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DESTRUCTION OF DOGS AND RABBITS

ERNEST G. HOLT OF BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY VISITS SNYDER OFFICIALLY

COUNTY ASKED TO CO-OPERATE

The Matter of Furnishing Poison by County Subject to Petition of the Citizens

In response to an appeal from the Chamber of Commerce and citizens of the County, the Federal government has sent a representative to Snyder to inaugurate a campaign for the extermination of the prairie dog and jack rabbit, which abound in this part of the state and which are two of the worst pests that the farmer has to contend with.

Mr. Ernest G. Holt, of the Bureau of Biological Survey has been in Snyder several days and has investigated the conditions in several districts in the county, and will continue his work until the 15th of this month when he leaves for Alabama on a short vacation, covering the Christmas season. Up to his leaving he will cover as many parts of the county as possible and demonstrate the best methods for the poisoning of the dogs and rabbits.

Already Pleasant Hill, White Bluff, Ira, Dunn and Plainview have been visited and arrangements have been made for Fluvanna, Knapp, Crowder and other places.

On Monday, Mr. Holt met the Commissioners Court and laid the plans of the government before them with a view of getting their co-operation in supplying the poison either free to the farmer or at cost. The commissioners discussed the matter and determined to put it up to the people to ascertain their wishes in the matter. Petitions are being signed and will be presented to Commissioners asking them to act in the matter and supply the poison either free or at cost as they may determine.

Mr. Holt is being accompanied on his visits by Wm. Pearn of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Any information on the work being done can be obtained by communicating either with Mr. Holt, Mr. Anderson or Mr. Pearn and anyone desiring a visit can see Mr. Pearn who has the arranging of meetings and demonstrations. After the vacation Mr. Holt will return to Snyder and spend a month in extermination work and it is hoped that every farmer and land owner will co-operate and destroy the dogs and rabbits.

CHANGE OF EXPRESS AGENTS IN SNYDER

Mr. J. F. Stoabs from Hereford has been installed here this week as agent for the Wells-Fargo Express Company. Mr. Hetlaun who has been agent here for some while has been transferred to Lubbock.

Mr. Stoabs has a wife and four children and will move them here as soon as he can procure a residence. Three of his children are old enough to attend school.

PRESIDING ELDER GRISWOLD TO BE HERE SUNDAY

Pastor R. A. Stewart of the Methodist church authorizes the announcement that Presiding Elder Griswold will be here Saturday and will hold the quarterly conference Saturday night and will preach at the Methodist church Sunday, morning and night.

Exploded Bomb Rocket

Nearly everybody in Snyder was aroused Monday night by a loud report like an explosion. Some thought a gas boiler had blown up and some feared the light plant had gone to atoms. It was learned the next day that some boys had sent up a rocket bomb and it exploded in midair.

Marriage License Record.

L. C. Pitts and Miss Pearl Hunt.
Edwin Thompson and Virzia Newton.
J. E. Dalton and Miss Jessie Lee Gee.

TREATY MAKING TO BE BIG PROBLEM

MANY TREATIES AWAIT THE ACTION OF UNITED STATES SENATE

COLOMBIAN TREATY DOUBTFUL

Foreign Policy of United States Will Be Second in Importance Only to National Defense Program

Washington Nov. 27.—Treaty making the most delicate and difficult of diplomatic tasks, is today a stupendous field facing the state department and the United States senate. Uncle Sam's family affairs in the international family of nations promises to engross public attention for many months. Foreign relations of this country, it is admitted, will occupy many weeks before the senate during the coming session of congress. Foreign affairs, it is conceded, will take only second place to national defense in congress' business program.

A dozen treaties if not more, await the action of the senate. The State department is negotiating others, some of may be ready for congress when it meets. In addition, diplomatic negotiations and international disputes due to the war may result in still others. Ratification by the senate is necessary to make them binding upon the United States or effective with the signatory nations.

To Take Up Old Ones.

As unfinished business, left over from the last session of congress, the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties probably will be taken up immediately by the senate early in December. Both have met and are expected to meet strenuous opposition.

The Colombian treaty, proposed by former Secretary of State Bryan proposes payment to Colombia of $25,000,000 as compensation for her loss of Panama when this government was involved in the Panama revolution, which ultimately gave the United States the Panama canal zone.

The Nicaraguan treaty proposes payment of $3,000,000 in exchange for an exclusive grant to the United states the right to use the Nicaraguan route for canal purposes.

General opinion here is that the Nicaraguan treaty probably will be ratified, but there is grave doubt regarding the Colombian treaty. It is hinted in official circles that Mr. Bryan was personally insistent upon the Colombian treaty and with him out of the cabinet the administration may not so vigorously insist upon its ratification.

Also pending for final conclusion are the so-called Bryan peace treaties with Germany and Austria. The Teutonic allies have never ratified these conventions although approving their principle.

To Settle Fish Disputes

Settlement of the fisheries boundary waters dispute with Canada by treaty is another serious diplomatic problem pending. This treaty would fix rights of Canadian and American fishermen in boundary waters, affecting principally commercial fishermen along the Great lakes and in New England. This treaty also failed of ratification at the last session of congress.

Another dispute with Canada to be settled by treaty is to regulate commercial power site now at Niagara Falls.

For years the two countries have negotiated and had commissions working, also with New York State, to preserve the Falls and yet permit use of its waters to generate electric power.

Operation of the La Follette seaman's law is also expected to result in more treaty making. Over a score of treaties bearing upon life saving labor and other shipping conditions are affected by the new law.

The postmaster general is negotiating a number of new postal conventions, reducing postage and parcel post rates, principally with Latin-American countries.

Other Pan-American treaties, with South and Central American countries, to extend commercial relations are under consideration.

Busy Days Ahead for President Wilson

W.C.T.U. BANNER CONTEST SUNDAY

Quite a large crowd assembled at the Christian Church Sunday afternoon for the Temperance service given under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Once a year this organization sets up a banner contest among the Sunday schools. The exercises are set to touch sections on Temperance and the children like to take their parts. The contest was between the Presbyterian, the Christian and the Methodist schools. The songs, readings and drills were entertaining and instructive.

After all parts had been rendered the committee awarded the banner to the Christian school.

OFF TO WASHINGTON, D. C. AFTER NATIONAL CONVENTION

A few days ago Mayor Noble received a letter from the Mayor of Dallas asking that a representative citizen of Snyder be sent with the Texas delegation to Washington City to meet the National Democratic Executive Committee to urge that the National Convention be held in Dallas.

After consultation with a number of men the mayor appointed Mr. J. P. Chambless of the Snyder Signal to go with the crowd and take care of Snyder's greeting.

Mr. Chambless left Wednesday evening for Dallas where he will join up with about 150 other representatives. They will make the trip over the Cotton Belt. Leave Dallas December 2 at 9 a. m. in special train via Memphis, Birmingham, Atlanta, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Roanoke, Lynchburg arriving in Washington at 1 p. m., December 3rd. The Convention is on, December 7th and will be in session Monday and Tuesday, December 7 and 8.

An Old Citizen Here.

Squire D. F. Willis an old time citizen of Snyder, but now resident of Sweetwater, was here Saturday visiting his son, C. W. Willis, and incidentally paid an appreciated visit to the Signal editor. Mr. Willis is a loyal Ex-Confederate veteran and always enjoys meeting old friends and recounting incidents of former years.

Mr. J. A. J. Jones one of the most solid citizens of the Fluvanna country and Mr. H. H. Haynes the popular and faithful station agent at Fluvanna were in Snyder Saturday and visited the Signal office.

AUTOMOBILE HITS FARMER'S HORSE

Last Saturday as Mr. T. H. Green was returning, riding horseback, to his home near Dermott, he was met by an automobile which ran into him and broke his horse's leg. The car bore the number of 422. The driver said his name was W. L. Jones and that he lived at Sweetwater.

Sheriff Merrell took the matter up with Sweetwater parties and is informed that such a man is not known there and that the number on the car is higher than that county goes. Mr. Merrell has learned from responsible source that the man was not from Sweetwater but from Lubbock and that his name is not Jones. The sheriff has the correct name of the Lubbock owner of No. 422.

WILSON TO ASK LAW TO PUNISH FIRE PLOTTERS

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson's address to congress next week not only will treat upon greater preparedness for national defense, but will call to the attention of Congress the explosions and fires in American industrial plants.

The President intends to recommend that the Sherman law be amended to include severe penalties for such restraints of trade. Any division in the ranks of American citizens whose sympathies with the warring belligerents may have led to excesses will be emphatically condemned as no American by the President.

In several recent speeches the President has spoken of "America first" and called upon Americans to stand united. That he considered the situation of sufficient importance to bring to the attention of Congress however, had not generally been realized.

The President is expected to refer to the subject in his address in connection with a general statement that the United States can be really prepared only if all its citizens stand together and repel outside influences.

H. H. Baird of Hobbs was here the week to visit his son who is attending the Snyder Public Schools. Mr. Baird called on the Signal, paid up his subscription in advance and added two very large turnips to the Chamber of Commerce Agricultural exhibit.

Mr. Fred E. Connell, late of Pittsburg, Texas, has accepted a position as prescription clerk with Graham Drug Co.

A. J. GRANTHAM BURNED TO DEATH

MANAGER OF LARGE MERCANTILE CONCERN AT GREGORY, TEXAS

SNYDER RESIDENT 25 YEARS

Active in County and City Affairs—Was Superintendent of Methodist Sunday School for 21 Years.

The people of Snyder were deeply shocked Thursday when a telegram was received here from H. A. Eubank, of Corpus Christi, which said:

"Mr. A. J. Grantham burned to death this morning at 2 o'clock when their home burned. Burial this afternoon. Signed H. A. Eubank."

Mr. Grantham was a resident of Snyder for about 25 years and moved from here to the Corpus Christi country about three years ago and has been manager of a large mercantile house at Gregory, Texas.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Grantham and two brothers, L. D. and Roscoe and a sister, Mrs. H. F. Brazeal, still live here.

A. J. Grantham was a prominent and active citizen. He served a term as County and District Clerk, was a member of the city council and of the board of school trustees for several years. He was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for twenty years and never missed being on hand every Sunday when in town.

He was engaged much of the time in merchandising and was manager of the Snyder Mercantile Company when that big institution was started a few years ago.

The Signal joins the entire Scurry of the surviving relatives in their bereavement.

BOYHOOD FRIENDS MEET AFTER MANY YEARS

Mr. R. S. Davis of Oakland, California, has been the guest of his old time friend, J. W. Templeton. These men were born together in the piney woods of East Texas and they admit lots of things that were done in their boyhood days, but it may be suspected that they mutually know some things of which they are not telling. Mr. Davis says they have seen lots of the world together, but he couldn't get Jim to stay with him in the Golden West.

Mr. Templeton is now a successful merchant in Snyder and Mr. Davis is in real estate business all over California.

Mr. Davis is a brother of Dr. Davis of Doby and Cyclone Davis of Texas. The fact of being a brother of Cyclone causes a Texan to look at him twice, for it is probable that nine tenths of the men, women and children in Texas have never yet heard of Cyclone Davis.

Mr. Davis doesn't believe that his brother will have little enough competition to run against Ferguson for Governor. He and Mr. Templeton both personally know C. H. Mayes of Winnsboro, who has announced for governor and they say he couldn't beat anybody.

A Centenarian.

Miss Lelia Porter and her mother went to Mineral Wells the past week to be present at the celebration of the 100th birthday of their Grand Father D. C. Doty.

Miss Lelia added a take for the occasion which was to arrive in January and seven inches high. She decorated it with a hundred candles.

Still Boring Wells.

I. T. Caldwell who has been boring for water for several weeks on the "22" or Hart ranch in Kent county came in last Saturday with his well rig and has contracts ahead for several other wells. He got plenty of water up there at a depth of 275 feet.

Caldwell is well fitted for drilling and whenever he starts down after water he gets it.

J. M. Richardson was here Tuesday from Dunn and reported crop gathering nearly done.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTED

COMPOSED OF CITIZENS FROM OVER COUNTY, ONE MEMBER-AT-LARGE

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF POISON

Matter of Furnishing Poison for Eradication Purposes Referred to People of County.

The County Commissioners' Court was in session Monday. There were present County Judge C. R. Buchanan; Commissioners G. W. Brown, H. F. Durgin and J. H. Autry. The Court proceeded to elect a county board of school trustees whose duty it will be to have general supervision of the educational affairs of the county. The new board consists of W. A. Kincanon of Snyder, W. B. Dase of Fluvanna, A. Rhoades of Ira, A. C. Tate of Hermleigh and E. C. Dodson for the county at large.

E. C. Dodson and A. C. Tate will hold their place until the general election of trustees in April 1916 and the other three members will hold office until the general election of trustees in April 1917.

Application was made to the Court with request that they purchase poison with which to kill prairie dogs and jack rabbits, but since the law does not command the court to do for this purpose, the court preferred to have the matter carried to the people of the county to get the trend of public sentiment. To that end petitions are being circulated for signatures of citizens asking the Court to purchase the necessary poison for the extermination of the pests. The court adjourned without taking further action in the matter.

A WILSON DEMOCRAT

F. L. Townsend Advocates Ample Preparedness

Mr. F. L. Townsend was known on Tuesday for the first time in two weeks and was a pleasant caller at the Signal office. He says he is devoting most of his time now to caring for his pigs and calves. He takes time however, to keep read up on current events.

He has just as much confidence in President Wilson as he ever had and believes that when this period of American history goes into the books it will write Woodrow Wilson as the greatest president the Nation has ever had. He says he doubts if any other president ever had to contend with as many vexing and perplexing conditions and he has kept his head level and has carried this government along without loss of dignity or prestige to our country. He says Wilson is surpassed by none in his strong desire for world peace and we owe it largely to Mr. Wilson's wise, firmness and conservative firmness in refusing to be pulled into entanglements. Mr. Townsend is in full accord with the Administration's policy of putting the army and navy in position to defend our rights on sea and land.

Wedding Announcement.

The following announcement has been received by friends and relatives of Snyder: Mr. Jesse Hard announces the marriage of his daughter, Mary Lucille to Mr. Joseph Benjamin Buchanan, on Tuesday, November twenty-eight, 1915. Marfa, Texas.

The happy young couple will visit Snyder on an extended honey moon, arriving during the holidays.

Mr. A. M. Wamp was in town Saturday taking the news. He said he had his crop all gathered and has nothing to do now but sit up on his big plow and turn the soil.

P. V. Clark, H. G. Towle and W. W. Hamilton made a Thanksgiving trip to Brownfield. They experienced varied weather, sand storm, rain and snow, and yet they contend that they had a pleasant outing.

J. W. Haney of Route 1 says he has 44 bales of cotton yet unsold.