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BUSINESS FOR BANKS

Losses at Lawton Are Rushed, though Currency Must Be Hauled Thirty Miles Overland.

HOW TO GET MORE FREE LAND.

Disappointed Homeseekers Want the Three Reserves Which Were Set Aside in Lawton District, and Composed of 533,500 Acres, Thrown Open for Settlement—To Make a Fight for "Free Homes."

Lawton, Ok., Aug. 8.—The banks are continue to do an immense volume of business. Reasonable rates are charged, considering the situation—one-fourth of one cent on all checks of any considerable amount. The transportation of currency 30 miles overland is a grim task. Yesterday a telegram was received from Mr. Billings, of Guthrie, stating that he is at Marlow, 35 miles distant, with \$900 in currency for one of the banks here and asking for a deputy sheriff and guards to be sent to accompany him on the long trip. Heck Thomas, famous as one of the most big game officers in the territory, volunteered to take the trip. Picking up men, he went to Marlow. Meanwhile Mr. Billings had heard the pre-arranging news of the danger attending the drive and had gone back to Guthrie with the money.

A movement has been started among the disappointed homeseekers to have the government open up the three reserves which it set aside in the Lawton district before the opening. At a meeting of 100 or more of them yesterday it was decided to petition the interior department at once to take such action. These reserves embrace 533,500 acres, or about 3,330 quarter sections.

The successful homeseekers are organizing already to make a fight for the "free homes." The latter class want to get the \$1.25 an acre knocked off their burdens. They say that congress gave homesteaders in the Cherokee strip "free homes" and there is no reason why such a law should not be extended to take in the Kiowa-manche country.

Hobart is a town of over 5,000 people and growing rapidly. Temporary buildings and tents are being erected in nearly every direction from the main site. Lots sell at big prices.

WOODS MAY LOSE IT.

Contest Filed on the Homestead of the Grasping Individual Who Crowded Out Miss Beals.

Fort Sill, Ok., Aug. 8.—John R. Woods made the mistake of his life, apparently, when he attempted to grab the 160 acres of land running the entire length of the Lawton townsite. John L. Calvert, of Guthrie, one of the oldest lawyers in the territory, filed contest papers at the land office associated with him is C. H. Drake and 500 persons who are doing business at McCoy avenue. The petition relates that Woods violated both the spirit and the letter of the homestead act. He entered under the homestead law for a piece of agricultural property at a time when 1,000 persons had established themselves in business in the adjoining townsite. The attorneys expect to prove that he took his land with a sole view to its speculative value for town property and will have witnesses by the thousand to swear that the hollows and raps which Mr. Woods chose in order to secure his land along the townsite is an unnatural homestead selection, not contemplated in the act of congress. Woods may win, but it will cost him so dearly that he would have been a richer man if he had followed the natural division of the government survey and not attempted to free out his Beals.

NEW EDUCATIONAL PROBLEM.

Teachers of Clay County, Mo., Want the State to Pay Them for Attending Normal Institutes.

Liberty, Mo., Aug. 8.—The Clay County Teachers' institute adopted a resolution declaring that the expenses of school teaching should be paid for the two weeks they are compelled to attend the annual institute, and every institute in the state is requested to memorialize the general assembly at its session in 1903 to amend the school law so that the district in which a teacher is employed bear the expense of the teacher attending the institute.

Higginsville.

Miss Louise Ritter is visiting in Alma.

Ed. Willis and wife, of Corder, were here Monday.

Will Black came in from Higbee to spend Sunday.

Mrs. Buchanan, of Mayview, was in town Wednesday.

R. P. Sevin, of the Thalbot, was in Concordia Monday.

Paul Wilson, of Corder, was a Sunday visitor in our city.

Miss Lizzie Belt, of Kansas City, is here visiting her mother.

Clinton Blank, of Kansas City, spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Winn, of Dover were visitors here Tuesday.

Miss Kate Belt is visiting Miss Alice Welborn, near Aullville, this week.

Frank Stewart, of Lexington, made a business trip to this city Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Fowler, of the Boston store, was in Kansas City part of this week.

Mrs. James Evans, of Sweet Springs, visited the family of Philip Beamer Tuesday.

Miss Stella Hickman returned from a two weeks sojourn near Blackburn Wednesday.

Miss Clara Cook has returned to her duties at the Cash House after two weeks vacation.

A large crowd of young people from here will attend the August meeting at Dover Sunday.

Miss Florence Smelzer returned home Sunday evening, after a weeks visit in Concordia.

A. L. Kleine, supervisor of eastern division of C. & A., spent Sunday evening in this city.

Mr. Sydnor and family will shortly leave for Cincinnati, where they will take up their residence.

Miss Lana Johnson has returned from a visit to relatives in Everest, Kas., and Plattsburg, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prigmore and guest, Miss Edna Blanc, of Alma, were visiting friends here Monday.

Johnson & Butler, contractors of Sedalia, arrived here Monday to begin work on the M. E. church, south.

J. T. Willis, proprietor of the Cash House, left Monday with his family for a month's visit to relatives in Ohio.

Miss Mamie Braeckneridge returned Thursday from a visit to friends in Smithville, Platte City and Kansas City.

Mrs. L. E. Hartman returned Wednesday morning from Corder, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Groves.

Misses Kate Freeze and Mabel Canterbury, accompanied by Will Semmler and Frank Rouse, attended the moonlight picnic at Alma Friday night.

Ned Asbury and Miss Mayme Sydnor, a popular young couple of this city, surprised their many friends by going to Lexington Tuesday and being married.

Geo. Roberts and daughter, Miss Pearl, have returned from a three month's stay in Mexico, where they have been for Mr. Roberts' health, which is much improved.

Q. Ellifrit and wife, of Kansas City, who have been visiting Mrs. Ellifrit's parents at Mayview, attended band concert here Friday night. They left Tuesday for Denver, Col., where they will reside in the future.

Johnson & Kelley shipped a car load of hogs to Kansas City Tuesday; Breipold shipped a car load of hogs Tuesday; Senator Vandiver a car load of cattle Monday; Max Lyons shipped three car loads of cattle this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Downing, of Kansas City, visited Mrs. D.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Whitsett, several days this week. They leave Kansas City Monday for Washington, D. C.,

which they will make their future home.

Misses Sallie and Minnie Jennings gave a social last Wednesday at their beautiful country home near Higginsville in honor of Miss Schultze of Colorado. Elegant refreshments were served during the evening and music was furnished by the Higginsville band.

News reached this city Monday of the death of Mrs. W. H. Lawrence, a former resident of this place, at Pine Bluff, Ark., Sunday, August 4, 1901. Mrs. Lawrence has been in poor health for some time, having an operation performed last fall, from which she never fully recovered.

T. Murray Reed, for the past four months editor of the Lafayette Leader, left Sunday for Warrensburg. Mr. Reed has not yet decided where he will locate. He made many friends while in our city who regret to see him leave our midst, but wish him success wherever he may cast his lot.

The Higginsville Milling Co. have employed Mr. J. B. Townsend, of Carlinville, Ill., to take charge of their mill. Mr. Townsend has been head miller for the St. Louis Milling company at that place for several years; also had charge of the R. T. Davis Milling company plant at St. Joseph for ten years. Mr. Townsend is an expert at his business, and the Higginsville Milling company is to be congratulated in securing his services.

Wellington.

Mayor W. J. Carpenter spent Sunday in Kansas City.

Dr. E. W. Mann had business in Lexington Wednesday.

W. T. Johnson and wife were visiting friends in Odessa Wednesday.

Born, to the wife of Mr. Fred Rogge on Monday, August 5, 1901, a boy.

Miss Jessie Mahan, of Kansas City, spent Tuesday with old acquaintances.

Mr. William B. Emison shipped 41 head of cattle to Kansas City Monday.

Miss Minnie Hammon was the guest of the Misses Slade Tuesday and Wednesday.

Professor George Chamberlain of the Greenton neighborhood had business here Tuesday.

Hon. John S. Blackwell and John Welborn of Lexington had legal business here Saturday.

Miss Laura Bryant, who has been quite seriously sick for some time is once more able to be out.

Born, on Monday, August 5, 1901, to the wife of Mr. Charles Duncan, (nee Linnie Linebach), a boy.

Mr. James A. Emison and wife left Thursday for a three weeks visit with relatives and friends in Colorado.

Mr. Wm. Stevenson of Lexington has been here several days buying wheat from the neighboring farmers.

Mrs. John A. Lockhart and daughter, Miss Lizzie, were visiting the family of John L. Lockhart, in Lexington, from Saturday until Monday.

Twelve teams and a number of extra hands came in on the freight train Monday evening and are at work on the deep cut for Mo. Pac. R. R. Company's new line west of town.

The law suit on Saturday between Messrs. J. K. Edmonds and Stephen Gates over the trespassing of some of the latter's cattle resulted in the verdict of \$15.00 damages in favor of Mr. Edmonds.

Dr. J. A. Mann was telephoned to go to Waterloo and dress the hand of Mr. J. K. Gray who had one of the fingers of his left hand mashed off while at work on a wind-mill-pump Thursday.

Sunday about 150 men from various points on the Missouri Pacific system made a temporary road bed about three quarters of a mile long and a few yards south of the old line ties and rails were laid and all trains will use

this track until the big fill from Big-Sni creek east has been completed.

Judge Thomas E. Chinn, who was the auctioneer at the sale of personal property belonging to the estate of J. H. Thorp deceased, Thursday came down from Independence, Mo., Wednesday morning and put in the overtime, shaking hands and telling big yarns to the boys.

While handling a 32 caliber pistol on the afternoon of the 1st inst. Mr. W. W. Corse accidentally shot his little son, Kelline, the ball entering at the wrist and traveling the full length of the forearm and passed out at the elbow. Fortunately no bones were broken nor arteries severed and the little fellow is rapidly recovering.

Mr. Frank Moss from Higginsville has fitted up a printing office in an upper room in the old B. D. Ragland drug store, on south side of the city square, and the initial issue of the Wellington Wave will make its appearance about Saturday. We bespeak a liberal patronage for the enterprise from the people of Wellington and the surrounding country. The subscription price will be only 50 cents per annum.

LEALMA.

Dover.

Our public school opens Sept. 2.

Albert Lewis spent Monday in Higginsville.

Miss Mary Willis Redd has returned from a visit to Waverly.

Charles Smith of Waverly is here this week visiting Sam Redd.

Dr. Harwood has built a nice office adjoining the Corbin drug store.

Miss Mayme Cather spent last Saturday and Sunday in Higginsville.

Miss Harriette Shemoke is in Norborn visiting friends and relatives.

Rev. Geo. Plattenburg is in Marshall this week visiting his many friends there.

J. R. Plattenburg and wife spent last Saturday with friends in Higginsville.

Capt. Irving Zeysing made a business trip to the city of Higginsville Thursday.

Wm. H. Dysart and son, Charles, were business visitors in Higginsville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Mallory are in this city this week visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dr. Hitt.

Oliver Martin, "our walnut log man" was in Boonville last week loading a lot of logs there.

Misses Barry of Kansas City, and Smith of Higginsville are here the guests of Mrs. Mary E. Smith.

James F. Winn left Monday for Oklahoma. He expects to buy a lot either in Lawton or Hobart where he will go into business.

Will Smith leaves in a few days for Kansas City where he will embark in the coal business. Will is a first class gentleman and we wish him abundant success in his new business.

Robert L. Harwood, Jno. Epps, Jao. T. Mathews and others, who went from here to Oklahoma to attend the drawing returned home last Saturday. None of them from here were fortunate enough to draw a claim.

Mr. Sam Pyle of Herndon who bought the Jas. F. Winn stock of goods will take possession next week. He is said to be a first class gentleman and a thorough business man. We welcome him to our town.

The corn in this section has improved very much since the rains and there are a number of fields that will yield from five to six barrels per acre. A great majority of it will only make three to five barrels per acre.

Mrs. J. B. Davis left last Saturday for Independence to join her husband, J. B. Davis, who is now station agent there for the Mo. Pac. R. R. Mr. Davis was agent here for the Pacific for a number of years and has a host

of friends who regret to see him and his estimable family leave this city.

Very few of our farmers have as yet sold their wheat. They are holding it for a better price. Last year up to this time there had been about 50 cars of wheat shipped; this year there has only been 6 cars shipped up to the present time.

W. W. Meng and Wm. Dysart leave sometime in September for Colorado on a prospecting trip. They will mix pleasure with business some, by angling for trout and killing any game, from a bear to a rabbit, that comes in their way.

Farmers are busy plowing for wheat and they say that the ground never worked better than it is doing this year. The average sown will be larger than usual on account of the shortage of the corn crop.

The annual August meeting began here Friday night. This meeting has been held annually for over seventy years without a break, and is always looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by our people for then there is a reunion of old friends who seldom meet except on this occasion. Rev. Otto of Higginsville will conduct the meeting. Rev. Otto is not only a very forcible but an eloquent speaker and those who attend will be treated to some splendid preaching.

HE IS FROM KANSAS.

New City At. of Manila, John W. Hausermann, a Resident of Leavenworth Before He Enlisted.

Leavenworth, Kan., Aug. 8.—John W. Hausermann, the new city attorney of Manila, at a salary of \$4,000 a year is a Leavenworth man and married a sister of E. E. Murphy, the well-known democratic politician and secret society man. In 1898 he joined the Twentieth Kansas and went to the Philippines. When the regiment was mustered out he was given a place in one of the volunteer regiments and remained in the Philippines.

ICE TRUST HARD HIT.

Manager of the Topeka Company Fined \$200 in Police Court for Violating the City Ordinance.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 8.—Judge Lindsay, of the police court, fined W. L. Dickey, manager of the People's Ice company, \$200 for maintaining a trust contrary to the city ordinance. Mr. Dickey appealed from the decision to the district court. A great deal of feeling has been aroused over the ice company's action in raising prices and the trial was heavily attended.

For the First Time.

Washington, Aug. 8.—For the first time since American occupation in the Philippines, the United States in May last headed the list of nations sending merchandise to the islands. The imports into Manila during May aggregated \$2,460,431, of which the United States sent \$549,323. England came next with \$549,544 and the Chinese empire third with \$250,177.

Von Waldersee Home from China.

Hamburg, Aug. 8.—The steamer Gera, with Count Von Waldersee on board, arrived here Thursday. The field marshal landed immediately amidst ringing cheers from the crowds assembled. Gen. Von Wittich, representing Emperor William, welcomed Von Waldersee.

School-Teachers Pass Honolulu.

Honolulu, July 31.—The United States transport Thomas, having on board over 500 school-teachers bound for the Philippines, arrived here today from San Francisco. She will take coal here and will probably continue her journey on August 2.

When Legacy Tax Must Be Paid.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Commissioner Yerkes, of the revenue bureau, has held that a legacy tax must be paid within a year after the death of the testator and in any event before payment and distribution to the legatees.

Boers Capture 25 More.

London, Aug. 8.—Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria Thursday, announces that a post of 25 men, belonging to Steinacker's horse on the Sabi river has been surprised and captured by the Boers.