

TO REMIND FARMERS

ROCK ISLAND, WHICH FURNISHED SEED WHEAT, WAKES UP.

Oklahoma Farmers Now Have a Splendid Crop and the Officials Think It is About Time for the Tillers of the Soil to Come Forward and Make Some Kind of a Suitable Return for Favours Extended in the Past—Fifty Thousand Bushels Was Furnished by the Railroad When Times Were Very Hard.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—The Enid Eagle says: In conversation with Colonel Harry Thompson of North Enid, we were informed that in the fall of 1894 the C. R. I. & P. railroad furnished the farmers of Grant and Garfield counties with 50,000 bushels of wheat for seed. This wheat was sold to the farmers at exact cost and transportation free. Notes were taken, payable in one year at 7 per cent, interest, but owing to small crops and general hard times the farmers have never been asked to pay them. This wheat cost the farmers from 30 to 35 cents a bushel. Now that we have a mammoth crop and wheat is bringing 60 to 65 cents per bushel the railroad company will ask them for notes to be paid. The farmers can repay the 50,000 bushels bought in 1894 by selling 30,000 bushels this year, and should remember their obligations to pay up. The railroad company not only sold that amount of wheat and took our farmers' notes for the same, but shipped in an additional 100,000 bushels, free of cost, purchased by residents of the county, to be used for seed that fall.

THERE IS MALIGNITY IN IT

Jake Admire on the Attacks Made on Governor Barnes by De Ford.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—Jacob Admire of the Kingfisher Free Press has editorially summed up the Barnes-De Ford matter. He says:

The Free Press has watched the progress of the Barnes-De Ford-Orput-Flynn gossip with interest. So far it is not known that any formal or authentic charges have been made against Governor Barnes. There is a rumor to that effect. And yet, some of our exchanges are clamoring for Governor Barnes to make a defense and clear his skirts. We presume if any charges have been made against the governor, and the president considers them of sufficient importance or seriousness to demand an explanation, he will notify the governor. Until then, Governor Barnes is not called upon to make any defense. Governor Barnes' enemies have oversteered the mark.

And yet, Governor Barnes has made a statement in reply to the newspaper reports. He admits that after he became convinced that De Ford could not be appointed marshal, he then undertook to aid him otherwise, and so arranged for De Ford to have employment in one of the courts, and his son, Harry, to be employed in the marshal's office. Orput also, it is admitted, agreed to pay \$100, or half the expenses, at least to have been incurred by De Ford in his candidacy. Under the circumstances, this would have been a liberal proposition for De Ford. But De Ford says that previous to all this, Governor Barnes had demanded that, in case of his appointment as marshal and his commission for the governor's support, he should pay \$100 per month out of his salary. Governor Barnes denied this part of De Ford's story, and so that becomes a mere question of personal veracity between them.

De Ford convicts himself by his own confession that he agreed to pay Governor Barnes \$100 per month out of his salary for his support. But he convicts nobody else. His statement is offset by Governor Barnes' denial, besides that, any man who claims to believe this part of De Ford's story must go further and say that he firmly believes also that Governor Barnes is an unmitigated fool, because no man who is not such a fool would, under the circumstances of the case, even seek to enter into such a corrupt and shameless bargain.

That there is a whole heap of malignity in this whole matter is apparent. It is pretty well settled that if he had been let alone, De Ford would have never told the stories which have been made public. In the first place, crazed with disappointment and ready to listen to any story of wrong and bad faith, he told his story, in confidence, to Mr. Flynn. Mr. Flynn, in attempting to prevent the agreement in regard to the marshaling from being carried out, revealed De Ford's story to the attorney general, and then, in order to verify it, De Ford claims that he did not intend to make the story public. We very much doubt whether this matter will finally redound to Mr. Flynn's advantage.

One thing is certain—probably more than one. De Ford has spent a large sum of money in his long campaign. He claims himself that he is financially ruined. He has certainly suffered greatly in other respects. But he has lost all chances of official recognition so far as Federal employment is concerned. Orput may not be appointed marshal—the Free Press cannot see why he should be—unless he may not be appointed judge, but, if they are, no broader declaration of the president's disability in De Ford's story could be made.

The Free Press had, for many reasons, sympathized with De Ford's candidacy for marshal. It sincerely regrets the unfortunate developments which have made his appointment impossible. He has been the victim of wicked circumstances. For many weeks and months he was led to believe that his ultimate appointment was beyond all question. We did not know upon what grounds he based his hopes. "The powers" all appeared to be in his favor. He

even asserted a great many times that the president had actually promised to appoint him, and he expected every day to hear that his name had been sent to the senate. But it never was.

FERGUSON KICKS ON ORPUT

Oklahoma Man Who Doesn't Think He Should be Appointed Marshal. Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—Tom Ferguson, editor of the Watonga Republican says: Orput would not be satisfactory to the Republicans of the Territory should he be appointed marshal. He is not publicly known as a Republican, never having placed himself on record. Mr. Orput probably votes the Republican ticket when it comes handy, but the party does not know him. He is the candidate of the Rock Island railroad and has no support to speak of.

INDIANS OVERPOWER A WHITE BOY

Three of the Red Devils Takes a Little Boy's Pony Away From Him. Okarche, O. T., Aug. 14.—Warren Keller was riding his brother's pony near their home when three Indians came upon him and took the pony from him, the boy walking home. His brothers all being absent he awaited their return, when John Keller and T. W. Lesperance started in pursuit of the thieves. They found the pony in a herd near Darlington Sunday morning. They secured it with very little trouble and brought it back, but failed to get the thieves. The Indians claimed the pony belonged to a little Indian. The trial was set for Tuesday, at 2 o'clock for the Indians to prove the pony was theirs, but they failed to appear. They will now evidently be prosecuted if they can be caught.

ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

Two Institutions at Norman Investigated by the Bank Examiner.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—The Norman Transcript says: John M. Pugh, the territorial bank examiner, spent Tuesday of this week in this city examining the two financial institutions of Norman which were found in good condition and prosperous. Mr. Pugh formed many new acquaintances while here and favorably impressed all of our people who had the pleasure to meet him. He has had a good deal of experience in the line of his business, and is evidently a good man to fill the position.

SHOOTING OVER A POSTOFFICE

Applicants for the Place Have Worded at Comanche and Blaine Arroyo.

Duncan, O. T., Aug. 14.—The Banner here says: G. S. Yates, who was in Dun on Tuesday, informs us that quite an exciting little shooting scrape was indulged in at Comanche last Monday, the participants being Alex. Ray and Charlie Dunn, or rather exclusively by Ray. The wrangle for postmaster at Comanche seems to have been the indirect cause of the ill feelings existing between the competitors. As near as we can get at the facts regarding the difficulty is about as follows:

It seems that Dunn had made some derogatory remarks about Ray's wife, which remarks, so Ray says, prevented Mrs. Ray from getting the postoffice at Comanche. Ray came down town Monday morning loaded with a Winchester and six-shooter. He went into the store of Andy Yates, and seeing Dunn in the back of the store ordered him to leave the place, at the same time advancing on him with the Winchester in a threatening manner. Dunn did not leave the house, but made a spring for Ray, grabbing the gun and a tussle ensued during which the Winchester was fired, the ball taking effect in the ceiling above. Finally the Winchester was dropped by Ray who at once went after his pistol, which he drew and during the melee one barrel was discharged, but went wide of its mark and no one was hurt. Ray was finally disarmed and the fight was over; no one being hurt save a few scratches sustained by the combatants.

HOW TEMPLE HOUSTON DRINKS

The Hot Water Up in a Jar and Hangs It From the Ceiling to Keep It Cool.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—The Woodward News says: Senator Temple Houston has a very large Mexican water jar in which, during the hot summer days, he keeps the water for use in his office. The jar is suspended from the ceiling and is wrapped with cloths. The water seeps through the porous jar only sufficiently to keep the cloths dampened and the evaporation does the rest. The water is much cooler than ordinary fresh spring water and is far preferable to heated water.

LIGHTNING MELTED BED SPRINGS

Thrilling Experience of an Oklahoma Family With Electricity.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—The Blackwell Record says: C. M. Spencer and family, who live south of Osborne, had a very narrow escape from death by lightning last Sunday morning. The jar is suspended from the ceiling and is wrapped with cloths. The water seeps through the porous jar only sufficiently to keep the cloths dampened and the evaporation does the rest. The water is much cooler than ordinary fresh spring water and is far preferable to heated water.

CONFERRED TO ROBBING MAILS

William Breckenridge Throws Himself on the Mercy of the Court.

Enid, O. T., Aug. 14.—William Breckenridge was arrested yesterday at Lyons, Wash county, and brought to Enid on a charge of robbing the mail. Breckenridge was mail carrier on the route between Waukomis and Isabella. Numerous packages have been missed from time to time during the past six months. The post-inspector at Lyons traced the thefts to Breckenridge, who when shown the proofs, confessed his guilt and will ask clemency of the court.

CALLS HIS SUPPORTERS CUCKOOS

One Enid Editor Writes Hot at Barnes Calls His Advocates.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—The Enid Republican, which is opposed to Governor Barnes, this week scores his supporters, designating them as "cuckoos." Among other things it says: Whatever the result of the De Ford Barnes affair may be—and for the honor of the Republican party, we sincerely trust that Governor Barnes may be able to establish his innocence—the governor

who could procure his place by such misrepresentation cannot be held blameless. All the singing of the cuckoos on earth cannot exculpate him from the wrong he has done his party and the leaders whose sincerity, loyalty, and zeal for party principles has never been questioned. This evening's Enid Republican says: It is a pity that Mr. Barnes will eventually have to atone for his sudden turn against him and should he be driven from office in disgrace (which Heaven forbid) this same cuckoo press, these same hungry pie scavengers would be the first to turn upon him, to rehash all the laudation they have heaped upon him and dump it into the lap of his successor.

BADLY HURT BY A HORSE

Frank Erdman of Garfield County Struck on the Chest and Lung. Enid, O. T., Aug. 14.—Frank Erdman, who lives two miles north of Lahoma, was kicked by a horse in the head and chest yesterday and seriously injured. Two ribs were broken and his face badly smashed. He was riding along when he came up to a bunch of horses, they became frisky and one of the horses kicked high in the air with awful force, knocking Mr. Erdman from his horse.

NEW COTTON GIN FOR EL RENO

It Will be Erected Soon and Fifty Bales a Day Will Run Out.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 14.—An 80-horse power cotton gin will be operated in this city in the large warehouse south of W. S. Sherman's residence. A gentleman named Rouse from Watonga has leased the property and part of the new plant is now at the Rock Island depot. The gin will be in operation shortly after the first of September, and the power will be furnished by the El Reno Electric Light company. From twenty to fifty bales will be ginned daily.

MAJOR SIMPSON HAS TYPHOID

El Reno Citizen Ordered to Lie by the Doctor.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 14.—Major E. J. Simpson is quite ill at his residence with typhoid fever. He was taken down about a week ago and after being confined to the house a couple of days, under the doctor's care, he thought if he would stir around he would feel better. He came down town but returned in a few hours completely exhausted. When the doctor came next day he warned him of the seriousness of such movements.

SCHOOL HAS NO BLACKBOARDS

Oklahoma Contractor Gets Mad and Shuts Out Workmen Straightway.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 14.—The Stillwater Gazette says: Contractor Burdette, of the new school building, got a little rolicky last Monday and locked it up to keep the plasterers from putting on the blackboards, because the school board refused to honor an order he had given to one of the carpenters for \$50. He is several hundred dollars in the hole on this contract and now proposes to be as arbitrary and contrary as possible to give the board all the trouble he can.

MUST SHOW THE RECORD

New and Important Order Made by Railroad Commissioners.

Topeka, Aug. 14.—Ex-Governor Lewelling of the state board of railroad commissioners signed an order yesterday that is without parallel in the history of this state. It is so sweeping in its effect that it is generally believed to be the precursor of a new and zealous effort to regulate railroads.

As the signs are interpreted they indicate a movement against the Santa Fe railway company, almost identical with that recently adopted against the Kansas City stock yards company. The railroad board will avail itself of the privilege of examining the books of the railway company. Its company, its earnings, running expenses and financial methods will be laid open and subjected to careful investigation.

The immediate promoter of the action was the Rice county freight rate case. Complaint was made to the railroad commission by the people of Rice county that the freight rates for their section were exorbitant. Next Tuesday the board will visit Lyons to take evidence in the case. Yesterday Sam Jones, attorney for Atlanta township, one of the complainants, visited Topeka. He applied for subpoenas for General Manager J. F. Frey and the local agents of the Santa Fe in Rice county, and asked that they be compelled to produce the contracts for construction, maintenance and operation of the road.

It is the plan to study the history of the company and expose its innermost affairs. Ex-Governor Lewelling signed the subpoena. A portion of it is appended: "You and each of you are hereby commanded to be and appear in your own proper person before the board of railroad commissioners of the state of Kansas, sitting at the court house in the city of Lyons, in the county of Rice and state of Kansas, on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and to bring with you all records in your possession and under your control showing or tending to show the amount of freight and passenger receipts at each of the above-mentioned stations from August 15, 1915, to August 15, 1917; and also showing or tending to show the amount charged for freight shipped during said time from each of said stations, which was not paid at such stations, which was not paid at such stations; also, contracts for carrying the mails and express, and records of receipts by reason thereof; also, all records of said Atlanta, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company and contracts for the construction of the Marion and McPherson branch of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway through Rice county, Kansas, and all records and contracts in reference to such construction and also its latest and present contract for the purchase of ties, rails and materials and estimates for the cost of construction of said road made by its engineer at the time of its construction, and all records, contracts and documents bearing upon the cost of construction of said Marion and McPherson line and showing the amount of aid received in its construction in Rice county, Kansas, and all records and documents in its possession or control of each of either of you, showing or tending to show what said road would now be constructed for. And there to testify in a certain proceeding now pending before said board, wherein E. M. Black, trustee of Atlanta township, Rice county, Kansas, is complainant, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company is respondent, on behalf of said complainant. And this you do under penalty of law."

The statute upon which the order is based, authorizes the board to exercise equal power with courts of record in compelling witnesses to testify and produce records.

DEAD STUCK FOR BUGS

Enid, O. T., Aug. 14.—Large numbers of dead flies, house flies, and other insects are being found in the streets of Enid.

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