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## DEFER ACTION ON BOND ISSUE

Council Wants More Definite Information Before Calling Election

Contrary to expectations the city council at its meeting Monday night did not order the election for the voting of the proposed improvement bonds as was expected, but deferred the matter for two weeks in order that the proposition might be put in definite form for presentation to the people before asking them to vote on it.

This action was taken at the suggestion of Dyke Ballinger, attorney for the purchasers of the proposed bonds. In speaking to the council on the matter Mr. Ballinger stated that as it now stood the proposition was rather indefinite. The mayor's proclamation calling the election should state definitely the purposes for which the money to be derived from the sale of the bonds was to be used.

The people should know, he said, just what amount it was proposed to expend in the building of the dam across the river, what amount was to be used in the extension of the water works system and improvement of the electric light plant, and how much money it was proposed to put into the new city building.

In regard to this latter proposition the impression had gone out in many places that it was proposed to erect a \$15,000 building, and this statement brought out the statement from the mayor that such was not the case, but that at least \$5,000 or \$6,000 of the \$15,000 set aside for the city building was to be used in the furnishing and equipment of the much needed fire headquarters.

Mr. Ballinger suggested that these matters be taken up at once and the necessary data be compiled in order that the council might take definite action at the next regular meeting. In his connection Mr. Hamilton brought up the question of the existing contract between the city and the O'Neil Engineering Co., of Dallas, Tex., and on request the clerk read the contract.

It was found that the contract did not cover the construction of the proposed dam, the contract being merely for the extension of the water works and improvement of the electric light plant. This seemed to be a surprise to many members of the council as the impression had become general that the contract with the O'Neil Company was for the construction of the dam. Mr. Farrington explained that the contract, which bore date of

March 19, last, was made before the construction of the dam was thought of. After this contract had been made, in which was contemplated the removal of the electric light and water works plant from its present location to a site on the railroad the suggestion of cheap water power was made and the engineers from the O'Neil Company made their investigations which resulted in the movement to secure cheap water power for Anadarko.

In view of the fact that the existing contract did not cover the work now contemplated and for which it is proposed to vote bonds, it was suggested that the O'Neil Company be requested to send a representative here at once to confer with the council and give definite information as regards what amount of money would be expended in the construction of the proposed dam, the amount required for the extension of the water works system and the amount needed for the improvement of the electric light plant. The mayor was instructed to wire the company to have their representative here not later than Monday night of next week.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton the mayor appointed a committee of three consisting of Hamilton, Graham and Farrington, to have prepared and presented at the next meeting of council plans of the proposed city building with an estimate of the cost, and also information as to what part of the money would be necessary for the equipment of the fire department.

As soon as the representative of the O'Neil Company arrives the mayor will call a special meeting of the council and the entire matter will be gone over, in order that definite action may be taken at the next regular meeting of the council.

## SIDEWALKS

Hereafter Street Commissioner Will Inspect Work

At Monday night's meeting of the council the question of the alleged faulty construction of cement sidewalks was brought up by the mayor who stated that there was much complaint, it being claimed by some that the contractors were not complying with the specifications in their work, and he suggested that hereafter the street commissioner be ordered to inspect all such work, making daily visits to the places where sidewalks are being put in seeing that the walks were being constructed in every way in accordance with the specifications, and making the proper reports to the council before any work was accepted. In accordance with this suggestion a resolution was adopted ordering the street commissioner to do this work.

Clyde Leech went to Ardmore on business last night.

## ALL IS QUIET AT OKMULGEE

Feared Race Riot over Sunday's Tragedy Does Not Come Five Dead

Special to the Democrat

Okmulgee, Okla., Nov. 17—All is quiet here today after the terrible tragedy of Sunday afternoon which resulted in the murder of Edgar W. Robinson, sheriff of Okmulgee county, Henry Klaber, a policeman, and the killing of Stephen Grayson, a negro politician and two negro boys named Chapman, by Newton Decker, a negro.

Decker started a fight by beating a negro boy, James Grayson, into insensibility with a revolver. The fight took place at the St. Louis & San Francisco station. Grayson's friends went to the police and when Klaber arrived Decker ran to his house on a small creek nearby and barricaded himself. Klaber was shot when he approached the house.

Two negro boys named Chapman, who tried to approach Decker and induce him to surrender, were shot and killed. The father of the boys was wounded while he was lifting the body of one of his sons. Stephen Grayson was also shot and killed while trying to talk Decker into surrendering. Sheriff Robinson was called by telephone and in an attempt to arrest Decker he was killed.

In the meantime Decker's house had been riddled with bullets. Failing to drive him out the gathering citizens, now a mob, crazed for the negro's life, set fire to a house just north of Decker's. Decker, desperately wounded, was seen to roll over on the floor, light a match and set fire to his house. It was soon a mass of flames and his body was burned in it.

Hundreds of shots were fired by Decker and the officers. It is said that ten persons, most of them bystanders, were slightly wounded besides those whose names are known. Decker evidently had a large amount of ammunition stored in his house. Many cartridges were heard to explode while the house was burning.

Sheriff Robinson and Klaber, the policeman, both had families. Decker was employed in a gun shop, and was considered peaceable and well behaved. There is no fear of a race riot. Everything is quiet here now.

Judge Herman Franz attended a banquet at Gracemont Monday night given by the Woodmen of the World. The affair was an elaborate one and attended by a large number of the members of that fraternity throughout the county.

## HIGHLAND ADDITION

Will Soon Become a Part of the City of Anadarko

An ordinance extending the limits so as to include the Highland addition was presented at Monday night's meeting of the council and placed on its first reading. The adoption of this ordinance will place the new addition in the city proper and permit of the extension of water-works and electric light systems when the extensions are made.

The S. I. S. club will give their second entertainment tonight at the Widaman hall. The Colbath orchestra is engaged to furnish the music and every effort is being put forth by the S. I. S. club for an enjoyable evening and make it more pleasant than the first.

T. M. Glidewell is in Chickasha on business today.

## HIT THE FLOOR WHO HIT HIM?

Young Osborne Claims His Father-in-Law Struck Him On His Jaw

A peculiar affair occurred in the lobby of the post office Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock in which a young man named Osborne claimed that he had been struck and knocked down by his father-in-law, a man named Orendorf, the latter living in town and the former in the country. The peculiar thing about the affair is that while there were several people in the postoffice at the time, including Chief of Police Cooley, no one saw a blow

struck or saw Osborne fall.

The first that attracted any one's attention was a shuffling noise as of some one sliding their feet over the floor. The noise attracted the attention of those in the office and when Chief of Police Cooley looked around he saw Osborne lying on the floor near the general delivery window of the postoffice. The young man got up immediately and staggered toward Cooley, exclaiming, "Arrest that man; he hit me," at the same time indicating Orendorf.

Orendorf denied any knowledge of the affair and as no one could state that Osborne had been hit as he claimed, no arrest was made, Osborne at the time refusing to swear out a warrant. He claimed that his jaw was broken and was taken at once to the office of a physician.

It seems that there has been trouble existing between the two men for some time, but the cause of the occurrence Tuesday morning is not known.

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