at Tishomingo.

Dr. O'Bryan is a native of North Carolina, but came west in an early day. He taught school near old Fort Washita in 1844 and during the following year went with old Zachary Taylor (Rough and Ready) as a United States soldier into Old Mexico.

He is an interesting talker and knows much of the early history of the territory and Texas.

Mutual Dissolution.

The wholesale commission firm of Doak & Best has been mutually dissolved, Mr. Best having purchased Mr. Doak's interest and will continue the business. Since Mr. Doak's sad bereavement in the loss of his wife he has not devoted any time to the business and preferred to retire altogether. Mr. Best is one of the oldest citizens of Ardmore and is doing a prosperous business. He regrets the retirement of Mr. Doak but will put forth his best efforts to give his customers the same service they had from the old firm.

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MR. ROOSEVELT SCARED.

Much of the news we get from Washington these days is devoted to the hopeful and enthusiastic manner in which the president is looking forward to the campaign of the coming year. He not only considers himself nominated, but elected, according to many of the faithful correspondents. He would like to have New York state in his column, of course, but feels that he could very well get along without it, to say nothing of a few other states which have been considered essential to Republican success in the past.

In other words, most of the men who write about the president would have us believe that he entertains little or no doubt of his ability to succeed himself. But an editorial in a recent number of Collier's Weekly, a journal which enjoys unusual facilities for getting at the truth of things, gives us an entirely new impression. After reciting that the November elections were not only pleasing, but reassuring to the president, and that often in the past he has been depressed by the fear of future defeat, the Weekly goes on to say:

"He has sometimes been depressed again this fall over his prospects next year. Business has been going from bad to worse. Department frauds yet worry him, for he knows better than the public yet guesses how far and deep that ulcer runs. The unions are supposed to tend decidedly against him. In Illinois they might conceivably turn the scale. The New York banking business element, of which he naturally hears much, disapproves of him for spoiling the market for trust securities. Of course the South is solider than ever."

This is news indeed. Coming from such a source, we cannot doubt that there is something in it, and although Collier's follows up its tale of the president's moods with a statement to the effect that whatever fears he entertains are probably groundless, we are inclined to the opinion that to Mr. Roosevelt the forebodings that oppress him are very, very real.

He realizes better than anyone else perhaps, that if he wins next year it will be after one of the hardest and most vigorously fought campaigns in the history of the country. In addition to all the unfavorable signs mentioned by our metropolitan contemporary, there are the unmistakable evidences of general harmony in the Democratic ranks, a thing which has been lacking for some years past and the absence of which did more toward electing McKinley both times than did the strength of the Republican position per se. The minority party has capable and conservative leaders in both houses of congress and many things have been done by them, even during the short session, to show that there will be no more blunders of the kind which has been more or less in evidence in the past. The positive announcement of former President Cleveland that he will not accept the Democratic nomination has greatly simplified matters and his more or less considerable following will doubtless now be found in the ranks of those who stuck by the party during the dark days of 1896 and 1900. Altogether there is ample evidence that the party is stronger and better prepared for a winning fight than for years past.

Mr. Roosevelt sees all these things and, seeing them, realizes that the task of getting himself elected will be by no means easy, even assuming that he will be unanimously nominated, which is by no means certain. Everything considered and the opinion of the esteemed Collier's Weekly to the contrary notwithstanding, we think the president has much reason to be apprehensive.—Record.

SHERMAN COMPRESS DESTROYED

The Immense Structure in Ruins—500 Bales of Cotton Burned.

Special to the Ardmoreite.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 8.—A fire which had its origin in the engine rooms spread rapidly at the plant of the Sherman compress at 11:30 o'clock this forenoon, and despite the fact that engines and apparatus from every fire station in the city answered promptly, within an hour the immense structure was a heap of ruins.

Fully 1,500 bales of cotton were lost or so seriously damaged to be so considered.

Several cars on sidings near by were destroyed.

A negro named Elam Gibbs was perhaps fatally injured by being caught beneath a falling cotton bale. The loss will approximate $200,000; fairly well covered by insurance.

St. Louis & San Francisco Railway. Holiday excursion rates to the southwest and west. On sale Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 26. Rate one fare plus $2.00. W. A. DASHIELL, T. A.

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THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

BILLS ALLOWED SHOW VAST EXPENDITURE OF CITY MONEY.

Mayor Dick Thinks the Time Has Now Arrived for Main Street to Be Paved With Asphaltum—Effort to Secure Library.

The city council met yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the mayor and all the aldermen being present except Mullen.

The minutes of the last regular meeting was read and approved.

Alderman McCharen objected to approving of the action taken in regard to the pumps, but he was declared out of order and the minutes were approved.

Reports from committees being in order, Police Judge Galt reported having taken in during the month of November $527.65.

George Henry Bruce, clerk, reported having taken in on the waterworks fund $169, sewerage fund $21, street and alley fund $178.75; total $369.35.

The assessor and collector reported having collected during the month $2,465.83.

Chief of police on pound fund $50.

The finance committee reported favorable on the following bills:

Interest on bonds	$4,375 00
Rubber Hose Co.	1,050 00
Ardmore Ice Co.	9.35
D. N. Ferguson, putting in cross walks, 3d ward	152 35
W. G. Smith, putting in cross walks in 4th ward	175 00
H. F. Kolb, putting in cross walks in 1st ward	350 00
Fraley Bros., cross walks 2d ward	82 17
Wayland Mach. Co.	1 25
Electric Lige Co., lights	200 00
Frank Berryhill	2 30
T. M. Brown & Co.	99 81
J. B. Wall	1 15
Ardmore Coal & P. Co.	67 68
A. V. Beets, furnishing meals	12 20
Western Union Tel. Co.	9 37
Commission on bonds	10 95
Billy Baldwin	6 50
W. S. Wolverton & Son, insurance	4 00
White & Crouch, horse board	28 00
Conway & Son	3 25
W. A. Payne	2 70
Chickasaw Lumber Co.	2 00
Ardmore Ice Co.	13 15
R. E. McGhee	9 50
Downard Asphalt Co (gutter)	134 10
Electric Light Co.	11 90
T. N. Coleman	44 47
G. G. Glover	2 50

Alderman Fraley spoke of the asphalt gutter on Caddo street between Main and Paradise alley, and asked who authorized the putting in of the gutter. He said that he was chairman of the street and alley committee and the matter had never been referred to him.

Alderman Whittington stated that the improvement committee had taken the matter in hand, it being in their line.

The matter of fixing the street alongside of W. R. Roberts' property in the First ward was taken up and much talk indulged in. The street and alley committee was finally instructed to go ahead and fix it up some how or other.

The mayor then asked for a few minutes of the council's time, and impressed upon the council the importance of fixing the crossing over Wolf creek on East Main street. He said the same should have railings on each side to keep any one from falling into the creek. The mayor said further that only 282 persons had paid their street and alley tax of $3 and there were 918 more subject to the tax and he thought some one should be appointed to go around and summon these people to work on the street.

The mayor then brought up the subject of paving Main street. He said that if there ever was a time when we needed this it was now and that in as much as the street car men were nearly ready to go to work, and as they had said they would pave 16 feet wide, he thought it a very opportune time for our Main street property owners to pave the street.

The mayor stated that J. S. Doward, the asphalt man, had made a very liberal proposition, in which he proposed to put in a sample of his work at the intersection of some street, laying asphalt six inches deep for a dollar per square yard, which sample would cost the city about $235. By doing this the city would see what they thought of it, whether or not they would like it and the durability of it.

Mr. Downard made a few remarks about asphaltum streets, in which he said that asphaltum could no longer be called an experiment; that many cities were using it and it was unquestionably a success. Mr. Downard stated, however, that the usual way of paving streets was to use about six inches of concrete and then spread two or three inches of asphaltum over it. That method, he said, was a little costly, and inasmuch as the asphalt mines were so close to Ardmore he could furnish the asphaltum and put it in six inches deep cheaper than the old method. Mr. Downard said further that it was his opinion that the latter method would be the most lasting street from the fact that the asphaltum would naturally knead together and nothing could penetrate it from below or from above. At any rate the street and alley committee was given the matter in hand to have the sample laid, and we believe that the property owners would do well to have the streets paved right along with the installing of the street railway.

The mayor then read a letter from W. H. Flint, the water pipe man, representing the United States Cast Iron and Pipe company, in which he asks the city for $4,000, the city to issue her warrants for $8,000 more payable September 1, 190, and another warrant for $2,395 payable April 1, 1905. The city owes the company $14,395.54. A resolution was introduced that the council accept these terms, which was adopted.

Four ordinances were read by the mayor which touched on various matters as follows:

One to have all sidewalks and building conform to the new grade established as prepared by Engineer Shaw.

One empowering the chief of police to abate any nuisance that had previously been so decided.

One by Alderman McCharen requiring the city to accept her warrants in payment of debts to the city.

Lastly, one to put a stop to so much street peddling business by taxing all parties who offer for sale prepared food, vegetables, meats, candies, pop corn, fruits, any and all kinds of produce from any portable wagon or vehicle in the streets of this city, a sum of $25 per month for such privilege.

All the ordinances passed to their second reading.

Alderman Whittington brought up the Carnegie library site again, and said that he had been in consultation with Redfield in regard to the Goldsmith lot, corner Mill and First avenue, southeast, and that this lot could be secured for $875, and expressed a desire that the building either be located there or some other convenient place close in. Mr. Whittington had prepared a petition to raise money to secure a site and had headed the list with $25, and Mayor Dick, Aldermen Hardy, Byrne, Gilliam all subscribed $10 each toward securing a site.

The following communication from R. Herz was read:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Health, Ardmore, I. T.

Gentlemen—During the month of August last Mr. Julius Kahn placed waterworks in his new house and also had put in water closets which he has used continually. There being no sewer connection provided by the city to carry off his sewerage he had an old cistern hole fixed up with rocks and into this hole he ran his pipe from the water closets. The accumulation of filth underground has ruined my well of water, which had the best water on the hill, and also the water of my neighbors, Messrs. Stitzler and Foster. The water is unfit to drink, having a bad smell. I believe there is an ordinance against pollution of drinking water by such means. Complaint has been made several times to the health officers but no relief is granted. I have to get my drinking water from Mr. L. P. Anderson and boil all the water I use out of the well. I respectfully ask relief of this unlawful and shameful proceedings by which I am greatly damaged. Respectfully, R. HERZ.

The above was read and referred to the sanitary committee.

The council then adjourned.

Good Things to Eat.

Fine home made chow chow.
Plenty of butter.
Potatoes.
Cabbage.
Full cream cheese.
Bananas, other fruits and everything else good to eat at

PORTER STAPLES,
6-3 The Red Headed Grocer.
Phone 57.

Holiday Suits.

I will make close prices on holiday suits for the next 15 days. I will make it to your interest to see me before placing your order.
6-3 L. F. BURTON.

Go to Bulard's for diamonds. 18-tf

Baby caps and children's hats at cost this week at Miss Collins'. 8-3

One of the most massive productions of the season is Lorrimer Stoddard's romantic drama, "In the Palace of the King," which Miss Helen Grantly and her excellent company will present here shortly.

NEWS OVER THE 'PHONE.

Durwood.

Thomas McLaughlin has moved back to Durwood.

Rev. D. L. Darnell is here from Clay county Ok.

A. W. Gardner of new town died last night of pneumonia.

Our school has begun with Prof. Hopper as principal.

Provence.

A fine horse belonging to W. M. Foster died last night with blind staggers.

Springer.

Dr. Harbert has sold his residence here to Oscar Cotton and will leave soon for Wilson, Ark., to reside. We regret to lose Dr. Harbert, but our loss should be Wilson's gain.

Miss Young's school is progressing nicely, with about forty scholars in attendance.

The farmers are well up in cotton picking and all are in good spirits as we have good crops as compared with other sections.

Dr. McCracken of Ardmore is here today.

A fresh norther struck town this morning with wood scarce.

Milo.

W. F. Bishop and J. N. Bridges went to Ardmore today.

Mr. Williams, representing Pennington Grocery company, and Mr. Ezell, representing a Nashville tobacco house, are here today.

Woodford.

Rev. B. F. Knight of Fox has bought the residence of W. R. Matthews and will move here about the first of the year.

Elk.

An Indian medicine company gave a good show here last night.

We are to have a ball and supper here Thursday night.

Elk is very much in need of a school teacher.

Graham.

Dr. J. R. Wilson is moving to Elmore.

Several are killing hogs.

Fox.

Dr. Conner has purchased the J. C. Pierce & Co. stock of goods.

Licensed to Wed.

J. N. Hunter and Lula Richardson, Berwyn.

B. B. Hogan and Addie Jones, Graham.

Chas. Kerns and Ina Sherman, Marietta.

Joe Emberlin and Clara Fletcher, Healdton.

William Ryan and Lillie Jennings, Berwyn.

B. Frank Lyle and Eva Shelton, Eason, O. T.

John E. Price and M. Bonderson, Purcell.

John Ewing and Vellie Whitley, Purcell.

W. H. Hutcheson and Liddy Patton, Purcell.

J. H. Norris, Kaufman, Texas, and Ruby Kirby, Purcell.

Samuel Hutchison and Minnie Sedurce, Purcell.

Oesar Tulter and Tena Brown Wynnewood.

J. C. Hays and Nancy L. Moon, Hewitt.

Fred Combs and Mabel Gotch, Gilsonite.

H. W. Cash and Victoria Brown, Davis.

Henry Brown, Overbrook and Rena Lewis, Connerville.

J. A. Skipworth is sole agent for Headley's celebrated chocolate candies. 6-3

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

Reported by S. E. Donnelly & Co. commission merchants, Gainesville and Ardmore.

COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool Futures.

	OPEN.	2 P. M.	CLOSE.
Jan. Feb.	6.32	6.30	6.43
Feb. Mch.	6.26	6.28	6.41-43
Mch. Apl.	6.30	6.28	6.40
Apl. May	6.25	6.24	6.39
May June	6.30	6.25	6.38
June July	6.28	6.21	6.36
July Aug.	6.24	6.21	6.34
Aug. Sep.	6.09	6.06	6.20
Sep. Oct,	....	6.73	.....
Oct. Nov.	....	....	.....
Nov. Dec.	6.40	6.38	6.51
Dec. Jan.	6.09	6.33	6.47

Spots weak. Mids. 6.46.
Sales 7,000 Receipts 3,000. Am. 29,000.

New York Futures.

MONTH	OPEN	CLOSE
Jan.	11.97	12.19-21
Feb.		12.26-28
Mch.	12.33	12.36-38
April		12.36-39
May	12.22	12.38-39
June	....	12.36-39
July	12.19	12.36-38
Aug.	12.08	12.08-11
Oct.		.....
Nov.		....
Dec.	11.90	12.05-6

Spots quiet Mids. 12.25.
Sales. 1,350. f. o. b. 250.

New Orleans Futures.

MONTH	OPEN	CLOSE
Jan.	12c.	12.32
Feb.	....	12.47-49
Mch.	12.34	12.61-62
April	...	12.07-69
May	12.48	12.71-73
June	....	12.77-79
July	12.55	12.80-82
Aug.	11.5	12.45-55
Oct.		.....
Nov.		.....
Dec.	12.06	12.19-21

Chicago Grain Market.

WHEAT.			
Sept.	...	...	...
Dec	82¼	...	82⅞
May	82¼	...	82⅛
CORN.			
Sept.	...	...	...
Dec.	41⅛	...	40¾
May	42¼	...	42⅛
OATS.			
Sept.	...	...	...
Dec.	34⅞	...	34⅞
May	36¼	...	36

Local Cotton Market.

The market opened weak and down this morning, but prices soon went up and closed strong. Lint cotton sold for 11.25 to 11.50, while seed cotton brought from 3.75 to 3.80. The receipts today are about 75 bales.

You will regret it if you fail to see many beautiful pieces of embroidery and various other useful articles for sale at the Methodist Bazaar December 12, at the Randol building, just completed. 8-4

Half-Breed in Trouble.

Yesterday as the southbound train went down Harris J. Atchison, a mixed breed Indian, stepped off the train, having a bottle or two of liquor in his pockets. City Marshal Burgess of Mannsville and who acts as posseman for some of our deputies, was standing near, and seeing the contraband goods in his pockets took charge of Atchinson and proceeded to jail with him where he was turned over to Deputy Wilkinson, charged with introducing liquor.

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