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CONVENTION IS FIRST APRIL

Durant's Delegates Go to State Conventions from J. D. Robertson for Ben Lafayette.

Precinct Democratic conventions were held last Saturday in each of the precincts of the county, when delegates were selected to the county convention, which meets here Saturday. The representation to the county convention will be one delegate for every ten voters or major fraction cast for President in the last general election.

In Durant the four wards of the city held conventions. From Ward One the delegates will go to the county convention as a unit, and were instructed to vote for Judge Ferguson as district delegate to the national convention. Following are the delegates to the county convention: W. S. Shannon, J. H. Newman, A. C. Ethridge, G. D. Barry, W. W. Reynolds.

In the Second Ward the following delegates were elected: Governor R. L. Williams, Senator J. T. McIntosh, J. R. McKinney, Green Thompson, W. M. Warmack, W. J. Turnbull, E. M. Evans, Dial Currin, Gus Poole, J. H. Downing, W. L. Boner, W. F. Pendleton, John Kittrell, T. J. Perkins, D. C. Hathcox, W. B. Petty, Lacy Grimes, Ben H. Dwight. The delegates were instructed to vote as a unit on all questions, and if they could not attend to appoint their own proxies.

In Ward Three the delegates were not instructed, and were not put under the unit rule. Forty-two delegates were seated, each having half a vote: Ed L. Spears, Tom Burson, J. V. Connell, Bob Story, C. O. Johnson, V. B. Hayes, W. E. Utterback, S. W. Stone, George Harris, D. S. Macdonald, Judge Hatchett, J. L. Rapplee, C. C. Hatchett, W. F. Semple, W. A. Jones, Grey Moore, Dr. J. B. Smith, George Harrison, J. W. Bailey, W. S. Archibald, A. H. Ferguson, Chas. McPherrin, Victor Phillips, Frank Lewis, H. M. Young, W. R. Stark, A. P. Blackwell, S. E. Swinney, Dr. C. J. Floyd, E. P. Hynds, John Nelson, E. C. Terrell, Chas.

Cochran, Judge Phillips, and Chas. Abbott.

Fourth Ward delegates go uninstructed. Following are the delegates: Horace Marshall, D. Head, J. M. Cross, E. H. Stewart, W. C. Caudill, O. L. Shannon, J. M. Webb, R. E. Powers, Wade Dougherty, Fred Sawyer, George Scheerer, W. W. Lee, John Bond, Sam Ross, Joe Street, Porter Newman.

Letters were presented to each of the precinct conventions from J. B. A. Robertson, who was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1914, in which the Judge requested the instruction of delegates for Ben Lafayette for national committeeman. None of the Durant precincts gave such instructions to their delegates, as it was feared such instruction might precipitate a fight in the county convention, as there is much sentiment here favoring the selection of Tom Wade of Marlow. Governor Williams, who is a resident of the Second Ward in this city, and a delegate to the county convention, is said to favor the selection of Mr. Wade, although this is not known for a certainty.

WALTER MAJOR DEAD

Brother of Man Killed at Boswell By Dr. Lynch Succumbs to His Wounds in Sherman, Tex.

Word was received here Tuesday from Sherman, Texas, that Walter Major, age 26, had died from the shrapnel wound said to have been inflicted on him at the time his brother, Dr. E. R. Major, a veterinarian, was killed at Boswell, last week, and for which crime Dr. C. S. Lynch, of Hugo, is under arrest and being held on a bond of \$15,000. The body was taken to Boswell for burial. Now a charge of murder will be filed in addition to the one already filed for the killing of the other brother.

COMMISSIONERS MEET MONDAY

The county commissioners will meet next Monday in regular monthly session. Nothing of importance, save the regular routine business, is scheduled to come before the board.

HYATT SUCCEEDS BREWER

Wm. Hyatt, of Oklahoma City, has been designated by the Federal Bureau of Animal Statistics to succeed F. W. Brewer, who recently resigned. This official has supervision of the field work of the department in the work of eradication of ticks.

PER CAPITA PAYMENT IS ASSURED

BILL PASSES THE SENATE WITHOUT ANY IMPORTANT AMENDMENT—MEANS THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS A HEAD FOR THE CHOCTAWS AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH OF THE CHICKASAWS—PAYMENT TO BE REALIZED SOON.

Washington, D. C., March 27, 1916. E. M. Evans, Durant, Oklahoma. Hous item per capita payment three hundred dollars Choctaws and two hundred dollars Chickasaws just been adopted by the Senate without any important amendments, which is final and means realization of payment in near future. C. D. CARTER.

The above is a copy of a telegram received from Congressman Charley Carter by the editor of the News. It tells its own story—and it's a true story for the people of this State.

No other single item of news could have created a bigger sensation here, and Tuesday morning, following the receipt of this and similar messages from Washington little groups of men stood on the street corners discussing the victory in Congress and guessing at just how soon the big payment will be available.

The payment means, roughly, a million dollars to the Indians of this county, which is equal to one good crop, and its effect upon general business conditions will be stimulating to a great degree. Just when the distribution of the money will be made cannot be known at this time, as there is a lot of clerical work to be done in the departmental offices at Washington first. It is probable, though, that the middle of June will see the distribution of the checks among the members of the tribes.

The success of the per capita payment, with excellent prospects for a large oats crop, makes the outlook for this county brighter than it has been for many years, and business men, as well as those in other callings are displaying a spirit of optimism rarely ever seen here.

Last year it was thought that the payment would go through. It passed the House by a safe majority, but by a smaller vote than this year. The Senate amended the bill in several ways, and sent it back to the House for the approval of that body of the amendments. The bill was called up for reconsideration in the House just a few moments before adjournment, with a hundred odd amendments to be voted upon, which was a physical impossibility, and the bill died a natural death after we all believed its passage was assured. The failure of the bill last year was a hard blow, both to the Indians and the business people who had been carrying the Indians for their supplies.

TWO CONVICTIONS AND ONE PLEA OF GUILTY

District Court this week working on the criminal docket, with Judge Higgins, of McAlester, on the bench, up to Thursday morning had had two convictions and one plea of guilty. Charlie Thomas and Julius Ikard were each convicted of horse theft and each was given ten years in the penitentiary. Both of these men had served terms before in the penitentiary, and Ikard was out on parole when arrested on the charge for which he was convicted this week. W. F. Gunter pleaded guilty to forgery and received a sentence of a year and a day. As the News goes to press, the trial of L. O. Smith, charged with rape, is in progress.

FRED ENGMAN DIED AT AMARILLO

Fred J. Engman, for several years manager of the Steger Lumber Co. here, and later an employe of the W. J. Thompson Lumber Co., died at Amarillo, Texas, last Saturday, his death being due to pneumonia. Funeral services and interment were at that place Sunday.

GOVERNOR HERE FOR THE CONVENTION

Governor Williams has arrived in the city from Oklahoma City, and will attend to private business affairs in the county, and will also be present at the county Democratic convention Saturday. Governor Williams is a delegate to the convention from the Second Ward of this city, of which he is a resident.

A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR PRESENT

W. J. O'Brien, for five years manager of the Durant Ice & Light Co., received this week a check for \$500 from Messrs. J. R. Cullinane, of St. Louis, and G. L. Blackford and P. H. Tobin, of Denison, which these gentlemen termed a slight token of their appreciation of Mr. O'Brien's services in their behalf as manager of that company. These gentlemen recently sold their holdings to some Chicago people, and are no longer interested in the business.

OIL WELL DRILLING RESUMED

Drilling on the Kiersey lease, near Kiersey, has been resumed, after an eight-day delay, which was occasioned by the striking of a 27-foot vein of quicksand, which necessitated the sinking of extra heavy casing before the work could be continued. The casing arrived this week, was sunk, and drilling is again under way. The hole will be drilled to a depth of 2,500 feet if necessary, to find oil or gas, or both.

TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER

Paul V. Hadley and his wife, Ida Hadley, who are charged with the murder of Sheriff Jake Giles, of Beaumont, Texas, the crime having been committed while the southbound Katy Limited train, on which Hadley was being taken to Beaumont for trial on several charges, was speeding to Texas, will have an examining trial in the justice court at Muskogee next Thursday.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT TULSA

Tulsa, Ok., March 30.—The attendance at the twenty-third annual convention of the Oklahoma State Sunday School Association reached the 3,000 mark, including 2,500 visitors. The attendance is by far the largest in the history of the organization. Among the principal speakers are: Walter S. Athearn, director of religious educational work of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Chas. W. Briles, president of the East Central Normal School at Ada, and of the Oklahoma Educational Association, H. J. Heinz, of Pittsburgh, Pa., one of the leading figures in the international Sunday School movement, was tendered a banquet.

ED. GRAHAM OF COLBERT DEAD

Word has been received that Ed. Graham, of Colbert, died last Friday morning while on a visit to his old home place in South Carolina. Mr. Graham had been a resident of Bryan County for about thirty years, and was a large land owner. Funeral services and interment were at Colbert Thursday afternoon of this week under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of that place. Deceased was a director of the State National Bank of Durant. One son, Fred J. Graham, of Colbert, survives.

IMPORTANT ROAD MEETING

An important road meeting is to be held here April 6th, when the directors of the Oklahoma, Texas & Gulf Highway Association will hold their annual business meeting and election. The members will be driven over the county roads by automobile, will be banqueted at the Elks Club by the 25-Expansion Club, and then driven to Denison, where another luncheon will be served by the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

THESE FARMS MUST SELL NOW

Eighty acres one mile north and one mile east of Albany; dark loam soil; seventy-five acres in cultivation; extra good improvements; fenced and cross-fenced; carries \$1,600 loan at 8 per cent interest, payable annually. One hundred and eighty acres, ten miles northwest of Durant; well improved; 140 acres in cultivation; no incumbrance. To raise money quickly I will sell these two farms for less than they are actually worth and for less than you can buy any land in the same vicinities. E. E. Fuller, Durant, Oklahoma. w2

INTEREST GROWING IN HIGHWAY, SAYS NESBITT

The McAlester News-Capital has the following regarding the visit of Paul Nesbitt, president of the Oklahoma division of the Jefferson Highway Association, to this county and contiguous sections of the State: "Paul Nesbitt returned this morning from a trip of several days' duration in Atoka and Bryan Counties in the interest of the Jefferson Highway, and reports that the citizens of both counties are coming forward enthusiastically in support of the movement to place this section of the great trans-continental highway in perfect shape at the earliest possible date. "Not only are the citizens of Durant and Atoka contributing liberally of their time and money for the road, says Mr. Nesbitt, but residents in every village through which it will pass and farmers along the right of way have also declared their willingness to enlist in the movement for its immediate construction. "During the past week I have traveled the route of the Jefferson Highway from Atoka to Durant, and find the road bed in good condition for most of the distance," said Mr. Nesbitt today. "Bryan already has a well graded road from north to south which the county commissioners propose to put in the best of shape without delay by convict labor which has already been arranged for, Atoka County, from the Bryan County line to Caney, has a fine rock road in the abandoned Katy Highway which can be made a model thoroughfare with a slight outlay of money. North of Caney the Boggy Creek bottom must be crossed and it is in this swampy district that I find the greatest difficulty will be encountered. "State Highway Engineer Danford will meet me at Atoka Monday, when we will establish the line north to Pittsburg County and discuss the engineering problems that must be met. Work will then be started in Atoka County without delay and we expect to have the Jefferson Highway from here to Denison, Texas, in first-class shape for automobile travel by midsummer."

A POLITICAL COMBINATION

Republicans and Socialists Believed to be Agreed on Attempt to Combine to Defeat Democratic Nominee for County Office.

What are believed to be well-founded rumors, have it that the Republicans and Socialists of this county have formed an alliance, the purpose of which is to try to beat every Democratic nominee for county office at the general election next November. At the last county election the Socialists had a ticket in the field, but the Republicans did not. Leaders of the two parties, believing that the tight times which this county experienced last year, breeds Socialists, have figured it out that if the two combine and support the same nominees that they can ride it over the Democratic party in this county.

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