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## JURY DISAGREES AND TAYLOR RESIGNS.

Jury Stood 9 to 3 for Conviction of County Treasurer Taylor When Discharged. New Trial Started Comes to Halt.

There was a sudden turn of affairs in the case of County Treasurer John F. Taylor whose trial has consumed the greater part of a week in the district court here, when on Monday morning, Taylor resigned, stopping the proceedings of a second trial. The jury, after going out Friday evening, and after being sent back several times by the Court to reach a verdict, if possible, reported Saturday night that they were hopelessly hung, standing 9 for conviction and 3 for acquittal. On two ballots during the deliberations it stood 10 to 2 and 8 to 4 but again finally settled on 9 to 3.

After discharging the jury Saturday night, the district attorney asked for an immediate new trial and the Court set the case for Monday morning and drew a special venire of 60 names. Attorney Askren, for the defense, asked for a change of venue but filed no motion to that effect, and on Monday morning it was announced that the Treasurer would resign, thus putting an end to further proceedings.

As soon as the turn of affairs was announced, candidates galore, were out after the job. Among those most prominently mentioned as possible successors to Taylor were R. E. Brown, J. E. Shaw Van, A. J. Whiting, Cone C. Baker, and several others.

In the case of a removal, the appointment is made by the Governor but in case of a resignation, the county commissioners name the man.

R. E. Brown, one of our most prominent real estate dealers, and a heavy Curry county property owner, received the appointment early Tuesday morning and will assume his duties as soon as his bond is arranged.

This appointment meets with general approval and the News congratulates the Commission-

ers on their selection of a man of the people and one who is considered fully competent to discharge the duties of the office.

### Fire in West Clovis

The residence of John Dunlap was completely destroyed by fire about 7 o'clock Thursday evening. The house was recently moved in from the country to the Waverly heights addition. One of the rooms was filled with hay and while carrying a lighted lamp in this room, the burner became dissembled and in less than an instant the entire building was in flames. The fire department responded promptly, but as the building was without the fire limits they were unable to render much assistance. The building and contents were entirely destroyed. The loss is about \$300, with no insurance.

Mrs. L. R. Conarty and sister left Thursday for points in Texas. Mr. Conarty left Friday. He says he is going to bring us back a "mess of fish."

Mrs. A. L. Moore returned Wednesday from Virginia. She was accompanied home by her 5 year old niece, who will visit her for some time.

The following Eastern Stars will attend the Grand Chapter Meeting in Albuquerque the 23rd of this month: Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Dillon, Mrs. Leona Morgan, Miss Anna Curren and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Chambers.

### Notice

There will be a meeting of all Sudan Grass Growers of Curry County at the Clovis Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Saturday, October 31st, 1914. All those interested in Sudan Grass Seed are requested to be present.

Clovis Chamber of Commerce.

## The War at a Glance.

The Germans who are moving on Ostend are reported by neutral sources to have occupied Bruges, 15 miles east of the former city. A German official statement sent by wireless says German troops in Belgium are marching in part toward Ostend and in part toward the French frontier. There has been heavy fighting east of Soissons and the Argonne and the Germans have at no point lost ground, it is declared. French claims of successes in the Woevre district are denied.

Today's French official statement announced that the allies made marked progress in the region of Lens and between Arras and Albert. On the center the allies, it is said, have advanced in the direction of Croanne, while a German offensive movement to the north of Saint Die has been definitely checked.

### PARIS SAYS BATTLE CONTINUES—

Paris says that the fighting continues along the front from Warsaw to Przemsyl, but gives no details.

A Russian advance in east Prussia is suggested in a dispatch from Amsterdam, which quotes a German correspondent at Rastenburg as reporting that the civilian population of Goldap has evacuated the town for "military reasons and precautions."

### AUSTRALIAN WARSHIPS DAMAGED

A news dispatch from Rome says that fire in the Austro-Hungarian arsenal at Trieste virtually destroyed a dreadnought and damaged six torpedo boat destroyers. Several workmen suspected of incendiarism have been arrested.

### COMBAT DISEASE NOW—

Cholera is reported among the Russians and Austrians, typhus among some of the German forces, while the British are rushing medical experts to France to make war on various ills reported among the British and French.

—EL PASO HERALD.

## KILLING AT TEXICO SUNDAY NIGHT.

City Night Marshal Britton Shot Dead Without Apparent Provocation While Discharging His Duties as an Officer.

### District Court.

Awalt and Carter Cases Occupy Nearly Entire Week. Guilty Verdicts Returned.

The case of the State versus A. L. Awalt came to a rather sudden termination Wednesday night when the jury after hearing the charge of Judge Richardson, were out only 40 minutes before returning their verdict of guilty. The principal charges in the indictment were: incompetency, failure to turn over funds in his possession upon demand of the district attorney and the state auditor, failure to make good a \$600.00 shortage which had been deposited in the defunct American Bank & Trust Co. and other charges. State Assistant traveling Auditor, L. B. Wooters, and county clerk, W. C. Zerwer, who was assistant under Mr. Awalt, were the principal witnesses for the prosecution. The defence producing evidence calculated to show that the district attorney had verbally told Mr. Awalt to retain the moneys paid into his office.

In the case of the State vs Wilkie Carter, gambling, which has been on trial up to the time of going to press, the jury returned a guilty verdict, sentence has not been imposed.

L. F. Borden and wife, General Building Inspector on the Santa Fe Western lines, with headquarters in Amarillo, were in Clovis for the hospital opening.

A. F. Roach, of Fields, N. M., was in the city Thursday and paid the NEWS a visit. He also subscribed for the paper, and carried away with him 500 votes for the Pony contest, which he will give to one of the contestants.

The "Red Light" district, of Texico, was the scene of a fatal shooting Sunday night, when Hershel Taylor shot and killed city night marshal, Arthur Britton, while the latter, though said to be unarmed, was attempting to disarm Taylor. From reports it seems that the two had, but a short time previous, had some altercation up town and when the marshal learned that Taylor was at the district and was armed, he immediately set out to disarm him.

Taylor drew his gun, a 45 cal. Colts, and shot Britton twice through the abdomen, either wound of which would have been fatal.

Taylor, who is a young man of about 25 years, was brought to Clovis Monday and lodged in the County bastille, where he remains apparently unconcerned about his fate.

He is the same man, who figured in an automobile theft recently, going to Fort Sumner with the car.

The body of the dead marshal was brought to Clovis Monday and prepared, at the Magee City Undertaking parlors, for shipment to Amarillo, where the deceased has relatives and where the burial took place. He had been night marshal at Texico only about six or eight months and was formerly a constable at Amarillo. He was quite popular and his untimely death is much deplored.

### Young Boy Here for Operation

Quinton Mitchell, son of R. J. Mitchell, was brought to Roswell yesterday afternoon and taken to St. Mary's hospital, where he was operated on last night for appendicitis. He is said to be in a very critical condition. Mr. Mitchell is an old resident of Clovis. — Roswell News.

## Taking a Chance

Sometimes it is a good policy to take a chance—but in clothes-buying it's a little different. You wouldn't think of taking a chance on a suit unless you knew there was a reputation behind it.

All our goods are the kind that have made good. Take the Clothcraft Clothes for example—68 years of scientific clothes manufacturing—something that isn't a gamble.

All of our things to wear, such as hats, shoes, shirts, etc., have years of manufacturing experience and successful merchandising behind; naturally they'll make good.

This is the headquarters in Clovis for wearables of the "make good" variety.

Why not investigate? Now's the time.



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