

ATTEND THE GOOD ROADS LUNCHEON AT HOTEL TULSA TODAY

The Weather

TULSA, Sept. 29.—The temperature, maximum, 73, minimum 52. South winds, partly cloudy.



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WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Forecast, Oklahoma, Fair Tuesday, and probably Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

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MRS. REUTER'S FATE MAY BE IN HANDS OF THE JURY WEDNESDAY

STATE CLOSED YESTERDAY AND DEFENSE WILL PROBABLY FINISH UP TODAY.

THEY ADMIT A CONSPIRACY

BUT DENY THAT DEFENDANT HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLOT.

MRS. REUTER WILL TESTIFY

Comely Defendant Will Tell the Story of the Murder, Under Oath, for the First Time Today.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—Eight witnesses testified on behalf of the defense in the Laura M. Reuter murder trial today and at 6 o'clock this evening adjournment had to be taken until Tuesday morning, when it was discovered that some of the most important witnesses for Mrs. Reuter are trying to evade coming to Bartlesville. Attachments were issued for Mr. and Mrs. Hal Stover, whose home Mrs. Reuter stayed after the murder of her husband, and who were with her almost constantly during the trial at Tulsa.

It was reported to Judge Henry Hudson that Mr. and Mrs. Stover are at Drumright, Okla. Sheriff Jordan of Washington county was instructed by the court to notify the authorities at Drumright to hold the Stovers until a deputy sheriff from here can reach them with an attachment.

Mrs. Reuter testifies today. Mrs. Reuter is to take the witness stand Tuesday in her own behalf and for the first time publicly relate away from the courtroom the story of the murder which she connected her with the conspiracy to take the life of Charles T. Reuter. Mrs. Reuter will testify, her lawyers say, that a conspiracy might have existed and Guy Mackenzie might have been one of the conspirators, but in no way even she was present of any connection with it.

Went to Jury Thursday. Counsel for the defense announced this evening that they would complete their testimony some time Tuesday, and it is confidently expected now that the case will go to the jury some time Thursday.

Joe Etkin and Guy Mackenzie are to be returned to the penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., having appeared in the court room at the trial. Both sides have announced they will not use the men as witnesses, although there is a bare possibility that Mackenzie will testify Tuesday.

Interest in the case here is growing intense and immense crowds are looked for tomorrow when the comely defendant takes the stand. Special details will be sworn in to help handle the throngs. The court room floor has sacred stretches on account of the heavy weight of the crowds during the trial and its collapse is momentarily looked for.

Dick Will Take Stand. Warden Dick of the state penitentiary is here and will testify Tuesday regarding the visit of Mrs. Reuter to the McAlester penitentiary under an assumed name to visit Mackenzie and Baker.

The defense began the introduction of its testimony at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Marie Sawyer testified she had been a close friend of Mrs. Reuter for several years. She said Reuter's reputation was always good. On cross-examination by Pat Malloy, Mrs. Sawyer declared she wanted to see Mrs. Reuter acquitted whether she was guilty or not.

Dr. C. T. Henderson, a Cook a dentist, said that he saw Mrs. Reuter down town with her children on the Saturday afternoon just prior to the killing. Witnesses for the state had previously testified they saw Mrs. Reuter at the Mackenzie home that afternoon in conversation with Guy Mackenzie.

Ed Wilson of Oklahoma City, who was a law partner of Charles T. Reuter in 1909 and 1910 testified favorably regarding Mrs. Reuter's character. On cross-examination he admitted he knew little about her conduct and that for a long time he was engaged in the practice of law with Norman Prottett of counsel for the defense.

George M. Hauptman, a painter and paper hanger of Tulsa, took the stand and started to testify to the fact that Reuter home was inspected after the killing, but State's Attorney Malloy objected to this kind of evidence and he was sustained by the court. Ed Chastain testified that he defiled a well at the Reuter home in 1907.

Jury Goes to Theater. The jury was tonight taken in a body to the Loyal Theater, where they occupied special box seats at a performance by a stock company of the deeply-religious drama, "The Rosary." Judge Henry Hudson instructed the jurors to give the jury this treat.

Dramatic scenes were enacted this morning when Mrs. Robert Fortier of Peoria, Ill., entered the court room to take the stand against the woman who is charged with having murdered Mrs. Fortier's brother, Charlie Reuter. Mrs. Fortier sobbed and cried as though she were about to faint and Mrs. Reuter also had her head buried in her arms, a scene which was witnessed by the audience started to cry.

Mrs. Reuter seemed more affected today than at any time since the trial.

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BIXBY IS ACQUITTED DESPITE THE JUDGE

JURY CLEARED LONG BEACH MILLIONAIRE.

Court Told Jury to Disregard the Defense's Plea of An Attempt to Blackmail Bixby.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 29.—George H. Bixby, millionaire of Long Beach, charged with having contributed to the downfall of minor young women, was found not guilty tonight. The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock this evening.

In charging the jury, Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe, of San Bernardino county, instructed its members to disregard the allegations of conspiracy made by Bixby himself on the witness stand and to convict him if he were deemed guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the offense charged against him.

This offense related to the millionaire's alleged relations with the well-known Helen Barker, the 19-year-old girl, and one of three young women who have sued him for an aggregate of \$150,000 damages.

Those suits figured prominently in Bixby's statement on the witness stand and were part of the ground work for his defense that he was the victim of a conspiracy to blackmail.

COTTON LOBBY NOW CHARGED. Senator Clarke to Ask Finance Committee to Investigate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Senator Clarke of Arkansas, in a statement tonight announced that he would ask his senate finance committee to investigate the activities of cotton men in connection with the cotton futures tax bill.

Honor a "Homo Boy." LOGANSPORT, Ind., Sept. 29.—Business men announced here today, the public schools closed and the citizens turned out to give Johnny Corridon, infidel of the Chicago team of the National league, a royal welcome when he came here with the club to play a local team.

When Corridon came to bat, Mayor B. H. Pickett walked to the home plate and presented the player with a \$250 diamond ring. Corridon then slipped to deep center. The score: Logansport 4; Chicago 4.

"Strangest Man" Was Drowned. HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 29.—Alfred Anderson, of Hartford, well known as a wrestler and sport promoter, was drowned in the Ponoponnot, today while swimming. He was a native of Sweden and made his appearance as a wrestler at the age of 16 years. He came to this country about 25 years ago with the reputation of being the strongest man in the world.

Pioneer Clerk Seriously Ill. UNIONTOWN, Pa., Sept. 29.—Major Alexander McDowell, for 17 years clerk of the national house of representatives and prominent in political life seriously ill at his home here. Major Dowell it is learned, has been confined to his bed three weeks. He is supreme treasurer of the Protected Home Circle.

Two "Has-beens" to Fight. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 29.—Ad Wulgast of Cadillac, Mich., and Battling Nelson of Hegewich, Ill., two former lightweight champions, today signed articles for a 10-round no-discount bout at 133 pounds which will be held here October 12. Both Wulgast and Nelson fought several battles in Milwaukee, before they became champions but neither has appeared in the ring here since.

Texas Governor at Panama. COLON, Panama, Sept. 29.—Governor Oscar B. Colquhoun of Texas and his wife and daughter and party arrived here today on the steamer Parmissima from the United States. They expect to remain here a week, sight seeing along the canal.

SKIATOOK HAS THE 'GOOD ROADS' FEVER

WILL SEND A BIG DELEGATION TO THE MEETING HERE TODAY.

SKIATOOK, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—The Good roads "fever" has struck this section with a vengeance. Nothing but the best roads in the state will suit this town now and a move to secure this was started by the township board.

At a meeting held today, the board passed a resolution favoring improving the roads and in favor of voting bonds to build the roads. In addition the township board will use their equipment in the two "good roads" days next month.

This week the members of the township board will go down into Owasso township, adjoining Skiatook and ask for the co-operation of the officers there in voting bonds to improve the roads.

C. H. Cleveland, the banker will head a delegation of Skiatook men who will come to Tulsa tomorrow to attend the Commercial club luncheon.

CLAIM U. S. TROUPS CROSSED THE LINE

MEXICANS SHOW HAT TO PROVE THEIR CLAIM.

Ten Soldiers Fired on Three Wood Cutters, Who Returned Fire and Forced Troops to Retreat.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 29.—That ten American cavalrymen of Troop H, second cavalry, crossed into Mexico last Saturday and began shooting at three Mexican wood cutters is the version of the international incident near San Elizario, which has been given out by the federal officials of Juarez. To prove their case, Gen. Juan Vasquez, military commander of Juarez, showed a hat which one of the United States soldiers is alleged to have lost when the three wood cutters returned the rifle fire of the American soldiers and forced them to retreat. It was alleged, to the American side of the international boundary.

In one report of the affair received by the federal authorities of Juarez it was said that three Mexican line riders assisted the wood cutters in driving the American soldiers off after the shooting began.

"The American soldiers, as proved by the hat in the possession of the military officers, trespassed on Mexican territory," said Inspector of Mexican Consulates Miguel E. Diebold, in a statement issued tonight.

In their hurried departure they left the hat about two miles from the international boundary. An investigation is now being conducted by the Mexican authorities and a report of the affair will be made to the respective authorities.

Young Farmer a Suicide. NEWKIRK, Okla., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—Supposed to have become despondent from poor health, Fred Engelke, 21 years old, well known young farmer, committed suicide by hanging. He was alone at the time he was hanged, and when the folks came home, they found his body. He left no word why he decided to take his own life.

Ready to Take Belonging Girls. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Angie Russell, of Oklahoma City, to whom was awarded the contract to care for incorrigible girls in compliance with a law passed by the legislature, today filed her bond and contract with the governor, and will proceed with the work at once. Mrs. Russell has leased the buildings on the property where the country club first located, immediately east of Belle Isle. Under the provisions of the law, county judges will commit incorrigible girls to the institution.

BRILLIANT YOUNG ATTORNEY PROSECUTING REUTER CASE

TUESDAY LUNCHEONS BE REVIVED TODAY

BUSINESS MEN WILL DISCUSS "GOOD ROADS" AT LUNCHEON TODAY.

'COIN' HARVEY THE SPEAKER

The Father of Good Roads in Arkansas Will Tell Tulsa Men and Visitors of His Plan.

Today is an important day in the history of Tulsa. It is important in more ways than one. It marks the revival of the famous Tuesday noon-day luncheons that this year cemented the many sectional factions in the city and restored the old booster spirit. And today, the good roads building campaign for October 15 and 17 will be formally launched.

Forty business men and public officials will meet with the boosters of Tulsa at noon today to enjoy the hospitality of the Tuesday luncheon and to participate in the good roads boom that will be started.

Twenty-five automobiles will leave Sapulpa at 9 o'clock this morning, carrying about one hundred prominent business men and city and county officials from the state, city, C. B. Cox, a well known Sapulpan, will lead the Sapulpa delegation.

W. H. ("Coin") Harvey, of Monte Ne, Ark., of "Sixteen to one" fame, and one of the pioneer good roads advocates of the United States, will be the principal speaker of the day. Mr. Harvey is one of the best posted men in the country on good roads and a forceful speaker.

Cyrus S. Avery, original good roads booster in Tulsa county and secretary of the Mid-Continent Good Roads association, will act as toastmaster. Representative business men from Skiatook, Collinsville, Muskogee, Okmulgee and other towns will be on the program. Clarence, Bixby and Broken Arrow are expected to have delegations here.

The luncheon, as all previous weekly feasts have been, will be under the auspices of the Tulsa Commercial club, and will be held in the grill room of the Hotel Tulsa. Preparations are being made to accommodate 400 men, and W. N. Robinson, manager of the weekly luncheon, will do himself proud in the menu and table equipment. The price of the luncheon will be 40 cents.

THIS IS THE PLEA OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE HOUSTON.

BETTER ROADS FOR FARMERS, NOT AUTOS

FAVORS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

But Believes Government Should Not Deal With a Smaller Unit Than the State.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 29.—Secretary Houston, of the United States department of agriculture, in an address before the American road congress here today, expressed his approval of the efforts of the organization and explained the interest of the federal government with reference to road building. He urged good roads for the farmer in preference to great transcontinental highways for automobiles and at the same time he said he did not underestimate the valuable service rendered by automobilists in the propaganda for road building.

"The suggestion of the great national transcontinental roads appeals to my imagination as does the suggestion of interstate roads connecting capitals or cities of commercial importance to my legal faculty and to the sense of pleasure that I experience in riding about the country in my friends' automobiles. But that the essential thing to be done is the providing of good roads which shall not products from the community farms to the nearest station and make rural life more profitable, comfortable, pleasurable, I enter in no word of doubt, and it is obvious that the representative of the people in congress are like minded. For in making their recent appropriation of a half million dollars for good roads they stipulated that it should be used in improving the condition of post roads with a view to the economy and efficiency of postal delivery and for the transportation of farm products to the market.

Don't Neglect Automobile. "Such roads are equally essential to the establishment and operation of decent elementary and secondary schools for the benefit of the country boys and girls. I do not eliminate other things from consideration and I don't underestimate the rights and pleasures of the automobilists and the service they have rendered in the propaganda for road building.

"That the suggestion of federal aid to road building raises grave questions and invites possible dangers, no thoughtful citizen doubts. There are proposals before the public mind which would bankrupt the federal treasury and suggest possible abuses before which those of the worst party would be justified in their opposition to any such proposal which does not carry with it the assurance of safeguarding the treasury in this direction seems to me to stand the ghost of a chance of favorably consideration.

"The first practical essentials in the plan of road legislation would seem to be to recognize the states as the smallest unit with which the federal government would give relief from the insistent demands that would come from every township and every district in the union for its share of state or federal assistance without reference to the practicability of the undertaking.

County Attorney Pat Malloy, the able prosecutor who has established a nationwide reputation for his fine handling of the cases growing out of the murder of Attorney Charles T. Reuter. Mr. Malloy's four years record in the prosecuting attorney's office of this county has caused his friends to predict a much higher office for him. He will probably be a candidate for either a national or state office next summer and as his friends and admirers are legion his success in attaining which ever office he aspires at almost certain.

14 DAYS have elapsed since the date on which the city administration, a month previously, definitely promised that it would furnish an ample supply of pure drinking water through the city water mains and the promise has not yet been fulfilled.

NEW YORK LEADER IS VICTIM OF PARALYSIS

TIM WOODRUFF IS STRICKEN WHILE MAKING SPEECH.

At Once Removed to His Home, Where Physicians Said His Condition Was Serious.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Timothy L. Woodruff, former lieutenant governor of New York, was stricken tonight in Carnegie hall just as he concluded an address at the fusion notification meeting. Physicians who attended Mr. Woodruff announced that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis and said his condition was serious.

As he was speaking, Mr. Woodruff turned to John Purroy Mitchell, the fusionist candidate for mayor, and complained of a pain in his knee. He continued his address, however, but as he concluded, he reeled and would have fallen had not Mr. Mitchell and others on the platform supported him. Mr. Woodruff was carried to an ambulance, where he was attended by two physicians. Later he was removed to his apartments in an uptown hotel, accompanied by Mrs. Woodruff, who had attended to his meeting with him.

Timothy L. Woodruff, who is 53 years old, has been a political figure in New York state for nearly thirty years. Up to a year ago, when he left the republican party and joined the progressives, there were few republican conventions which he did not attend at Kings Hill Park, his Adirondack estate, which was purchased recently by Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

For years Mr. Woodruff was chairman of the republican state committee, leader of the republicans in Kings county, embracing Brooklyn. Leaders were accustomed to meet for conferences at Kings Hill Park, his Adirondack estate, which was purchased recently by Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

When Theodore Roosevelt organized the progressive party Mr. Woodruff left the republicans and aligned himself with the colonel, subsequently assuming the progressive leadership in Brooklyn.

SALEZER SCORED HEAVILY IN HIS IMPEACHMENT HEARING.

A TRIPLE VICTORY FOR THE GOVERNOR

PROSECUTION HAS ALMOST COMPLETED THE CASE AGAINST THE IMPEACHED CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 29.—Governor Sulzer today won a triple victory over his accusers at the trial of his impeachment.

Presiding Judge Cullen of the high court barred the introduction of evidence intended to prove that the governor had made a corrupt political bargain with Assemblyman Patrick of Oswego county, and held that the testimony brought forward to show that he had made similar bargains with Assemblymen West of Oswego county and Prime of Essex was incompetent.

The legislation had to do with highway and bridge improvements. In the Patrick case, however, no charges were brought in the articles of impeachment and on this ground Judge Cullen threw the charge out.

The Sweet and Prime cases were specified in article 7 of the impeachment, charging that the governor had extorted one and signed the other bill, one assemblyman had failed to support the governor's direct primary bill and the other did so after consulting Sulzer, the managers charged that the assemblyman who voted today testified that when he voted the governor to approve his bill he was asked whether he had voted for the direct primary bill, which had been defeated in the regular session of the legislature.

"I told him I voted against it," said the witness.

The primary bill was to come up again at the extraordinary session in July and the governor wanted to know how sweet proposed to vote at that time. Sweet said he replied: "According to the sentiment and in the interest of my district."

"What happened in your bill?" asked Attorney Brackett.

"It was vetoed," replied the witness. "How did you vote on the primary bill at the regular session?"

Sustained the Defense. To this question the defense objected.

Objection sustained," ruled Judge Cullen. "He has already said he voted against this bill and if this witness was already against the bill it showed he did not receive the price of a corrupt bargain."

On practically the same grounds Judge Cullen held that the charges in connection with the Prime case were likewise invalid. The difference was that at the regular session of the legislature Prime did not vote at all.

With the introduction of evidence of three more campaign contributions not mentioned in the governor's sworn statement of campaign receipts and of more evidence concerning the governor's alleged Wall street speculations, the assembly managers drew near the end of their case today. It was announced that with the calling of possibly two more contributors and one or two other witnesses tomorrow the case against the governor probably would be completed.

FORTUNES ARE BID FOR OIL LAND IN THE FAMOUS OSAGE COUNTRY

SENATOR LODGE IS NOT OUT OF DANGER

LIFE DESPERATE OF FOLLOWING OPERATION OF FRIDAY.

Physicians at Night Said Aged Senator Was Improved but Not Out of Danger.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Sept. 29.—United States Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, who was operated on Friday for a gastric ulcer, according to physicians tonight, is "not entirely out of danger."

News of the senator's illness leaked out by accident today. Then it was learned that for twenty-four hours after the operation his life had been despaired of.

The operation itself, the physicians said, was simple, but the patient, weakened by labors at the extra session of congress, did not have the vitality to rally promptly from the shock. His recovery, according to Dr. H. Harrington, one of his physicians, is largely a matter of vitality, and his sixty-four years and the fact that he was a very tired man previous to the operation must be taken into consideration. According to Dr. Harrington, another of the physicians, the senator's condition late tonight was "excellent."

The silence of the Lodge household at Eastern Point was broken for the first time since the senator's return by his secretary, E. E. Clark, who gave out the following statement: "Senator Lodge was operated on last Friday for a gastric ulcer. The operation was successful for some days with what was thought to be an attack of indigestion, but his condition became so critical that the physician found an immediate operation necessary. Dr. Harrington and Dr. Winslow, who are in charge of the case today, pronounced the senator's condition entirely satisfactory."

Even some of the senator's most intimate friends were surprised to learn of the seriousness of his illness. He had returned from Washington ten days ago, concluding that he was tired and wanted a rest.

In the conclusion of his senate on Massachusetts he took many short strolls, but on Wednesday he complained of the increasing severity of his indigestion. Thursday he called in his family physician, Dr. Laurence Parke, who found the senator suffering from an ulcer of the stomach. The condition was so serious that he said and he ordered an immediate operation.

This met with the opposition of the senator, who thought such a step unnecessary and believed that he would be too weak to undergo an operation.

The family, now greatly worried, called in doctors Harrington and Winslow, who conferred the disclosure of Dr. Parke and said that an operation was necessary to save the patient's life. Mrs. Lodge, it is understood, added her prayers to the doctor's advice and the senator submitted.

Dr. Harrington performed the operation Friday, assisted by Dr. Winslow. A slight rally on Saturday was not satisfactory to the physicians and another consultation was held Sunday. By this time a still further rally, though slight, offered more comfort and Dr. Winslow's report on the senator's condition Friday was "excellent" indicated additional improvement.

Hundreds of telegrams and telephone messages poured into the senator's home tonight when news of his illness was made public. Scores of telegrams were sent in the respect of the senator himself, it was said.

Former Congressman Fell Dead. OSKALOUSA, Iowa, Sept. 29.—John P. Lacey, former congressman, fell dead at the doorway of his home today. Physicians pronounced his death due to apoplexy.

Lacey represented the sixth Iowa district, 1887 to 1907, being elected as a republican.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN CAPITOL BILL PETITIONS

WORKERS WITH PETITIONS WILL BE IN FRONT OF POST-OFFICE ALL DAY.

With only one more day to finish the work of securing signatures to the petition to refer the bill appropriating money to build the state capital, those behind the measure are anxious to secure at least two thousand more signatures from Tulsa. The completed petitions must be filed with the secretary of state Wednesday.

One of those interested in having the bill referred to a vote of the people will be stationed in front of the postoffice building today and all those who desire to sign the petitions can do so there.

Will Inspect Signal Corps. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Frank Carson has received word that First Lieutenant Charles A. Thales, infantry, will make an inspection of the new type "D" signal company recently organized at Norman. Lieutenant Thales will come to Oklahoma as soon as is practicable.

HISTORY IN THE OIL FIELDS WAS MADE AT PAWBUKA YESTERDAY.

MILLION AND QUARTER BID EIGHTEEN SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY BONUS OF HALF MILLION.

SOME OF \$1,500 AN ACRE

Prairie Oil and Gas Co., and the Gypsy Were the Biggest Among the 39 Who Entered the Bidding.

PAWBUKA, Okla., Sept. 29.—(Special.)—With the highest bids ever offered in the history of the oil business in America the bidding at the Osage Indian agency at Pawbuka today goes down in the annals as one of the most important events that has ever transpired in the Osage Nation. Bids from 39 bidders aggregating over one and one-quarter millions of dollars for low bids were successful, paying a bonus of \$124,364.59 and the stupendous bid of \$1,500 per acre caused even the old timers to sit up in astonishment. It had been rumored that the bids would run over \$1,000 per acre on some of the choice tracts but few believed it and showed their disbelief by reason of the comparatively small bids offered on these tracts by many of the producers.

P. O. and G. High Bidder. As was expected the Prairie Oil and Gas Co., and the Gypsy Oil Company were the highest bidders in the aggregate and the Gypsy Oil company and the Alchemoma Oil company as individual bidders set the record for the day. Some of the former bid as high as \$1,549.94 and \$1,538.48 per acre while the Alchemoma Oil company bid \$1,500 on a 40 acre tract offering its well in section 31. The Prairie Oil & Gas company bid \$977.54 per acre for 20 acres and \$562.50 per acre for a total of 199 acres or \$124,364.59 for the entire tract. John A. Bell, Jr., White & Sinclair and others were together on a bid and offered \$1,100 for the same 40 acre tract that Mr. Getty of the Alchemoma Oil company offered \$1,500 for. The choice field with the Indian acreage present, the largest amount of \$152,482.94 which is ten per cent of the bonus and the first year rentals. As these rentals will not run over \$1,000 the bonus as represented from all the bidders would mean that \$1,538,000 was offered although the total amount of successful bids amounted to \$34,256.59.

Never Such a Scene. The total number of acres sold were 10,744.07 acres out of 11,889.53 advertised on an average of \$46 per acre. It is doubtful if such a scene will ever be witnessed again. Gathered from every field in the country bidders and spectators crowded the council chamber and as the bidders made their expressions of astonishment at their own bids and heard on all sides. Everyone had a top and a note book and comparative bids were kept track of and when the bidding was over every one knew who were the successful bidders regarding some who bid the lowest in such a manner as to raise a question about them.

It was promptly 2 p. m. when Superintendent J. A. Carroll called the meeting to order and the opening of the bids and the making of oil history began. Every form of the usual operators showed an inclination to be the limit and when the Gypsy Oil company bids were opened every one was in an edge. When it was found up to that time that the Gypsy had overbid the smaller bidders the Prairie Oil & Gas company's bids were eagerly expected. When the Prairie bid \$977.54 for the first tract between the producing wells and the river every one was greatly disappointed as its bid was about \$900 per acre lower than the Gypsy bid. Interest picked up again when it was found that the Prairie was bidding the low amount in the aggregate and offering it on some of the tracts not bid on by the Gypsy.

Spectators immediately got busy and began computing the Prairies total as compared to the amount of the Gypsy bid. In this case however, the Prairies bid the better deal. The acre for acre bid considerably below the Gypsy and the opening of additional bids of that company for acreage elsewhere was awaited with as great an interest as displayed on the bids close to the production on the south and east.

To Drill 49 Wells. The Prairie bid on nine different tracts and in the successful bidder on the territory adjacent to and north and west of production, considered equally as good as the leases in the opposite direction. As has been stated, 39 different firms and individuals competed and these 39 submitted to less than 218 different bids. The bid of M. A. Brand of Independence, represented a greater expenditure of money for while offering only \$16 per acre bonus he offered to drill 49 wells of which amount he was successful bidder on 31 tracts and most start that number of wells within 90 days.

The entire amount was represented but as the bids were only read in English many of the crowd do not yet know what their lands brought. To many it was a first experience and cut side of the interest in the bidding the day was enjoyed by all who attended. Representing the Prairie Oil & Gas company were N. K. Moody, vice president and assistant General Manager, Clark, P. Kountz, secretary

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