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McDARMENT'S TRIAL IS ON

Testimony Seems to be for Defendant. Muskogee Courtroom Crowded.

Muskogee, Okla., June 15.—(Special to Weekly News).—What proved to be one of the most bitter fought criminal cases ever tried in Muskogee County District Court was called here Monday morning, when Corley P. McDarmont, the youthful school teacher from the Waggoner High School, formerly a Durant boy, faced trial for the murder of Edgar Watts, one of his pupils. The star witness for the prosecution was Clark Moss, another pupil, who was in the basement where the killing occurred, and who was himself wounded. Moss's testimony seems to favor the defendant in every particular, and the testimony of the janitor and Hugh Mosher, still another pupil who claims to have overheard the Moss and Watts boy plotting, seem also to substantiate McDarmont's story.

Evidence so far taken seems to show that both the Watts and Moss boys had been the bad boys of the school for several years and that no teachers had been able to cope with them.

Not as much difficulty as was anticipated was found in getting a jury and the trial of the case proper started Tuesday. The State is represented by County Attorney Fred Branson of Muskogee and some outside counsel employed by the father of the slain boy, while the defense is represented by Attorneys Moman Pruitt and J. Q. A. Harrod of Oklahoma City.

McDarmont on the stand told a clear story of the whole business, and sticks to his original story in spite of efforts to tangle him up on the details.

The courtroom has been crowded to capacity every session.

ORGANIZE COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was called to be held Thursday night to form a stronger Commercial Association here to replace the Durant Retailers Association. A. D. McMullen, one of the State Retailers Association men, was to be here to preside at the meeting. Several months ago a mass meeting of Commerce with the Retailers Association was held to consolidate the Chamber of Commerce. Committees were appointed to attend to various phases of the consolidation, but nothing has ever come of it.

MAN KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Guthrie, Ok., June 15.—A terrific downpour of rain visited this county yesterday morning, accompanied by high winds and hail at places. Fully three inches of rain fell and much damage was done to wheat, which is just being harvested.

At Coyle, Arthur Glass, a blacksmith, was instantly killed and his hours by a canyshrdlu shrdlu shrdlu helper rendered unconscious for hours by a stroke of lightning.

FOURTEEN DAYS TO FILE.

The last day for filings by candidates for county offices will be Saturday, July 1st. In many counties filings will be received by the County Election Board until midnight of that date. Persons who desire to become candidates for party nomination for county offices must file their applications within the time outlined in order to get their names upon the ballots.

FINISHED PEANUT WAREHOUSE.

The Durant Cotton Oil Company has just completed an enormous warehouse for the storage of peanuts which the company will buy from the 1910 crop. The house is believed to be large enough to hold several hundred carloads of the nuts and cost several thousand dollars to build.

FINE SAMPLES OF OATS.

The State National Bank is exhibiting some very fine samples of oats grown on Green Thompson's place south of town. One bunch of it is fully four feet long, about one-fourth of which is head. The grains are heavy and well developed. A large yield from the field from which the sample was picked is looked for.

NEGRO REGISTRATION CASES DISMISSED.

Ten cases against Precinct Registrar Dr. Calvert of Bokchito were dismissed this week in the district court for the want of prosecution. They were suits to compel the registrar to issue certificates of registration to ten negroes.

INTEREST IN CHAUTAUQUA.

The committee in charge of sale of tickets for the summer chautauqua which starts within a week or so, reports much interest being shown in the coming attractions. A complete canvass of the city to sell tickets was arranged for this week.

NOTED EDUCATOR APPEARED HERE

David Starr Jordan, President of Leland Stanford University and Famous on Two Continents, Spoke to Summer Students.

On the 9th of June, David Starr Jordan delivered a single lecture before a large crowd of school men and women at Southeastern, before a packed lower floor and galleries. The coming of this famous chancellor of Leland Stanford Junior University, scientist, author and traveler, was looked forward to as one of the biggest events since the founding of the institution.

Dr. Jordan elected to talk on the European war, having traveled in Europe during the early days of the conflict, when the continental armies were being mustered out to the front. The speaker, perfectly conversant with the situation held up to ridicule the necessity for the war, and showed the enormity of the economic and biologic losses to the race.

Dr. Jordan stated that no European power would attack us after the war, and forcefully urged the logic which pointed to the offices of the United States as being pacificist, and creditor of the depleted world.

Dr. Jordan was a personal student of Louis Agassiz, and is the biggest ichthyologist in America today. He was professor of biology and zoology for years before going to Leland Stanford University, and a member of the U. S. Fish Commission for over fifteen years.

Dr. Jordan visited the biological laboratories of the normal after his lecture, which were crowded with visitors, and spoke highly of the technique and growing collection.

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HAMILTON IS OUT OF RACE

Former Sheriff of County Withdraws Candidacy. Must Either Neglect His Crops or Campaign.

The News is requested to publish the following:-
To my friends:

Several months ago I announced my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for sheriff of Bryan county, before the August primary, and I now wish to announce my withdrawal from the race.

My reason for withdrawing is easily told. I have a large crop nearly made, which not only requires but demands my time and labor. The making of a thorough campaign for county office also requires a summer's time and labor, and it amounts to my taking a chance between an almost certain bountiful crop, and the uncertainty of political fortune, and I chose to cling to the former and take care of my crops.

To my friends who have assisted me in my campaign to this time, I am deeply grateful, more than words can express. I appreciate your efforts in my behalf and want you to know it.

Yours very truly,
A. S. Hamilton

HEAVY WIND AND RAIN.

Many people looked for a storm here Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, and those who had storm cellars got into them and those who did not, wished they had. The wind did some little damage and the rain fell in a heavy downpour for a short time. The precipitation recorded here was .65 of an inch.

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EDWARDINE CRENSHAW WINS PRIZE

Free Tuition in Minnesota University and \$450 in Cash for Proficiency in School Work.

Miss Edwardine Crenshaw of this city, teacher in the public schools at Colbert, has been awarded a free scholarship in the University of Minnesota and a cash prize of \$450, in consideration of superior work in her studies while in school.

There were over 1,000 entries in the contest and Miss Crenshaw was found to have made the best grades of any one.

She is a graduate of the Caddo high school and of the Southeastern normal and at present is a teacher in the Colbert schools. She has many friends in this section who will rejoice with her in her good fortune.

It is the intention of Miss Crenshaw at the present time to accept the scholarship and attend the University of Minnesota, using the cash prize to help defray her expenses while there.

STATE LABOR EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Twelve hundred persons were furnished employment through the free employment division of the Labor Department during the month of May. A large number of applicants for harvest labor are being held, pending an improvement in weather conditions. The harvest hand problem promises to give little trouble to the labor department this year.

Dr. J. S. Moore was here from Aylesworth Tuesday on business.

D. A. McKinney was called to Dallas Tuesday in his official capacity as regional bank director.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Routine Monthly Business Attended Names on Widowed and Orphan Pension Fund.

The County Commissioners in session this month attended to a great deal of routine business and several special matters, the more important of which were as follows:

The appointment of Ben H. Dwight as assistant County Attorney that of Ceph Shoemaker as assistant County Superintendent were approved.

The continuation depository bond of the Security National Bank of Caddo in the sum of \$3,000 was approved.

Applications of the following for enrollment as beneficiaries of the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund were approved: Kate Edelman, Lizzie Collins, Dollie Hobson, Rhoda Biggs, Dora Williams.

A road was opened commencing at the southwest corner of section 19-3-11, running between sections 13 and 24-8-10 for three-quarters of a mile, these north to the county bridge.

Claims against the various county funds were allowed and ordered paid as follows: Salary fund, \$2,107.82; court fund, \$658.02; road and bridge fund, \$214.00; widows and orphans pension fund, \$70.00; county road construction, \$1,075.12; county road maintenance, \$161.46. Claims against townships were approved and paid as follows: Township 2, \$438.05; Township 3, \$80.00; Township 7, \$188.58; Township 10, \$60.41; Township 11, \$80.00; Township 12, \$23.21.

Peru Farver, principal of the Armstrong Indian school, was here Wednesday on business.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Not a Delegate Opposed to Wilson's Re-Nomination. Governor Glynn of New York Made Keynote Speech.

The most serene and harmonious Democratic National Convention in the history of the party opened in St. Louis Wednesday, when it was soon found that every delegate present favored the re-nomination of President Wilson as the party's leader in the fall campaign. Chief interest, then, naturally settled around the selection of the resolutions committee, and much good feeling resulted from Mr. Bryan's assertion that he had no plank to offer and would support the platform. Mr. Bryan was there as a press representative, and had even declined a proxy as delegate from Nebraska, for which honor he was defeated in the Nebraska State convention.

The keynote speech was made by Governor Glynn of New York, as a result of which delegates became so demonstrative of their appreciation that the police were compelled to restore order. Mr. Glynn spoke in favor of peace with honor, but not peace at any price. He says that this policy will not please the fire-eater and the swash-buckler, but it will please the mothers of this land. Sixteen minutes of applause followed the remark.

An Americanism plank, drawn partly by the president and partly by others, will go into the platform. In it the foreign-born Americans are severely criticised for interfering in behalf of the foreign nations in the deliberations between the United States and other countries. The plank denounces men who seek to interfere with American institutions by political organizations under foreign influence.

It is likely that a suffrage plank will creep into the platform, and that another plank for the submission of the national prohibition prohibition question to the voter will also find a berth.

ANONYMOUS LETTER COMES FROM UTICA.

The News has received an unsigned letter from Utica, purporting to have been written by a practical farmer, which takes issue with certain modern farming methods. The News has many times given notice that unsigned articles would be given no consideration whatever. If the writer of this letter will make his identity known to the News, the letter will be given the attention it merits.

COUNTY ESTIMATE BLANKS.

County Clerk McCreary has received from the State examiner the blanks upon which to make out the county's financial statement and estimate of the coming fiscal year's expense and the arduous task of making up the statement he will soon commence. This is one of the biggest jobs that the clerk has to do and the utmost efficiency and patience is necessary in handling it properly.

LITTLE INTEREST IN CAMPAIGN.

Candidates report that very little interest is being shown in the county campaign this year, which they seem unable to account for. In years past one could hardly meet a neighbor at the crossroads without talk of so and so's race coming up. This year it is just the other extreme, and it is hard to get anyone to talk about so and so's race.

MOVING DAY.

It has been moving day this week for Perkins and Johnson and the Title Guaranty Abstract Company, and others tenanted the old White building on the corner of Second and Mal. All the above have moved into the Grider building, first floor, on Third Avenue and Evergreen.

STORM DAMAGE AT ADA.

Ada, Ok., June 15.—Pontotoc County was hard hit Tuesday night by the severest storm in many years. At 8 o'clock at night the first storm broke out of the northeast, breaking off trees, blowing down crops and unroofing small houses and barns. At 3:15 this morning a second severe storm passed over the western part of the county.

At Stratford and Center thousands of acres of corn, wheat and oats were practically ruined, while at least fifty barns and houses were unroofed within a radius of five miles around Stratford. No deaths are reported, storm and had taken to cellars. In many sections of the county hail wiped out all the crops.

Holdenville, Allen, Stonewall and other parts of the county were all hard hit.

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