SANTA FE WILL OPEN AN OFFICE

Quarters Are Secured in the Daniel Building Here.

MARCH 1 IS THE DATE

Important Move on Part of Railroad Which Appreciates Tulsa.

The first uptown railroad office in Tulsa will be opened in a short time by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, according to announcement yesterday. J. C. Burnett of Topeka, assistant general freight agent of the Santa Fe, was in Tulsa yesterday and completed arrangements for opening an uptown freight office, which will be on the ground floor corner of the new Daniel building, where a sublease has been procured from the Inter-Ocean Cable company.

P. T. McKirahan of Chanute, will be the general agent in Tulsa and will open the new office on March 1. This office will be headquarters for eastern Oklahoma and will look after the Santa Fe business from the Red river north to the Kansas line and from the main line through Cushing and Shawnee east to the Arkansas line.

This move, according to Mr. Burnett was decided on some time ago when President Ripley and other officials of the railroad were in Tulsa. The Santa Fe appreciates the importance of Tulsa as the center for eastern Oklahoma and believes this move will enable them to give better service.

Mr. McKirahan is well known in Tulsa, having been here often in his capacity as traveling freight agent, and is familiar with the needs and problems of this section of the country. His force will consist at first of a chief clerk and stenographer, but more office employes will be added later.

Mr. Burnett, while not committing himself as to the future plans of the road, indicated that some time in the future the Santa Fe would make much improvement in this direction.

LOUIS MANN ALL OF "THE BUBBLE"

Without Him the Show Would Be a Sure Enough Bursted Bubble.

Louis Mann himself was the whole show at the Grand theater last night. The title was "The Bubble," and without Louis Mann it would have been a bursted bubble. But with him in the show, it was a success and the kind of a success that delighted a packed house.

Although it was billed as a comedy, it savored much of the tragedy and Mann's acting when he found his bubble had been pricked was of the highest order. The same cannot be said of his accompaniment. Miss Laura Walker, as Rose Muller, the daughter of Gustave Muller, the delicatessen storekeeper, portrayed by Mann himself, acted like an amateur. Several times she forgot her lines and muddled things up considerably. Her lover, Richard Graham, portrayed by George Wellington, was but little better, while Ivan R. Miller, as Joseph Mahlen, the villian, the fifth member of the company, was not up stage enough to demonstrate what he could do.

The play itself was based on that old familiar story of a mining stock promoter playing on the strength of relatives, to persuade a hard-working German to invest his lifetime savings. Richard Graham was the lover of the German's daughter, but in bad repute with her father. Of course the stock goes kiting and the family believes they are rich. The villian is raided, the stock breaks, but the daughter's lover saves the occasion and foils the villian.

The comedy lines were fine and Louis Mann, in his character portrayal of the old German, was in the finest form. He was the show and the show was nothing but him. But it pleased the capacity audience and that is what shows are for.

Germany Again Concedes Point to Pres. Wilson

SUBSTITUTES "RECOGNIZES LIABILITY" FOR UNSATISFACTORY "ASSUMES LIABILITY;" OTHER MINOR CHANGES MADE TO MEET DEMANDS OF UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. — Germany is understood to have agreed to the suggestion of the United States that she substitute the words "recognizes liability" for the words "assumes liability" in the tentative draft of the communication designed to settle the Lusitania case. The revised draft was received here late tonight from Berlin. It will be submitted to Secretary Lansing tomorrow by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Several other changes desired by the United States and described as being of minor importance are also said to have been made. In one instance, however, Germany is understood to have proposed a change in the language suggested by the American government.

From high official authority tonight came the statement that it was expected the Lusitania case would be finally settled to the satisfaction of the United States and Germany at the conference tomorrow between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff.

American officials already have said the two governments were "substantially in accord." The ambassador is understood to be prepared to make the tentative communication a formal note setting forth the instructions which have been given him by the Berlin foreign office.

OIL SUB-LESSEES SWARM INTO WASHINGTON

(BY JOHN W. FLENNER)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Osage oil sub-lessees, about whom there has been no question as to acreage royalties, etc., and who have already accepted the departmental rules and regulations to govern the releasing of the territory now held up by them to four thousand eight hundred acres came into Washington today in droves to oppose the LaFollette resolution ordering favorably reported by the senate Indian committee and which denies the secretary of interior the right to proceed with the execution of new oil leases about which there has been no question.

Among the Foster sublessees who arrived today were W. H. Davis, Clint Moore and Joe Greene of Bartlesville. It is generally conceded that the LaFollette resolution will be amended when it reaches the floor of the senate.

QUAKER DRUG STORE HELD UP BY 2 BOYS

While Scores Were in Store Armed Bandit Holds Up the Cashier.

GETS THIRTY DOLLARS

Escape in Buggy Going West on Fourth Street; Both Were Drunk.

WHILE a crowd of a hundred after-theater diners were making merry in the grillroom and no fewer than a score patrons were at the refreshment tables in the Quaker drug store in the heart of the business district last night at 11:30 o'clock, a youth leaped from a buggy that drew up in front of the place, staggered through the door and, pressing a 45 calibre revolver to the head of Miss Mae Littler, the cashier, demanded she turn over the money to him. She tossed about $30 in bills into his outstretched hat and he ran to the buggy where he was pulled in and the robbers made a hurried escape, going west on Fourth street. Every available policeman was on the trail in five minutes, but the men could not be found.

The holdup had been accomplished before any of the crowd knew what had happened. Those who had seen it declared afterward they thought the drunken youth was merely playing a joke, but when he drew back the trigger on the revolver he held leveled at the cashier's head no one could interfere.

Miss Littler said she did not realize what was going on at the time. "I saw the rig stop and a man get out with a white handkerchief tied about his face and I thought he had been injured. He staggered up to me and pointed a large pearl-handled gun at my head and said, 'Give me the cash' and emphasized the remark by pressing the barrel to my ear.

Gave Him the Money.

"Then I knew he was in earnest, but I thought I could bluff him long enough for someone to catch him from behind. Finally he told me he had asked me for the third and last time to hand over the money and I picked up a handful of bills and threw them in his hat.

"He was so drunk he fell against the door as he was leaving and when he reached the buggy his companion had to pull him in. I really wasn't so frightened at the time it happened as I was after I knew I had really been held up."

Pedestrians saw the rig turn west on Fourth street off Main on two wheels and the horse apparently running away. One of the robbers was leaning far out and crying "Whoa" at the animal and many were attracted by the reckless driving as the open buggy swayed down the street.

The police were notified at once and the auto patrol was in pursuit within a few minutes after the robbery but not a trace of the men could be found.

Several private automobiles were pressed into service and were after the bandits almost before they were lost to sight but no one saw them.

It was considered the most daring holdup that has been brought to the attention of the police in years. Both the robbers are said to be mere youths.

Many persons were passing the store at the time of the holdup but did not notice anything unusual. The alarm spread as soon as the man was pulled into the buggy and the successful dash for liberty followed.

TWO MEN KILLED AND TWO INJURED

Houston Automobile Crash Is Fatal; Pinned Under Car and Bodies Badly Burned.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 15.—Two men were instantly killed, and a woman and her six-year old brother were injured when an automobile crashed into an International & Great Northern switching train, rebounded against a buggy and threw both vehicles against the train at the Nance street crossing of the International & Great Northern at 5.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon

The dead:

Oliver R. Hamilton.

Harry D. Hamilton, his son.

The injured:

Miss Katy Gerhart, Willie Gerhart, 7, who were riding in the buggy.

Both of the dead men were pinned under their automobile, which caught on fire and were burned beyond recognition. They were identified by papers in their pockets. The machine was dragged for more than one hundred feet.

$3,000,000 Road Issue.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—The $3,000,000 good roads bond issue on which carried by a vote of approximately eight thousand for, to 1,399 against the proposition.

Democrats to Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A caucus of house Democrats was called today for next Thursday to consider the Kitchin resolution for repeal of the free sugar clause of the tariff law.

FILIBUSTER BROKE UP BRADY'S PLAN

Men Who Once Boosted Independent Ticket Are Now Democrats.

HARMONY PREVAILED

Ooodles of It; Scheme to Endorse Glass for Mayor Died Aborning.

A FILIBUSTER led by J. J. N. Sykes, brother of the illustrious Jim, destroyed the plans of the reform-Democrats at last night's meeting of the Cotton Sox, held in the district courtroom.

A large crowd gathered for the first Democratic meeting prior to the city primaries which are only five weeks away. Men who spoke against the Democratic ticket in the last city election made eloquent appeals for citizens to support the Democratic nominees in the coming municipal election, and the utmost harmony prevailed.

The well-laid plan of Tate Brady and William Stryker to secure the endorsement of Merrit J. Glass for mayor was not carried out, after it had been seen that those present would not stand for such a move. Resolutions of reform nature that were brought to the meeting were never introduced.

Probably the most effective speech of the evening was delivered by C. P. Chenault, said by many to be the personal representative of Carl Megee.

"All intelligent men," said Chenault, "admit that there has been bootlegging and gambling in Tulsa, but we must not be too quick to criticize the officials for not stamping it out. Suppressing those evils is a bigger job than most of us imagine. And we must remember that along with these things the city has grown and prospered until it is one of the best cities in America. We have the finest churches in the state here and a Y. M. C. A. building of which we should all be proud."

"The Y. M. C. A. and the churches should not mix up with politics," he declared, "for that is not their mission. Their's is a higher ideal and I am absolutely opposed to either the church or the Y. M. C. A. taking any part in politics."

Chenault said that he was a "yellow dog Democrat" and would vote the ticket regardless of who the candidates might be.

County Attorney Ed Crossland seconded this sentiment and asked for all those who believed in such a principals to stand up. All save two rose to their feet.

M. J. Glass presided over the meeting. Glass, it is said, has been groomed by Tate Brady for mayor, and it was the intention last night to secure from the reform element an endorsement of him so that he could go into the primaries with their support as well as the backing of the liberal Democrats.

E. J. Landy, a newcomer, who once presided over the Arkansas state senate, was the first speaker. He talked on national politics.

Tom Lyons and H. F. Aby, the other advertised speakers were not present.

Charles T. Abbott, who seems to have no opposition whatever for delegate to the national convention, stated that if he went to the St. Louis convention he would support Woodrow Wilson and his policy of preparedness.

Former District Judge L. M. Poe pleaded with the Democrats to cast aside personal feeling and vote for issues rather than men.

"No man ought to be tolerated," he said, "who uses the party for an ulterior motive. There is no discord in the party here but someone is trying to graft on to the body politic an issue that has no business there. Let us get out a ticket and then vote for Democratic principles."

County Judge John R. Ramsey urged that factional fights be forgotten and the issue be met squarely as a party. C. L. Holland, president of the Taxpayers' League, talked along similar lines.

J. J. N. Sykes was the next speaker. He exclaimed that he usually wrote the speeches and his brother, Jim, delivered them, but in this case he wanted to be the orator himself and he did not propose to stand by the five-minute rule adopted by the chairman.

Took All the "Pep."

He talked for thirty-five minutes. Dozens of the spectators left during his address and by the time he had finished any plan of a political nature that might have been in process of formation had been forgotten.

Tate Brady was called for. He reviewed the campaigns of the early day and spoke in behalf of "clean citizenship" and "clean tickets" such as he had helped arrange in the "days back yonder." He described the recent address of Woodrow Wilson at Kansas City.

Chauncey A. Houston said that the Democratic party had won in the past and could win again if it stood on a platform of law enforcement.

R. M. Lear explained that he had not made a political speech in ten years, but had been asked at the Y. M. C. A. building early last night to say something at this meeting. He declared that a man did not have to possess wealth to be an ideal candidate for office but the most important requisites were a clean mind and a clean body.

George Stanley was called for but he declined, explaining that Tate Brady had taken up his time.

And then the meeting adjourned.

About four hundred persons were present.

Lieutenant is Injured.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Feb. 15.—Lieutenant E. L. Glass of the Third United States cavalry was seriously injured during maneuvers at Fort Brown today when his horse ran under a tree, causing Lieutenant Glass to strike a limb with his head and be thrown off the horse, after turning a double-somersault. He was still unconscious late tonight.

WILLARD-MORAN BOUT PUT OFF TILL MARCH 28

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Dave Lewinsohn, Chicago representative of the promoters of the Willard-Moron boxing match stated tonight that Saturday, March 25, has been selected tentatively as the date to which the fight will be postponed. Willard is said to have refused flatly to fight on March 8, the date originally set.

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216 SOUTH MAIN

WEALTHY INDIAN GIRL MAY GET OUT OF REFORM SCHOOL

Ada Barnett, the wealthy little Indian girl, who was sent to the Russell home at Oklahoma City some time ago after passing several worthless checks on Tulsa business firms, is making an effort to procure her freedom and Judge J. R. Ramsey has ordered her produced in the county court February 29 when he will hear arguments.

The girl, who has not yet reached the age of 18, had indulged in her first joy rides and her love of expensive finery and the latest modes, led to her being arrested on charges of passing fraudulent checks. She contended that she had ample money to satisfy all her creditors and didn't know she could not yet have her money which is held in trust.

On recommendation of Humane Agent A. M. Welch the court ordered her committed to the industrial school at Oklahoma City and she has been there for the past several seasons. She is said to have declared as she entered the door of the institution, "I expect to remain here for some time but when I get out it's the bright lights for mine."

It was necessary for her attorney to appear in court and get an order for her appearance here when the hearing is held.

PLAN A RECEPTION FOR CHARLES PAGE

Sand Springs Anxiously Awaits Founder's Return From Washington, D. C.

Residents of Sand Springs are jubilant over the published news that a lease for one hundred thousand acres of Osage gas lands has been made to Charles Page, founder of the town. An expression of elation was had at the largest meeting of the Sand Springs commercial club held there Monday night, at which a committee was appointed to arrange for some proper reception for Mr. Page upon his return from the east.

At all times since the founder of Sand Springs made application for his large Osage lease, which was made in the name of Sand Springs Home and through Mr. Page, its president, a constant watch has been kept on the progress of Osage affairs at Washington by Sand Springs residents. The successful termination of the big gas lease, as reported from Washington, will mean much for Sand Springs. That town has just made application, upon proper showing, to become admitted as a city of the first class. Negotiations to that effect are now being carried out at Oklahoma City and are being pushed by a special committee named from the Sand Springs Commercial club.

Sand Springs is now a city of nearly five thousand inhabitants. It has added a thousand to its population since last fall and is making wonderful strides in every direction. Its building program has been large, its factories have been working at full blast and increasing capacities, while the work of installing new factories goes rapidly forward.

It is expected that with the assurance of a large gas supply made possible by the new lease in the Osage, Sand Springs will hum more than ever and that it will have doubled its population, its factories and its factory workers within the next twelve months.

DENY THEY HELD UP AN INTERURBAN CAR

John Schinneman and J. H. Letterman are Held For the Superior Court

John Schinneman and J. H. Letterman, who staged the holdup at the Bank of Red Fork last Friday, were brought before Justice Lee Daniel yesterday and formally charged with holding up a Sand Springs interurban car the night of January 25. They pleaded not guilty but were held to superior court in bonds of $5,000 each.

Sheriff James Woolley and other officers are endeavoring to find out if these two young bandits, both of whom are just out of their teens, had any connection with the robbing of the safe in the Sand Springs car barns several weeks ago.

When the two robbers were taken into custody they told detectives all about the circumstances which led up to the bank robbery at Red Fork and said they would plead guilty to charges of robbery. They made this statement of their own volition and it is thought they were anxious to begin serving their terms for the one offense and avoid the possibility of being connected with other crimes they are suspected of.

Alleged Murderer Released

MINGUS, Tex., Feb. 15.—George W. St. Clair, who was charged with the murder of his wife and Mrs. Will Wilkins, a visitor in their home, and assault to murder his 3-year-old daughter, Katie, by striking them on the head with an iron spike bar, was released on bond of $500 today.

LOUIS MANN TAKES WHACK AT 'MOVIES'

Star in "The Bubble" Sees Finish of the Film Game.

QUESTION OF PRICE

Answers His Critics on the Stand He Has Taken.

"I could feel the spirit of Tulsa as soon as I stepped from the train, and I don't hesitate to tell you that I have never been anywhere in all my travels that can compare with it, declared Louis Mann, distinguished American exponent of the spoken drama, who appeared at the Grand opera house last night in his most recent vehicle, "The Bubble."

A representative of The World found the actor in his room at Hotel Tulsa during the afternoon, his coat and vest off and writing. He glanced up, blinked at the reporter, murmured an excuse and fell to writing again with his hand fairly flying over myriad sheets of copy paper. The reporter sat down and waited.

Finally Mr. Mann tossed his pencil on the desk and faced about. "I'm defending my position on moving pictures and I want to reiterate that I still think their place is properly in the schoolhouse and not in the theater. I have been criticized for this assertion by the press of Oklahoma and I am preparing my answer.

Answers His Critics.

"It is the contention of my critics that not all theatergoers can afford to pay $2 to see me and that the moving picture theaters, where they can go for a dime is their only alternative. It is true many are not in possession of sufficient of this world's goods to warrant them paying $2, but there is no reason why there should be thrust upon them that which is pernicious and banal.

"It is equally true that majorities are invariably wrong and must be led by the discretionary minority. I am not arrogating unto myself any superiority either socially, artistically or even mentally, save, only, that in my own sphere I am able to see the wheels go round and ought, after many years' association with those masters of the drama, Booth, Calvin, Barrett and many others, be qualified to speak with understanding.

"I do not forget the poor with their dimes and pleasures. When I said the proper place for the motion picture is in the schoolhouse, not the theater, I meant the former has tremendous didactic value, but only for the display of that which is educational, for the visualization of current events, studies of foreign countries unattainable to the poor who might never be able to see them, and in a general sense for that which is pictorial.

"Drama—Another Story."

"But for the drama — that is another story. There can be no radio activity on the screen. There is no soul in the films. They are mechanical and photographic and never interpretative, therefore not art. Would you breed false and fallacious pabulum to those who do not know?

"No; let us not forget the poor and their pleasures, but, rather, seek to feed them with the solid and substantial literature of the masters such literature as Lincoln, the rail-splitter, and Garfield, the boy on the towpath devoured and which ultimately led to the White House.

"If the material, that is, to use pedestrian English, chucked together by this late crop of moving picture senario writers shall prevail, then will surely come the negation of literature and the decadence of a nation.

"Do you believe a Shakespeare, a Goethe, a Suderman or an Ibsen could be born where there is no incentive to high ideals? Why waste a year and sometimes two to build a legitimate drama on truth, tearing one's heart out to fittingly present all that is veribas in the human emotions when some whippersnapper, unable to speak one line of good English and with no understanding of philosophy, which should be the background and buttress of all plays, can in one hour toss together the blase material that satisfied the rabble who pay their dimes for pleasures?

Bible and Pictures.

"I wonder why the newspapers will not give as much space to exploiting the graces of a good book as they do to the unreal moving picture plays? That would, I believe, make for progress. It is true that for the same reason that these screen plays have been exploited that a number of players have lent themselves to appear before the camera, but there are still a number of truly artistic souls who can never be lured from their proper sphere even by the clink of gold. Among the honorables I have only to mention such names as Maud Adams, Julia Marlowe, E. H. Sothern, George M. Cohan, William Gillette, David Warfield, John Drew and myself."

Mr. Mann declared he believed the moving picture art had been developed as high as it would ever be possible to make it and that there will soon be a return to the legitimate stage of both actors and actresses and their followings.

PREPARE TO BUILD ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

New Dance Pavilion at Sand Springs Also Will be Best in the State.

Although the recent fire at Sand Springs park burned many of the rare specimens of animals in the park zoo, the work of collecting other animals for the restocking of the zoo has been undertaken in a way that makes it seem probable that a much larger zoo will hereafter be maintained there.

For this department of the park arrangements are now under way for the construction of a fireproof menagerie building consisting of steam heated compartments for the winter, with display pens running out from either side of the main structure. More animals have been ordered from dealers in all parts of the country with the intention of far surpassing both in numerical quantity and rarity all creatures that have heretofore inhabited the park zoo and which perished in the fire that destroyed their winter quarters and the big dance pavilion.

The dance pavilion was a commodious one, equipped with ceiling fans and convenient in all respects. It had a floor of hard maple of more than a hundred feet square, and during the past four years thousands of couples had danced there each season. It was a big feature of the park.

Work that has already been set in motion will likely develop both zoo and dance pavilion before the beginning of the park season the coming spring.

Prepare for Fish Hatchery.

Special to The World.

MEDICINE PARK, Okla., Feb. 15. Preparations were being made here today for the establishment of a state fish hatchery, for which the Oklahoma legislature recently appropriated $30,000. P. W. Hote of Oklahoma City, who will have supervision, recently announced that work will start March 1. Mr. Hote has been inspecting fish hatcheries in Pratt, Kan., Neosho, Mo., and Dallas, Texas, in planning the Oklahoma hatchery.

TULSA ROTARIANS MAKE BIG NOISE AT MEETING

Special to The World.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 15.—The Tulsa delegation of Rotarians attending the District Rotary club convention which convened here today won the first honors of the meeting by being awarded the banner which is given to the delegation having the greatest total mileage.

There are more than a score of Tulsans here and they are making a strenuous fight for the 1917 convention.

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TAX PENALTY GOES ON IN FOUR DAYS

Delay Is Dangerous, Unless You Have Money to Burn.

TREASURER IS BUSY

Extra Clerks Necessary to Handle Huge Volume of Mail.

Never in the history of the county treasurer's office has there been such a rush of business as at present and Treasurer Ed Dalton has found it necessary to increase his staff of assistants and is working nights to take care of the work that is accumulating, now that there are only a few more days in which taxes will be received.

"I have had to employ two men to work nights in this office to mail out receipts to those who have paid their taxes by checks," said Mr. Dalton. "There are three or four bushels of letters that we have not had time to open, let alone prepare and mail receipts.

"There are letters in the mass of correspondence from practically every city of size in the state and surrounding states containing checks from non-residents who own property here. It is a fact that probably one-half of the property in this city is owned by people who do not live here.

$8,000 to $10,000 Daily.

"Many of the letters have been here since the first of January but we have been too busy to attend to them. There has been a falling off in the number of people who have filed by the windows and paid their taxes recently and where we formerly received in the neighborhood of $50,000 a day we are collecting now only from $8,000 to $10,000.

"Practically all our attention now is directed to the cleaning up of this correspondence and it should be out of the way not later than the last of this week. At that time the books will be closed and those who have not seen fit to settle their taxes will be ferreted out and made to pay the penalty in addition to the assessment."

Unless there is a sudden rush to settle with the county it appears there will be a larger list of delinquents than ever before. With the total assessments aggregating nearly $1,500,000, less than $600,000 has been paid and the books will positively close in four days.

The penalty for delinquency is 1½ per cent a month on the assessment.

Armed Bandits Steal Auto.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 15.—After a pistol duel with policemen here tonight, three armed bandits jumped into the passing automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Beach, forced the chauffeur to drive at the rate of sixty miles an hour, later threw him out of the machine, slowed down to let Mr. and Mrs. Beach out and then escaped.