

MORE DRILLING TO BEGIN SOON

Drumright Concern Will Sink Test Well on Some Portion of 20,000 Acres of Leases of W. S. Sterrett and Associates.

More oil drilling operations are to commence at some point in Bryan County within ninety days from this date, according to information given out this week by W. S. Sterrett, who with his associates has more than twenty thousand acres of land under lease at different points in this county, and who has contracted with the O'Dell Oil and Gas Company and the Drumright Townsite Company, both of Drumright, Oklahoma, to do the drilling.

For two years and more Bill Sterrett has been securing oil leases in various parts of the county, and six or seven different blocks are about squared up. Associated with Mr. Sterrett are other local men, and after two years of work getting the leases Mr. Sterrett was successful in getting the people mentioned above to agree to sink a test hole, and a hard and fast contract has been entered into which gives the drillers ninety days in which to commence operations.

When asked as to the exact location of the leases, and the location decided on for the test, Mr. Sterrett declined to make any statement other than that the company's geologist will be here in the near future and that the location will be picked out by that gentleman.

The people who have contracted to do the drilling are said to be strong

ly, and game to the last word. They have decided that if there is oil or gas underlying this county they will find it, and their sticktoitiveness, as shown by their activities in the Drumright field, is good indication that they will do as they say they will.

CIVIL CASES IN DISTRICT COURT

The following new civil cases have been filed in the District Court: Deming Investment Co., vs. W. T. Blanton, W. L. Rambo, et al.; note and foreclosure of mortgage.

First National Bank of Hugo vs. W. R. Turner and Bettie Turner; replevin and damages.

Edgar Sims vs. Lela Sims; divorce. J. A. Fowler vs. Mary Fowler; divorce.

Laulis and Wilson Gibson vs. Jack B. Rosenzweig and Susan Rose; cancellation of deed and leases and quieting title.

Finnerty Investment Co. vs. Vertie Heath et al.; debt and foreclosure of mortgage.

Vicay Patterson vs. W. M. Patterson; divorce and custody of children. T. J. Perkins vs. J. M. and Alice Baker; debt and foreclosure of mortgage.

Girgile Gross vs. Bert Gross; divorce.

G. H. Foote vs. E. F. Butler; damages.

Monnig Dry Goods Co. vs. E. M. Adams; debt on account.

Hale-Halsell Grocer Co. vs. E. M. Adams; debt on account.

Johnson Franklin vs. B. B. Post et al.; transcript of judgment from County Court.

Jewell Stevens vs. G. S. Cobb; possession, quieting title, and damages.

Martha E. Locke against receivers of the Frisco railroad; damages.

GREAT STRIKE OF RAILROAD EMPLOYES IS IMMINENT

GREAT STRIKE OF RAILROAD EMPLOYES MAY BE PUT IN EFFECT NEXT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH — PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS AT WORK ON SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO AVERT GREAT CRISIS — SITUATION MOST SERIOUS THAT BUSINESS INTERESTS OF COUNTRY HAVE EVER FACED — THOUSANDS OF RAILROAD CREWS MAY QUIT ON MOMENT'S NOTICE MONDAY.

The most serious crisis in the economic and business history of the United States now appears to be imminent. The railroad employes of a great portion of the railroad systems of the country have avowed a strike to be called Monday next, September 4th, and the results can only be guessed at. President Wilson's suggestions for settlement of the controversy, while agreeable to the employes, have been flatly rejected by the eight heads of the systems involved; and when their intention not to accept his way out was made known by the officials to the President, he is said to have exclaimed, "God have mercy on your souls!"

Congress expects to by Saturday have passed legislation to meet the situation, keeping the men at work and trains moving until a definite settlement of the matter; also every effort is being brought by administration officials on the heads of the brotherhoods to cause them to delay the strike for even a short time.

The American public is on the "anxious seat" in the super-degree; all business promises to be hampered, intense suffering is more than likely to be the lot of many thousands—and the outcome of relief measures now under consideration by the President and Congress is being watched for by the whole people.

A FEW ITEMS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE

Four hundred thousand employes are involved in the affair, and they have a big strike fund available at once amounting to \$15,000,000; to pay each man \$40 per month as long as assistance is needed. They anticipate that it will not need to be touched.

Several of the largest railroad systems in the United States have for some time been successfully in operation under the same conditions now demanded by the railroad employes in this struggle for the eight-hour day.

The eight-hour day is a request for a wage increase to the same extent that all similar concessions on the part of employers has given.

The strike is ordered for Monday, September 4th (Labor Day), though the hour of the day has not been publicly specified.

Upon notification of the order to strike, every road employe will leave his train at the nearest junction point and leave everything in first-class condition, and will immediately leave the property grounds of the company and in no way trespass upon the same or interfere in any manner with the company's affairs.

Heads of families are laying in supplies in the way of groceries, etc., anticipating a shortage of provisions should the strike affect merchants.

Busing's concerns in the affected region are doing all in their power to store up the necessary things which will enable them to conduct their affairs during a period of inability to get goods by rail.

Fifteen thousand National guardsmen have been ordered returned to several States. No significance as regards strike is thought of apparently. The troops, however, will have to move hurriedly, and it may be the government will have to assume control of roads.

What will Monday bring?

EPITOME OF VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES ON THE WILSON PROPOSAL

Following is an epitome of views held by railroad managers and railroad brotherhood chiefs on the six proposals of President Wilson:

1. Brotherhoods are passive regarding any plan to enlarge membership and widen scope of the interstate commerce commission. Railroads wholeheartedly approve the suggestion.

2. Brotherhoods unanimously want establishment of an eight-hour day by law. Some thing such action would prevent the strike. Railroads have made their chief fight against this proposition.

3. Brotherhoods not concerned greatly over the appointment of a commission to study effects of an eight-hour day on operation costs. Railroads desire such a commission if the eight-hour day law is inevitable.

4. Brotherhoods oppose in principle only—suggestion that Congress explicitly approve interstate commerce commission consideration of increased freight rates; believe the roads are making enough now to grant the demand. Railroads favor any move to give them increased freight rates, but are doubtful of results of such consideration.

5. Brotherhoods actively oppose as un-American, forcing men to work when they don't want to, which, they say, would result by the creation of a commission to investigate labor disputes, with the proviso that the strike would be unlawful during any investigation. Railroads specifically asked for such a commission.

6. Brotherhoods do not oppose giving the President power to operate trains in the event of military necessity; provided only trains for military purposes are thus operated. Railroads favor any measure that will keep trains running if the strike occurs.

MASONS TO MEET IN DURANT

A. J. Weir of Hugo, grand master of the Masonic Lodge of Oklahoma, has called a meeting of the Masonic lodges in this district to be held in Durant on September 22. This district is composed of Bryan and Marshall counties.

ATTEND CELEBRATION FOR BISHOP

Rev. S. L. Wiersma of the local Catholic church goes this week to Oklahoma City to attend the celebration of the 25th anniversary in Oklahoma of the Right Reverend Bishop Theophile Meerschaert. Bishops from seventeen parts of the United States will be present, and an open reception and banquet will be given.

Miss Mabel Linda returned this week to Chickasha, where she is employed as deputy court clerk. She has visited her mother and family for two weeks. Miss Linda was at one time associated with the News, and since that time has grown very proficient in her work.

ADDITIONAL PREMIUMS

The poultry department of the County Fair is to award additional premiums in each class over and above the cash premiums paid by the Fair. Through the efforts of W. E. Haynes and J. W. Scott, department heads, the Pratt Food Company will give different articles of its own manufacture as extra prizes in each class.

COUNCIL DEFERRED THE PROCEEDINGS

The City Council met in special session Monday night and perfected the proceedings in regard to the Main street paving project, and all details of the job have now been completed. Work is moving along as rapidly as possible.

CRUISER MEMPHIS LOST

Washington, Aug. 31.—Rear Admiral Pond at San Domingo City has cabled the Navy Department that the cruiser Memphis swept upon the rocks in a heavy sea in the harbor there would be a total loss, and although it was expected all on board would be saved, twenty men return-

ing to the ship from shore leave had been drowned. The United States cruiser Memphis formerly was the armored cruiser Tennessee. Her name was changed on the 20th of last May. Recently she has been doing duty in San Domingo waters in connection with the revolution.

FEATURES AT THE COUNTY FAIR

The amusement features at the Bryan County Fair at Durant on September 14, 15, and 16, are going to be better than ever this year, and this, with the many exhibits, \$3,000 in prizes, and every person in the county taking an interest, is going to make this the biggest county fair in the State.

A roping contest will be held each afternoon, and the biggest purses ever hung up in this section will be given the winners. A carload of wild Mexican four-year-old steers have been ordered for this event, and ropers from many sections will be on hand to contest for first money.

A big carnival company, with a wild west show, a '49 show, a negro minstrel, an athletic show, a fat man, a tall man, a human sawfish, the spider lady with a woman's head, and a spider's body, and many more shows will be on hand. Also a fine merry-go-round for the children of all ages.

These features, in addition to the regular races, parade, and another big free attraction, which the fair association is on a deal for, promises to make this the most interesting, entertaining and educational event ever held in this section. Everyone in the county should attend for at least one day. Prepare to take your family and have a good time.

NEWS EDITOR INVITED TO THE NOTIFICATION

The editor of the News has received from the Democratic National Committee to attend the formal notification of President Wilson of his renomination for the Presidency. The ceremony will take place at Shadow Lawn, West End, Long Branch, New Jersey, on the second of September, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

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COTTON QUEEN AT THE FAIR

Young Lady Receiving Largest Vote Will Be Crowned Queen of the Bryan County Fair—Votes Given With Purchases—Nine Now in Contest.

There is to be a "Cotton Queen" at the Fair this month. Just who this queen is to be will be decided by popular vote, and as an evidence that the Queen is necessary and desired, nine candidate, numbering among Durant's prettiest young ladies, have thus far been put forward, as follows: Louise Adams, Marcella Liveley, Anna Belle Dodd, Myrtle Rushing, Kathleen Abbott, Lois Jarrell, Lella Hampton, and Fay Boyd, and at the time this was written Miss Dodd led the field by nearly 1,000 votes. The lucky young lady will be formally crowned Queen of the Fair on the opening day and will be enthroned in the midst of a huge floral throne on a special float in the big parade. Let it be said in the beginning, that all candidates for this honor are put forward by friends, and in no instance has a candidate been aware of her candidacy until announced.

The scheme was promulgated by A. J. Allison, who is also registrar and vote-counter. Each night all the votes are counted and the standing of the candidates announced. Any young lady may be entered as a candidate by merely placing her name upon the little tickets that are given away with nickel purchases by any one of a dozen and a half local business institutions. The young lady receiving the largest vote will be the Queen.

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G. H. Foote has instituted suit in the District Court against E. F. Butler for damages as the result of the burning of his (Foote's) automobile on the road from Armstrong to Durant recently. It is alleged that the Butler car was out of gasoline, and that in lighting a match to see to get gasoline from the Foote car's tank, the car caught fire and was destroyed by the flames.

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