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MISSOURI 2 CENT RATE UPHOLD.

Missouri Injunctions of the Railroads Were Yesterday Dismissed by the Court.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 25.—Missouri's 2 cent passenger rate law and the maximum freight rate law were Saturday sustained when Judge McPherson of the United States district court dismissed "without prejudice" the injunctions of thirteen roads, prohibiting the State from enforcing the 2 laws.

Excess rates paid while the injunctions were effective may now be re-shippers and passengers.

This decision means that Oklahoma people can travel from Oklahoma points to points within Missouri for a straight 2 cent fare. Since the Oklahoma 2 cent law was upheld the roads in that State have been charging 2 cents for intra-state tickets but the passengers had to pay 3 cents a mile as soon as they crossed the line into Missouri.

DURANT OPERA HOUSE.

The bill for last night at the Opera House, Durant's popular playhouse, was an exceptionally good one. Trina & Campbell were the headliners, presenting a very clever act, consisting of singing, talking and musical numbers. Their imitation of the steam callopo made a decided hit, but the one big feature which makes the act stand out in a class of its own is the singing of Miss Campbell. This young lady possesses a voice of exceptionally fine volume and captivated here audiences from the start. Tonight an extra added attraction will be Mr. Walter Crockett, lyric tenor, formerly with Bostonians and Maurice Gran Grand Opera company presenting the latest winter garden successes. The usual run of Universal films, consisting of four reels and introducing the popular Frontie Twins, complete. A meritorious program. No extra charge will be made for the big bill the prices, 5 and 10 cents any part of house, remaining the same.

OPTIMISM IN FINANCIAL CIRCLES.

Big Bankers, Big Business Shows Confidence in Administration.

New York, Dec. 25.—Sentiment in banking circles perhaps has not been so favorable and optimism so apparent since the advent of the Wilson administration, as today. This cheer was derived in great measure through the Government's action in working out an amicable dissolution of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company-Western Union combination, the passage of the currency bill and the strong belief in financial circles that other gigantic problems growing out of a few more so-called combinations in restraint of trade are to be settled out of court, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Business men and bankers took heart at President Wilson's letter to the attorney general, complimenting him on his solution of the telegraph-telephone combination and interpreted his remarks as indicating that "big business" was not to be molested so long as those entrusted with its management showed an inclination to cooperate with the Government and comply with the Sherman anti-trust law.

COURT OF INQUIRY.

County Attorney Turnbull and Assistant Moore, went to Bennington Monday where they held a lengthy inquiry into violations of the prohibition laws at that place and in the surrounding country. These inquiries will be held all over the county, as the officers have determined to put forth every effort to stamp out the illicit booze business in the county.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE JANITOR.

The county officers, county employees and other attaches of the court house, chipped in 25 cents around this week, with which to make a merry Christmas for the official court house janitor, Ed Clemmons, which merry Christmas will probably take the form of a turkey for the janitor's dinner.

DURANT MEN LUCKY IN OIL.

Struck Paying Well in Healdton Field Saturday.—200 Barrels per Day Capacity.

Durant men received the report Saturday that well they were having drilled in Healdton spouted twice to the top of the derrick, and the well had only been drilled eleven hundred feet. The driller stated in his message that at the present the well was good for at least two hundred barrels per day. The well is on the property of the 1911 Oil company, which is owned by Durant men, with Lawrence Lee as president and Dr. J. B. Smith, secretary. The Daily Ardmoreite of yesterday has the following to say relative to the well:

"In a telephone message from the Healdton field yesterday to the Ardmoreite it was stated that the well in 22-2-3 drilled by the 1911 Oil company of Durant, spouted twice to the top of the derrick, and every indication points to the conclusion that this well is one of the best in the field. One of the owners of the well stated yesterday that tankage had been ordered for the well in which to store the product. This extends the field one-half mile further north, proves up a large area of leases and makes prices good in the north end of the field. Our report on the well is that it is 1,163 feet in depth, and that the sand was penetrated but a short distance. The unfavorable reports made from time to time on this well, will lend more or less suspicion to each well, until the field is proven, and prices become stable."

CHILDREN SENT TO STATE HOME.

Mrs. Rebecca Wilson of Kemp Is Unable to Properly Raise 3 of Her Children.

A sad affair came to light Thursday when Mrs. Rebecca Wilson of Kemp petitioned County Judge Rappee to commit to the State Training school for boys three of her seven children, stating in her petition that they are utterly incorrigible, and that their best welfare demands that they be committed to the reformatory. She stated that they could not be kept at home, and continually roamed the country, she not knowing often of their whereabouts. Mrs. Wilson's petition was granted. The youngest incorrigible is eleven years old, the other two are twins, 13 years old.

Mrs. Wilson stated that her husband was now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for manslaughter, which was committed in Choctaw county, having killed a young man who had been keeping company with their daughter. She has been working around, doing almost anything that was honest to make a living. She has been picking cotton all the fall, but now must do other work.

CHRISTMAS AT OPERA HOUSE.

The management of the opera house have been fortunate in securing the beautiful feature film "Hiawatha," taken from Longfellow's immortal poem of that name, for the Christmas program. Produced by the Indian players, to whom this magnificent spectacle is as solemn as the Passion Play is to the peasant actors of Oberammergau. One hundred and fifty Indians take part in one hundred beautiful scenes. The characters are all taken on Indian reservations, the costumes and customs being absolutely correct and endorsed by the American Museum of Natural History, and have been pronounced by the metropolitan press as the only true picture of the Indian life ever made. A complete musical score has been produced for the production. This, together with the regular program of clean refined vaudeville introducing Ollie Mack and company, comedy singing & talking act and an extra added attraction, Mr. Walter Crockett, lyric tenor, formerly with Bostonians and Maurice Gran, Grand Opera company, presenting the latest winter garden successes, make up a program for Christmas day, matinee, and night, of exceptionally fine entertainment. Excellent order is assured at this popular playhouse at all times, the show is clean and free from objectionable features appealing to and pleasing the most fastidious.

MCCARTY CASE AFFIRMED.

The case of Frank McCarty was affirmed by the criminal court of appeals Saturday in an opinion by Judge Doyle and Frank will now have to serve five years in the penitentiary. He was convicted in this county in 1911 on a charge of statutory rape, and his attorneys, Utterback, Hayes and MacDonald, took an appeal.

CHANGE OF VENUE FOR LINDSAY.

Man Who Killed Editor Schenck of Sulphur Will Be Tried in Cleveland County.

Sulphur, Ok., Dec. 19.—At 8 o'clock Wednesday night Ben Williams, chief counsel for the defendant in the case of the state against J. C. Lindsay, charged with killing J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Sulphur Democrat, sprung a surprise upon everyone connected with the trial by submitting a motion for a change of venue, which motion was granted by the court almost without further proceedings. Attorney Williams and Moman Prolet, special counsel for the state, had met earlier in the evening and had decided that further proceed with the trial in this county perhaps would stir the town of Sulphur and Murray county to further acts of violence. Both of these attorneys have seen from the evidence for two or three days that the bitter feeling here precluded a trial of the case here and during the trial Wednesday it became more so.

Judge McMillan in sending the case away from Murray county stated in open court that he had counseled with the attorneys on both sides and had expressed feeling against the cause being tried in Murray county. He said that while he disliked to impose upon Cleveland county, that since the attorneys for the state and the defense had agreed that the case should be tried in Cleveland county he would so order.

CITY SWAPPED WARRANTS.

\$15,196.12 Invested a Year Ago in Six Per Cent Warrants, Traded for 4 1/2 per cent Refunding Bonds.

At the city council meeting Tuesday night of this week a motion prevailed that the city treasurer be instructed to exchange the city's holdings of State warrants for an equal amount of State refunding warrants which bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum, and City Treasurer Lon Waits takes that action this week. The banks allow the city 3 per cent per annum on its daily balance, so about a year ago city treasurer invested \$15,196.12 of the sinking fund in State warrants, which bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. The State, however, since that time, decided to issue a lot of refunding bonds with which to take up and retire these outstanding warrants. The bonds are bearing interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum. The city will receive for its warrants par value and accrued interest, payment being made in the refunding bonds.

State warrants it is said had not been worth par, and the city was offered 97 1/2 cents on the dollar for its holdings plus the accrued interest, the bidder being an Oklahoma City bank.

MEXICAN TRIED TO USE DIRK.

A. N. Medano, a Mexican, was arrested by Officer Sims Monday night and placed in the county jail, charged with assault to kill.

The Mexican had been engaged at the Durant Oil Mill, and during the early part of the evening he and Roy Bledsoe became involved in a difficulty in which the Mexican got the worst of the scrap. As Roy handed him the heavy end of a shovel. The matter was thought to have been settled, when the Mexican went away, but he only went to his coat and secured an eight-inch dirk, which he attempted to drive into Roy's back, but being kept from this, he threw the dirk at him, narrowly missing sinking the knife into the boy's back.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst and take home to Himself our good sister, Mrs. Gilbert Nelson, and while our hearts are sad, yet we submit to His will, fully realizing that our loss is her gain.

Be it therefore resolved, That the members of Elks Lodge, I. O. O. F. extend to the bereaved husband and loved ones their heartfelt sympathy in the hour of their greatest trials.

Sister Nelson was a devoted wife and a loving mother. Loved and respected by all who knew her and while we lay her body beneath the cold ground, we realize that some day we shall meet her again where parting will be no more.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be read in open lodge and a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to the county paper for publication.

J. M. Dills,
T. E. Allen,
John Bodine.

ARRESTED FOR MATOY ROBBERY.

Harve Hull and Clem Le Flore Taken Into Custody by Officers.

Last Saturday Clem Le Flore and Harve Hull, well known around Matoy country, were arrested on charges of being implicated in the robbery of the store and postoffice at that place a week before at which time something like \$300 was secured, besides some merchandise. The arrests followed several days of watching and following up clues on the part of officers. Both men made bond, so it is reported.

WILLIS WILL GO ON ROAD IN JANUARY.

H. M. Willis, formerly telephone manager of the Durant telephone exchange, and who resigned to accept a position of traveling, will begin his work about January 1. Mr. Willis will have a short vacation during the holidays, his successor, W. E. Benson of Tulsa, having been checked in as manager of the office here. The best wishes of a host of warm friends will follow Mr. Willis in his new chosen field.

ED BUTLER FILED SUIT AGAINST GEO. C. PRIESTLEY.

This week E. O. Butler of Durant, and L. G. Disney of Muskogee filed suit against George C. Priestley, of Bartlesville for a two-third interest in oil leases on 15,360 acres of land situated in township 2 and 3, south. A temporary injunction to restrain Priestley from disposing of any of the property was obtained.—Atoka News-Capital.

SEASON'S FIRST SNOW.

The snow that commenced falling about 4 o'clock Monday morning and fell until 7 o'clock caused a precipitation of about an inch. This is the first snow in Oklahoma this year, and it was practically all melted by night of the same day. The heavy freeze of Monday night helped to make roads passable while the frost lasted.

KENEFICK RETURNS FROM PARIS.

Report Says Head of M. O & G. Will Resign and Accept Receivership.

Private advices received here said that William Kenefick, president of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf, arrived in New York late Saturday afternoon and is now on his way to Muskogee. It is expected that he will spend several days in Kansas City before going into the main offices of the railroad company at Muskogee, according to present plans Mr. Kenefick will resign as president of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf on Jan. 1 and accept the receivership of that line.

Mr. Kenefick has been in Paris, France, endeavoring to straighten out the bond payment account of his road with the Banque Franco-Americaine, whose failure in July of this year tied up about \$3,000,000 of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf funds.

HIGHWAY WORK PROGRESSING.

Denison, Tex.—Notwithstanding the continued rains making work on the Oklahoma, Texas and Gulf highway impossible, most encouraging reports come from up and down the line, indicating that the preliminary work of organizing the counties is under way, so that when it does clear work will start in earnest.

In Colliene County, Texas, the district in which McKinney is located, carried Tuesday a good road bond election by a large majority for \$45,000 to build 90 miles of macadam highway diverging in every direction from McKinney, 14 miles of these roads will be a portion of the Oklahoma, Texas and Gulf highway, and with the 26 miles of model road starting 3 miles north of Red river, and extending south through Denison and Sherman, together with the 15 miles of rock roads in Dallas county, will leave only about 19 miles of dirt roads on the Texas division of the highway, extends from Oklahoma City to Dallas.

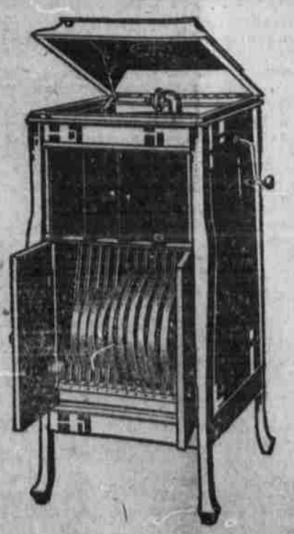
OPERA HOUSE December 25, Christmas Day

The big feature production
"HIAWATHA"
Taken from Longfellow's poem of that name
The characters introduced in this film are Indians and the picture was made on an Indian reservation.

BIG DOUBLE VAUDEVILLE ACT
Ollie Mack & Company
Singing and Talking
Mr. Walter Crockett, Lyric Tenor
Formerly with the Bostonians

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W. S. Patton in "Lazy Bill"

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Make your selection and get your order placed—we will deliver it in time for New Year's. Make a small payment at the time of purchase—and pay the balance at convenient intervals during the coming year.



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BACK TO THE FARM

Harned's big "Back to the Farm" Sale has been the biggest merchandising event in Durant's history and hundreds of eager buyers have literally "run over" our big sales force for the past two weeks.

As I have repeatedly said, I am not a merchant and am going back to the farm—meanwhile, many bargains in high-class seasonable merchandise awaits you on our shelves and racks, and

EVERYTHING GOES AT COST

If you have attended our big sale you have learned the real meaning of the word "Bargain." If you have not attended the sale, you have missed something, but it is not yet too late. Come in after Christmas and see how much we can save you on that bill of goods.

We are not specializing on any one line, neither will our time or this paper permit of listing prices. We are simply closing out the entire stock at Actual Cost and are determined to close out completely. Remember—at cost—no more, no less; and we have bought our goods right besides. Come now.

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