

## SAY CLIMATE IS NOT CHANGING

Oddities of Weather Are But Repetitions of Past Experiences.

## CITES FARM CONGRESS

No Predictions Are Safe Until After February Has Had Its Inning.

Old-timers of Tulsa started to reminisce when the first snow of the winter fell two days ago, and their reminiscences brought forth some things of quite interest.

Col. C. B. Lynch, who can recall the little huts that stood where the southwest now rears her lofty towers, shook his head thoughtfully when asked if the climate were really changing. "Government statistics state that it is not," he asserted. "They are based on 10-year periods of reckoning, and show that while we often declare in all seriousness that winter is where summer used to be and spring has usurped autumn's throne, we are wrong. But we're not entirely to blame. Climates that are twisted are often impressive."

This line of thought led the colonel off into a past that is not as far distant as his memory goes. In fact, it was but seven years ago. "In October," he launched out the colonel, "I always considered that the really beautiful fall weather began. Therefore, when it was announced that the Dry Farming congress was to be held in Tulsa, the commercial club set the date in middle of October. But things went wrong, and when the delegates from all states in the union and some in Canada arrived winter was with us. It was the third week in October, as I have said, but all precedents had been overturned, and we were shivering and trembling in buildings and tents where not a stove had been erected. This was once," he added, "when the weather had changed decidedly and completely. Snow fell in fitful bursts as a Canadian representative arose to talk. And as he brought greetings to the farmers of the south from those of the far north he was forced to admit that 'Canada has about the same climate as this in the fall, a little snow, and some wind to start off the winter.' We took it all very soberly and let them wonder about the oddities of the southwest. And we forgot to tell them when we sent them back that we were expecting a little spring next days. But we were, and it came."

That is the way one pioneer explained why we often think that the climate is changing every year when in reality it is but repeating itself. For there are few set rules and these have elastic bindings.

"We're not through the worst of it yet," cautioned Lee Clinton, a pioneer banker, when he heard some happy ones talking of the "new" winter in store for Oklahoma. "The first snow was late, and it was snowfall," he agreed. "But it is not an assurance that the winter is going to be the same way. February is the hardest month, and it is yet to come."

This last remark, when inquired into, revealed the fact that anyone who has been in this section of the country for a baker's dozen of years is firm in his fear of February. "Years ago," he said, "the approved way in which Oklahomans would utter their oration of times gone by, 'my father and Capt. F. B. Severs of Muskogee, who owned the P. S. ranch where the Bald Hill oil field is now, used to raise cattle. They let them out on the range and the animals fared well as weather conditions permitted. At least they were free from the confines of fences. But then, the winter pulled through the main part of the winter all right. It was when February untied her bag of troubles that they began to get thin and freeze to death, or die of pneumonia because of ice that wouldn't break through at the stamping of impatient hoofs. In huddled herds they withstood the winds and snows of that month, and it was ceased that were few in the herds. I wish February wasn't on the calendar! Old Captain Severs would storm as he saw the ravages on his cattle. 'I don't know what it's there for the new year,' he concluded, and father agreed with him. And I still carry a healthy fear of that month in my own heart,' the banker declared. 'We have been having most pleasant winter, but my motto is 'Wait until February, and then determine right.'"

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Business men of the town who are interested in the project say that the road, if successfully undertaken, would follow the new Tulsa-Sand Springs concrete road to Lake station, branch off to the park and Sand Springs home, and going through the city, follow the Wekiwa road, return by way of Keystone, pass through the industrial section of Sand Springs and join the scenic roadway in Tulsa.

The Tulsa, Keystone and Wekiwa roads are all in the best of condition, the first two concrete and the last one a wide cinder road. Scenic effects along the Arkansas river are most beautiful, and aided by the imposing sight of the cliffs overhanging the mountain-like trail from Sand Springs to Wekiwa, the chances for including Tulsa's active industrial section in the route of the state scenic roadway if it become a realization seem very probable, citizens believe.

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To heat water in small quantities a metal device to be placed in receptacles has been invented in which dilute sulphuric acid is released upon unslaked lime.

## Diamond Investors Lose, But Bad Luck Helps Impecunious Fiance

It costs less now than it did three months ago to become engaged to be married, which means that the price of diamonds is on the slight decline. But while this news may prove an incentive to the young swain who has been putting off the purchase of an engagement link until his limited allowance could buy a greater amount of glitter, it has its sadder side as well for it means that the sparkler on your finger is worth just that much less than it was before the Christmas holidays.

Jack Gelfand, manager of a local jewelry store, stated Saturday that the prices of diamonds have gone down an average of about 10 per cent. The decline is more noticeable on cheaper than on more expensive stones. He does not anticipate any decided slump and believes that with the resumption of normal business they will go back to the former level and probably higher.

With a diamond in almost every home even such a slight lowering of prices means temporary losses of millions of dollars over the country. But the boy who is under obligation to buy a sparkler right now has no cause to worry.

## CLAIM SOLICITOR GUILTY OF FRAUD

Firm Which Contributes to Salvation Army Filed Charge

Ed Smith, suspected of defrauding several business firms in this city of money under the pretense of collecting for charitable institutions, is held in the county jail for obtaining by fraud the sum of \$25 from the Exchange National bank. An information was filed against the defendant in the court of Justice H. J. Gray Friday night by the Exchange National bank and the defendant arrested by the police Saturday morning.

Officials of the bank claim Smith interviewed them, and represented that he was Major Edward Jennings of the Tulsa City mission, Salvation Army, as the banker believed him to be, accepted \$25 as a contribution for the mission. It is alleged Smith is not connected in any way with the Salvation Army and that he converted the money to his own use.

## "Meanest Man" Steals From Child Patients

Someone has many little knitted sweaters and helmets in a wardrobe where they are not needed. And many little open-air school children are shy as many little sweaters and helmets. For not long ago "the meanest man" entered the open-air school at Washington school by means of a knife that cut ropes and canvas curtains and left with all the clothing that is daily put on small T. E. patients who study, rest, and eat in the open air. Miss Florence McNichol, instructor of the outdoor classes, is at a loss to know what kind of person could stoop so low as to take from the unfortunate little wards. Miss Hester Richardson, head nurse of the Tulsa County Health association, is also at a loss. Her loss is more material, for she can remember when the yarn was donated, and when various good ladies of the city knitted patiently and well for the tiny sufferers of the "white plague." And now the coffers are empty because "the meanest man" found them and helped himself!

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