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VANDERBILT CAN ACCEPT BIG GIFT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WINS THE VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY CONTEST.

RELATIONS TO THE CHURCH

Appointments of Board of Trustees Subject to Confirmation by the General Conference.

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Nashville, Tenn.—The Supreme Court of Tennessee in a unanimous opinion fixed the relation of Vanderbilt University and the Southern Methodist church, and settled a terrific controversy which has menaced the determination with threats of a schism for 40 years.

The decision is against the contention of the bishops. It is in favor of the board of trustees. The bishops contended that the general conference was the source of authority; that the church was the founder of the university, and that the conference had the right to fill the vacancies on the board of trustees. The contention of the board of trustees was that the board was a self-perpetuating body; that Cornelius Vanderbilt was the founder of the university, and denied all the authority which the bishops claimed.

The decision of the court was in keeping with the contention of the board of trustees, except it held that while the board of trustees had the right to elect its own members, the general conference has authority to approve or reject such members. But whatever satisfaction might be gleaned from that announcement by the advocates of church control was ruthlessly shattered by the further holding of the court that the trustees elected by the board have a right to act until rejected by the general conference.

The natural conclusion is that when members of the board elected by the trustees are sent to the general conference, they will probably be rejected. This will result in a vacancy which the board of trustees may proceed to fill when the conference shall have adjourned. In a nutshell, the board of trustees must hereafter struggle along with Vanderbilt University as best they can, without the blessing of the bishops.

There is nothing in the decision on which the opponents of the board of trustees could base the slightest apprehension. It does not alter the method of control or management, which has been in vogue from the beginning.

The only significant factor of the decision is that the university emerges from the tangling limitations of sectarianism. Without restricting the university to the control of the bishops, the court in its opinion establishes irrevocably its relation with the general conference and identifies it with Southern Methodism so firmly it will ever stand as a monument to that denomination.

The animus of the suit had its inception in the proffer of a gift of \$1,000,000 from Andrew Carnegie as an endowment for the medical department. The trustees accepted the gift and the bishops of the church vetoed the action and rejected the gift.

The money will now be forthcoming. It will, it is believed, make the medical department the foremost in the south and the rival of the best in the country.

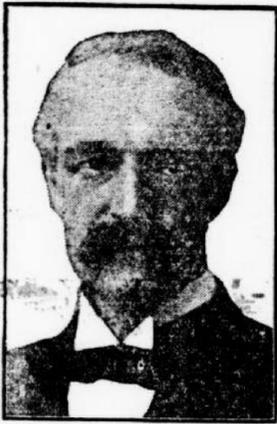
It will allow the board of trustees to carry out their plan of forming some sort of alliance with Peabody College, which they are said to have under contemplation, and add hundreds of students to Vanderbilt. On reliable information it is said that the trustees have reason to expect gifts of \$2,000,000 endowment for the academic department. These gifts, \$1,000,000 already proffered and \$2,000,000 reasonably certain, depend on the outcome of the law suit. An adverse decision would have meant the rejection of Mr. Carnegie's gift and the other would never have been offered.

Unemployed Issue a Daily. Los Angeles.—The "Unemployed Worker," a daily paper while it lasts, was issued from the camp of "General" Morris Roe's jobless army. Roe is editor-in-chief. The paper is to produce revenue and supply an alibi for every member accused of vagrancy. Each man is listed as editor, reporter, printer or newsboy. The first number chased Rockefeller, Huntington, Otis and other wealthy men as unemployed.

Washington.—Of 490,000 persons employed by the government last September 22,540 were negroes, who drew a combined salary of \$12,456,760 a year.

Bloody Fight in Durant Office. Durant, Okla.—E. L. Holland, 35 years old, a liveryman, was shot and killed. Patrolman Jack Simms had three fingers of his right hand cut off by a bullet and Patrolman Jim Kearney was shot in the side, when the officers called at Holland's office and ordered him to accompany them to his home. Holland drew a revolver from his desk and opened fire. The policemen returned the fire, retreating into the street. Holland followed them, falling dead outside his door.

GIFFORD PINCHOT



Gifford Pinchot, former chief of the United States, has announced his candidacy for the United States senate to succeed Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania. He is the unanimous choice of the Progressive leaders of the state.

WILSON WINNING ON TEST VOTES

PRESIDENT'S POWER IS DEMONSTRATED IN A GREAT LEGISLATIVE BATTLE.

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Washington.—President Wilson won the opening skirmish of the greatest legislative battle of his administration when the house, over bitter protests from recognized Democratic leaders and almost solid minority opposition, adopted a special rule for the consideration of the bill repealing the free tolls provision of the Panama act. Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdock headed those lined up against the administration, but the house responded to the president's personal appeal for prompt consideration of the repeal bill as a means of supporting his administration's foreign policy.

Two votes demonstrated the president's commanding influence with his party in Congress. On the first test, a motion to end debate and preclude amendment on the rule, carried by a vote of 297 to 176; the rule itself was adopted, 200 to 172.

Nothing to compare with the scene has occurred in the house since the famous fight against Speaker Cannon four years ago.

In vain Representative Underwood took the floor and urged his colleagues to vote against the rule. The rank and file Democrats after listening to three hours of passionate argument swung into the president's column, 195 of them voting to prevent the amendment of the special rule, while but 5 followed the leaders in joining with the minority in opposition.

Administration supporters consider the crucial point passed and jubilantly predicted the passage of the repeal bill itself Tuesday or Wednesday by a majority of more than 100.

The roll call taken in silence, the crowded floor and galleries tense with excitement after an hour of debate. Throughout the day the chamber had been crowded and the galleries filled to overflowing. Every influence available was brought to bear on doubtful members.

FRANK WILL GET A RESPITE

Extraordinary Motion for New Trial Day Before Time Set for Execution.

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Atlanta, Ga.—Notice that an extraordinary motion for a new trial for Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan, will be filed on April 16, the day before that set for the young factory superintendent's execution, has been served on the Superior Court here. The extraordinary motion will allege that new evidence favorable to Frank has been discovered since his conviction seven months ago.

Several affidavits signed by witnesses at the trial of Frank, allege that the affiants testified falsely against Frank. Others charge conspiracy of evidence against Frank, and others attempt to establish an alibi for him. An effort also is being made to prove that the notes found beside the factory girl's body were written in the basement of the National pencil factory, not in the office of Frank, as James Conley, negro factory sweeper and chief witness against the convicted superintendent testified.

To Regulate Cotton Future Trading.

Washington.—After the Senate had passed a bill to regulate cotton futures trading, Senator Kenyon, who, with others, had misunderstood an amendment to legalize pooling operations, moved for a reconsideration and paved the way for reopening the fight on the measure. The amendment would annul the Supreme Court decision in the Patten case that pooling with an agreement not to sell on an exchange, violates the Sherman law. There will be a hard fight on it.

OUR EXPOSITION OF BIG IDEAS

PRESS OF MISSISSIPPI ENTHUSIASTIC IN SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA PROJECT.

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New Orleans.—The solidarity of New Orleans and Mississippi in war, peace, politics and commerce, reflecting as it does the solid South, was never better illustrated than by the whole-souled manner in which the press and leaders of Louisiana's twin-sister state have indorsed and supported the New Orleans exposition of big ideas. From the very first the press of Mississippi from end to end of the state and from the Mississippi river to the Alabama line adopted as their slogan the commercial war cry used by a distinguished citizen of Natchez during the recent Mississippi Valley Immigration Convention held in New Orleans. It is: "New Orleans for the South and the South for New Orleans."

When the representatives of the exposition of big ideas went to Jackson last week they found that the leaders of Mississippi were fully alive to what New Orleans and Louisiana were doing. The plans, aims and ideas of the exposition found the same hearty support from the progressive citizens of Mississippi that has greeted the exposition by the foremost workers in every field throughout the United States.

The interests of Louisiana and Mississippi in New Orleans are identical. New Orleans is the great port of both states. The growth and prosperity of New Orleans means their growth and prosperity. Make New Orleans a great factory center, for instance, and the immense storehouses of Mississippi raw material will find a ready and profitable market.

The press of Mississippi has given much space to the exposition and what it means to the entire South, especially to the "twin states." The press of the entire state has heartily endorsed it and in doing so it has accurately reflected public opinion. Among the many enterprising papers of the state that have given the movement their able support from the first are: The Clarksdale Challenge, Water Valley Progress, The Waynesboro News-Beacon, The Crystal Springs Meteor, The Pascagoula Chronicle, Columbus Commercial, Summit Sentinel, Vicksburg Democrat, Scott County News, Greenville Democrat, Clarksdale Register, Laurel Argus, Natchez News and the Hattisburg News.

MAIL CARRIER DROWNED

Mansfield, La., Federal Employee Believed to Have Perished in Stream.

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Shreveport, La.—Colvin Pierce, a rural delivery carrier out of Mansfield, La., 60 miles south of Shreveport, is missing, and is believed to have been drowned while trying to find a place to cross a swollen stream. Posses searched the woods and dragged the creek beside the banks of which Pierce's hat was found, but did not locate the body. His wagon and mail sacks were found abandoned in the road.

Mrs. W. W. Wallis Elected.

Alexandria.—The sixth annual conference of the Louisiana chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution elected the following state officers: Mrs. W. W. Wallis of New Orleans, state regent; Mrs. Tiley Scovall, of Shreveport, vice state regent; Mrs. G. R. Mitchell, of Alexandria, treasurer; Mrs. H. Daspit, of New Orleans, corresponding secretary; Dr. Helen Flint, of Jennings, recording secretary; Mrs. John McCullough, of Shreveport, registrar; Miss Mary Hunter, of Alexandria, historian; Mrs. B. L. Price, of Alexandria, chaplain.

Big Steamer in the Teche.

Crowley.—The steamer Hyacinth, 100 feet long by 19 feet wide, came up to the Crowley landing Tuesday. Although the water in the bayou was low, deep water was found along the entire route. Some of the bends in the river will be cut out so as to enable large steamers to run freely down low water. Colonel Lansing H. Beachy and Major Edward F. Schultz conducted the inspection trip.

Distillers Will Buy Surplus Berries.

Ponchatoula.—A representative of a Northern distilling plant has contracted with the White Farmers' Association for all surplus berries from this season's crop. Both associations have negotiated for the sale of surplus fruit, but it looks like the surplus will be lacking.

Start on Big Road Project.

Lake Charles.—Work has started on Road No. 1 of the great million-dollar road improvement project of Calcasieu parish. The contractors are Rattcliffe & Clark, and the road will run east from Lake Charles to the Jefferson Davis parish line. This section of the road will be connected with the paving at the eastern end of Broad street and make a continuous paved highway to the Jefferson Davis line. The road will be brick crowned, nine feet wide, and the sides of gravel.

GOV. O. B. COLQUITT



Governor Colquitt of Texas who recently declared that if the Washington government did not take steps to protect the borders of Texas from the raids of Mexicans, he would use the Texas rangers for that purpose.

MISSISSIPPI CAPITAL SWEEP BY FLOOD

SMALL CREEK OVERFLOWED ITS BANKS AND INUNDATED BUSINESS SECTION.

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Jackson, Miss.—Revised estimates of the damage done by flood Saturday when Town creek, a usually shallow stream flowing through the center of the city overflowed its banks and inundated the entire business district, is placed at \$126,000.

More than 100 business houses suffered, including two big department stores; the Illinois Central freight depot; a cotton compress in which hundreds of bales of cotton were stored; a dozen or more wholesale houses; and the electric light plant, necessitating the stoppage of the street car traffic.

An ice cream factory stood six feet deep in water and was almost completely wrecked, while hundreds of negro cabins along the creek were inundated. Withers' garage, a brick structure built over the bed of the creek, was undermined and partially caved in. A new concrete bridge on Mill street was broken to pieces and washed away. Heavy damage was done in the freight depot, where two feet of water soaked many carloads of freight.

Capital street, the principal business street of the city, was under water for four blocks, while on Farish and Mill and Gallatin, intersecting streets, the water stood from six to eight feet deep. The Royal hotel was flooded to a depth of 18 inches. Just across the street 30 persons were marooned on the second floor of a large brick building. Heidelberg's furniture store was flooded to a depth of three feet and suffered damage of more than \$10,000.

No deaths have been reported, although one negro man said he had seen two negro boys struggling in the waters, but was unable to render assistance.

The waters receded nearly as fast as they rose and except for piles of debris and household effects that border the streets, there is no sign of the flood.

Mountain is Sliding Down.

Brive, France.—A large section of a mountain near here has become detached by seismic disturbances and is sliding down into a valley, sweeping everything in its path. Already a number of farms and cottages have been blotted out.

Country-Wide Search for Heir.

Kane, Pa.—A fortune of \$365,000 awaits Keith Dalrymple, aged 23, of Fort Allegheny, who disappeared from home seven years ago. Relatives have started a country-wide search. The fortune was left him by his father, an oil operator.

Japanese Dowager Empress Dying.

Tokyo.—The dowager empress, Haruko, is in a serious condition from angina pectoris.

An Attempt to Assassinate Zelaya.

Madrid.—A dispatch from Barcelona says an attempt was made to assassinate Joseph Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, at Casa, where Zelaya resides. A man who said his name was Rosas and who declared he was a Nicaraguan entered the residence of Zelaya and fired at the president, but missed. Rosas told the police that Zelaya, when president of Nicaragua, was responsible for the death of his uncle, and that he had been pursuing him ever since.

MASS MEETING SCORES THE COURT

ACQUITTAL OF THE LITTLES STILL A LIVE SUBJECT AT SHREVEPORT.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Shreveport.—District Judge Land and District Attorney Mabrey, who conducted the trial of Henry Little and his wife recently acquitted of the charge of murder in connection with the killing of J. J. Van Cleave, were scored in a committee report read at a mass meeting of citizens here.

The report was prepared by a committee of seven appointed at a mass meeting held several weeks ago at the time of the acquittal of the Littles, called to protest against the verdict.

The committee charged that the rulings of Judge Land were uniformly with the defense, "right or wrong." District Attorney Mabrey committed a "tactical error," the committee found, in taking the case up for trial on Saturday preceding two holidays. Attaches of the sheriff's office also were criticised because, it is alleged, liquor was permitted to be given the jurors.

The meeting adopted resolutions demanding a "more rigorous enforcement of the criminal laws with respect to both men and women."

At the first mass meeting demand was made that Little and his wife quit Shreveport.

LUMBER CONCERN BANKRUPT

Central Hardwood Lumber Company Shows \$105,590 Liabilities.

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New Orleans.—The Central Hardwood Lumber Company, of St. Martin parish, La., filed a petition in involuntary bankruptcy in the United States District court, showing liabilities of \$105,590.97, and assets valued at \$150,428.62. The concern was adjudicated a bankrupt a few days ago following a petition filed against it by the Diamond Iron Works and other creditors.

The list of liabilities include: Secured claims, \$57,409.70; unsecured claims, \$46,237.64; taxes, \$1,256.88; wages, \$503.73; other debts preferred by law, \$185. The assets of the firm are listed as follows: Real estate, \$66,239.36; cost of constructions, etc., \$32,057.31; other personal property, \$5,617.71; debts due on open accounts, \$565.80; deposits, \$4.17. Father Francois Rouge, of the Knipewater cure, is the principal secured creditor, holding mortgage notes to the amount of \$50,000, with \$7,000 interest. He also holds a claim of \$20,575.15 which is unsecured. Among the principal unsecured creditors are: The Commercial-Germania Trust and Savings Bank, \$10,000; Woodward, Wight & Co., \$1,668.82; J. Ed. Crusel, \$1,895; M. J. Voorhies, St. Martin, La., \$987; Texas Oil Company, \$532; and a number of other holding smaller claims.

TO BRING GIRL BACK HOME

Citizens of Winnfield and Vicinity Raising Fund for Rosa Sisson.

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Winnfield.—Citizens of Winnfield and vicinity will probably afford Rosa Sisson, the 13-year-old girl kidnaped four years ago by James M. Davis, now in prison at Middleport, Ohio, an early opportunity to return to the Southland for which her young heart yearns so strongly and unceasingly. A movement was started here Sunday by J. E. Clark and O. B. Thompson, both leading men of Winnfield, to raise a fund for the return of the girl to Winn parish and to provide a good home for her here. It is expected that before the end of the week the movement will have made material headway, if it has not successfully terminated.

While Davis took the girl away from Winn parish, it can not be actually said that he kidnaped her in a legal sense. Davis married the mother of the girl, although Rosa was not his child, and when left Winn parish with the girl in his possession, he told his wife that he intended to place her in a good school. That was the last Mrs. Davis ever heard of either Davis or the girl. The mother died two months ago without knowing whether her daughter was alive or dead. Constant grief over the fate of her missing child undoubtedly hastened her death, if it did not actually produce it.

Napoleonville.—For business reasons, Frank Bergeron tendered his resignation as mayor of Napoleonville. Dr. T. B. Pugh, one of the leading physicians, was named mayor by the town executive committee to fill the vacancy.

Bean Shipments Continue.

Ponchatoula.—Shipments of beans continue briskly despite cold weather. A special car is sent out daily to accommodate the vegetable shippers.

School Tax Voted Down.

Bayou Checot.—At the election in this parish on a special tax of 3 mills to enable the schools to run nine months, this box gave a majority against the tax. It is thought the whole parish voted likewise. Schools will close about April 12 as a result.

NEW PLAN FOR CONTROL OF RIVER

LOUISIANA STARTS MOVEMENT TO ASK UNCLE SAM TO TAKE FULL CHARGE.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

New Orleans.—A new boom independent of all others, for control of the Mississippi river by the Federal Government is about to be launched at New Orleans, and the call for united action on the part of every man in the Mississippi valley.

The plan will be for government control and administration by a strongly centralized commission appointed by the government. It will be without minute details, providing for what shall be done by the Federal government—it will ask nothing more than that the government take charge of the greatest American waterway. It will demand that those planks of the Republican and Democratic platforms with regard to governmental control of the river be complied with.

The American Congress is ready to take immediate action on the project if it is put up that way—devoid of strings and minute details as to plans.

"I have every reason to believe that Federal control of the Mississippi river can be secured within 30 days after the proposition is put up to Congress," was the declaration of Charles A. Farwell, one of the fathers of the movement, president of the American Cane Growers' Association and chairman of the Mississippi river control committee of the Association of Commerce.

"When we went to Washington to get a new postoffice or a new immigration station we did not tell the administration and Congress how many rooms we wanted those buildings to have," Mr. Farwell emphasized. "When we got what we went after we took up the minor details. That is just what we should do in the case of Federal control of the Mississippi river. President Wilson has said: 'In the case of the Mississippi it is plain that the Federal government must build and maintain the levees.' It is now up to us to give them a chance to redeem their pledges."

Mr. Farwell's plan and the plan of the gentlemen who are working with him in connection with the project calls for united and immediate action by the people. It is without politics or strings. It is a movement which Crawford H. Ellis, president of the Pan-American Life Insurance Company and member of the board of directors of the Whitney-Central National Bank, declared to be "a national necessity," and other gentlemen identified with the greatest interests of Louisiana and New Orleans believe "will receive the unanimous and united support of every man who has the interest of the state at heart."

FAIR BUYS A RACE TRACK

South Louisiana Association Takes Over Donaldsonville Tract.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Donaldsonville.—The proposition made to the Lemann Company, Limited, by the South Louisiana Fair Association, for the purchase of the tract of land in the Lemann Addition comprising the A-muzum park half-mile race track and grounds, has been accepted by the Lemann corporation. The property has an area of fifteen or sixteen acres, and the purchase price will be \$1,500, payable in ten years. An option will also be given the Fair Association on as much land contiguous to the A-muzum Park site up to fifteen acres.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the fair association it was decided to incorporate. The president and executive committee authorized to take the necessary steps. It was decided to take over A-muzum park. The fair association will assume the outstanding liabilities of the A-muzum company, approximately \$1,400, and will issue to shareholders of the racing organization certificates of stock in the South Louisiana fair association to the face value of \$2,000.

Typhoid Epidemic at Morse.

Crowley.—Typhoid fever has become epidemic at Morse, ten miles southwest of this city. It seems that the body of a woman, who died of typhoid fever at Vinton, La., was brought to Morse for burial, the coffin was opened and a number of people viewed the remains and many of these are now sick with fever.

Big Poultry Show Nov. 23.

Lake Charles.—Perhaps the largest poultry and live stock exhibit ever attempted in Louisiana will result from the plans started at the meeting of the Calcasieu Poultry and Pet Live Stock Association. The show will open November 23. Officers were elected as follows: President, D. M. Foster Jr.; vice president, J. H. Leveque; treasurer, H. Kyle Ramsey; secretary, Chas. Kimball. The entry fee this year is to be \$1 for single birds and \$2.50 for pens.

DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE



The London Times has created sensation in England by an attack on Chancellor Lloyd-George, accusing him of political blackmail and lying and intimating that he is becoming mentally infirm.

FURIOUS BATTLE IN TAKING TORREON

VETERANS DECLARE IT WAS THE FIERCEST ENGAGEMENT IN MEXICAN HISTORY.

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Gomez Palacio, Mex.—Four days of fighting, including three desperate assaults by the rebels, were crowned Thursday when Gen. Francis Villa moved into the city and established his headquarters on that side of the town looking toward Torreon and within three miles of that great goal of the campaign.

The final and deciding assault was delivered Thursday. It was preceded by a bombardment, after which the infantry and cavalry dashed into the streets. Rifles, machetes, pistols and hand grenades were used in a hundred different encounters in the narrow thoroughfares. The grenades, of home manufacture, were lighted by cigarettes, an unofficial part of the equipment of every Mexican soldier.

General Villa does not know his own loss, except that it was heavy. The wounded suffered terribly from thirst and many died for lack of water and surgical attention. The dead on both sides were mingled in the street or found huddled under the piles of earth which once had been adobe houses or corrals, wrecked by rebel shells.

Veterans say no more furious battle ever was fought in Mexico. It was delirium.

General Villa did not stop to mourn his losses, but with characteristic energy, began preparations to move on Torreon. He expects to co-operate with 4,000 men under General Herrera, who is under orders to attack the town from the east.

Villa's first assault in force took place four days ago. There was comparatively a small number of Federal troops in the city and premature reports of victory were sent out. Soon, however, the Federals received reinforcements, and in the desperate fighting that followed the rebels had rather the worst of it and General Villa withdrew.

The next day, Wednesday, General Angeles, artillery commander, shelled the city all day and part of the night. Villa had learned that the Federal commander, General Velasco, had concentrated his forces in the town and himself was in the trenches inspiring his men. General Villa, under cover of the bombardment, concentrated every available man for a fresh assault.

Thursday night the third and final assault was delivered. General Villa grined with dust and sweat, a red bandanna handkerchief about his neck. He rode up and down the lines swearing and cheering, cursing and calling upon the saints. At times he apparently was calm and again in a fury. Through it all he urged his men forward and all seemed to realize that the attack was the last one.

I. W. W. Leaders Sent to Prison.

New York.—Frank Tannebaum, the youthful Industrial Workers of the World leader who recently led a crowd of between two and three hundred homeless men into New York churches, where he demanded food and shelter for his followers, was found guilty of participation in an unlawful assemblage. Judge Wadhams sentenced Tannebaum to one year in the penitentiary, and imposed a fine of \$500, or one day for each dollar not paid. The case attracted much attention.

Oklahoma Clerk Convicted.

Muskogee, Okla.—W. E. Looper clerk of Muskogee county since at hood, was found guilty of neglect of office by a jury Friday and remained in office. His conviction is the third against officials in a month. H. Wainwright, county treasurer, and D. H. Middleton, former mayor of Muskogee, have been given preliminary terms on charges of embezzlement. Information charging Looper was at once filed by the grand jury and his trial ordered by the court.