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OVER CONFIDENCE IS DANGER SEEN IN BOND BALLOT

Chamber of Commerce Secretary Points Out Possibility of Losing Parks by Neglecting to Go to Polls and Vote.

RETAIL MERCHANTS' HEAD STRONGLY FAVORS BONDS

Says It's Good Advertising to Vote Bonds and Bad to Turn Issue Down; Would Place Chickasha Abreast of Times.

Pointing to the danger of losing the park bond election tomorrow because of over-confidence, J. W. Comer, secretary of the Chickasha Chamber of Commerce, appealed today to the tax-paying voters in Chickasha to go to the polls in tomorrow's election and vote "yes" for the issuance of \$100,000 worth of bonds for a system of parks in Chickasha.

Mr. Comer said: "It is hard to understand how anyone can oppose a bond issue that means so much to the future of Chickasha as this one does, yet there is considerable opposition to these bonds and the great danger of their defeat is in the over-confidence that they will carry, of those who are for them."

"It is absolutely necessary for those who believe in a greater and better Chickasha; a Chickasha of better kept lawns and streets; a Chickasha of progress and advancement; a Chickasha of contented people and happy children; a Chickasha of growing, thriving, pulsing life, to go to the polls tomorrow and vote for these bonds."

"I firmly believe that we are at the turning of the ways and if these bonds are not carried Chickasha will go backward for the next ten years. We can not stand still and if we refuse to advance we must go backward. If these bonds carry it will be a sign board that will mark our advancement along the road of progress, but if they do not, it will just as surely point the way backward."

"There is no little argument that can be brought against them that it is hard to understand how any one can fail to be for them. The increase in the taxation rate that they will occasion is so small that it is not an objection. The members of the park board are all men of unquestioned integrity and ability. They have lived here for years and have always been connected with matters of large interests, as great, if not greater, than this issue imposes and no act of theirs has ever been questioned, and further, all that they do will be under the supervision of the mayor and council and it is not right or just to imply that they will not act with honor in this connection. The city's operating expenses would be no greater with double the present population, than it is at present, yet with double the population, the taxable property would be doubled and the rate cut in half. A park system would do more toward doubling our population than any other interest that we can advance."

"We will create the things that our vision pictures and if we see Chickasha as an ordinary country town, a quiet, peaceful place to live, but no different from any of the thousands of other towns in this great land, that is what the future will bring, but if we see a thriving, busy, prosperous city of three or four times our present population, that is what we will have, but it is a mortal cinch that if we don't carry these bonds we won't have these parks, and if they are carried everyone who believes in progress and advancement must vote tomorrow."

Retailer for Bonds. Because a system of parks will greatly benefit Chickasha, will make this city a better place in which to live, will beautify the town and bring it abreast of the progressive cities of the state and nation, are the reasons given by R. L. Jones, president of the Chickasha Retail Merchants association, why he favors the issuance of \$100,000 worth of bonds for parks here.

"I believe that every point has been covered in the statements why Chickasha needs parks," said Mr. Jones. "Anything I might say would be a (Continued on page 8.)"

PARK BOOSTERS TO PARADE FOR ISSUANCE BONDS

Adults, O. C. W. Students and School Children to Join in Demonstration for Park Proposition; Parade at 3 o'Clock.

Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock boosters for the park bonds will stage a demonstration which will include a parade of adults, college girls and school children. The parade is to start promptly on the hour mentioned at the city hall and go east on Chickasha avenue to the corner of First and Chickasha according to plans announced today.

The Chickasha band will be on the job and will lead the parade. Also the student body of the Oklahoma College for Women will form a section in the line. The school children of Chickasha will compose another section and are to voice their approval of the playgrounds proposed. It is expected that there will be from 1200 to 1500 school children in line. It was made known this morning that students from the senior and junior high schools would participate, but the "rots" of the lower grades would probably not be out.

Chickasha adults are planning to get out in force and take a hand in the demonstration. As far as possible the boosters will travel afoot though it is not objectionable to the committee in charge of the parade for the Chickasha men and women who favor the bonds to use their cars in the parade.

The main thing, it is pointed out by the Chamber of Commerce, is for as many people as possible to take an hour from their store, home or office, get in the parade and voice their approval of the bonds.

It was made plain that the women would not be "barred" from the parade. On the contrary, it was stated that the movement for the women to show where they stood by getting in to the parade, was gaining in favor and it is expected that there will be a liberal sprinkling of the fair sex present when the big parade starts.

HOW MONEY WILL BE SPENT.

The money derived from the sale of any bonds voted for park and boulevard purposes will be expended by the park commission, subject to the approval of the city council. According to the statement of Mayor Durbin, after one-half of the cost of improving the boulevard is paid for, the property owners paying the other half—

"The remaining amount will be spent in acquiring land and in establishing parks. Exactly what can be done cannot be determined until the cost is known. It can be definitely stated that, while no property will be confiscated, none will be bought at an excessive price. It can also be said that no more land will be acquired than can be properly improved and cared for. A large central park and playground and a park for the colored people seem assured."

"These parks and parkways will be under the laws of the state, be under the management, care and control of a board of park commissioners consisting, at present, of M. S. Craile, J. D. Carmichael and O. L. Bingham. It is my understanding that all purchases will be made and all money expended upon their recommendation and with the approval of the mayor and council."

It is clear that the interests of the tax-payers could not be protected if the park commission were pledged in advance to buy particular sites. If that were the case, excessive prices might be demanded by property owners. The members of the park commission are men who can be trusted to do the best possible with the money available and by being free to use their best judgment they will be better able to look after the interests of the tax-payers than they would be if they were tied up by pledges in advance.

WHY CITY BONDS FOR BOULEVARD?

The reasons why the city should pay part of the cost of improving the boulevard were well stated by Mayor Durbin who said: "The College for Women is, without question, one of Chickasha's greatest assets. While it means much in a commercial way, it is much more than a business asset. Entertainment, inspiration, learning and culture are afforded to us by this institution maintained at the expense of the state. Any plan to provide wholesome recreation for our citizens which failed to include the college in the scheme would, in my opinion, be incomplete."

It seems equitable that the property owners of the district affected should pay a portion of the cost of improving this driveway, because their property will be enhanced in value by such improvement. But it seems likewise just that the entire city should pay a portion of the cost because, in the first place, the primary purpose is to provide easy access to the college, and, in the second place, the city will be saved the increasing annual expense of keeping in repair the present unimproved street, which, whether bonds are voted or not, must be kept in repair. It is believed that an equal division of the cost between the property owners and the city is fair. Personally I may add that I am among the number of those whose property was confiscated by reason of paving assessments imposed ten years ago but I do not see how anything that was done then can affect the present problem.

"The entire expense of this feature of the plan has been estimated from \$25,000 to \$50,000, depending upon whether granite gravel, macadam or concrete is used. From \$15,000 to \$25,000 is a fair estimate of the amount of the bond issue that would be used upon the Seventeenth street parkway."

INCORPORATE FIUME IN ITALIAN BOUNDARY

By United Press. Rome, Sept. 29.—Italy, as represented in the chamber of deputies, has officially placed herself on record as urging the incorporation of Fiume within her national boundaries.

STRIKE STRENGTH BE PROVED SOON

By United Press. London, Sept. 29.—Great Britain, a nation without transportation, is expected within the next 48 hours to prove the strength of most critical railway strike. It is believed that within that time it will be shown whether or not the walkout will be broken.

The government's efforts to operate a skeleton service are partly successful, both as to local and long distance. It is believed that the strikers are becoming disheartened at the hostility of the public and are likely to resume work.

25 SALOONS ASK LICENSE

New York.—Brooklyn people are expected to notice a very decided slump in the number of saloons after October 1, according to Deputy Excise Commissioner D. Harry Kala-ton, who stated today that only 25 out of the 1,838 saloonkeepers hold No. 1 licenses (to sell liquor for consumption on the premises) and applied for renewals thus far.

ENID LOSES MANY CARS

Enid, Okla.—During the past six months there has been over 100 cars stolen from Enid and nearby towns and the citizens have taken a hand in the matter by organizing an Anti Auto Thief association with Eugene McKonkey as president and R. G. Grassfield as secretary.

SOLDIERS REGAIN CONTROL OF CITY; OMAHA RAVISHED

Machine Guns Mounted at Court House and in Negro District; Two Are Dead and 56 Injured in 18-Hour Riot Rule.

MAYOR ESCAPES DEATH WHEN POLICE CUT ROPE

Severely Beaten When He Says He Will Protect Negro; Black is Lynched and Body Burned; Courthouse Wrecked.

By United Press. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 29.—Major General Wood telegraphed Mayor Smith today that he is enroute to Omaha to take personal charge of the troops who are attempting to quell the race riots.

The mayor has regained consciousness and is able to sit up. Physicians say he has been badly beaten about the chest. In his delirium he continuously cried, "You shall not take him."

By United Press.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 29.—Martial law has been declared in Omaha. Sixteen hundred soldiers are patrolling the streets and machine guns have been mounted in the vicinity of the court house and in the negro district. The mobs have been dispersed and the situation appeared today to be under control of the soldiers.

Summed up, the 18 hours of riot rule for Omaha follows: Will Brown, a negro identified by Agnes Loebeck aged 19, as the man who assaulted her, was lynched and his body burned.

Francis Clancy was shot and killed and 56 others were injured by the activities of the mobs.

Mayor Smith is in a serious condition as the result of injuries he received at the hands of the mob.

The Douglas county court house which was built at a cost of a million and a half dollars, is in ruins from the fire that the mob started.

Mayor Smith narrowly escaped the fate of the negro when he defied the mob. His last words, which he mumbled while he was unconscious from the beatings delivered by the mob members, and with a rope about his neck, were: "I will give my life if necessary but I'll not surrender the negro. I'm going to enforce the law."

The life of the mayor was saved when a squad of police rushed in and cut the rope while the mayor was being lifted.

From 6 o'clock last night until the arrival of the troops this morning the mob was in control of the city. Stores were looted for firearms. The sheriff and his deputies held the rioters back until gasoline was poured over the first floor of the court house and the torch applied. The mob howled with glee as the flames ascended slowly to the fifth floor where the jail was located.

DISTRICT COURT GRINDING TODAY

Thirty-four cases make up the motion and demurrer docket being disposed of in district court today, with Judge Will Linn presiding. The court began grinding this morning.

Fourteen default cases and seven trial cases are set for tomorrow. Twenty-six cases are set for trial tomorrow.

After Wednesday's session of the October term of court here, there are no other cases docketed for trial until Monday, October 6th. Criminal cases are set for October 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13. Included in the criminal cases are: State vs. Isiah Collins; State vs. J. P. Pilgrim; State vs. Clifford Gray; State vs. Clarence Whitener; State vs. Susie Gerlach; State vs. Monroe Edwards; State vs. William McCall; and State vs. Mack Shelby.

Miss Annie Gall, of Dallas, is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cowan, at 415 Iowa avenue.

WEATHER FORECAST

For Oklahoma. Tonight generally cloudy. Sunday unsettled with local showers.

Local Temperature. Maximum, 74; minimum, 62.

FLIVVER STOLEN FROM CURB HERE

The Ford roadster automobile belonging to Bill Horn, son of W. W. Horn, was stolen from Chickasha avenue near the Eagle Mercantile store Saturday night between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock.

Immediately after the discovery of the theft, the police department and the sheriff's office were notified, but this morning neither had arrested parties implicated in the theft.

The automobile was a new machine and had been in use only a short time. Mr. Horn stated this morning that he was offering a reward of \$25.00 for the recovery of the car and \$25.00 for the recovery and conviction of the thief. Engine number of the machine is 3338107. No license tag had been purchased.

Ohio Guard Ready For Any Emergency As Result of Strike

By United Press. Columbus, Sept. 29.—The Ohio national guard is mobilized and is "ready for any emergency."

This, it is believed is the reply to the threat of the 5999 steel strikers at Steubenville to march into West Virginia and force the strike workers to return to Weirton.

The governor of West Virginia has notified the governor of Ohio that he would consider such a move an "attack upon the sovereignty of West Virginia."

WHAT IT WILL COST YOU.

If you have property to the amount of \$1,000 assessed against you, the proposed park and boulevard system will cost you approximately \$1.00 a year.

If the assessed valuation of your property is \$10,000, it will cost you about \$10 a year.

If you own property assessed at \$50,000, the cost to you will be \$50 a year.

It is proposed to pay off part of the bonds at certain intervals and hence the interest payments will not be as large during the latter part of the life of the bonds but let us assume that the amount would be the same from year to year.

If you are in the \$1,000 class, wouldn't you be willing to pay the pitiful sum of \$1.00 a year in order that Chickasha might have the benefits of a park and boulevard system? Wouldn't it be worth that much to you? You know you would pay out a dollar to see a show or for any other item of personal pleasure without batting an eye. Parks and boulevards would be a constant source of pleasure to you.

If you are in the \$10,000 class, wouldn't you be willing to pay \$10 a year for parks and boulevards? Don't you know that, in addition to the pleasure you would derive from it, the value of your property would be enhanced?

If you are fortunate enough to have a property valuation of \$50,000 or \$100,000, wouldn't you be glad to pay \$50 or \$100 that the community might have the benefit of the proposed improvements? Surely, you are not selfish enough to answer this question in the negative.

A slight consideration of these figures is sufficient to convince any tax-payer that the park bonds will not impose any weighty burden upon him.

WHY VOTE THE BONDS?

Because Chickasha is the one large town in the state which hasn't the semblance of a park.

Because Chickasha must suffer the humiliation of this condition until we make up our minds to spend money to correct it.

Because parks and boulevards are everywhere recognized as necessities in self-respecting, progressive communities and we cannot do without them without advertising our town as a backnumber.

Because parks and boulevards will make Chickasha more attractive as a place to live; they will help to bring more people here and hold them as permanent residents.

Because, by making Chickasha more attractive as a place of residence, we shall add to the value of every piece of property here.

Because the proposed boulevard is needed to carry out Chickasha's pledge to the legislature. We cannot hope for favorable responses upon future requests for appropriations unless we keep faith with the legislature, carrying out past promises. The entire community has interests at stake in the O. C. W. College boulevard which will be as great an asset to the city as any park could be and as such it is fair for the city as a whole to pay its part in improving it.

Because, if the bonds are defeated, the park and boulevard movement will be indefinitely delayed and in the meantime the interests of Chickasha will suffer.

Because a vote for the bonds is a vote for a greater and better Chickasha.

ROUND TABLE ON INDUSTRY TO GO ON BY SCHEDULE

No Halt in Conference Between Labor and Capital Because of President's Illness; Expect Statements on Treaty.

By United Press.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The round table industrial conference set for October 6 will meet despite the illness of President Wilson, it was stated at the White House today. The president will probably be unable to participate.

It is also definitely announced that the king and queen of Belgium will tour the country before coming to Washington.

The president, as soon as the condition of his health will permit, is expected to issue a statement containing a number of arguments for the ratification of the treaty, which his physical breakdown prevented him from making in his speeches at Oklahoma City, Little Rock, Memphis and Louisville before he became ill.

It is known that the president had "something up his sleeve," which he was saving for ammunition to use in the concluding addresses of his tour. The idea was, apparently to finish the drive for the ratification of the treaty in such a manner that world wide attention would be riveted on the campaign, and with the president returning to Washington primed for a "show-down" for acceptance or rejection.

RATE REGULATION STAYS

Washington, D. C.—Without a record vote, the house passed and sent to conference a bill granting authority to the interstate commerce commission to regulate rates with the same power it exercised prior to government control.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Searcy, have moved to Wichita Falls, Tex., where they will make their home. Mr. Searcy is traveling auditor for the Rock Island.

CHICKASHA COPS REAL BALL GAME FROM LAWTON

Fans Given Swell Brand of Pastime; Hectic Struggle With Locals Pulling Down Win in Last Frame.

BROWNLOW POLES LINER OVER RIGHT FIELD WALL

Third Time Stunt Pulled On Local Yard; Fentress Bests Kennard in Pitchers' Duel; Lawton Scores in Sixth.

It was one of those pitchers' battles that you read so much about and hardly ever see, out at University park Sunday afternoon, when Fentress outburled Kennard and, by the grace of a home run, a double and a single, plus a brace of errors and a sacrifice fly, allowed Chickasha to win over Lawton by a 3-2 count.

Fentress pitched easily but delivered a superb brand of hurling at that. He allowed seven hits, all singles, keeping them scattered to not more than one an inning, except in the sixth when the opposition nicked him for a trio of singles, which coupled with Reed's error, allowed the two centers garnered by Lawton. In addition, Fentress whiffed seven men, did not issue a pass, kept all wild heavens under cover, poled a single and a two bagger and delivered the pinch when in the ninth with the bases loaded, he cracked a long fly to right on which Campbell counted the winning run.

Brownlow Parks P.H. Kennard, Lawton hurler, and a spoke demon with a fast breaking curve, fell short of the Fentress record. He gave up eight hits, two of which were two baggers and one a home run; he struck out three, made one costly error, issued two bases on balls and poled a single. He also uncorked one wild pitch, advancing Fentress to second.

Up to the fourth inning, only one man of either team had passed first base. This party was Fentress who singled and rode to the second station on the wild pitch mentioned.

There have been many ball games at University park, but the wild-eyed bugs saw something Sunday in the fourth inning that has happened but about three times in the local yard. It came after Kearee had gone out. Silva to Clancy, and it was Brownlow's smash over right field fence. If memory is hitting on all two cylinders, Stewart of the Waco club, playing with Chickasha when the latter club was downed 16 to 1 by Mimeo, and Geist from some northern league playing with Geary on the local lot, are the only two to share Brownlow's honors. "Brownie" smacked a good one, the pill clearing the fence by ten feet.

Lawton Scores Pair.

In the sixth, Lawton took the lead when they took a sudden liking to the offerings of Fentress. Silva was an easy out, Fentress to Clancy—then the trouble started. R. Hanks singled to right center and went to third on the hit of DuBose. DuBose had an easy steal with Hanks on the No. 3 bag, Kennard hit a hard one at Reed who fumbled, scoring Hanks and moving DuBose to third. P. Hanks then fouled off a couple, sending a chill into the local fans by bouncing one of the fouls off of right field wall. He straightened one out, however, for a single, scoring DuBose. Fentress whipped one to second and caught Kennard. Tanton struck out, ending the inning, which by the way, was the only one in which the visitors seriously threatened.

In no other inning of the game did Lawton have more than one on at a time. Aside from the sixth inning, five men got on bases. Three of the five were killed off on the bags. One notable instance of such a killing came in the seventh. McKinney was on when Reed kicked one. Clancy fled out to Kearee in right and McKinney tried to beat the throw to second but Kearee had the ball waiting for him, Brownlow getting the out. McKinney went in spikes—first and out Brownlow's wrist painfully.

Chickasha Wins in the Ninth. In the last of the sixth Brownlow (Continued on page 3.)