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CLEVELAND TIRES OF JOB

PLACE OF INSURANCE "HARMONIZER" NOT TO HIS LIKING.

Paul Morton Asked By the Ex-President to Release Him From the \$12,000 a Year Place, Accord. to Friends.

The New York World says: "That Mr. Cleveland is heartily sick of his \$12,000 a year position as 'harmonizer' of the 'big three' insurance companies, is the frank statement of his friends. Mr. Cleveland, it is said, told Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Society, Monday, that he would like to be released from the position. Mr. Morton, it is stated, begged him to remain and give the place a further test.

"The reason underlying Mr. Cleveland's desire to give up the position are described by his friends as twofold. In the first place, he is dissatisfied with the publicity which has been given his acceptance of the office and in the second place, he feels keenly the hostile criticism which the publicity had aroused.

"Mr. Cleveland was appointed to the place of rebate referee less than a month ago. Each of the 'big three' companies contributed \$4,000 a year to his salary.

"Mr. Cleveland's employment by the insurance companies was believed to have a much broader significance than that of a rebate referee, and to be in reality the initial step toward a 'community of the interest' in the management of the 'big three.' In this capacity his functions would be to prevent the Ryan control of the Equitable, the Rockefeller-Harriman control of the Mutual and the J. P. Morgan control of the New York Life from getting into any war over insurance business."

The house cleaning committees of both the Mutual Life and the New York Life insurance companies have received a "hurry up" hint from Attorney General Mayer. It was learned today from directors of both companies that the attorney general was dissatisfied with the progress of the house cleaning and the failure to make effective reforms.

The attorney general has sent a message to each of the house cleaning committees, which in substance says: "It is up to the directors to do their own house cleaning, effectively and well. It is a duty which they owe to their good names. Wherever there is ground for restitution, it is their duty first of all to bring suits against the responsible persons. The attorney general believes that reasonable expedition should be exercised, and is disposed to wait a reasonable length of time."

The message from the attorney general caused consternation in both the New York Life and Mutual companies. Officers and trustees of the latter are particularly anxious because of the fact that not one reform measure recommended in the four recent reports made by the Truesdale house cleaning committee has been carried out.

NOTES FROM CRUSHER.

A Very Busy Point in a Canon of Arbuckle Mountains.

Special Correspondence
Crusher, I. T., Jan. 22.—A welcome change in the weather has come and we are all glad.

The O. K. Building and Construction company of Oklahoma City who bought out the A. Moore plant, at this place, first of last December, is preparing to enlarge the plant and increase the output to fill their needs of crushed rock. At the present time they are shipping four cars daily of McAdam rock to Shawnee and a like amount of screenings to Oklahoma City where they have contracts in both cities of streetwork as well as concrete work. They also make a daily output for the Eastern Oklahoma railway of ballast rock and are employing in this about sixty men. Next week they will commence loading rip rap for the protection of embankments on the Canadian river at Purcell and will for this use some twenty men in addition. The loading will be done by derricks and steam power. George Hirschner is in charge of all steam and other machinery and

is very well suited and acquainted with all kinds of work done by machinery.

In addition to the present machinery will be added another crusher, larger than the one now in use. A part of which has already arrived. This will increase the output to more than double of what it was, and is expected when in complete order to furnish employment to two hundred men.

This O. K. Building and Construction company have other quarries and Mr. Brownell the president of the company states the rock in the Arbuckle mountains for concrete work, macadam and ballast is of the best quality.

We are all very anxious for the coming statehood. If not Sequoyah, then something else, but in any case, a state.

The Ardmoreite is always welcome, we wish you success.

KILLED IN SNOWSLIDE.

Seven Men Reported Dead at Utah Mining Camp.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 21.—Seven men were killed by a snowslide at the mining camp at Alta today, according to the latest message received before the telephone wires broke. Efforts to gain further information have been fruitless, owing to the condition of the wires and the deep snow in the mountains. The nearest approach possible, even on snow shoes, is three miles.

Alta is twenty miles from Salt Lake City.

DEATH OF A BALLOONIST

HE FELL DISTANCE OF NEARLY THREE THOUSAND FEET.

This Was the First Attempt of the Young Man at an Extended Ascent—Spectators Hastened from Sickening Scene.

Wolfe City, Tex., Jan. 21.—This afternoon at about 5 o'clock L. Cooper lost his life as a result of a balloon ascension at this place. It is intimated by the amusement manager with whom the unfortunate man was engaged that he must have fallen at least 2,500 feet. His fall was partially broken by a mass of wires about twenty-five feet from the ground, but not sufficiently to prevent instant death.

The body was mangled in a most frightful manner.

It is said this was the first attempt Cooper had made at an extended ascension. It was his intention to cut loose from the balloon and descend by a parachute. He went up on a bar, and it was noticed by the spectators that he never at any time acted as if he was at ease or comfortable during the rapid ascent. It is not known whether he attempted to cut away the parachute or whether from nervousness he lost his hold. At any rate the parachute was not separated from the balloon.

His falling was in full view of the spectators and many turned away from the sickening scene while others hurried to the point indicated by his descent that he would alight.

The mangled remains are being held subject to order from the young man's parents said to reside at Clarinda, Iowa.

Deceased was about 26 years old and unmarried.

HOW WALKER WAS NAMED.

Had Indorsement of Secretary Taft and Came from Ohio.

Washington, Jan. 21.—It was recalled today by those interested in the matter that George W. Walker, whom the president named to be United States Attorney for the Southern district, was an applicant about a month ago for the attorneyship of the Central District to succeed Mr. Wilkins, to whose place Mr. Latham was appointed. It was remarked then that Mr. Walker was formerly a resident of Ohio and that he had the indorsement of Secretary Taft.

Now it transpires when Secretary Taft learned of the president's difficulty in finding a suitable man to succeed Mr. Johnson he reminded the president of Mr. Walker and the president seized the opportunity with the eagerness of a man who had found something for which he had been looking for a long time. Mr. Walker has lived in the Territory only a few months.

"The Auction" Monday night at the Presbyterian Manse. Be there. 21

BLIZZARD OVER SOUTHWEST

ZERO WEATHER PREDICTED FOR THIS SECTION TONIGHT.

All Railroad Traffic Interfered With. In Many Cities Street Car Lines Are Tied Up—Telegraph Companies are Hampered.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—A blizzard of sleet two inches thick, covered the ground this morning with a temperature at sixteen degrees above zero. All street car and railroad traffic is badly delayed.

Telegraphic communication with Chicago and points east was very poor early in the morning, when suddenly at 8 o'clock it ceased. At the telegraph offices it is stated that communication is being effected east of here in a slow roundabout fashion, but the service is badly interfered with on account of the sleet covered wires.

Conditions from Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 22.—Close to zero weather with a high wind at some points and a light snow were the weather conditions today in this part of the Southwest. The coldest point reported by the local weather bureau was at Dodge City, Kans., where the thermometer registered two degrees above zero. At Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Wichita it was twelve above. Topeka nine above. The predictions are for zero weather general over this territory by tonight. A snow storm is reported to be general in Arkansas today, in southeastern Kansas a blizzard still raged today. Street car traffic is suspended and all trains are late.

South McAlester, Jan. 22.—This part of Indian Territory is today in the grip of a genuine blizzard. A blinding snow storm accompanied by high wind, has raged since last night, drifting the snow badly, and bringing all traffic to a standstill. The storm is the worst experienced for years.

St. Joseph, Jan. 22.—St. Joseph is in the grip of a blizzard.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 22.—In eastern Nebraska this morning mercury stood one degree above zero. A hard wind but no snow.

Des Moines, Jan. 22.—Zero weather all over Iowa. A high wind has damaged the wires.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—Communication with the east was not established till one o'clock, and at that hour Chicago still remained isolated.

New York, Jan. 22.—Tlcrghaphic communication with Chicago was cut off at 9:35 this morning. Just before the wires went down news was received that traffic was delayed and that a storm was doing much damage within a radius of several miles of Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Chicago is cut off from the news of the world today by a sleet storm which prostrated the wires in every direction. Business is curtailed greatly by the up of street car lines, owing to the sleet forming on the rails. Hundreds of thousands of people are seriously affected by the tie up.

Will Locate Summer Normal.

Roff, I. T., Jan. 22.—At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Chickasaw Teachers' Association, preliminary steps were taken for the next regular meeting of the association to be held in Ardmore, 23rd and 24th of February.

The following committee has been appointed to select a place, set a time, name a faculty, and complete arrangements for a Summer Normal Institute.

H. A. Stanley, Madill.
T. T. Pierce, Tishomingo.
Chas. Evans, Ardmore.
W. C. French, Wynnewood.
Jas. Osborn, Pauls Valley.

Towns wishing this normal will make offers to H. A. Stanley, of Madill.

There will be about 150 teachers in attendance, and a profitable institute is expected.

This committee will report to the association at Ardmore.

E. P. DOWNING, President.

FOR THIRD TERM MOVE

ROOSEVELT PARTY WORKING TO SWEEP HIM IN.

Many Significant Actions Pointed Out by Those Watching Maneuvering. Working to Appease South. Much Talk is Created.

A Washington special to the New York Herald says:

Jacob A. Rills' statement made yesterday declaring that President Roosevelt would run for a third time if it became necessary in order to achieve the defeat of the "money power," which he believes is engaged in obstructing the president's reforms, attracted considerable attention here. In fact, everything printed bearing on the president's political ambition attracts much attention, and especial importance is attached to Mr. Rills' statement that "party lines will be wiped out in 1908." This, it is declared, foreshadows the formation of a "Roosevelt party" that will sweep the president in for a third term.

Representatives here point out significant things, both North and South, in justification of their belief. They say that the president has already laid the ground for a Roosevelt party in the North. He can either boss the Republican party in New York and New England, or create a Roosevelt party, just as he chooses. In the South he is working to appease the Southern Democrats.

His appointment of Gen. Luke E. Wright to be Ambassador to Tokio is regarded here as purely political. His selection of Judge Rose of Arkansas to be one of the American delegates at The Hague is on the same lines. His determination to retire negroes in the South as officeholders, so that they can make way for white men is in the same line. There is a very general feeling that the president expects great things from the South, and he is seeking to hold enough Southern men in hand to carry through measures, despite Republican opposition.

The Southern Democrats saved the Philippine tariff bill last week.

FRANCE WANTS SATISFACTION

VENEZUELA MUST APOLOGIZE FOR INSULTING TREATMENT.

France Has Warships at Hand and a Peaceful Blockade will be Established or a Seizure of Custom Houses May be Result.

Washington, Jan. 21.—It is learned here that France will demand an immediate apology of President Castro for what is regarded as his insulting and unwarrantable treatment of M. Taigny, the French Charge d'affaires. Three French warships are within striking distance of the Venezuelan coast and two more are on the way from France. What form the displeasure of France will take has been tentatively decided and the details of the program will be communicated confidentially to the Washington government.

Not until Castro has felt the form of French dissatisfaction will the world know whether a peaceful blockade is to be established or whether a custom house will be seized. Should the seizure of custom houses along the coast be decided upon it is not unlikely that in order to disabuse the anxiety of the European Powers lest the payment of their claims is to be stopped, France may ask some outside neutral power to act as receiver for the custom house returns until President Castro has apologized and given assurance of his intention to resume diplomatic relations with France.

It is developed also that three or four cablegrams of the greatest importance addressed to M. Taigny by the French government were never delivered. This will be the subject of a rigid investigation.

The man who is known among his intimates as a "good fellow" doesn't always have that reputation at home.

Politics is making others believe what you don't believe yourself.

A SOONER CASE.

One of Oklahoma's Early Contests Now in Supreme Court.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 21.—A case, contesting a homestead entry in Oklahoma county, wherein the original entryman was charged with being a sooner, has found its way into the Oklahoma supreme court. The original entryman was Henry Howe, a brother of Ed Howe and Chas. Howe of Atchison, Kan. Howe died in 1892, following the opening of the country in 1889, and his rights passed to his widow, Sarah J. Howe, her daughter, Nora, and the two brothers in Atchison. The widow, however, bought the claim deeds of the brother, and with the daughter has since occupied at least a portion of the quarter section involved.

Early in 1891 Milton E. Parker entered a contest against Howe, alleging him to be a sooner. The case has been in the courts, in some form, ever since, but in the meantime the interior department has upheld the claim of Parker and held Howe to have been a sooner. Parker then filed an entry on the claim in 1893, and built a big residence, but has never been able to dispossess the widow and daughter of Howe. They hold tenaciously to a part of the land and are now in the supreme court of the territory contesting Parker's deed to the homestead.

ANTICIPATING TROUBLE

RUSSIAN POLICE TAKE PROMPT ACTION AGAINST TERRORISTS.

Arresting Working Men—Many Leaders Will be Detained Until Tuesday—Guards on Duty—Monday is the Critical Day.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—In anticipation of a terrorist attempt at bomb-throwing on Monday the police today conducted searches in all the large factories and also as a precautionary measure gathered in a large number of the leaders of the workmen whom they will detain over Monday. Heavy guards tonight began patrolling the industrial quarters and the rifles have been provided to arm the police in case there is an outbreak.

It is stated that these special measures will be in force only until Tuesday. If Monday passed without disorder the authorities are confident that tranquillity will reign until the critical period of the elections to the Duma.

The street railway employees and the apothecaries have voted for a general strike on Monday, but it is believed that the decree of the workmen's council will be only partly obeyed in the factories and commercial houses.

The Moscow workmen have not recovered from the last strike and probably will neglect to observe the day. Dispatches from that city say that many bombs have been abandoned in the streets, the owners apparently being discouraged and fearing arrest.

THIRD TIME FOR CHANNELL.

An Oklahoma Farmer Taken to the Asylum for Third Time.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 21.—John Channell, a Crescent township farmer, has been taken to the insane asylum at Norman for the third time in five years, being adjudged insane during the past week. The case is a peculiar one. Channell has written a bible of several hundred pages, the pointers for which he claims to have received direct from God. He gets these pointers from dark objects or spirits which he sees in the clouds. He has ridden several horses to death chasing these objects. He also had a glass house constructed for a sort of workshop and through the glass studies the stars. His quarter section farm is inclosed with a thirteen-wire fence, and at one time he had a gate built so that when it was opened the person entering would be confronted with a double-barrelled shotgun pointing directly at him. For many mornings in succession Channell would compel the members of his family to listen to his reading several chapters from his bible.

Few women can change color without the aid of the make-up box.

The Angell's are here this week at the opera house.

THE AUCTION TONIGHT.

PARTY PIE DISTRIBUTION

THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION HAVE LOST THEIR PULL.

Recent Appointments Show That Territories Have Small Influence. Appointments Made Without Recommendation.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 21.—The announcement from Indian Territory that George R. Walker of South McAlester has been appointed United States attorney in the Southern district of that territory to succeed B. Johnson and that he pulled place through the influence of Secretary Taft of the war department shows just what Oklahoma and Indian Territory influence is worth. Washington when appointments are being considered. Walker is an excellent attorney and will make a good officer but nothing politically has been heard of him until his appointment was announced.

Within the past week also from Washington was announced the re-appointment of Chief Justice John Burford and Associate Justice Bayard T. Hainer and Benjamin F. Burwell of the Oklahoma supreme court. Where did they get their pulls? Burford was the only one of the trio endorsed by the republican organization in Oklahoma, but he would have landed without it through the influence of his "old friend," Vice-President Fairbanks of Indiana. Mr. Hainer without home indorsement through the influence of Senator William Allison of Iowa, and Mr. Burwell without local endorsement through the influence of Senator Steve Elkins of West Virginia. Associate Justice Clinton F. Irwin is asking re-appointment and making his boast that he does not rely on Oklahoma, but on the influence of Senator A. J. Hopkins of Illinois. John W. Scothern, assistant United States attorney, holds his place through the Matt Quay machine in Pennsylvania and is now asking to be made a judge on the same pull.

Recently Mr. Maxwell of Missouri was appointed over Oklahomans to be register of the land office at Lawton, and Mr. Slickles of Missouri was re-appointed register of the El Reno land office, while Mr. Hodge of Illinois holds a similar place here through Speaker Joe Cannon's influence.

And in his speech at Watonga, recently, ex-Congressman Flynn made the statement "In the president's presence, Mr. Frantz, the governor denied the interviews given out that he owed his appointment to any Oklahoma men."

CAUGHT BETWEEN CARS.

Frisco Brakeman Fatally Hurt While Connecting Train.

Denison, Tex., Jan. 21.—A Frisco brakeman named Wilkerson died this morning at Roff, I. T., as the result of injuries received last night while at work at Scullin, I. T. The Frisco local on which he was at work stopped at Scullin to pick up a car. Wilkerson went between two cars to pull on the air hose and while so employed other cars switched on the track where he was working, pushed together the two between which he was working. Wilkerson was badly mutilated, but lived till he was taken to Roff. He was formerly employed here as a switchman for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

MEDICAL SOCIETY FORMED.

Officers Elected for Organization Completed at Ada.

Ada, I. T., Jan. 21.—By invitation of Drs. Ligon and King of this place about twenty doctors met at their offices and organized a medical society for sixteenth recording district. Dr. J. W. Gilbert of Roff was made president, Dr. J. F. Sullivan of Stonewall vice president, Dr. W. H. Greer of Ada, secretary, and Dr. W. D. Akers of Ada treasurer. This is the first district or country organization of the kind in the Territory. After the organization Drs. Ligon and King tendered the newly organized society a smoker. The society will hold its next meeting at Roff on the 1st day of March.

The advice of our friends comes in handy when we want to blame our failures on something.