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## TRUE ECONOMY IN BRIDGE BUILDING

Letter From Judge Denison on Stone And Concrete Bridges And Culverts For Craig County.

Editor Chieftain: I have noticed with a good deal of pleasure the many editorials in your paper advocating the use in the construction of bridges of concrete or stone. Just at this time there is hardly any one thing that is of more importance to the people of this county, and in fact to all the people of this state.

Now that we are right at the beginning of bridge building it is most desirable that a thorough study be made of the subject and the very best adopted.

As to very many of the streams and draws that need to be spanned, if not all of the streams, this can be done by the building of bridges and culverts either stone or concrete. If it should be found that bridges and culverts composed out of these materials cost more in the first instance than they would if constructed of wood, iron or steel this should not be decisive of the matter. It is not a question solely of the first cost of such improvements, but rather a question of what is true economy in the long run in the expenditure of public moneys for these improvements.

The experience in older communities proves that bridges and culverts, when properly constructed, of stone or concrete do not wash away when the floods come or deteriorate from the action of the elements, do not need painting and constant repairs but last always and improve with age, and besides, are always more in keeping with their natural surroundings. That same experience proves that bridges and culverts built of wood, or iron or steel do wash away with the floods, require constant painting and repairing, do rust, rot and wear out and in a comparatively short time, a few years at most, become absolutely dangerous and then worthless and have to be replaced. Let the good work go on and may the county commissioners of Craig county give to the people of the county stone or concrete bridges and culverts and abutments and piers wherever it is possible for them to do that, thus starting the work in the right direction and putting Craig county at the head of the column in this good work and build for themselves bridges and culverts that will serve as monuments for countless future ages.

GEORGE B. DENISON.

## JUDGE WILLIAMS CANNOT PROCEED WITH INJUNCTION

By Associated Press. Jefferson City, Mo., June 8.—The state supreme court today issued a writ of prohibition against Judge George Williams of the St. Louis circuit court forbidding him from proceeding with injunction suit, by which Attorney Jones of that city sought to prevent certain railroads from putting three cent passenger fare into effect. The decision came on a petition filed by several of the defendant railroads. There now remains but two cases pending in litigation between the state and railroads. The first is the state's appeal from the decision of Judge McPherson, declaring the two cent rates confiscatory. The other is the suit of Attorney General Major to oust the companies from the state for alleged violation of the antitrust laws.

## HOLDENVILLE SUFFERS A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Holdenville, Okla., June 9.—Fire broke out in the Seales building and regardless of the efficient work done by the fire department, the entire building was destroyed. The Winkler Jewelry company and Sadors Dry Goods company, occupied the two store rooms in the building. The total loss will perhaps reach \$17,000 with \$10,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. This is the second fire that has occurred here within the past thirty days.

## HOTEL ROBBERS CAPTURED AND MONEY RECOVERED.

By Associated Press. Tulsa, Okla., June 9.—Two men giving the names of James Billwell and E. H. Conway, who last night held up a Sapulpa hotel, securing six hundred dollars, were captured near here today and part of the money was recovered.

## PROCLAMATION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

County Commissioners Follow Legal Instructor in Preparing to Call Special Bond Election.

In accordance with the legal instructions of the attorney for M. L. Turner of Oklahoma City who has contracted for the bonds for the erection of a court house and construction of bridges, in case they are voted, the county commissioners have issued a proclamation setting forth their intention of calling an election to be held on August 16, for the purpose of voting these bonds. At the end of thirty days, unless the voters of the county invoke the referendum on the question, a formal call for an election to vote \$65,000 for a court house and \$25,000 for bridges, will be issued. It is claimed that the law requires that thirty days elapse after the proclamation is issued before the formal call is made, in order to give the taxpayers an opportunity to use the referendum.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL WOULD BRING CASE TO COURT

Guthrie, Okla., June 8.—F. S. Caldwell, state prohibition enforcement attorney, asked Charles West, the state attorney general Monday to define the rights of inter-state carriers to deliver intoxicating liquors to persons in Oklahoma who had paid an internal revenue tax, which is prima facie evidence of intent to violate the prohibition law, and asked also whether or not inter-state carriers could be prevented from transporting inter-state shipments of liquors from their destination depots to the domiciles of persons who had paid the revenue tax. Answering the first question, the attorney general said that it would be necessary to bring an injunction suit in the United States supreme court, and that he would at once prepare a case. In answer to the second question, he directed Caldwell to make a seizure and thereby bring the question into court.

## BARRETT WILL TRY TO PROTECT BIRDS

Request of President of Audubon Society to Be Urged at Meetings of Farmers' Institutes.

Guthrie, Okla., June 8.—Charles F. Barrett, secretary of the state board of agriculture, has announced that the board will urge that the matter of protecting the birds of Oklahoma be discussed at the meeting of the county farmers' institutes throughout the state. This is in response to a request of Gen. J. C. Jamison of Guthrie, who is president of the Oklahoma Audubon society. Gen. Jamison came to Oklahoma when the county was opened, twenty years ago, and prior to that time was prominent in Missouri state politics, being a friend and officeholder under Gov. Marmaduke. He served as adjutant general in the Missouri National guard under Marmaduke and in a similar capacity in Oklahoma during the administration of Gov. Denison. He was a member, during the '40s of the Nicaraguan filibustering expedition, led by Gen. Walker. During the past several years Gen. Jamison has lived on his fruit farm near Guthrie, and has become one of the most ardent advocates of bird protection in the state.

## FITTING MEMORIAL TO ONE OF SOUTH'S GREAT LEADERS

Statue of Late General Stephen Dill Lee to Be Unveiled Next Friday at Vicksburg--North, South, East and West to Do Honor to Memory of this Great Man--Statue to Be Life Size.

By Associated Press. Vicksburg, Miss., June 7.—On June 11, the day following the close of the United Confederate Veterans Reunion at Memphis, many of the old soldiers and other notables will assemble here to attend the unveiling of a statue of the late General Stephen Dill Lee, who was commander-in-chief of the Confederate organization at the time of his death.

It was in the siege of Vicksburg that General Lee won his spurs as a dashing and intrepid commander, and the last years of his life were devoted to the perfection of the great national military park here. General Lee died at Vicksburg, May 28, 1908, and it is peculiarly fitting that the south's memorial statue to him should be erected on the spot which he loved so well. On the same day another monument to his memory, though smaller in size, will be unveiled at the state agricultural and mechanical college at Starkville, Miss., as he was the first president of that institution. This memorial, though of lesser importance than the Vicksburg statue, nevertheless emphasizes the universal affection of the people of Mississippi for him. Another monument will be placed at the grave in Columbus where the old commander sleeps in everlasting rest.

North, south, east and west will send celebrities to do honor to the memory of the chivalrous soldier of Dixie. Major General Frederick Dent Grant, of the department of the lakes, has been delegated by the secretary of war to receive the statue on the part of the United States, which will be officially presented to him by General Clement A. Evans, of Georgia, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, Colonel George R. Pack, of Chicago, will be orator of the day, and Henry Watterson, of Kentucky, the veteran editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, will be master of ceremonies and preside at the auspicious occasion. Many of the last surviving generals of the Confederacy and other eminent men will be present. Secretary of War Jacob M. Dickson, who was a fellow-townsmen of General Lee at Columbus, has expressed his keenest regrets that official duties would prevent him from being present.

The well known sculptor, Henry Hudson Kitson, of Quincy, Mass., who designed the statue, will be present to direct the placing of his handwork. He is the creator of many handsome monuments of various northern states already completed and dedicated in the Vicksburg national military park. In his work, he knew General Lee, then one of the park commissioners, and put his best efforts into this statue.

The unveiling of the monument will occur at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the national military park. Hospitable Vicksburg will welcome thousands of Mississippians and Louisianians with in her gates. Governor Noel, of Mississippi, and Sanders, of Louisiana, with their respective staffs, will be present and the division officers of the Confederate organization will arrive from Memphis on the morning of June 11.

Already the Vicksburg people have thrown heart and soul into the work of assisting in the exercises in an effort to make it one of the most memorable occasions since the siege of the historic city. Citizens committees have arranged for every detail, the local military companies will fire salutes and hundreds of school children will join in patriotic songs.

The statue is one of life size and represents General Lee in a moment of triumph after one of his victories in a skirmish about Vicksburg. It

stands on a redoubt in the military park near the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad on a commanding eminence. He was then in the full development of young manhood and the pose is both noble and heroic. The statue cost \$11,000. It is a tribute of affection from his only son, Blewitt Lee, of Chicago, Captain William T. Rigby, chairman of the Vicksburg national military park commission, and hundreds of veterans of the south, who followed the late general in battle and others who admired him. Rigby, although a Northern soldier, born in Iowa, was associated with General Lee when the latter was himself chairman of the park commission. In constant association he grew to love the modest southerner whose declining years were devoted to cementing the ties of brotherhood between the north and south. A little time before his death General Lee, Captain Rigby and Colonel John C. Everest, of Chicago, three members of the park commission, were making an inspection of the beautiful park, when they reached the railroad redoubt where General Lee's greatest victory was won. As they stood upon this eminence Captain Rigby went to General Lee and asked him to stand again upon the spot where he had directed the movements of his troops, explaining to him that years later, when he had passed away, he wanted a monument erected upon the very spot to commemorate his triumph. General Lee yielded to the request and said: "Rigby, you are all very good to me." Captain Rigby marked the spot and it is there the statue to General Lee will stand forever as a memorial.

Among the contributors to the statue fund was former President Roosevelt, who admired General Lee.

General Stephen Dill Lee was born at Charleston, South Carolina, September 22, 1825, and spent his boyhood in the Carolina's. He graduated from West Point in 1854 as first lieutenant of artillery. He was assigned to the Fourth United States artillery and was connected with that arm of the military service until he resigned in 1861 to cast his fortunes with the south to whose cause he offered his heart and sword. He was one of the two officers sent by General Beauregard to demand the surrender of Fort Sumter and when the order was refused commanded the nearest water battery to open fire. He was captain in Hampton's legion where he served until November, 1861, when he was commissioned major of artillery, and in 1862, was appointed lieutenant-colonel and gained distinction at Seven Pines and the battle of The Wilderness. In the Pope campaign in 1862 he was promoted to be colonel. Late in that year he was appointed a brigadier general by President Jefferson Davis and assigned to duty in the western division of the Confederate states. He was thereafter engaged in all the campaigns and movements that preceded the investment and fall of Vicksburg. After the surrender at Vicksburg he was paroled and later exchanged. In the latter part of 1863 he was named major general and the following year was made lieutenant general, being given command of the department of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Eastern Louisiana, and at the close of the war was campaigning in North Carolina.

After the war he was elected a state senator from Lowndes county, Mississippi, where he made his home. He resigned from that position to become first president of the agricultural and mechanical college at Starkville. He retired from this position when commissioned a member of the Vicksburg national military park by President McKinley and became chairman of that body. He led a busy and active life in connection with the perfection of the great park system of which he was one of the founders.

## TWO HUNDRED REPORTED KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE.

By Associated Press. Padang, Sumatra, June 9.—The town of Korinchi, one hundred and eighty five miles south east of here was destroyed by an earthquake, on the night of June third. Two hundred persons were killed and many others injured. The shock was accompanied by a tidal wave, which swept away the native huts.

## EMPLOYES MUST CUT OUT TRAVEL

Too Much Travel to Guthrie by Employees of State Institutions is Opinion of Attorney General.

Guthrie, Okla., June 9.—Too much expense for travel to Guthrie by employees of the different state institutions has caused Charles West, attorney general, to address a letter to Governor Haskell and to William Cross, secretary of state, recommending that each of the different state boards adopt a rule that no employee of an institution under its control shall come to Guthrie unless sent for by proper authority, and that in an emergency an absence for not more than forty-eight hours may be given by the heads of departments.

The state board of education and the state board of prison control have adopted a rule of this kind, upon motion of Attorney General West, who is a member of these boards. For his own department Attorney General West has promulgated a rule that all vouchers for travel shall be accompanied by a written statement that the travel was for the public service.

## PICTURES WANTED BY THE STATE GEOLOGIST

Prof. Gould, state geologist is anxious to secure as many Oklahoma views as possible, particularly views illustrating natural resources such as mines, quarries, mills, industrial plants, rock ledges, water falls, rivers, farm scenes, and in fact, anything which will aid in advertising Oklahoma.

It is the intention of the geological survey to issue a number of reports on various mineral and industrial subjects and the pictures are needed for illustrations. Any one having such views, will confer a favor by addressing the state geologist at Norman.

## TAKE OPTION ON COLLEGE GROUNDS

Catholic Church May Buy Property And Establish Largest School in State in Vinita.

Father Charles Van Hulse has on behalf of the Catholic church, taken a thirty day's option on the building and twenty acres of the old Willie Halsell college property in the north part of town. The option calls for a consideration of \$17,000 and if the deal is made it is understood that a convent will be established here that will be the leading Catholic school in Oklahoma.

The Willie Halsell college property is splendidly located for such an institution, and the general healthful surroundings make Vinita a good school town.

## M'CLAIN COUNTY HOLDS FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Guthrie, Okla., June 8.—A good farmers institute for McClain county was held at Purcell last Saturday. The officers elected were as follows: J. E. Givens, president; S. L. Williams, vice president; H. Garland, secretary; W. T. Williams, delegate; M. F. Givens, alternate.

## OKLAHOMA CITY IS AFTER CONVENTION

Special Train Bearing 500 Veterans Leaves Oklahoma City to Attend Reunion at Memphis.

Oklahoma City, Okla., June 8.—A special train bearing 500 Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans, sponsors and maids of honor, left here yesterday for Memphis, Tenn., to attend the annual reunion of Confederate Veterans. With the party was Governor Haskell and wife and daughter, Major General Cross, commanding the Oklahoma department, with his entire staff.

On their arrival at Memphis the Oklahoma delegation will at once open the flight to land the 1910 reunion for Oklahoma City, and in this effort General Brant Krik of the Oklahoma Sons of Veterans, General Cross and E. J. Gliddings will make addresses in Oklahoma City's behalf. In this the Oklahoma delegation is backed by the Chamber of Commerce. An effort was made last year to get the reunion for this city this year, but on account of a lack of hotel facilities at present, occasioned by the destruction by fire of one of the largest hotels in the city, the effort was abandoned, with the determination to go for it this time. By the reunion time of next year, Oklahoma City will have a number of new hotels completed.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN VINITA

At a meeting held in the Commercial Club rooms the business men of Vinita decided on another celebration this year. After their success of last year there was much enthusiasm regarding this year's celebration and the plans laid out call for one of the greatest celebrations ever held in Oklahoma. The committees have been appointed and are now actively engaged getting things in readiness. Mr. Walter Monroe, who gave such valuable assistance to the business men last year, has been engaged this year and will again have charge of the publicity department, he will also give his personal attention to the fire works display and he promises something new in that line and a display that will surpass last year's. There will be several new features added to this year's program of a new and novel nature, which will make it one of the greatest celebrations held here in years and a good time is assured to all. As Independence Day comes on Sunday this year, Monday, July 5, has been decided as the date.

## NEW TRIAL GRANTED TO DANIEL E. NAUGHTON.

By Associated Press. Jefferson City, Mo., June 8.—Daniel E. Naughton, former assistant clerk of the St. Louis house of delegates, was granted a new trial on the charge of bribery, for which he was convicted in February, 1908, by the state supreme court.

## CONCERT SINGER ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT IS BROKEN.

By Associated Press. New York, June 8.—It was announced today by Mary Adele Case, the concert singer, that she has broken her engagement to marry Claus Spreckles, the third, of San Francisco, and will soon start for Seattle alone.

## HEAVY WIND DOES DAMAGE IN KANSAS.

By Associated Press. Wichita, Kans., June 8.—The western part of Harvey county suffered considerable damage from a high wind and hail last night. Several small buildings and box cars were blown away. At Patterson three inches of rain fell. It is believed the crops are not damaged seriously.

## LIVE WIRE KILLS TWO LINEMEN AT ENID.

By Associated Press. Enid, Okla., June 8.—While working at the top of an electric light pole here today, James Bloodsworth, a lineman, came in contact with a wire carrying twenty-four hundred volts of electricity. A companion, June Weekly, in trying to rescue him became entangled in the wire also, and both hung suspended for eleven minutes before the stupefied companions cut the wire. Both died.