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## ARMED WOMEN DO PICKET DUTY AT JAY COURT HOUSE

With Rifles on Their Shoulders They Stand Guard With the Men— Moving Pictures of Battle.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 16.—Official confirmation of the previous dispatches sent out of Grove, Okla., was made tonight when Major General Frank M. Canton and Sergeant Major H. A. Randall reached Oklahoma City and said the records of Delaware county were guarded at Old Jay by a determined, armed and sober band of men and women. Kodak pictures taken by Sergeant Randall, in Old Jay, showed women with rifles doing picket duty Sunday during the absence of men guards at dinner.

Major Canton and Sergeant Randall stated that seven moving picture men were on the ground with machines, and the citizens of New Jay were posing in fighting attitude for the benefit of the enterprising photographers. Canton and Randall say they reached Old Jay Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The shooting was started by the New Jay forces, in conjunction with the sheriff, Bud Thomason's deputies firing at Sam Bennie and Ed Washburn as these two were sleeping by a campfire on guard in the outskirts of Old Jay. The bullets struck and knocked asunder the campfire, but no one was injured. Old Jay citizens rushed to arms and about one hundred shots were fired by the two sides.

Sunday morning Canton talked with Old Jay partisans who said they intended to hold the records by force of arms until January 9 next, when the new county commissioners would designate Old Jay the county seat, and so trouble end. To surrender the books now would give New Jay an opportunity to hold them after January 9 thorough court procedure.

Old Jay partisans offered to surrender the books to Canton upon order from Governor Cruce, but as they are a Old Jay by orders of Cruce, administered by Canton, the governor is not likely to have them returned to New Jay on the district court's orders. Canton would not say what his recommendations to Cruce would be, other than to express an opinion that the records could not be moved by the local authorities without bloodshed.

Grove, Okla., Dec. 16.—The situation at Jay is unchanged. The opposing forces fought a bloodless battle about ten o'clock Sunday night. Over one hundred shots were fired at long range, one being hit on either side. Each side claim that the other fired first. General Canton was in Old Jay at the time but took no part in the fray. He returned to Oklahoma City today to report to Governor Cruce but he did not indicate to any one here what his report would be.

Certain movements on the part of the sheriff and his forces indicate that they have given up the fight, but the force at old Jay is still on guard and have been busy today digging entrenchments around the court house. Sheriff Thomason was in Grove several hours today, but returned to New Jay this afternoon.

### County Teachers Hold Meeting.

The Craig county teachers held their regular meeting in the high school auditorium last Saturday and the association was well attended by both rural and the city teachers.

This was one of the best meetings that has ever been held in the county and there were many good things said that was of great benefit to every one in their line of work whether in high school or not, as the program was so arranged that all might get good ideas.

The special numbers on the program that deserve mention were those given by Prof. Clark, of the English department of the Tahlequah state normal, Prof. Logan of the Latin department and Prof. Nelson of the manual training department. All of these men handled their subjects in a manner that no teacher could well afford to miss.

The above named men took special delight in explaining any question that any teacher might ask in regard to the Northeastern state normal and the plan for the teachers to attend that normal next summer and have a pleasant one, was a great one and it seems that many of the teachers will take advantage of it.

### Suggestions to Shippers of Christmas Packages by Express.

1st. Ship your packages early—by the 15th of December if possible. The express company will give you a small label to paste on the package reading "Do not open until Christmas." This will give opportunity for the package to reach its destination before Christmas and give the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift of having it on Christmas morning.

2nd. Use wooden boxes with plenty of excelsior for packing glass and other fragile articles, which cannot otherwise be safely carried.

3rd. Write the address distinctly and in full—state, county, city, street and number—on the box or package, with ink or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

4th. If you want to prepay the charges, write the word "Paid" in large, plain letters on the package.

5th. Insist upon a receipt and see that the amount paid and the value is marked on the receipt and on the package.

6th. Write your own address in full somewhere on the package, following the word "From."

7th. Enclose a card in each box or package reading:

From \_\_\_\_\_ (Your address.)

To \_\_\_\_\_ (Consignee's address.)

This in order that, should the outer markings be destroyed, the inner mark will insure prompt forwarding and delivery.

8th. If paper is employed for wrapping, use only the strongest, and tie with strong cord. Never use newspaper.

9th. If package contains anything of perishable nature, write the word "Perishable" in large plain letters on the box or package, which will call for special attention and delivery.

10th. Obliterate all old addresses on boxes or wrappings. If you will observe these suggestions, you will greatly assist in the prompt delivery of your gift in good condition.

## MAIL ORDER LIQUOR TRAFFIC DENOUNCED

### Hot Debate Over Bill to Prohibit Shipping Liquor Into "Dry" Territory.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Denunciation of the "mail order liquor business" as the enemy of state prohibition, characterized the opening today of the fight in the senate for the passage of the Sheppard-Kenyon bill to prohibit the shipment of liquor across state lines into "dry" territory.

Galleries were thronged with men and women identified with the national temperance movement when the debate began on the measure long pending before both branches of congress. Consideration of the bill was devoted to address in its support by Senators Sanders of Tennessee and McCumber of North Dakota, both of whom had introduced bills similar to the measure pending.

Legislative rules threw the bill back to the regular calendar when the short debate was interrupted by the convening of the Archbald court of impeachment. Members will demand that it again be taken up, however, and an effort probably will be made to have it brought before the senate as the "unfinished business," insuring its daily consideration, until it is finally disposed of.

### Robbins Takes Rest.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 16.—Henry P. Robbins, editor of the News-Capital, in Monday's issue says editorially: "Commencing with Tuesday's issue the News-Capital will be for a few weeks be in editorial charge of Paul Nesbitt." Mr. Robbins states that he has only had one week's rest in five years, and that nature has become so clamorous that a vacation is deemed imperative. Mr. Nesbitt was formerly editor of Governor Haskell's paper, the McAlester Tribune.

There will be a basket-ball game at the high school building next Friday night between the Columbus, Kans., high school and the Vinita high school. There will also be a game between two of the Vinita girl teams as a preliminary to the main contest. This will be the first game for the boys and the Columbus team is reported to be extra strong this season.

## PARCELS POST RULES IN FORCE

Nearly Anything Under Eleven Pounds May Be Sent By Mail—A Few of the Rules.

Postoffice officials here are studying pamphlets which contain the parcels post rules. The pamphlets have just arrived. The rules go into effect January 1.

Nearly everything that doesn't weigh more than eleven pounds and that can be tied with a 72-inch string going both ways around can be shipped. Intoxicants, poisons, inflammable materials, revolvers, animals (alive or dead), obscene printed matter and articles which violate criminal acts are tabooed. However, there are exceptions on the taboo list. One may mail a live queen bee and other insects if properly caged, or a stuffed animal. Poisons to be used as medicines are admissible.

Here are some of the regulations: Distinctive stamps will be used on parcels post packages—stamps not good for any other class of mail.

Packages must be wrapped so that the contents may be examined easily.

Packages will not be accepted unless they bear the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "from."

Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With best wishes" and "Do not open till Christmas," may be placed on the covering.

Fragile articles must be labeled "fragile" and perishable articles "perishable."

Eggs must be packed against any possible chance of breakage and must be labeled "eggs."

Fresh meat will not be accepted for shipment beyond the first zone.

Perishable matter decaying in transit may be destroyed by postmasters.

Perishable matter which may decay before it reaches its destination may be given to charitable institutions by postmasters.

A parcel may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed \$50, on payment of a fee of ten cents.

Addressees must sign a receipt for insured mail.

Parcels post matter will not be admitted to registered mail.

Parcels post matter comes under the head of fourth class mail matter and all present fourth class regulations conflicting with parcels post are superseded.

These rates are given:

Rural route and city delivery	Each 1st. lb.	Each ad. lb.	11 lb.
50-mile zone.....	\$0.05	\$0.01	\$0.15
100-mile zone.....	.05	.03	.35
150-mile zone.....	.06	.04	.46
200-mile zone.....	.07	.05	.57
300-mile zone.....	.08	.06	.68
400-mile zone.....	.09	.07	.79
500-mile zone.....	.10	.08	.90
600-mile zone.....	.11	.10	1.11
Over 1,800 miles.....	.12	.12	1.32

Zone Distance—	Parcels Present	post	express
City and rural route.....	\$0.09	\$0.25	
50 miles.....	.17	.25	
100 miles.....	.22	.35	
150 miles.....	.27	.46	
200 miles.....	.32	.57	
300 miles.....	.37	.68	
400 miles.....	.42	.79	
500 miles.....	.46	.90	
600 miles.....	.51	1.01	
Over 1,800 miles.....	.56	1.32	

### A Chinese Hero.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 16.—Kwong Lang, a laundryman, who lost his life after saving six of his countrymen from suffocation in a burning building, was honored in his death by scores of white men and Chinese. The funeral services, in which his heroism was extolled, were largely attended. Kwong was 47 years of age and passed 25 years in various parts of the United States and western Canada. He came to Edmonton seven years ago and amassed of fortune by investing his earnings in inside property. His estate includes three building sites in the business district and a bank account. He had planned to return to China this month. His widow, living in the province of Hoy Pan, is the sole beneficiary. The estate will be converted into cash and forwarded to China.

Get in the Good Fellow band wagon. How many things could have happened to you that didn't. Are you thankful? Be a Good Fellow.

## WILL PROVIDE FOR LESS FORTUNATE

Good Fellow Organization to See That Every Child in Vinita is Remembered for Christmas.

Are you a Good Fellow? Then be one. Send in your contribution at once.

Last night at a meeting at the First National Bank an organization to be known as the Good Fellows of Vinita was formed to raise funds to purchase a Christmas present for every child in Vinita where the family is too poor to provide for a present. There will be no campaign made for funds but every one in Vinita who feels that they would like to make Christmas seem real to the children of the more unfortunate homes can aid in this by sending a contribution either in money or fruit, candy, clothing or any thing they choose for this purpose. Address your contribution to Mr. Good Fellow, Vinita, Okla., and it will be placed in the hands of a committee. Also if you know of a family that may be over-looked in the annual visit of Santa Claus call the attention of the Good Fellows to this family. So save embarrassment any family that would like to be visited on Christmas morning by the Good Fellows should address a letter to them giving street address and the committee will make an investigation and if the family is worthy and really needs the help it will be given.

Without very much cost to any one a fund large enough to care for all of the poor people of the city can be raised if all who are able respond with a contribution even if it is but a few cents. At the meeting last night \$17.50 was raised by the eight men present and this fund is being rapidly increased. No fear need be entertained but that the funds will be used in a proper way. The names of the families submitted will be referred to a committee of the ladies of the town to ascertain their needs. This was made necessary by the probability of requests from people who may not actually need help. It is the intention to see that all children of laboring men who may be out of employment will receive a present to the end that Christmas in Vinita may mean gladness to the whole city. Get into this movement. Report every person you know to deserve remembrance to Mr. Good Fellow. Also remember that every little bit added to the fund makes that much more happiness in Vinita.

## BANKER ARRESTED FOR BIG SHORTAGE

Former Officer of Pryor Institution Placed Under \$10,000 Bond.

Pryor, Okla., Dec. 16.—W. L. Jones, former president of the Pryor State bank, which failed November 26, was arrested here Saturday afternoon charged with misappropriating the bank's funds. Jones was placed under \$10,000 bond which was furnished by his brother-in-law.

According to the report of the bank examiner, Jones misappropriated \$17,000 in cash of the bank's money and issued worthless notes to the amount of approximately \$28,000. The money and notes, it is said, was used in promoting the building of an electric light plant at Pryor which was fathered by Jones. The greater part of the shortage, it is said, occurred during the past 30 days.

The bank has been reorganized and reopened under the name of American State Bank of Pryor, with J. A. Langer, president. Mr. Langer was formerly president of the Davenport State bank and has been connected with the banking interests of the state for a number of years.

The investigation of the defunct institution and the reorganization of the new bank was conducted by Bank Examiner W. R. Samuel.

It is stated neither the depositors nor the bank guarantee fund suffered any loss as a result of the failure.

Civic Improvements. Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 16.—William Short, K. C., a pioneer of Edmonton,

who was chosen mayor at the election on December 9, announced today that the program of civic improvements decided upon for 1913 involves the expenditure of more than \$12,000,000. The city already has \$14,000,000 invested in its public utilities. Mr. Short becomes chairman of the board of commissioners, which is the administrative body of the municipality.

The construction program includes 30 miles of paving, 50 miles of sidewalks, street railway extensions costing \$1,250,000, gas distributing system, street paving plant, extensive additions to the telephone, sewer, electric light and water systems, the development of gravel deposits and the establishment of a central market and warehouses, public library, power house, civic stables, bridges and parks. The final plans for city beautification also will be adopted and work started early next spring.

Mr. Short, who polled 61 per cent of the total vote cast, defeating W. J. Magarh, millionaire land-owner, and Alderman Joseph Andrew Clarke, known in the Yukon as "the lion of the North," has received voluntary pledges of the full support of the commercial, industrial and financial interests of Edmonton in carrying out his program, which is the most ambitious ever undertaken by any city of the 60,000 class on the North American continent.

## STATE LEGISLATURE TO OCCUPY TEMPLE

Fourth Session of State Legislature Will Be Convened There.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 19.—The state board of affairs Tuesday, after considering the question of quarters for the legislature for several weeks, finally decided to accept the proposition offered by the owners of India Temple and closed contracts for the rental of that building during the session of the fourth legislature, which will be convened January 7.

The rental of the two top floors of the building for the ninety days of the session is \$1,608, with a provision that the legislature may occupy any additional offices it needs on the second floor of the building at a rental of \$12 per month for each room so occupied. It also is provided that the time may be extended as much as necessary at the same rental and that any special session of that legislature may occupy the quarters.

The state also undertakes to make the necessary changes in the building. The partitions in the third and fourth floors, where the two branches are to meet and where committee rooms must be provided, are to be taken out and changed at the expense of the state; and at the end of the session, are to be restored in their original form by the state.

The Oklahoma Fire Insurance company, owners of the building, guarantee to the state the use of the building for such time as may be desired and the free and unobstructed use of the lobby, with an entrance on Second street. The contracts were prepared Tuesday and will be signed early Wednesday morning.

It is understood that work on the changes to the building will be started at once, as it will be necessary to rush the work to have the building ready for the opening session.

### FIFTY-ONE TEXAS PARDONS

Governor Colquitt Signs Them at Austin on his Fifty-First Birthday.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—This was the fifty-first anniversary of the birth of the Governor of Texas and the Colquitts spent a most pleasant day at the Executive Mansion. Rowlin Colquitt of Houston, son of the Governor, came up and helped make his fathers natal day one of happiness.

For each year of his life the Governor signed a Christmas pardon today. The Governor has adopted a new policy in granting pardons. Each is conditional and obligates the recipient to be on good behavior during the term of his sentence. In the case of life sentences it conditions the men to obey the laws and remain tractable the remainder of their natural lives, otherwise they will return to prison walls.

## INDIANS REFUSE TO TAKE MONEY

Cherokees Refuse Government Money Because of Broken Treaty.

Claremore, Okla., Dec. 16.—Many Indian families living in the wilds of the Ozarks in Eastern Oklahoma, enrolled as fullblood Cherokees, are in destitute circumstances. It is said some of them may not survive the winter, while at the Indian agency checks for \$133 are theirs for the asking. The members of the tribe believe that great injustice has been done them and as a result have taken vows never to accept the money.

When the Dawes Commission entered upon the task of allotting lands to the Indians it was found that a strong opposition existed to the plan. Many full-bloods protested against the restriction of their hunting grounds and have never accepted allotments. The government was forced to allot arbitrarily those who refused. Three years ago when the government distributed to each Indian \$133 as share in the fund which had accumulated from the removal of the Cherokees from Georgia to Oklahoma more than seventy years ago, these Indians refused to accept the money and more than forty checks still remain uncalled for at the agency.

Twenty years ago, or more, there was organized among the Indians a secret society known as the Keeto-wah, or Night Hawks. The object of it was to force the government to carry out the treaties granting that all lands should be owned in common and that the Indian should be protected in his rights. The members of this secret society, living remote from centers of civilization, have not kept in touch with the ever changing conditions.

The vows they have taken preclude the acceptance of the money or lands and the problem of the government grows greater as time passes. The situation becomes more serious as cold weather approaches. Heretofore other Indians have assisted the Night Hawks but this year that method seems impossible.

## ASYLUM FOR INSANE WILL SOON OPEN

The board of trustees for the Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Vinita met yesterday pursuant to a call of Chairman Dr. Oliver Bagby. J. J. Maroney of Okmulgee and Mr. Long of Wewoka constitute the board. The following appointments of officials and helpers was made:

I. N. Bunch, steward.  
Dr. Williams, assistant physician.  
J. R. Drake and wife, supervisors.  
Jack Sheehan, farmer.  
Dr. F. M. Adams is the superintendent and physician in charge of the institution. The appointment of other helpers was authorized.

The buildings will be turned over by the contractors January the first, and as soon as the furniture can be set up more than 300 patients will be brought from Norman and the work of caring for them begun. 350 beds have been purchased and 200 suits of men's clothing and a similar amount of women's wear has been provided.

There will be a pay roll of \$2,500 a month into start with which will constantly increase from time to time.

There will be 15 women attendants and probably a few more men. A number of farm teams, and 25 or 30 cows will be bought. Chickens, hogs, etc., will also be procured, and ten acres in garden will be under the supervision of an experienced gardener.

### Golden Rule Changes Hands.

M. B. Rich and his associates of the Golden Ruel Mercantile company have sold the Golden Rule store to H. M. Blumenthal and wife of Siloam Springs, Ark., and the new proprietors take charge today, and the business will continue at the same location in the Halsell building.

Miss Norma Ratcliff is home from Sherman, Texas, where she has been attending school.