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THE WEEK'S NEWS IN OKLAHOMA

HAPPENINGS GATHERED FROM
ALL SECTIONS OF STATE

FINANCES IN BEST SHAPE

Kansas City Board Approves Oklahoma City Reserve Bank Plans For Building.

Oklahoma City.—The general situation in Oklahoma is better than in any other state in the Tenth Federal Reserve district, according to Governor Jo Zach Miller, who was in Oklahoma City conferring with federal reserve bank directors there. The tentative plans for the erection of the new Federal Reserve bank building have been completed and approved by the directors here and those at Kansas City.

This announcement came from Jo Zach Miller, of Kansas City, governor of the tenth federal reserve district. The particulars were not given out, pending their approval by the federal reserve bank officials at Washington, but it was stated that the building would be adequate not only for the present requirements but for future needs.

The banks of Oklahoma have not been borrowing heavily, according to Governor Miller, and the reserve bank in this district now has a lending power of \$80,000,000. The general situation in Oklahoma is better than any other state, according to Miller.

INDIAN POW WOW IS ENDED

Bartlesville Roper Wins in Rodeo Contest at 101 Ranch.

Ponca City, Okla.—The Indian pow-wow on the 101 ranch closed its five days' period with a total attendance for the period of approximately 40,000. The Indians attending numbering over 2,000. The last days rodeo events were featured by fast work by Henry Grammer, the western Osage county ranchman, who roped a steer in twenty-five seconds flat, and of Ben Johnson who roped a goat in twelve seconds. Bob Donaldson roped a calf in fifty six seconds. Each of the trio took first money for that day.

In the three day's roping event, the first prize of \$1,000 went to Fred Lowry, of Bartlesville, second of \$400 to Floyd Shultz of the 101 ranch, and third of \$200 to Henry Grammer. Each contestant had to rope a calf, a goat and a steer during the three days.

WOOL OUTPUT INCREASES

Oklahoma's Percentage of Increase Was the Greatest in U. S.

Washington.—With the wool clip of the entire country showing a considerable decrease between 1910 and 1920 and only thirteen states showing an increase, Oklahoma showed the highest percentage of increase, according to figures announced by the census bureau.

The wool produced in the state was 604,824 pounds in 1920, compared to 281,750 in 1910. Texas showed the greatest actual increase in pounds of wool produced, but Oklahoma's percentage of increase was the greatest.

The number of sheep decreased in the nation, but increased in Oklahoma from 48,896 in 1910 to 105,370 in 1920. Eight states produced more mohair in 1920 than Oklahoma, whose output for that year was 29,498 pounds, compared with 10,503 in 1910. The number of goats, however, showed a decrease from 17,391 in 1910 to 10,503 in 1920.

TO RUSH WORK ON ROADS

Probably Freight Rate Increase Is Cause Stated

Muskogee.—H. J. Stebbins was awarded the contract for building the county road between Beggs and Fort Gibson, a distance of eleven miles.

The road will cost about \$50,000, under the terms of the contract. Because of the possibility of higher

freight rates for gravel, work will be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

The county commissioners also decided to call for bids for construction of a road from Four Mile corner, south of Haskell, to the Okmulgee county line. This would connect up with the rich Bald Hill oil fields and with the Okmulgee county road system now being constructed.

Small Boy To Paris Alone

Chickasha.—Pierre Rochet, 14 years old, left Chickasha for Paris, where he will visit relatives. He is making the trip alone. Pierre is the son of Paul Rochet, member of the faculty of Oklahoma College for women here. The father was a former officer in the French army, and once a member of the French High Commission in the United States.

"Playing Doctor" Fatal For Baby

Wilson.—Douglas, four months old, son of Arch Witt of Simon near here, is dead as the result of his brother, three years old, "playing doctor." The elder youngster, having seen the doctor give pills as medicine, tried the same acts on his baby brother and fed him nearly a dozen pills of various kinds. The baby died within a short time.



Rain Helpful to Pastures.

Brighter prospects than farmers have had in a number of years present themselves following the general rains which have fallen over Oklahoma, recently, John A. Whitehurst, president of the state board of agriculture said.

"Prospects for good pasture and fall plowing were meager," Whitehurst said, "and Oklahoma fields were burned under the blistering sun which has had full sway for many weeks. In a great many sections the ground was so dry that no fall plowing could be done at all and water holes on the range were rapidly drying up."

"Farmers will now be able to go along and everything is working out fine for big early crops next year. Stock in many parts of the state was suffering for grass and water and this condition has been relieved."

Ouster Action Is Started

Ouster proceedings against the tax assessor and board of county commissioners of Payne county was ordered by Governor Robertson at the meeting of the state board of equalization. Attorney General J. P. Freeling was instructed to proceed at once with action to remove them from office.

The order by Governor Robertson came as a result of an alleged showing to the board that the assessor and commissioners had failed to equalize assessments where inequalities existed.

Charges of wilful neglect of duty and malfeasance in office are to be filed against the officials by the attorney general and it is upon these charges that the removal of the officials will depend, it was announced.

Pay Received For Guard

Checks amounting to \$8,284.14 were received at the adjutant general's office from the federal government for national guard companies' pay for drilling.

The money goes to Company L, second infantry of Seminole, commanded by Capt. John Snyder; to company I, second infantry, Wetumka, commanded by Capt. Fritz Hatchett; company D, second infantry, commanded by Capt. Lloyd Terry; company F, second infantry, Tonkawa, commanded by Capt. Joseph C. Looney; company C, Antlers, commanded by Capt. Walter T. Florence and company I, third infantry, commanded by Capt. Hugh C. Jones.

Cattle Car Complaint Heard

Complaints against railroad companies charged with not furnishing sufficient cars in certain sections of the state for transporting cattle was heard by the corporation commission. Briefs

HAS 130 PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Commission Seeks to Create Demand for Good Books in State.

Oklahoma City.—There are in Oklahoma only 130 libraries which are public in any way according to a report by Mrs. J. R. Dale, secretary of the Oklahoma Library commission, made public. This number included denominational, institutional, free and public libraries, she said.

"It is the aim of the commission to bring the number eventually up at least to that of Massachusetts, less than half our size, which has 354 public libraries," Mrs. Dale said.

The creation of a desire for better books, however, is one of the greater tasks of the library commission, she said. The commission, she believes, in furnishing nuclei for public libraries.

TEN BITTEN BY MAD DOG

Treatment Being Given Children at Okmulgee.

Okmulgee.—Nine children and a negro woman from Nayaka, are receiving treatment here, as the result of being bitten by a puppy at that place. The dog suddenly became violent and attacked the children before it could be killed.

Examination by state chemist showed the dog to be afflicted with rabies. Those bitten were the three small children of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, a baby and small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Black, a daughter of W. Hansen, three other children and a negro woman. All are expected to recover.

Fire Losses Are Great

Oklahoma City.—Loss by fires in Oklahoma this year will greatly exceed that of the average year, according to a statement made by Oklahoma City insurance adjusters. Especially in the southern part of the state there has been heavy loss of property. "The southern part of Oklahoma is on fire, speaking from the insurance man's standpoint," said one adjuster. "Oklahoma City losses will also run higher than usual, but this is due in part to the Curtis-Bentley company's fire when a loss of \$400,000 was borne by insurance companies."

Broomcorn Fails to Get Buyers.

Lindsay.—Lindsay, the largest broomcorn market in the world, failed to have enough buyers this year to handle all the crop offered, broomcorn producers of the district say.

RED CROSS LEAVES TURKEY

Problem International Says Report; Beyond Any Single Agency.

Washington.—Assistance rendered by the American Red Cross to war refugees at Constantinople must be discontinued after October 1, officials of the organization said, despite reports of the hopeless situation which will result for thousands of unfortunates in and near the Turkish capital.

The American Red Cross has expended upwards of \$700,000 at Constantinople, officials said, \$300,000 representing special contributions and the balance appropriations from the association treasury. The problem of providing for refugees continues to grow, however, it was said, and it has been decided that the work was entirely beyond the capacity of a single agency.

Officials of the Red Cross understood complete relief work has been presented to the league of nations council for consideration as it had become an international problem.

Senate Body Cuts Sur-Tax.

Washington.—The action of its republican members in rejection of Secretary Mellon's proposal for the abolition of all income surtaxes above 25 percent was ratified by the full senate finance committee. It was indicated that the committee also would discard two other features of the Mellon tax plan—repeal of the excess profits tax as of January 1, 1921, of the transportation tax as of January 1, 1922.



JOHN AIKMAN STEWART



John Aikman Stewart of New York, who on August 22 celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday, is the patriarch of American bankers. He has been actively engaged in the business since 1850. He organized the United States Trust company in 1853 and has been its secretary, president and chairman of the board of trustees.

HELP BY PLANE SAVES FIVE

ONE AFFECTED BY GAS DIED BEFORE DOCTOR ARRIVED

Pulmotor, Oxygen Tank and Doctor Was Transported 32 Miles to Scene in Twenty Minutes.

Ardmore, Okla.—Dr. Walter Hardy saved the lives of five men overcome by gas here recently when he made the trip from Ardmore to the Graham oil field—a distance of thirty-two miles—in twenty minutes, in an airplane especially equipped with a pulmotor and a tank of oxygen.

One man lost his life before Doctor Hardy could apply first aid. Two others were seriously injured but will recover.

Three Men Recover.

The dead man is L. R. Wilson, and the seriously injured are W. M. Shambien and H. R. McConnell. McConnell is the drilling contractor in charge of operations in the well, while the other two men are employees of McConnell.

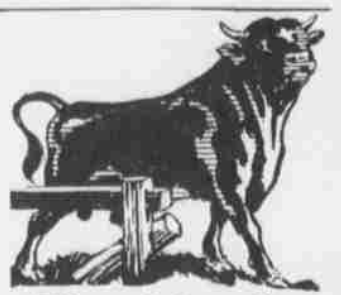
Three others, L. L. Rhodes, Clarence Gwinn and a teamster whose name could not be learned, were also gassed, but are now fully recuperated. That no more fatalities resulted may be attributed to the quick work on the part of Doctor Hardy, who was notified of the accident and immediately engaged a service plane to transport him to the scene of the accident. He took with him a pulmotor and a tank of oxygen.

Doctor Hardy landed at Graham, where the residents of the city had assembled and by waving a huge white sheet signaled the fliers where to light. Immediate use of the pulmotor and oxygen saved the lives of all but one of the men.

Bodies Lassoed From Floor.

According to the statements of those on the scene, Wilson said Shambien had been found unconscious in a sitting position underneath the floor of the derrick of the well by a woman who was carrying breakfast to them.

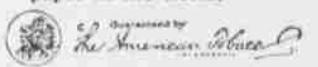
She immediately notified others in the vicinity and Connell, Rhodes, Gwinn and the teamster started to enter the derrick cellar in an effort to extract the bodies of the men. They failed in their attempt on account of the strong gas pressure and were themselves overcome. Finally, other workers in the territory arrived with ladders and lassoed the bodies of the two men under the derrick floor, pulling them to safety. The men were bruised and scratched as a result of being dragged over the ground.



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