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## JAMES R. WOODS, "LUCKY NUMBER ONE."

### On the Eve of Enjoying Fortune He Succumbs to Typhoid Fever.

[By Associated Press.]  
Lawton, Okla., Oct. 21.—James R. Woods, who drew No. 1 in the Lawton land district at the El Reno lottery last August and settled on a claim valued at nearly \$50,000, is dead. He died Friday of typhoid fever, after a

brief illness. Before his death he contests against his claim of the quarter section adjoining the town of Lawton had been disposed of by the interior department and his widow will come into undisputed possession of the property.

#### THE FAIR.

(Prize winning definition of a fair by J. A. Avery in Billboard.)  
The fair is a place where the multitudes flow,  
Where the "graffer" "skinned guys" in the sweet long ago;  
Where the red lemonade and wicker wurst hot  
Are "flushed" to the "sucker" who comes on the lot;  
Where the "circash" is queen, where all silver is lead,  
Where the "nut spieler" goes with "layout," tis said;  
Where the clown entertains with his mirth and his wit;  
Where the short-change "gazabo" is there with his "mitt."

'Tis the fair where the "rough cooch" is done to "n brown,"  
Where the "guy" without "cush" goes "way back and sets down,"  
A place where the "Rube" "bucks the tige" in his lair,  
And balloons are not all that are "filled with hot air,"  
Where the "man-eating" (?) lion gets away with his bluff;  
Where the preacher shakes hands with the sport and the tough;  
Where the colt gets his trial on the quarter-mile track;  
And the shy country maiden takes on her first "pack."

'Twould not be a "fair" without "boosters," of course,  
Nor the "bark" of the "spieler" with voice that is hoarse—  
And what without midgets and giants so tall,  
And the "dip" with a "Mollie" to act as his "stall?"  
'Tis true there are biscuits and jellies and such,  
With "booze" for the "terrier," beer for the Dutch.  
To say nothing of poultry and snakes that will sting—  
In fact, at a "fair" you'll find "every old thing."

The "fair" is a place of amusement, I'd say,  
Where "suckers" will go forever and aye.  
Call it "carnival," "festival," "circus" or "fair,"  
Seekers of pleasure will find a way there;  
Be it millionaire proud, or beggar so poor,  
The maid, wife or widow, evil or pure,  
You'll find there each autumn, with smile and with wink—  
That's the best definition of "fair," I should think.

—John A. Avery.

#### AN AUTUMNAL PICNIC.

Jolly Crowd Enjoy a Day in the Woods.  
Yesterday was an ideal autumn day and a jolly party of young people took advantage of it to spend a day in the woods. The drove out to the Skeels on river in private vehicles and enjoyed a hunt and lunch and had a real picnic.  
Those who composed the picnic party were:  
Misses Alpha Brown, Franc Brown, Lucy Conway, Effie Finch, Anna Leavitt, Emma Sandfort and Nellie Crews.  
Messrs. Tony Finch, Frank Moore, G. E. Dunnic, T. E. Bleah, T. Westbrook and Dr. Reuder.

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## SCHLEY'S SECRETARY TELLS OF BATTLE

### At One Time the Brooklyn Seemed to be Engaging Three Ships

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—The Schley court resumed its sessions at 11 o'clock today.

After the witnesses of the former days had been recalled for the purpose of correcting their testimony Lieut. B. W. Wells, Jr., secretary to Schley during the Cuban campaign, resumed his testimony which he had begun on Friday. He narrated the battle of July 3 and was questioned at some length by Rayner before he was turned over to Lemley and Hanna for cross-examination.

Other witnesses called for today were Edward Graham, the Associated Press correspondent who was with Schley on the Brooklyn from the beginning of the campaign at Hampton Roads until its close; Lieut. Edward Simpson, who served on the Brooklyn, and Dennis J. Cronin.

Wells said he did not remember the ranges at which the Brooklyn fired, but thought 1,100 yards was the shortest. He described the turn of the Brooklyn and the chase after the Spanish ships. When the Viscaya ran ashore the Colon was about 10,000

## STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONFIDENT

### With the Aid of Russia that Miss Stone Will be Rescued Alive

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—There has been no report since Saturday at the state department from Turkey or Bulgaria touching Miss Stone's case.

The officials, however, are by no means discouraged and they are still confident they will succeed in saving her life, but whether by diplomacy or by force is not clear. It is gathered that the friendship of the Russian government has had much to do with the confidence of officials here. That government has responded in a most cordial spirit to the appeal of the state department. The Turkish government has, for its part, responded in the same spirit to the appeal of the United States.

Chandler Tribune: Mr. Buffalo-horn and Peek-peek, two expert Fox Indian gamblers of Ponca township, gambled themselves nearly to death last Sunday and Monday. They played continually for the space of thirty-three hours and just for 50 cents and a rat dog. Peek-peek came forth victorious and took the contents of the jackpot.



MR. ISAAC S. TAYLOR.

Mr. Taylor, as director general of construction and maintenance, will be very busy during the next two years arranging for the housing of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which is to be held in St. Louis. Mr. Taylor has been for several years one of the Mound City's leading architects.

yards ahead of the Brooklyn and for a time the firing ceased. He said he had received orders to get a quantity of rapid fire ammunition. Owing to the character of the coast it was expected they would come to close quarters. He was ordered to have this ammunition ready to close with the Colon and give her rapid fire when they got close together. He had not seen the Texas when the Brooklyn made her turn. At one time during the battle he said the Brooklyn seemed to be alone engaging three ships.

#### GOES AFTER A DEGREE.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, D. C., Oct. 21.—President Roosevelt leaves this afternoon for Farmington, Conn., where he will spend a brief visit with his sister, Mrs. Cowles, before going to New Haven to receive the degree of LL.D. from Yale.

#### Sunday Abroad.

Sunday seemed to be Guthrie day at Oklahoma City. The following Guthrie people went down Saturday night and remained over Sunday:  
Mrs. I. B. Levy; Misses Mabel Painter, Angie Penny, Dot Flynn, Mabel Gideon, Molly James, Alice and Mollie Newton.  
Messrs. Clyde McConnell, Nathan Patterson and C. G. Hornes.

## CHICAGO POSTOFFICE LOOTED BY BURGLARS

### Tunnel Route Used to Secure Entrance to the Stamp Vault

[By Associated Press.]  
Chicago, Ill., Oct. 21.—Burglars last night stole \$76,068 worth of stamps from the Chicago postoffice and escaped without leaving the slightest clue. A tunnel which had taken a week or more to complete, was run from the rear of the building and a hole was then drilled through the steel bottom of the wholesale stamp vault.

There were 37 small holes around the square plate cut out and only six feet away from the cashier's vault which contained over \$35,000 in cash and stamps valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. The latter evidently had been the objective point.

F. O. Spalding, chief clerk of the wholesale stamp department, discovered the robbery when he opened the vault at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The safe had been locked with its contents apparently secure at 5 p. m. Saturday. Postoffice Inspector Stuart says:

#### Largest On Record.

"It was the largest stamp robbery ever done in the history of the postal service in this country. To get to the vault, the men entered through a trap door a few feet in they encountered a brick wall which they dug through. A hundred feet or so further on they ran against another wall, and this also they dug through. On the way they also encountered a number of pipes, and as the floor is but two feet above the ground they tunneled under the pipes. For light they used dry batteries one of which they left behind. This battery and wagon tracks are the only clues we have at present. The stamps were arranged in twenty-pound bundles and the weight of the load the robbers carried off must have been 500 pounds. Evidently one man handed the packages down to the others waiting below. As their progress must have been slow, carrying even one bundle through all

#### FERRITORIAL SNAP SHOTS.

Matters of More or Less Interest to Leader Readers.

The Oklahoma school land board has refused to consider a proposition made by a delegation of citizens from Lawton to lease for townsite purposes 160 acres of school land adjoining the townsite of Lawton. The board took the position that school lands can be leased only for grazing and agricultural purposes.

#### GUSSING CONTEST.

T. J. Baxter Came Closest to the Number of Coffee Beans.

The National Coffee and Tea company ten days ago placed a large bottle of coffee beans in the show window, giving the public the privilege of free guesses as to the number of beans contained in the bottle. The contest closed Saturday night with the following result:  
T. J. Baxter, first, 28,500.  
— Markwell, second, 28,400.  
Mrs. Waldren, third, 28,325.  
L. E. Hancock, fourth, 28,725.  
The correct number of coffee beans contained in the bottle was 28,438.  
The prizes were as follows:  
First, ten pounds best coffee.  
Second, five pounds best coffee.  
Third, three pounds best coffee.  
Fourth, one pound best coffee.

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(those tunnels, crawling on all fours, I judge they worked for hours cutting their booty to the wagon."

#### Postoffice a Temporary Affair.

The postoffice building is a temporary affair being used while a five million dollar structure is being erected on the old site. The present building is situated on the lake front, on the east side of Washash avenue, and runs from Randolph to Washington streets. The bottom of the vault into which the robbers secured entrance is of steel, half an inch thick. In this nearly one hundred holes were bored and a space 18 inches square, just enough to allow the entrance of a man's body, had been so weakened that it was possible to take out the whole plate with little difficulty. A dry goods box stood over the hole thus made and concealed the work of the robbers while it was in progress. When discovered today finger marks of one of the robbers were discernible on the dust of a box which he had pushed to one side.

So carefully had the job been planned, that men working in the building had not the slightest inkling of the daring robbery worked almost under their noses. The robbers drove up to the southeast corner of the postoffice building in a wagon, the track of which could be plainly seen today. They had only to open the little door to admit themselves under the flooring. To reach the vault, it was necessary to crawl about on hands and feet on odd and end of boards. The route evidently had been carefully studied, for a detective who went under today without a knowledge of locations became lost and was nearly overcome by foul odors before assistance reached him.

Having secured their plunder the robbers loaded it into a wagon, drove across a vacant lot and turned into Washash avenue in front of the art building.

templated having the hogs arraigned before Judge Comp for a judicial opinion. It appears that Mrs. Flickinger had poured a kettle of scorching peach preserves into a barrel of corn chops that were being soaked for hog feed. The mixture fermented, and when fed to the pigs, they went for it like some other hogs do for peach brandy, and the effect was much the same. The antics of the little pigs are said to have been comical enough to make even a preacher laugh.

#### Dancing Club Organized.

Saturday night a large number of society young ladies and gentlemen met at the Capital City Business college to organize a dancing club for this winter. They will learn the German and other new dances, under the direction of Miss Barandine Cooney of St. Louis, who came to this city last week to spend the winter with her sister, Miss Cooney, a teacher in the public schools.

Miss Cooney has a large class of children which meets every Saturday afternoon, and a class of young ladies and gentlemen who meet Saturday nights. The young people of this city will enjoy a great privilege in having Miss Cooney to teach them the popular and up-to-date dances.

#### Clerk's Notice.

The attorneys are requested to bring all papers belonging to the district court to the clerk's office as soon as possible.

T. A. Neal,  
Clerk of District Court.

Don't forget that Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock (commencing Oct. 17,) are ladies' days at the Vance bowling and billiard parlors. For ladies and their escorts exclusively.

The child who is seen and not heard remains to be seen.