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SOME NEW PROPOSITIONS

Common Carriers Cannot Own Mining Land—Prohibition Question.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 23.—Railroad corporations, common carriers and any of their officers or stockholders are prohibited from acquiring by purchase or lease any coal, asphalt, oil or timber lands in the proposed state, by a provision introduced by Hopkins, of Muskogee, for incorporation in the constitution. A further provision prohibits any firm from holding by lease or purchase more than 3,000 acres of such land. In the event of violation of these provisions the deeds are to revert to the state. The provision was referred to the committee on coal, oil, gas and timber lands.

A constitutional proposition introduced by Cobb, of Sapulpa, by request, provided that the terms of state, county and township officers should be four years, that those first elected should hold until January 1, 1909, and that the next general election after the one for the ratification of the constitution should be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. This would place the date at the time for the presidential elections. It was referred to the committee on elections.

PROHIBITION QUESTION

The committee on the liquor traffic are now open for business. There seems to be five propositions before that committee and the lobbyists on each proposition are anxious to be heard and they will all have a chance. The propositions are: constitutional provisions, separate submission, local option, high license, to endorse the enabling act relative to the Indian Territory and to pass the matter up to the state legislature.

There is only one delegate who has publicly stated how he would vote and that is Caudill, late of Kentucky state senate, who said he would vote for prohibition and amend the same by inserting that cigars and old pipes be prohibited being used in the new state.

Off to Lansing

Sheriff C. C. Hammonds, of Comanche county and A. C. Dolde left this morning for Lansing, Kansas, where they took two prisoners, Chas. Glenny and Jim Wilkins to the state penitentiary. Wilkins was sentenced in the last term of court by the Judge to hang, but took an appeal, so he was taken to the penitentiary until his trial came up.

Will Lecture At Verden

J. S. Cunningham, who has been here for the past week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kunkel, went to Verden this morning, where he will lecture on Africa tonight. Mr. Cunningham has been a missionary in Africa for years and is a very interesting lecturer. He lectured to a large audience in El Reno Sunday and will lecture in this city at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at 8 p. m. at the Methodist church.

J. W. Willey of Blaine, Blaine county is in the city. Mr. Willey is quite heavily interested in the north west part of the county.

LETTER FROM IDAHO.

BY L. B. DUKE.

(Cont from Monday.)

I heard of work at good wages for man and team so Jimmie and I started to hunt for it; you bet we found it, both hard and soft. If a man starts out for work he can find it. I got \$6 a day for me and team in a placer mining ditch. Yes, boys, if it is deer, bear or work you're looking for you will find it. I worked in the ditch 14 days. His ditch is finished. It is about 75 miles from Caldwell.

After this I and Jim went to work on a dam at Placerville, a mining town. Here I put in 23 days with team at \$6 per day; Jim 17 days at \$1.50. We worked out \$247 in less than 40 days then went back to Caldwell and put Jim in school. This was in November. Well, boys, you will say why didn't you stay and work? Well, J. B. needed an education as well as money.

Say, boys, don't come to Idaho to farm unless you are able to buy a fine ranch, which will cost you from \$100 to \$300 an acre.

We'll go back to the dam again with two others, about 90 miles from Caldwell; so here we are. One of the boys worked only 3 days and went back to Caldwell, the other stayed till just before Xmas and he left me. So I am alone in my 10x12 White House. I could not get work for my team so I am working for \$3 a day. My December check was \$76.20.

Well, we are now into 1907. I will say I am in better health than in 20 years. My weight is always about 145 now I weigh 165 I am stout and able to do a hard days work. I do not advise any of my friends to come to this country for there are more here in all kinds of business than is doing well. Of course, if you are going to work for wages all your life this country will beat that.

I will try to give you an outline of the dam I am at work on. The height of the dam is 54 feet; length up and down the river 118 ft, across the river 150 ft. They say that it will take 2,000,000 ft of lumber to build it. The company is going to put in a 1600 horse power electric plant to run dredge boats for placer mining. It is claimed there has been \$300,000,000 worth of gold taken from one creek valley. Whotton Co. is going to dredge the same creek valley again. Say, be gorry the snow was two feet deep at my door this morning, the snow is four feet deep on the mts.

Real Estate Business In Anadarko

A would-be land buyer coming to our town is agreeably surprised at the business like and gentlemanly way in which the real estate business is conducted here by the various agencies, especially if he has passed through some experience in nearby towns, which we will not name. Here the real estate men do not call each other horse thieves, swindlers, etc., neither are the unwary taken in charge by professional toughs, made drunk on cheap whiskey and loaded up while under the influence. Our methods may be slower but they surely will pay in the long run.

Died

Evelyn, the twelve months old child of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hurley, died this morning at eight o'clock after a three week's illness of pneumonia. The Democrat joins in sympathy with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley in their sad bereavement.

SENSATIONAL MURDER CASE

Moral Turpitude Laid Bare By Confessed Slayer.

Woodward, Okla., Jan. 22.—Vester Ferneau, aged 34, Mary Smith, aged 19, Sam Houston, aged 21, and Harrison White, aged 23, are being held in the Woodward county jail on a charge of murder, as a result of the action of Judge J. A. Patton in binding the Ferneau woman and Houston over to the grand jury today, and one of the damaging admissions made to County Attorney Willet by White and the Smith woman. The case, when it comes to trial next fall, undoubtedly will prove one of the most sensational criminal actions in the history of the southwest.

Such a story of base intrigue as the peace authorities of Woodward county are now engaged in attempting to unravel, as a result of the murder of Edward Smith at his homestead seven miles northwest of Palace, in this county, on December 2, when he was knocked over the head with a club at the front door of his home and then dragged with a lariat around his neck behind a mound that he himself had owned, and left dead upon the prairie three-quarters of a mile from his home, seldom has engaged the efforts of peace authorities anywhere.

It is a case wherein the theories are legion, the evidence conflicting and the evolution of the facts a most difficult undertaking.

With She Sick

Joe Smith is ill at his home on East Broadway.

Claude Williams, who has been ill for some time with an attack of fever is convalescent.

The many friends of W. F. McCracken, will be glad to hear that he is rapidly improving from an attack of fever.

Mrs. Annie Wright, who has been visiting her son, L. Wright of Kansas City, for the past month, has returned home.

BAILEY TOO MUCH FOR 'EM

Re-Elected Senator in Joint Session 108 to 45

Austin, Tex., Jan. 22.—United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey was today re-elected United States senator in joint session of the legislature by a vote of 108 to 45. The senate gave Bailey 19 votes and his opponents 10. The house cast 89 votes for Bailey and 33 against him.

The opposing vote was cast for Cecil Lyon the republican nominee, T. M. Campbell, former representative A. W. Terrell and others.

The two houses will meet in joint session tomorrow and canvass the vote.

The opponents of Senator Bailey made an effort in the house this morning to pass a resolution providing that, should the legislature vote unanimously for the election of Bailey, the latter should permit the people to vote in a special primary on the charges preferred against him and that, should the result be adverse to him, he would resign. The proposition was not accepted by the Bailey element.

The special investigation committee considered the charges against Senator Bailey tonight.

Fair View School House

7 miles north and 6 miles east of Anadarko Revival services will commence at the above school house Sunday Jan. 27th by the Rev. Eli Austin of Spring Creek. Services as follows in the morning at 11 a. m. Consecration meeting at 7:30 prayer and praise. 8 P. M. Gospel Service Meeting, every night at 8 p. m. All are heartily invited to attend.

Call Meeting

Ladies Social Union will meet in the lecture room at the Presbyterian church Jan. 23rd at 2:30 o'clock, all members urged to be present.

MRS. CAUDLER, Pres.
MRS. CLEVELAND, Sec.

Our Public School

The Democrat would have liked very much to pass in silence the recent occurrence in our Public school, but we find it will not do, too many want to know just what has happened. Therefore perhaps it is best to give the exact facts, as far as we have been able to gather them.

Last Friday evening, R. M. Estes and Miss Lelah Popplewell the High School teachers tendered their resignations to the school board, claiming they had not sufficient authority to enforce a discipline. On Monday morning the school board met with the teachers and Superintendent Findley in the presence of the High School pupils. Mr. Findley then offered his resignation to the board and it was accepted.

The school board put in Mr. Estes in complete charge of the schools as principal, virtually doing away with the office of city school superintendent. After roll call in the afternoon session the majority of the High School students ignoring the authority of Mr. Estes left the building in a body first going to the home of Mr. Findley where in a number of impromptu speeches they expressed their sympathy and loyal support.

After parading the streets for a time, they returned to the High School, called their Literary society together and subscribed \$20 for the purchase of a loving cup for Mr. Findley.

The feeling among our citizens is strong, as they realize that in removing Mr. Findley, an irreparable injury has been done an honorable gentleman. Even those who opposed Mr. Findley's re-election last spring do not countenance the present action, as this is his third year in the public schools and Mr. Findley's merits and deficiencies were well known, when he was re-employed.

Everyone regrets the demoralized conditions now existing and hope for the benefit of the children in schools that, whether Mr. Findley be reinstated or not, harmony and good order may be speedily restored.

Obituary

Thomas F. Yarnell, an old settler of this country, died at his home 2 miles southeast of Anadarko yesterday morning at 11 o'clock, of pneumonia, after an illness of one week. Mr. Yarnell came to Anadarko from Kansas seventeen years ago, in the days when the Indian traders freighted their goods overland from Caddo, I. T.

Mr. Yarnell has been a prominent citizen of the town since its beginning, and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank. He has been engaged principally in stock raising, farming and dairying, and had accumulated a comfortable competence in his business. He was a member of the Woolmen of the World, of Anadarko.

The deceased was born near Evansville, Indiana, forty-nine years ago. He has two brothers and a sister living, and leaves a wife, daughter and son. The Democrat extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

As a member of the lodge he carried \$1000 insurance. This insurance also carries aside it a monument costing \$100.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. F. L. Farrington at the First M. E. church in this city at 2 o'clock tomorrow, after which the body will be laid to rest in the city cemetery.

Miss Florence Ashmead is spending the day in Gracemont.

GOVERNMENT SENDS CABLE

England Is Grateful to United States for Assistance and May Apologize

London, Jan. 22.—The Post this morning says:

"The English government has assured the government at Washington that an investigation will be made into the treatment of Admiral Davis at Kingston. If Governor Swettenham's action is found to be unjustified, it will be disavowed by the government and an apology will be offered."

Soldiers Raid Bad

Section of City

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Fifty soldiers from the barracks raided the "Bad Land," a negro section of the city demolishing windows, saloons and stores, with showers of brick and stones.

A mob of five hundred blacks and whites met them and fired upon them.

Many were injured.

Half of the number are now under arrest at the city guard house.

The war department was notified by Major Glenn, commanding.

The rioters, privates quartered at the Columbus barracks in the northern part of the city, scattered when approached by a mob of five hundred people. Two companies of regulars were sent out for their apprehension by Major Glenn, commandant, at the barracks and squads of police also assisted.

Many of them have now been arrested. Some are in the city penitentiary and others are in the guard house at the barracks. Outside the barracks a line of soldiers is on patrol duty, soldiers approaching are placed under arrest.

All trains are being watched that none may leave the city in that manner.

School Land Leases

Guthrie, O. T. Jan. 20.—The monthly report of Fred L. Wanner, secretary of the territorial board for leasing school lands to the governor, shows the receipts of the department for the month of December to have been as follows: Common school fund, \$31,197.35; college fund, \$20,136; public school building fund, \$8,239.74; common school indemnity fund, \$8,254.60; Greer county section 13, fund, \$2,712.24; Greer county, section 33 fund, \$1,749.15; total \$73,292.26.

The expenses of the department for the month were \$1,901.02. The sum of 24,580 was paid to the territorial treasurer, leaving funds on hand, Jan. 1, 1907, as follows:

Common school fund, \$163,717.11; college fund, \$283.95; public building fund, \$3,760.62; common school indemnity fund, \$35,305.40; Greer county, section 13, fund, \$4,600.98; Greer county section 33, fund, \$4,804.12; total \$211,452.06.

The receipts from transfers during the month were \$410. The amount collected for each transfer was \$1 and this shows that 410 school lands changed hands during the month of December.

A. D. Brown is buying cotton in Gracemont today.

ADDITION TO Anadarko For Sale.

On February 13, 1907, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, through the United States Indian Agent, at Anadarko, Okla.,

The E½ of NE¼, Sec. 21, Twp 7, N, Range 10, N.
Bids to be opened at the Agency at 2:00 P. M.

This land adjoins the townsite of Anadarko on the south; an ideal addition to the townsite for residence lots.

Sold Under Special Act of Congress

The only land adjoining the town of Anadarko available for townsite purposes. A proposition worth investigating. For information call on or Address, J. P. BLACKMON, U. S. Indian Agt., Anadarko, Okla., or

OTTO WELLS, Allottee,

Jan. 24-4.

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