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POPULAR AND JUST

If it were only because the commission form of government is popular and appeals to the masses, the change to that sort of municipal control would be unwise. But the freedom of a municipality from the old burdensome and weak sort of control by wards means so much to any city it is of great import.

CAMPAIGN AFFAIRS

The next state campaign will be much different than is expected by professional office-seekers and office-makers. There will be a plain issue involving handling of state affairs.

That the primary will be holy contested and that many Democrats will aspire for position, is indicative of the feeling the party has in the main.

SYSTEM REFORM

It is remarkable that President Taft just after having declared himself about to help the interstate commerce commission through some rough pieces, was thankful for a business man from Cleveland Morgan and others who recently united with Morgan in the money runs of the world.

In their ambition to make money faster than the average person can produce, the tariff beneficiaries will eventually prove their own undoing.

The 26th century has played its ten spot. Fake press bureaus are working overtime. Even the Tulsa World rebels.

The Capital says the state administration has caused high taxes. On that proposition the taxpayers are from Copenhagen.

Political matter of candidates should be labeled "advertising matter." Some papers in the state have been beautifully worked by press bureaus and correspondents.

Well, but the wind can blow cold in this section when it wishes. Keep your eye on the fellows fighting the commission form of government and ask yourself, WHY?

President Taft has again wobbled to the bad and refused to agree with himself about his special messages.

Senator Berler will aspire for the Republican nomination for either governor or treasurer, so says an East side newspaper.

Republican press bureau authorities this week announce there must be no further statement about the riot between the editors at Shawnee, as the truth might possibly be told by some one too mad to be further restrained.

The attempt to frigate the colored vote of Guthrie into standing solid against the commission form of government will not prevail. A city official has started the story that the governor will appoint the city officers.

Friends of commission government are told of a great disaffection in certain quarters, only to investigate and ascertain the same little clique of selfish opponents have been in another part of the city in the hope of starting a really formidable opposing force.

All this tommyrot about Carpenter, alleged detective, being killed while trying to protect society ought to be stuffed down the people making such pretenses. The United States marshal, John Abernathy, was in command of that posse and says there was no understanding with Carpenter as described.

NEW STATE BANK CHARTERED

A charter was issued by the secretary of state this morning to the Citizens State bank of Rocky, with \$12,000 capital stock. The incorporators are: C. C. Hill, W. L. Busch, A. C. Means, W. B. Stephens and J. E. Ferguson, all of Rocky.

REMEMBERED BY EMPLOYEES

State Examiner and Inspector C. A. Taylor was agreeably surprised last evening when the employees of his department called upon him at his home and presented him with a handsome electric lamp and a Masonic emblem watch charm as a Christmas gift.

SOLICITING BRIBES BASIS OF INDICTMENT

(By Associated Press.) Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 5.—T. B. Sutton, chairman of the board of county commissioners, and Charles E. Haggerty, county surveyor, were indicted by the grand jury today charged with soliciting a bribe from John T. Oilplant, manager of a bridge company, to deliver contracts for twenty-three thousand dollars worth of bridge work in Muskogee county.

OKLAHOMA HEARING MAY CONCLUDE TODAY

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 5.—Hearing of the Oklahoma two-cent fare and maximum freight rate cases in the Federal court here may end today with conclusion of final argument for the railroad by Gardner Lathrop. Judge Hook will probably appoint a special master to take testimony at the conclusion of the hearing.

COTTON SEASON IS NEAR END IN GUTHRIE

The cotton season of 1909 is just about at a close, at least so far as the Guthrie buyers and growers are concerned. Cotton buyers say that about ten days of good weather will just about clean up the crop.

CRACKED DISHES MUST GO

Use of cracked dishes or utensils by boarding houses, hotels or lunch counters in the preparation or serving of food has been prohibited in Oklahoma by order of the state health commissioner, issued today.

CAUGHT WITH DECOY LETTER

Special to Daily Leader. Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 5.—Deputy Sheriff Charles Campbell of Enid arrested W. S. Crabb, who is charged with practicing frauds in Enid. Crabb went to Enid a few weeks ago, and purported to be a Tulsa oil man worth millions, in this manner getting money from men interested in his schemes.

RELATED COMPLIANCE

The Pioneer Telephone and Telegraph company, owned principally by the American Telephone and Telegraph company, of Boston, Mass., which virtually has a monopoly of the telephone and telegraph business in the United States, having recently acquired the Western Union lines and other interests, today filed with the Corporation Commission valuation reports of two-thirds of the 100 exchanges which the company operates within the state.

SURETY CONCERNS ARE SETTLING

Secretary E. O. Cassidy, of the school land commission, was advised by wire this morning that a representative of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company of Baltimore, Maryland, is enroute to Guthrie to pay the claim of the state of Oklahoma for \$25,000, the amount of the bond given by the surety company to guarantee the state deposit in the defense Farmers' and Merchants' bank at Tulsa.

CONFRONTED BY BIG DOCKET

The corporation commission convenes for the January term on Tuesday, January 11, with the largest number of complaint cases ever docketed for hearing at any one term.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

The state auditor is in receipt of a valuation report from the Miami-Baxter Springs Interurban line which has eight miles of road in operation in Ottawa county, extending from Miami north to the lead and zinc mines. The report comes too late to be placed on the rolls for the 1909 tax.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Compilation of reports from seventy of the seventy-six counties in Oklahoma, made to State Health Commissioner, show that during the month of November there were 2,511 births and 900 deaths. Of the births 2,314 were males, and 1,195 females, while of the deaths 478 were males and 422 females.

Counties having more than ten cases of diphtheria were Oklahoma county, 33; Pontotoc, 18; Alfalfa, 12; Washita, 11; Cimarron county had 13 cases of scarlet fever, Pittsburg 13 and Garfield 9. Oklahoma county had 12 cases of smallpox, and Jackson county 9. Counties having more than 25 cases of typhoid fever were: Tulsa 41; Muskogee 29; Oklahoma 27; Caddo 27; Jackson 26; Pittsburg and Stephens counties each had 11 cases of tuberculosis and Bryan and Oklahoma reported ten each.

RITE HEARING IS CONTINUED

Chairman J. E. Love, of the corporation commission, wired today from St. Louis continuing the rate hearing before the commission under the mandate of the supreme court on the ten freight orders promulgated by the commission a year ago which have been appealed to that court.

LINCOLN COUNTY LAND SALE

On Saturday, January 8, the sales department of the school land department completes the sale of the 60,000 acres of indemnity land in Lincoln county which has principally been bid in by the lessees at the appraised value.

BOARD INSPECTS COUNTY JAIL

The Logan county commissioners late Tuesday afternoon inspected the county jail which they found to be in first class condition in every respect except that the roof is leaky.

FILE PROTEST AGAINST CAPITAL PETITION

A protest against the efficiency and validity of Senator Russell's "New Jerusalem" initiative petition was filed with the secretary of state today by Guthrie citizens, headed by Judge Dale, Judge Brier, and other attorney news whom Guthrie has retained to aid her fight to keep the state capital here.

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SUCCESS The splendid SUCCESS of our Clearing Sale is not a surprise to us. We knew with such efforts as we made and with such prices as we quoted we could not help but bring plenty of buyers.

The Willis Tailoring Co. French Dry Cleaning Department. New Machinery—Modern Methods. We dry-clean and steam-dye all kinds of wearing apparel.

Bank of Indian Territory SELECTING YOUR DEPOSITORY. The bank that affords the greatest safety is the one which you should select as a depository for your funds.

BRUNNER & HALL City Garage. No. 106 E. Cleveland Avenue. Autos Cared for and Repaired. We Have the Best Auto Mechanist in the Southwest.

\$4,000 DIAMONDS \$4,000 FOR SALE CHEAP. From 1-4 to 2-3-4 Carat Each. These diamonds were left with me as a pledge for a loan by a late jewelry firm of this city.

Brooks Theatre Thursday, January 6th. The Seasons Most Worthy Offering. The Peculiar Comedian W. B. PATTON in His Newest Comedy THE BLOCKHEAD. A Clever Supporting Company. Beautiful Costumes and Scenery. PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.