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THE OLDEST OKLAHOMA PAPER

Out at Okemore they hold a sort of continuous railroad meeting. They talk railroad, preach railroad, sing railroad, pray railroad, and have it on the bill of fare at all the hotels and restaurants in town.—Hennessey Kicker.

The Kingfisher Free Press recently announced that the rainfall there, according to the Pabst gauge, was 4.28 inches. The Arapahoe Bee arises to ask if that measurement allows anything for the foam on top and the bulge in the bottom of the glass.—Wichita Eagle.

Sherman County Banner: We have taken notice of the multitude of young cattle kings growing up in the country here, but what about the young cattle queens? There are several of these, all told, from Hartley to Coldwater, from Coldwater to Dumas, and watered clear over to the Beaver, and though their herds are modest ones they are good beginnings, all. Several of the queens have 15 head, a few have 25, others have 50 and upward and we know of one or two that have as high as 250 head. And we suggest to these bashful young kings that under the rules governing the game a king and a queen make a pair.

The statehood mass meeting which convened at Oklahoma City on the 17th inst. was rather slimly attended, but those present were enthusiastic for immediate statehood, without reference to the Indian Territory. It seemed to be the general impression that free homes would be more easily obtained after statehood was accomplished than before that event. But little was accomplished, however, except to renew the appointment of some old committees. The fact is, a reading of the telegraph report of the meeting makes it look more like a gathering of politicians to spar for position and wind than anything else.

Hennessey Kicker: There was once a very wicked man up in Kansas, for that matter there were several of them, but this one particular fellow, whose given name was John; surname unknown to the writer. John was a good fellow with all his wickedness, and quite popular among his class. He didn't work much during the week, but would boldly shoulder his ax and gun on Sunday and chop and hunt all day, much to the annoyance and discomfort of his good wife, and here we want to say that you seldom see a wicked man without a good wife. During the winter a preacher held a protracted meeting in the neighborhood of this wicked man, and succeeded in bringing him to a confession of his sins. He publicly acknowledged his wickedness and promised to reform. In a few days the minister called upon the good wife, as ministers usually do, and found her as happy as a good wife ought to be. "Well, sister," asked the minister, "how is John, and is his reformation complete?" "O, yes, elder, I tell you John is a reformed man. Before you pointed out to him his sins and the consequences thereof he would take his ax on his shoulder and walk out boldly at the front door and work all day in the woods. Yes, elder, John has reformed. He now takes his ax on his shoulder and goes out to the woods the back way on Sunday. Yes, John has reformed." You can make your own comparisons in John's case with some of our reformed politicians.

Mahaffa Found Guilty of Killing McDonald. Enid, O. T., Nov. 17.—The jury in the Mahaffa murder case, after remaining shut up in their room thirty-six hours, brought in a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree. W. G. McDonald, the murdered man, was formerly a citizen of Lipscomb county, Texas, and was known to many old settlers in this section of country. He finally settled in D (now Dewey) county, where he became involved in a quarrel with Ed Mahaffa. A week after the quarrel Mahaffa and Sam Robinson followed McDonald as he was going to Taloga, overtook him in a ravine and killed him. There were no witnesses to the killing except Mahaffa and Robinson, both of whom swore that McDonald was killed because he first tried to shoot Mahaffa. But it was proven clearly to the jury that the fatal shot was fired from behind, passing in down-

ward through the back of the seat into the body of the victim. The bug, by seat, a mute witness, telling the real story of the tragedy, was placed before the jury.

Sentence has not yet been passed. The punishment may be for four years or for life in the penitentiary. The attorney for the defendant has filed a motion for a new trial.

J. C. Walls Cleared.

State Capital: As was expected no case was found against Representative J. C. Walls tried in the district court yesterday on a charge of offering a bribe during the session of the legislature last winter. The State Capital, to do justice to any man, no matter what his politics, is glad to go out of the way and right J. C. Walls before the public in this matter. It was never claimed that there was any pecuniary benefit as a motive in Mr. Walls' espousing the pharmacy bill in relation to which it was asserted that he had made an offer that was technically construed as a bribe. Before the court yesterday it was proven that no money or any consideration was offered to change or get a vote. The defense did not place any witnesses on the stand, being willing to stand on the testimony of the prosecution.

Mr. Walls felt all along that he had committed no overt act, as he had not intended any, and his position has been fully vindicated. He, himself, states that the testimony given by the prosecution was perfectly correct, and that had he been a witness he would have testified to the same. But it did not constitute a bribe. A grand jury indictment during the heat of the legislative session was brought on a casual remark made by Mr. Walls and the case had to take its course and come to trial. The jury yesterday quickly brought in a verdict of not guilty.

HIGHWAYMEN AT DIXIE.

Man and Boy Held Up Ten Men in a Store.

Cleveland, O. T., Nov. 18.—Ten men who at first thought it was a joke, were lined up in a store at Dixie, ten miles down the road from Cleveland, Tuesday evening, by highwaymen, and a scene of excitement followed, in which there were several odd situations: Arthur Bridwell, of the Cleveland Triangle, went down to Dixie and got the particulars of the affair and prints the following in this week's Triangle:

"Tuesday evening at about 6 o'clock a man armed with a Winchester, and a boy probably 16 years old with a 32 rifle, rode in from the north and went into the S. F. Brown & Co.'s store at Dixie and demanded the half dozen or so men and boys to hold up their hands. Most of them thought it a huge joke being perpetrated by some of the boys, but upon being jabbed with the guns in the region where the stomach ache usually occurs, they concluded that it was the real article. After lining the people up along the side of the store, the man with the Winchester told Horace Brown to open the cash drawer. Brown told him that he was too badly scared to open the combination, whereupon the man caused Brown to look up the store of his gun and remarked that he would blow a little smoke into him. While this was taking place the people of the neighborhood began to drop in, and as they came in at the door they were told: 'Hold up your hands and line up, brother.' A young man by the name of Owens didn't believe it was necessary, so he made a grab for the youngster's gun and would have taken it away had not the other robber said: 'Turn loose that gun or I'll have to kill you.' Mr. Lacy also came in and did not heed the young robber's request, but pulled on past the youth and did not heed the request until the older man had punched him in the stomach for some time with the business end of his Winchester. After taking between \$25 and \$30 in money from the drawer, the older of the robbers looked all over the stock of goods, selecting two sacks of clothes, three pair and a half of high-heeled boots, Nos. 7 and 8, a pair of woman's shoes, six or seven pairs of buckskin gloves and a number of other things. The booty filled three grain sacks, and in all amounted to about \$150. When the men got all they wanted they marched the ones they had lined up about 150 yards down the road to the south and

after turning them loose fired a few shots to intimidate the crowd and spurred off to the south. Both the robbers had dark hair and eyes, the rest of their features being hidden by red handkerchiefs which were fastened over the nose and back above the ears. The younger of the two was evidently a boy and new to the business, as those who were there say that his voice was shaky and seemed almost as badly scared as the rest. The older man seemed to be an old hand at the business and was giving lessons to the young one. The boy was quite small and the man was tall and spare built."

Bryan's Sympathy With Fraud.

Kansas City Star, Nov. 15, 1909.

Colonel Bryan, whose heart bled for the wretched Filipinos because they have been deprived of their right to submit to a native military despot, appears to exult in the oppression of his white fellow citizens in Kentucky. In rejoicing over the Democratic plan to count out the Republicans in Kentucky, whereby the state will speak in thunder tones against the persecution of Aginaldo, Colonel Bryan overlooks the fact that Republican votes are being made elsewhere, where they cannot be counted out. While it may be regarded as a great victory for the cause to steal the election in Kentucky among the select followers of Colonel Bryan, it is being bought at a ruinous cost.

The situation in Kentucky has become notorious throughout the length and breadth of the land, and Colonel Bryan's name is linked with the infamies perpetrated by Goebel. Bryan said outright: "Goebel may represent the vicious element of my party, but he is free silver and Aginaldo, hence it is our duty to support him in all he does for the success of our cause, and to prevent interference with Aginaldo's right to be dictator of Luzon."

There is no reasonable man, whatever his partisan predilections may be, who will not think that it is strange logic that upholds piracy on the ballot at home, depriving Americans of the right to speak at the polls, for the purpose of venting American soldiers from disarming semi-barbarians who seek to kill them.

Colonel Bryan has not uttered a word of disapproval in connection with the dark deeds of his partisans in Kentucky. On the contrary, he has expressed pleasure over the impending victory by theft and violence. Having decided that he is the voice of the democracy for President, and that the United States must not expand beyond its present limits, Colonel Bryan has also determined what the Filipinos want, laying claim to a degree of omniscience equal to divining the sentiment of the Democrats of the United States and all of the people in Philippines besides the insurgent Tagalos.

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