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## CANNON TO FINISH HIS KANSAS TOUR

In His Speech the Speaker Made a Bitter Attack on Bristow, Reading From Manuscript.

FROM TUESDAY'S PAILY.

Burlingame, Kans., July 19.—Speaker Cannon talked to an audience of about one thousand persons here last night in Summer Park. Mayor J. T. Pringle introduced Congressman Miller who presented Speaker Cannon. A band met the speaker and party at the train. At Orange City the speaker at the request of Congressman Miller, made a rear platform speech to about one hundred persons. Speaker Cannon was full of energy and fire last night in spite of his speech lasting an hour and forty-five minutes at Emporia. He seems to have recovered completely from his "collapse" at Winfield. Comparatively last night's meeting was the best Cannon has had in Kansas. The town has two thousand population and the attendance was fully one thousand. There were many in the audience who wanted to ask questions.

"How about zinc? How about rubber? How about Murdock and Bristow?" were questions projected at the speaker.

"Remind me about Bristow and rubber," he said, turning to Congressman Miller. Then the speaker made an old-fashioned tariff speech.

He criticized Bristow again for voting against the Payne bill.

"Bristow, you had a chance to cut the iron and steel duties in two. To reduce lumber to \$1.25. You had a chance to reduce the chemical schedule and you stand and vote against it when defeat would have left the Dingley law on the statute books and he says Aldrich stands for the interests and Cannon stands for the interests. I am for the people. He don't have to prove it, he confesses."

The speaker declared the duties had been reduced more than the platform justified.

"But in the main it is a protection law and the duties levied are lower than any duties since 1860."

Speaker Cannon got up at 7:30 this morning, ate a leisurely breakfast and at 9:25 o'clock took the Rock Island train for Alma, where he spoke at 11 this morning. Cannon will follow the Alma speech with a speech at Harrington at 2 o'clock this afternoon, at the conclusion of which he will take a special train to Marion, where he speaks tonight. Cannon expects to leave Marion tonight for Danville, via Kansas City.

## PRESIDENT OF RAILWAY KILLED BY BURGLAR

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., July 20.—Ira G. Row, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railway, was shot through the heart and instantly killed this morning by a burglar, who entered his summer home in Winnetka, a suburb, fifteen miles north of Chicago.

The burglar forced open the basement door and was heard prowling about the first floor by Row, who went down stairs to investigate. Members of his family heard him say: "What do you want here," and the shot was fired immediately afterward. When they hurried to the first floor Row was lying dead at the foot of the stairs with a bullet hole through his heart. The murderer or murderers escaped.

## MAYOR REPORTS SALE OF TWO VINITA BOND ISSUES

By Associated Press.

City Recorder A. J. Green last night received a message from Mayor O. L. Rider, who is in Chicago, stating that he had succeeded in selling both of the bond issues recently voted for the purpose of paying the excessive indebtedness of the city and for the extension of the city water works system. The sale of these bonds will enable the city to enlarge the city reservoir and to pay for the two wells now being drilled. The mains will also be extended to supply houses now off the present system.

## LONDON MINISTER FOUND DEAD IN NEW YORK

By Associated Press.

New York, July 20.—Arthur Hall, of London, a Cambridge man and member of an eccentric club of London, was found today in a lonely part of Colonial Park, with a bullet wound in his mouth. He died before the hospital was reached. A revolver lay near where the body was found.

The suicide was positively identified this afternoon by his wife, as Rev. Athelstan Arthur Hall, who came to this country from England eight months ago, with the intention of finding a pastorage. Mrs. Hall said her husband was a man of means and of good standing and that he had everything to live for. She was unable to account for the act.

## IOWA GOVERNOR INDICTED FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Ia., July 20.—Governor Carroll, of Iowa, was indicted for criminal libel by the Polk county grand jury today. It is alleged that the governor made libelous statements concerning John Cownie, former chairman of the state board, in an article setting forth the reason why he demanded Cownie's resignation.

The governor was not placed under arrest but was notified by the sheriff that the indictment had been returned against him. Attorney M. H. Cohen entered an appearance for the governor. The governor was permitted to remain at liberty without bond.

## UNUSUAL DECREASE IN BANK DEPOSITS

Bank Commissioner Cockrell Issues Consolidated Statement of Condition of State Banks.

Guthrie, Okla., July 20.—A decrease of \$4,447,193.19 in the deposits of Oklahoma state banks between January 31, 1910, and June 30, 1910, is shown by the consolidated statement issued yesterday by Bank Commissioner E. B. Cockrell. The total deposits on January 31 were \$49,928,744.04, and on June 30, \$45,481,550.85. While some shrinkage usually is expected in bank deposits at this time of the year on account of money being withdrawn to move crops, the decrease this year seems to be greater than usual. Last year a comparison between the statements of February 5, 1909, and June 23, 1909, covering practically the same period, showed an increase in deposits of \$7,552,224.02. That increase was unusually large because of conversions by a very large number of national banks during that period, but the conversions do not seem to account entirely for the difference between conditions then and now, amounting altogether to nearly \$12,000,000.

The present report also shows a decrease in the average reserve held from 40.2 per cent to 35.5 per cent. On June 23, 1909, the average reserve was 42.3 per cent.

As a result of Bank Commissioner Cockrell's campaign against overdrafts, that item has been out almost in two, being decreased from \$1,313,004.66 to \$710,526.36. The loans and discounts have increased from \$38,407,890.35 in January to \$41,446,331.10 in June, while the amount due from banks has shrunk from \$16,634,323.34 to \$12,789,247.70, and the cash on hand from \$4,092,807.66 to \$4,015,198.23. The number of banks has increased from 668 to 691, and the total capital from \$10,679,800 to \$11,410,300.

More Damage in Canada.

By Associated Press.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 19.—Brush fires are again blazing in the Kooletonia district of the Rockies and caused five deaths and an enormous damage to property yesterday. The most serious losses were in the Kaslo district.

Murphy Vigorously Attacks Cannon.

Emporia, Kans., July 19.—Representative Junior Murdock (of Wichita, in 44th Congress) here this afternoon vigorously attacked Speaker Cannon and declared that fight of the "insurgents" in Congress has only just begun.

## TWO MEMBERS REFUSE TO STAND BY ENDORSEMENT

### Anti-Saloon League Splits up Over Action of Board of Directors in Endorsing Bill Murray for Governor--Caudill and Wyley Issue a Statement Regarding Matter--Favored the Endorsement of no Candidate

Oklahoma City, July 20.—The split in the Oklahoma anti-saloon league, as the result of the endorsement of Bill Murray for governor, which has been predicted, developed Tuesday, when two of the members of the board of directors in a public statement refused to stand by the Murray endorsement.

The two insurgent members of the board are W. J. Caudill of Hobart, Okla., who represented Kiowa county in the constitutional convention and the Rev. W. S. Wyley of Muskogee, a firm friend and supporter of Governor Haskell.

Prohibitionists in many sections of the state are refusing to stand by the Murray resolutions.

A bunch of Ada prohibitionists signed a statement Monday condemning the anti-saloon league resolutions.

The Oklahoman, chief Cruce organ, in an editorial printed Tuesday morning, hints that Murray had promised jobs to anti-saloon league leaders in return for their support.

Statement of Insurgents.

Following is the statement given out by Messrs. Caudill and Wyley, giving their reasons for opposing the Murray endorsement as made by the league's board of directors:

"We, the undersigned members of the board of directors of the Anti-Saloon league of the state, feel impelled to state to the public in general and to the prohibitionists especially our position with reference to the action of the board of directors at its recent meeting, held in Oklahoma City.

"First, we opposed the league endorsing any candidate for any office on the ground that we had no authority to do so. The Anti-Saloon League of Oklahoma is composed of various churches of many denominations, and so far as we know not a single local league within the state had in any way expressed its preference for any candidate for office.

## ARRESTS CASHIER FOR PACIFIC EXPRESS CO.

Muskogee, Okla., July 21.—Cleveland Collier, cashier of the Pacific Express company, with offices at the M. O. G. railway depot, was arrested Tuesday night at his home, 422 East Broadway, charged with embezzling the aggregate amount of nearly \$1,000 of the company's money.

The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Joe Depew on a warrant sworn out before Judge Bailey by P. L. Tyler, inspector for the American Surety company, which was on Collier's bond and it is understood made his defalcation good with the express company. The specific charge against Collier is the embezzlement of \$57.80 May 23, last. His peculations, it is charged, were in small amounts, appropriated by him from time to time beginning soon after his employment by the company last March.

Produced 90 Bushels to Acre.

The most remarkable yield of oats ever reported in this section was that of the W. M. Mercer farm four miles east of town this year, when it is said 2,700 bushels of a fine grade of oats was threshed from the crop grown on the thirty acres of land. In other wards this land yielded 90 bushels to the acre which is a remarkable result in any state.

Wasn't Killed By Burglar.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., July 21.—Ira G. Rown committed suicide and the Chicago police will drop the investigation and search for the murderer," said Herman Schuetzler, acting chief of police today.

Therefore we could not even presume to know the desires and wishes of our prohibition people in this regard.

"We believe that there should have been called some sort of mass meeting, county conventions, or in some way some expression should have been had from the leagues throughout the state before the board of directors acted in this matter, and inasmuch as this was not done our prohibition people in a matter so vital as the selection of their candidate for governor.

"It is a very grave responsibility for twelve men behind closed doors to assume to select a candidate for any office in the absence of any expression from the league's constituency, and we could not assume this responsibility, thereby establishing a dangerous precedent for all time to come.

"Second. We opposed the league's action for the reason that we are facing the question of the re-submission of the liquor traffic to a vote of the people.

"As this is the main business of the league, and inasmuch as the various candidates for office have their friends and supporters among our prohibition people, we felt that it would be exceedingly hazardous for us to take any stand with regard to candidates for governor or for any other office at this time, needing as we will the united strength of all our forces in the coming re-submission battle which confronts us.

"In making this statement we do so, not in the interest of any candidate or of any political party, but purely and simply in the interest of the prohibition cause and the people of our state, as we see it.

"W. J. CAUDILL,

Hobart, Okla.

"W. S. WILEY,

Muskogee, Okla."

## QUALIFICATIONS OF VOTERS IN PRIMARY AUGUST 2

A question frequently asked is: "Can a person who will be a legal voter November 8, next, register now, and vote at the August 2nd primary?"

The county attorney decides in the affirmative and the county election board has so held since its appointment, in May, 1908.

Authority is found in article 1, section 7, of the law approved May 29, 1908. The theory is that a "bona fide resident"—that is the term used—may properly assist in the selection of a ticket for which he will be qualified to vote.

A matter that is to be borne in mind is that a present resident of a ward who neglects to register by the last Saturday night in this month at nine o'clock cannot be registered and vote at the November election. The law, by its provisions, seeks to enlist the service of every male citizen in the nomination of the several tickets, as thereby is better government to be expected.

Oklahoma Postmasters Elect Officers.

Muskogee, Okla., July 21.—The first annual convention of the Oklahoma Postmasters' Association closed here last night with the election of officers and the selection of Guthrie as the next year's meeting place. The officers: President, F. A. Atkinson, Lawton; secretary treasurer, H. Jennings, ton; secretary treasurer, N. Jennings, Claremore; five vice presidents in each of the congressional districts as follows: First, J. P. Becker, Medford; second, Charles Watson, El Reno; third, C. Byrd, Wagoner; fourth, L. H. Smith, Wilburton; fifth, R. H. Row, Bristow.

## NO DECISION UNTIL AFTER SUMMER VACATION

Muskogee, Okla., July 21.—Attorneys for various counties in the Creek and Cherokee nations and W. J. Gregg, representing the United States government, argued before Judge R. E. Campbell in the federal court the injunction cases brought by the government restraining the various counties from collecting taxes on Indian lands. A temporary order was granted by Judge Campbell last January, made returnable yesterday. The question involved is whether taxes can be collected on lands that remain in the hands of original allottees, the lands of fullblood heirs, minors and all homesteads. The contention of the state is that all lands that are alienable are taxable. The government contends that if the land still remains in the hands of the original allottee it is nontaxable. Some of the same questions are involved that were brought up in the 30,000 land suits brought by the government. Charles Moore, of the attorney general's office of Guthrie, is here in the interest of the state. Judge Campbell announced that he would not hand down a decision until after he had returned from his summer vacation.

## SEVERAL AGENTS LOSE THEIR JOBS

Local Agent W. H. Deck Admits Receipt of His Discharge But Knows Nothing of the Other Agents.

It is reported in railroad circles that twenty-one of the agents, who have long been in the Frisco employ have been notified that they were discharged as soon as the auditor can check them out. It is said that Charles Fretiman, who has been agent at Neosho, Mo., for thirty-two years is included in this wholesale dismissal of agents. When questioned about the matter this morning local agent, W. H. Deck said that he knew nothing of the discharge of the other agents, but that he had received notice of his dismissal from the service, and that he is expecting the auditor here at any time to check him out.

The failure of employees under Mr. Deck to perform their duties is said to be the reason for Mr. Deck's discharge. Mr. Deck had asked for the removal of a certain employe last fall and the company had not removed him. To the failure of this man to do his duty Mr. Deck credits his own discharge.

Mr. Deck has been the most popular agent the Frisco has ever had at this point and the business men of the city will regret his departure from the service and were ready to exert every possible influence to have Mr. Deck retained but the agent asked them to take no such step as he desired to quit the Frisco.

After he is checked out here, Mr. Deck will go to some other road, and the city will lose not only one of its best citizens, but will lose his family as well.

## FORMER BANKER GOES TO LEAVENWORTH PRISON

Guthrie, Okla., July 21.—After a legal fight of five years' duration, Charles E. Billingsley of Guthrie, former president of the defunct Capital National Bank of Guthrie, left for the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, today, to begin serving a sentence of seven years and five months for falsifying entries in his bank books.

The failure of the Capital National bank of Guthrie, with net liabilities of \$700,000, in 1905, was, with the exception of the Columbia Bank and Trust company, the biggest bank failure in Oklahoma. More than \$100,000 of territorial funds were caught in the failure, and the state is still due approximately \$65,000 from the receiver-ship. The bank has, to date, paid out 65 per cent, and still has considerable assets left.

Billingsley was convicted of falsifying entries to deceive the bank commission after a long and hard legal fight, and his conviction was affirmed by the United States circuit court of appeals three months ago.

## SUMMON WITNESSES FOR INVESTIGATION

Committee Will Make Thorough Investigation of All Dealings With Indian Tribes in Oklahoma.

Washington, July 21.—Robert Persons, clerk of the special committee appointed by Speaker Cannon to investigate the charge of bribery proffered by Senator Gore of Oklahoma, in the last days of the sixty-first congress, will leave for Muskogee tomorrow to secure quarters for the congressional committee and also for the purpose of summoning witnesses who may have knowledge of the alleged crooked work, to appear before the sessions. The committee will assemble at Muskogee on August 4.

Senator Gore, who stirred up the hornet's nest, it is now said, would have preferred to have let the matter rest until after the fall elections, but Representative Charles H. Burke, chairman of the committee, thinks otherwise and will assemble the committee on August fourth and proceed to probe matters to the very depth at once regardless of who may be inconvenienced by the investigation, prior to the fall election. It is the intention of Chairman Burke to clear up this entire matter before the election and have his report ready to file immediately upon the re-assembling of congress in December.

The committee will make a thorough investigation of not only all of the circumstances connected with certain contracts now said to exist by and between J. N. McMurray, an attorney of McAlester, Okla., but "any person or persons and the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes of Indians of Oklahoma, or of any other of the civilized tribes, the Osage Indians or any member thereof; this to include bribery, fraud or any undue influence that may have been exercised on behalf of the approval or procuring of paid contracts on them."

The committee is composed of Charles H. Burke of South Dakota, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs; Phillip P. Campbell of Kansas; Clarence B. Miller of Minnesota; John H. Stevens of Texas and E. W. Saunders of Virginia.

## THOUSANDS WILL GO TO MEXICO IN SEPTEMBER

Mexico City, July 21.—Visitors who will flock here from all corners of the earth next September, when this nation will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of her independence, will be delighted with the imposing statues that have helped to make the Paseo de la Reforma, the boulevard to the "White House of Mexico," very famous.

A description of the statue of Christopher Columbus, in the first "glorieta" is not amiss at this time. This great statue, noted for its beauty, was a gift to the city by Senor Antonio Escandon, and was unveiled in August, 1877. The monument, the work of a French sculptor stands on an octagonal gray granite plinth adorned with marquetry work in black stone reached by four flights of stone steps, and flanked by eight graceful iron posts, each one holding a cluster of five lamps. A well kept little garden, with parterres of flowers, is encircled by 40 volcanic stone pillars and a heavy iron chain.

Rising from the center of the socle is a quadrangular shaft of red granite supporting four seated figures, all of heroic size, and the central statue.

The figure of Columbus, the great navigator, is strikingly attractive. He stands facing the east, uncovring, with his left hand, the New World stretched out before him. With his right he gives thanks to heaven for his success.

On the east face of the pedestal are the coat of arms of Columbus, with the lion and the castle.

Was She Grippen's Companion?

By Associated Press.

Bourges, France, July 21.—The young woman who committed suicide at a hotel here on July 13, is now believed to have been Ethel Clara Lonewa a companion of Dr. Grippen. There are striking points of resemblance. The woman was a foreigner and gave the name of Jessie Maze. The police of Paris and London have been notified.