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LEE CRAFT TO BE CANDIDATE

State Treasurer Locally Organizing To Back Bryan County Man For Governor.

News learns today that a body of business and professional men are now in the act of perfecting an organization with the purpose of backing Lee Craft, whose home is in this county, and urging him to run for Governor of Oklahoma.

Mr. Lee Craft has been a prominent citizen of this county for many years, and was well known to the State even before he entered State politics.

Should Mr. Lee Craft determine to run for the race, it will mean at least an active and well known candidate. Three have already announced themselves, including State Superintendent R. H. Wilson, former Congressman, E. B. Howard and former collector of Internal Revenue Robert Balen.

Mr. Lee Craft is decidedly popular in the home county and would no doubt secure a great majority of all the votes cast for Governor in the county in event he enters the race.

The rainfall Wednesday night was 1.0 inches, according to Mrs. Julia B. government weather observer.

UNITED STATES AND JAPANESE DISAGREE

Ratio Of Capital Ships In Navies Is Bone Of Contention. That Threatens To Disrupt Conference

Naval experts of the United States and Japan, Wednesday agreed in committee session to disagree on the question of measurements of the existing navies of their respective countries and accordingly upon the question of ratio of tonnage under the American limitation proposal.

The experts, including those of Great Britain, decided to report the disagreement to the plenipotentiaries of the three countries. This inability to reach an accord was considered as throwing the matter into the hands of the chief delegates and as indicating a break among the experts due to Japan's insistence upon a ratio of 70 per cent in capital ships against the 60 per cent ratio stipulated in the American plan.

FARM LABOR UNION HELD COUNTY CONVENTION

The monthly county meeting of the Farm Labor Union was held at the court house here last Saturday and was attended by a large number of members from over the county. Most of the day was taken up with the organization's business. The principal feature of the occasion was an address by Edgar L. Fenton, president of the State Federation of Labor. A short talk was also made by District Judge George March.

CAR THIEVES ARE GETTING ACTIVE

Four Fords And Two Spare Castings Lifted This Week. Two Gasoline Tanks Broken Open By Thieves

Car thieves got real bold in this part of the country this week and the record of stealings to press day appears to be four Ford cars, two spare castings and gasoline taken from two tanks after the locks had been broken off by thieves.

Last Friday night, the spare tires were stolen from the rear end of cars belonging to L. P. Jeffreys and W. A. Keithley. Both cars were the same make and both were parked in the business section of town, the thefts occurring before nine o'clock according to Mr. Keithley.

Monday night a Ford was stolen from the yard of C. C. Johnson, a highway engineer living at Ninth and Cedar streets.

On the same night a steering wheel and a lot of accessories were stolen from the car of Deputy Sheriff Jim Etchison.

That same night a Ford sedan was stolen in Denison and driven up through Colbert and Calera and has been traced to where it crossed the Washita river. At Colbert that night, some one, presumably the driver of the stolen car, broke the lock from a gas station and took what gasoline he wanted.

Tuesday night two new Fords were stolen from Durant, one from the yard of Johnson Franklin on West Evergreen street and the other from Noble Bennett, at Seventh and Elm streets. That same night the lock was broken from the gas station of the Pierce Oil Corporation at Fourth and Evergreen streets, and twenty-nine gallons of gasoline taken. This is presumably the act of the car thieves.

The sheriff's office is making search for the thieves who made the Tuesday night haul. They have been traced across the Washita and as far west as Ardmore. It is believed that they are part of a regular organized band of Ford thieves.

GOVERNMENT COLLECTIONS SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR

Tax receipts of the government during the fiscal year 1921 decreased nearly \$1,000,000,000 as compared with the previous year as compared with the previous year while the cost of collection increased 32 cents for each \$100, according to the annual report of the bureau of internal revenue made public Sunday by Commissioner Blair.

Collection by the bureau during the past fiscal year totalled \$4,595,000,765 against \$5,497,589,251 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1920, a decrease of \$812,579,486 or 15 per cent.

The cost of administering the internal revenue laws for the year the report said was \$40,203,716 or 87 cents for each \$100 collected compared with 55 cents for the preceding year. However, the report added, included in the expenditures was \$6,899,497 for the administration of the prohibition and narcotic laws and \$130,000 for the enforcement of the child labor tax law which deducted from total, leaves \$33,174,369 or an equivalent 72 cents for each \$100 in taxes collected.

FOUR DIE IN PLANES

At Post Field, Lawton, Wednesday afternoon, two airplanes engaged in combat practice collided at a height of 2,000 feet and crashed to earth, killing all occupants, two in each plane. The dead are Captain Louis, Lieutenant A. T. Lanfall, Privates Hubbard and R. A. Smith. When the planes struck the earth with a terrific crash they caught fire and the bodies of the dead men were burned beyond recognition.

BLUE BEARD MUST DIE

Bluebeard Landru must die on the guillotine for murdering eleven women who fell in love with him. He was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in the Versailles Assizes Wednesday after the most sensational criminal trial ever held in France.

WAGON CRUSHED CHILD'S HEAD

The 2-year-old son of E. H. Stephens, a former southwest of Paris near Taylor's sawmill, was run over and killed by a logging wagon Friday evening while playing in the road.

The child was knocked down and its head was crushed under a wheel.

BIG HAUL OF BOOZE

More than 13,000 cases of Scotch liquor valued at \$1,000,000 have been seized by federal prohibition authorities in bonded warehouses at New York. It was learned Saturday following discovery that enormous quantities of imported intoxicants were being diverted to bootleg channels.

COLEMAN PULLS OFF A TAR PARTY

Bill Baker, Druggist, Given A Whipping And Coat of Feathers and Tar Last Friday Night By Masked Men

The first alleged activities of the Ku Klux Klan to be noted in this part of the State were pulled off at Coleman, just over the line in Johnston county last Friday night, when a party of men took in tow one Bill Baker, a druggist of the town, took him out of town, where they proceeded to whip and then tar and feather him. The alleged reason for the rough treatment is alleged illicit relations with his daughter.

The Daily Ardmoreite in speaking of the affair, says:

A company of men, said to number 300 and said to be members of some Ku Klux Klan went to Coleman in Johnston county, Friday night. They went to the drug store of a man named Bill Baker and asked to buy gasoline. The men entered the store and took Baker and also took every customer who was in the store at that time. They loaded the men in cars and then went to the telephone office and took the man in charge and required him to accompany them.

The drove out about three miles from town, removed the clothes from Baker, gave him a thrashing and then put tar and feathers on him. It was said the feathers were scattered from several hundred yards around the spot where the punishment was administered. After the job had been completed Baker was left to walk back to his place of business. The men leaving went in the direction of Durant and Denison.

This has given rise to the suspicion that men probably in another state came to do the job. The sheriff of Johnston county made an investigation but reported that he could obtain no clue as to the identity of the persons.

QUAIL SEASON OPEN

The quail season opened Thursday, December 1 and will remain open until December 31, when the sports and would be sports may kill legally, all the quail they wish, just so they do not exceed the bag limit and get caught at it by one of the numerous game wardens, and county and precinct officials on the watch for law violators. In celebration of the opening day of the season, it seemed that every body from Durant who ever hunts anything was out with his gun or gun and dog Thursday.

It might be well to say in this connection, that a great many quails have been killed in November and October. A lot of mighty poor sports have taken dogs out to "train," and use this as an excuse to kill whatever they could of the birds that were flushed by the stupid dogs. This practice is not only unsportsmanlike and unlawful but is unfair to the fellow who likes to hunt and obeys the law, too.

GRAYSON SHERIFF KILLS MAN AT SHERMAN TUESDAY

Boyd Craig, sheriff of Grayson county, Texas, gave himself up to a constable at Sherman Tuesday after shooting and killing Tom A. Hayes, a well known Sherman citizen, and former peace officer of that city. The killing took place in the alley back of the county jail in Sherman. Craig made no statement regarding the incident save that he was forced to shoot the man and regretted the necessity.

ERECTED BUILDING TUESDAY

The men of the First Christian Church Sunday School, donated their old clothes Tuesday and had a house raising and a dinner afterward. The large barrack building to be used for class rooms was erected in one day, on the Holmes Brothers lot across the street from the church. After the work was done the ladies of the church served a fine dinner to the men workers in the dining room of the church.

CARTER COUNTY DRY

Carter county is drier relative to water supply than it has been for the past thirty years, according to statements of old timers. Farmers are unable to plow, and the oil companies have the majority of their operations shut down in the fields because of lack of water.

During the past four months, there have been but two rainfalls, neither of which aided the situation to any appreciable degree, it was said.

OKLAHOMA CITY BOND ISSUE

Okahoma City's \$7,100,000 bonds issue proposals went down in defeat at the polls Saturday, with every item defeated, while the \$200,000 county tuberculosis hospital bonds carried by a majority of 2,021 in the city.

IRISH WAR LIKELY TO BE RESUMED

Appears Certain Now That Parley Between Sinn Fein and Government Will Result In Failure

Officials of the British government expressed the fear Wednesday that the Irish conference will result in utter failure and that further hostilities are likely to break out if such result occurs.

The alternative settlement plan submitted by the government to the Sinn Feiners included the necessity of a definite undertaking by the Sinn Fein to take the oath of allegiance to the British crown.

The Sinn Fein has many objections to the government's new plan, but even if it agreed to discuss this plan, it will not now give its assent to the oath of allegiance proviso. It is stated.

RELEASED AFTER KILLING

No charges are to be filed against Ed Myrick, farmer, who killed Ben Whisenhunt, his son-in-law, near Soper, twelve miles west of Hugo.

Myrick admits the killing, according to officers, but says he did it in self defense and upon investigation, J. O. McClary, county attorney, states that the shooting was justifiable.

Whisenhunt is alleged to have gone to Myrick's home and tried to force his wife, who had left him to return home with him. Myrick is alleged to have interfered when Whisenhunt was said to have attempted to use force. Daily Oklahoman.

RAIL BOARD CUTS RAILROAD WAGES

Decision Reduces Payrolls Of Roads By \$50,000,000. Working Rules Greatly Changed In Addition

Fifty million dollars is trimmed from railroad payrolls by the decision of the United States Railroad Labor Board, made public Wednesday, announcing the new working rules for six shop craft federations.

While the decision is in the main a pronounced victory for the carriers, as it greatly modifies the majority of the working rules granted the shop crafts under Federal control, not all of the requests of the carriers are granted and some of the older rules sanctioned by long experience are retained practically unchanged. The new rules go into effect immediately.

Railroads hurried to notify employees Wednesday that a 10 per cent wage cut is contemplated. This question will be before the board formally within six weeks.

The bulk of the modifications in shop craft working rules were made on privileges granted by the Government during the war. These rules have been bitterly assailed by the carriers as the cause of inefficient management. Under the new rules much of this condition is done away with.

Some of the rules are discontinued altogether and the complaint of the railroads that "It takes ten men to do four men's work" is removed.

Something to Think About

We have been telling you about cheap dry goods at THE DIXIE and we feel that you want something different.

We know that if the crops of 1922 are like the ones of 1921 that THE DIXIE will be "A blowed up sucker." So will you. What are we going to do about it? For our part we are going the corn, peanuts, alfalfa and Pure Bred Duroc route. Of course we are going to sow some barley and sudan for pasture.

Here are some facts and figures:—Mark Duer, who lives just out of town bought a very ordinary Pure Bred gilt and afterwards bred her to our prize winning boar. She raised seven red pigs. He sold four of these pigs at six months old at the very lowest price this year, 6 1-2 cents, netting him \$58.24. These pigs averaged 224 lbs. He has three left, one for meat and two gilts that he means to keep for brood sows. We know where he could sell one of these gilts for \$50.00 leaving him one gilt and a meat hog worth \$15.00. At the very lowest figures this litter was worth to Mark \$150.00 in six months time. This of course, would mean \$300.00 in one years time. Mark says that, outside of the milk fed them that he has hardly missed the feed. You see Mark sells the cream and feeds the milk to Pure Bred Durocs. We believe that any single handed farmer can care for and raise feed for four sows and their pigs. This would mean \$1200.00. Suppose he only did one-half this well or \$600.00. Did you make it raising cotton last year? With Mr. Duer's consent we will show you one of these gilts on sales day, Feb. 11th, and we don't believe that \$100.00 would buy her.

Mr. Scruggs who lives five miles north of town told us that his Pure Bred Durocs pulled him out of a tight this fall. He only has one sow and has done fully as well as Mr. Duer.

Mr. E. O. White, who lives north of Utica, raises real Durocs and he will tell you what they did for him this summer.

On Feb. 11th we are going to give you an opportunity to buy 40 real sows and gilts, bred to real prize winning boars at your own price. Think it over.

P. S. We are still selling goods at a small profit—We appreciate the business you are giving us—Tell your neighbors about this "Red Hog Store."

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Ask any of the satisfied hundreds of buyers who were there when the doors opened	\$1.50 "Worthmore" Vail Waists
All Arrow Stiff Collars 2 for	25c
	49c

A Few of the Hundreds of Bargains

100 PAIRS Edwin Clapp Shoes worth \$16.00	\$9.85
\$25.00 Men's Suits Kuppenheimer and Langham-High	\$13.50

36-inch Soft Bleached Domestic, yard 10c Men's Heavy Cotton Sox, 3 pair for 25c

20c Children's Medium weight Ribbed Hose pair,	9c
LADIES' Munsing Union Suits 4 different styles	\$1.19

REMEMBER we must have cash and will stop at nothing to move this stock in a hurry.

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