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NEW ORLEANS

BIG RAILROAD DEAL BY THE FRISCO PEOPLE.

The Frisco and Queen and Crescent Have Perfected a Deal Giving the Frisco an Outlet to the Gulf.

Jackson, Miss., April 10.—A further investigation today of the proposed Memphis, Indianola and Gulf road has revealed the fact that the great Frisco system and not the Southern is behind the enterprise, though there are some railroad men who are acquainted with the situation who hold that the Southern is interested in the move.

An investigation today threw new light on the enterprise. The Frisco and the Queen and Crescent have perfected a deal giving the Frisco an outlet to the gulf, and to New Orleans.

The Frisco is to build the road from Memphis and Indianola to Jackson, and then to run from here, by passing the angle made by the Gulf and Ship Island and Alabama and Vicksburg, and tap the New Orleans and Northeastern at a point above Laurel, thus getting into New Orleans and the gulf over the Northeastern tracks. Some time ago President Harvey of the Queen and Crescent system wired the secretary of the state for the charters granted to the proposed roads in Smith and Clanton counties. At the time no reason for desiring these charters could be learned, but it is believed now that it is a part of the scheme for the erection of the new road.

NATURAL PETROLEUM.

Oklahoma Will Probably Be Placed on the List of Producers.

Special to the Ardmoreite.
Washington, April 10.—There are a number of states and territories in the Union which are thus far reported with no considerable output of petroleum but which are not unlikely to develop oil fields of notable productivity.

Among these is Oklahoma. Many natural petroleum seeps are found in Oklahoma Territory, but there was no production reported in 1903. Guthrie, Lawton, Fort Sill, Richards and Granite have all more or less natural vents, showing both petroleum and natural gas, and in a few years this territory will probably be placed on the list of regular producers.

Knights of Pythias.

Durant, I. T., April 9.—The grand lodge Knights of Pythias of Indian Territory will meet in annual session at Durant on Tuesday, May 3. The Durant lodge, assisted by the citizens, are making extensive preparations to entertain the large crowds of knights and distinguished visitors. The meeting will take place in the Elks new hall. A part of the entertainment will be the great drama, "Damon and Pythias," at the opera house. The city will be decorated for the occasion.

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WORLD'S FAIR

Items of Interest to Women by the Countess de Montaigne.

At the World's Fair an ingenious Alsatian man has a "print shop" out of honey of which he is architect and he has the building. He reproduces in his office building, in miniature a printed "bee's house." In a month's time every facade of the fair and corner was thickly covered with golden honey. This odd exhibit is placed in the palace of agriculture.

A number of great family reunions will be features of the World's Fair. There will be a gathering of the Taylors, the Ramseys, Estills, the Rathbuns and others of whom have never met before. The Smiths are lacking. If the management with wise forethought had signified that it would be well for the Smiths to assemble together it would have been a master stroke and no doubt the adjournment would have been the case many fold.

A remarkable piece of tapestry valued at \$100,000 is exhibited at the World's Fair. It was made by hand by A. M. de Lyndal, who consumed sixteen years in the work. The tapestry measures 25 by 12 feet and fits that space the artist has crowded a complete illustrated history of the United States. The pictures are executed in silk and the work was done partly in Europe and partly in America. The picture of the landing of Columbus is very effective as is also that of Napoleon ceding the territory of Louisiana to the United States.

The St. Edmundsbury Weaving Works of Haslemere, England, has sent some most exquisite productions of their looms to the World's Fair. These fabrics of silk and satin include a chalice veil of crimson satin brocaded in gold thread with a symbolic design. There are priestly vestments and hangings of silk and hand tufted rugs. Also an altar front of green satin with woven devices in gold thread. Queen Alexandria recently ordered an altar cloth of similar design, red and gold being the combination selected.

Ceylon sends many fascinating articles to the World's Fair for woman's adornment. There are splendid pigeon-blood rubies, opals, moonstones and cabochon emeralds embedded in barbaric settings of red and yellow gold. There is much curious work in ivory, fans and small pieces of bric a brace executed with that quaintness of design for which oriental artisans are renowned. There are queer Singapore coins cunning work in silver, sculptured pillars and brass inlays. Lace and aromatic oils are also displayed.

Crop Prospects.

The prospects for big crops in the Wapawucka section of country were never brighter. The acreage has been increased fully 75 per cent over that of last year, and farmers were never before more hopeful with the flattering and prosperous outlook. Old "Beck" and old "Jane" have been rushed from the stables early in the morning and kept walking down the cotton and corn rows until sundown in the evening during all this three montas' fine weather and the result is all the corn crop is planted and up, and growing, and cotton lands are ready.—Wapawucka Press.

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RESTRICTION

PLACED UPON SALE AND LEASE OF LANDS BEING REMOVED.

ording of Indian Appropriation Bill Bearing on This Important Point. Great Power Placed in Hands Secretary of Interior.

Washington, April 10.—The Indian bill agreed to in conference contains the following provision with reference to the removal of the restrictions on the sale and leasing of Indian lands. All the restrictions upon the alienation of lands of all allottees of the five civilized tribes of Indians who are not of Indian blood except minors, are, except as to homesteads, hereby removed, and all restrictions upon the alienation of all other allottees of said tribes, except minors and except as to homesteads, may, with the approval of the secretary of the interior, be removed under such rules and regulations as the secretary of the interior may prescribe upon application to the United States Indian agent at the Indian Agency in charge of the five civilized tribes if said agent is satisfied upon a full investigation of each individual case, that such removal of restrictions is for the best interest of said allottee. The finding of the United States agent and the approval of the secretary of the interior shall be in writing and shall be recorded in the same manner as patents for lands are recorded; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall operate to remove the restrictions upon the homesteads, which will not be affected thereby. Provided, that the secretary of the interior is hereby authorized and directed to make rules and regulations governing the renting of the homesteads and surplus lands allotted to the full-blood Indians belonging to the five civilized tribes of Indians, and no rental contracts of the lands allotted to such Indians or their minor children, shall be valid or binding until approved by the United States Indian agent at the Indian Agency in charge of said five civilized tribes of Indians, and the secretary of the interior, under the rules and regulations above referred to; provided, further, that if any full-blood adult members of the said tribes believes himself or herself competent to make leases and transfer his or her affairs, such members may file an application with the United States Indian agent for permit to lease the lands which have been allotted to him or her and the minor children of such member, and if upon consideration and examination of the application the United States Indian agent shall find said allottee to be fully competent and capable of managing and caring for his or her own individual affairs, he may, with the approval of the secretary of the interior, issue a certificate to such

member authorizing him or her to make legal contracts for the lands allotted to such member and his or her minor children and such contracts shall be recorded in the same manner as patents for lands are recorded.

WYNNEWOOD NOTES.

(From the New Era)
Mrs. W. E. Chastain of Ardmore is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hartley.

Mrs. Ed. Ringer of Ardmore is here this week visiting her husband, who is in charge of the W. O. Duncanson, who is accompanied by her little daughter, Miss Joy.

The Democratic club at Brady has unanimously endorsed the candidacy of H. W. Dick of Ardmore for national committeeman, and will do all in its power to secure his election.

The Wynnewood Democratic club met in regular session last Friday night.

The election of a city Democratic executive committee resulted as follows: J. T. Wheeler, chairman; First ward, William Davis; Second ward, P. V. Babb; Third ward, G. G. Galt; Friday night was set as the date for the selection of delegates which meets at Pauls Valley on May 16.

Last Saturday night was a big night for Democracy in Wynnewood. Something over 500 people assembled in the opera house to listen to the exposition of Democracy from Hon. C. Porter Johnson of Oklahoma City and Henry Furman of Ardmore. The Wynnewood cornet band furnished music for the occasion. Judge Geo. I. Jordan introduced the speakers and for an hour and a half each, the hearers listened to these eloquent gentlemen with marked attention and the applause they received was almost continuous. These gentlemen made some of the best speeches ever heard. Democracy of the city was greatly benefited by their visit.

MARIETTA NOTES.

(From the Monitor)
Willie Munesholmer came down from Ardmore yesterday and will make this his home in the future. He resigned his position as traveling salesman and will embark in business at this place.

Miss Zu Berry, one of the teachers in the public school, has resigned on account of ill health. Prof. McManus, who formerly taught school at Bob, has accepted the place and will begin work in a few days.

Crop prospects in the vicinity of Marietta were never better than at present. The recent rains have put everything in fine condition. Fruit promises a good yield. Cotton acreage will be increased 25 per cent.

Wapawucka's Wealth.

The city assessor has almost completed the property assessment. There will be when everything is completed about \$210,000 worth of property subject to taxation, which will derive a little over \$1,000 for school purposes and about \$400 for general purposes.—Wapawucka Press.

LOTS OF CONVENTIONS.

Indian Territory Meetings to Be Held Within Ninety Days.

Within the next ninety days there will be a number of important territorial conventions held in Indian Territory. April 12 to 14, inclusive, there will be the annual meeting of Indian Territory Old Fellows at Wagner. On the same dates there will be a meeting of the Western District Medical Association at Okemore. April 14 there will be a meeting of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indian Territory held at Muskogee—a two days' session. April 18 and 20 there will be a meeting of the Territory Stockmen's Association held at Chickasha. May 16 and 17 there will be a meeting of the Territorial Bankers' Association held at Sulphur Springs. May 16 there will be Democratic conventions held in all the remaining districts in the territory for the purpose of electing delegates to the territorial convention which will be held at Durant on June 16. May 17 there will be a meeting of the Indian Territory Press Association at South McAlester with an adjourned session at the Indian Territory building at the World's Fair in St. Louis on the 18th. June 7 and 8 there will be a meeting of the Indian Territory Medical Association, the place yet to be decided upon.

SENATE FAVORS THE BLIND.

Books and Other Reading Matter May Be Sent Free.

Special to the Ardmoreite.
Washington, April 10.—The senate has passed a bill to promote the circulation of reading matter among the blind. The bill provides:

That books, pamphlets and other reading matter in raised characters for the use of the blind, whether prepared by hand or printed, in single volumes or in packages, and containing no advertising or other matter whatever, unsealed and not exceeding four pounds in weight, when sent by public institutions for the blind, or by any public libraries, as a loan to blind readers, or when returned to the latter or such institutions or public libraries, shall be transmitted in the United States mails free of postage.

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DEMOCRATIC FLOOR LEADER TO BE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN.

Democrats Casting About for Officers for St. Louis Convention—No Objections to the Mississippi Congressman.

Washington, April 10.—A suggestion by Representative Keene of the Eighth Kentucky district today that Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the Democratic floor leader of the house, be made the temporary chairman of the national Democratic convention at St. Louis, was enthusiastically received by Democratic members of the house and senate.

No objection was made to Mr. Williams from any quarter, and the boom for his selection by the convention for this important position seems well launched. Mr. Williams' admirers point to the splendid record he has made in the house since congress convened last November. The several set speeches he delivered have been Democratic throughout and have been warmly commented upon by the country by Democrats of all factions. He is a conservative and able Democrat and his address to the convention would, it is expected, be a complete reply to Mr. Root's eulogies of Roosevelt at the Chicago convention.

Through Mr. Williams' leadership the Democratic side of the house is in better shape today than it has been for years. What was thought to be an impossible degree of discipline has been attained, and Mr. Williams has voted his party solidly on every party question that has come before the body. The Democratic congressmen all believe his selection would be an admirable one.

Dr. J. Plenge, German Savant.

Oklahoma City, April 10.—Dr. J. Plenge of Leipzig, a German baron and professor in the University of Leipzig, was a visitor in Oklahoma City yesterday.

Dr. Plenge is a savant, author and an educator of international fame. He is in the United States studying the land tenure system in vogue here and will use the data obtained in a series of lectures which he will deliver in the university, being a professor in the department of political economy and social ethics. Dr. Plenge will remain in Oklahoma several weeks.

The Brady Democratic club met Friday night and organized. M. Brady being elected president. By unanimous vote R. W. Dick of Ardmore was endorsed for national committeeman.

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