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IN FINAL SESSION

GOVERNOR FRANTZ

CRUCE ANSWERS S. M. RUTHERFORD EARTH IS SHAKEN STANDARD OIL CO.

Constitutional Convention Met at Guthrie Today to Complete Constitution.

Guthrie, O. T., April 16—John M. Young, chairman of the supreme election board named by the constitutional convention stated last night that the convention, which convened at 10 a.m. today, will draft a new election ordinance to comply with the orders of the court injunction granted by Judge Burford.

"The order of the court puts the board entirely out of business," said Mr. Young. "It even deprives the board of the power of naming the election machinery in the new counties, as it holds that the convention cannot delegate this power to anyone else."

The general opinion among the delegates is that the supreme election board will be dissolved by the convention, which will itself name the election machinery in the new counties. A number of delegates are in favor of disregarding the court decision. Some of these are expected to indulge in vitriolic language on the floor of the convention.

The convention will be in session this time until Saturday, and possibly until Monday. There has been delay in getting parchment on which to write the remainder of the constitution and this cannot be obtained and the work of engrossing finished for the signatures of the delegates before Friday or Saturday.

Most of the delegates arrived last night. In addition a number of the most prominent Democratic candidates for office made in.

STAR BLOOMERS EASILY DEFEATED

The Star Bloomer Girls baseball team was easily defeated by the score of 9 to 1, by the local team yesterday afternoon at Electric Park. The ground had not been prepared, but the game was remarkably well played.

With the exception of their inability to hit Harland, the local slab artist, the Bloomers put up a good game. Much amusement was furnished by the game, as toward the close of the game the local team made a fare of it.

Vinita started the scoring in the first inning, when Franklin, the first man drove the ball against the canvas in the center field and reached the third station; Marrs reached first on an error by the third baseman, Franklin scoring. Raines singled and stole second, Marrs scoring on the throw to second. This ended the scoring for this inning. After the first inning the locals scored at will, while the Bloomers only got one "man" across the plate.

The feature of the game was the terrific batting of the local team. Harland put three over the canvas and got a single; Franklin secured a base hit and a single; Raines put one over the canvas in left field. Marrs and Ridgeway each got a two base and a single. Harland was in form and one single was the best the Bloomers could get. About 250 people were out to see the game.

Reconvened Today.

Guthrie, O. T., April 16.—The convention reconvened here today to finish up the work and give the delegates a chance to sign the engrossed constitution.

During the intermission the convention has discovered that its power is limited, and the recent decision of Judge Burford sparing the election board of its power will compel the convention to draft an entirely new election ordinance or to ignore the order of the court.

Murray and a few others advise the convention to disobey the injunction. The majority of the delegates, however, will probably favor adherence to the court decision and the supreme election board will act according to the instructions of the convention.

Abe Meeks Dead.

Abe Meeks, aged about 50 years, died at his family home three miles northwest of this city Tuesday afternoon. funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. A. J. Williams, pastor of the Christian church. Interment at the Marcus cemetery.

Fears to Face the Future—Said to be Opposed to the Constitution

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Guthrie, O. T., April 16—Governor Frank Frantz, in his effort to retain his official job is becoming desperate. The present chief executive of the territory of Oklahoma is flooding the country with personal appeals to Republican leaders for the support of his candidacy, which he but recently decided to announce, after many stern refusals to allow his name to be mentioned.

Gov. Frantz is using up official stationery by the wholesale in an effort to save his official scalp.

The present governor of Oklahoma is opposed to the ratification of the constitution, although he has not openly so announced. By inference he will try to block the adoption of the organic law, and he is being backed up by Henry E. Asp, Frank H. Greer and other g. o. p. politicians who have great cause to fear statehood.

Frantz has consulted the oracle and has been told that there is no way in which to stop the tide that has set in in favor of the constitution.

It is declared by those in a position to know, that Frantz hopes to get control of the convention, and that at the proper time he and his friends will oppose the placing in the field of Republican candidates for state and county offices and that he will openly declare against the ratification of the constitution.

Frantz is backed by the railroads, whom he has benefitted, and railroad men are strong in their assertion that the constitution will be defeated. A large "slush" fund is said to have been raised by the railroads and other corporations to oppose statehood.

As chairman of the territorial equalization board, Governor Frantz assessed the Oklahoma railroads \$3,200 to \$4,000 per mile, when the same roads turned their valuations into the interstate commerce commission at from \$35,000 to \$40,000 a mile.

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L. C. Couch a Candidate.

L. C. Couch, whose announcement for register of deeds for Craig county appears elsewhere in this paper, is one of the oldest settlers in Vinita. Mr. Couch is a native of Missouri, having been born in Ray county in 1858. He moved to the Indian Territory, or what is now Craig county in 1875, and has lived in and near Vinita ever since.

During his residence here Mr. Couch has been engaged in many different lines of business and has been very successful. He has held many of the most important offices of the city and has always given satisfaction as an officer. He has been a supporter of Democracy here even in its infancy and has taken an active part in public affairs.

Mr. Couch is now engaged in farming and says that although he knows he has a hard race before him, he is going in to win.

Broken Arm

Fannie Hughes, the little daughter of Mrs. N. A. Hughes, residing in the southwest part of town, fell yesterday noon from the stair steps at the public school and sustained a broken arm, between the hand and elbow. Doctor Amundson and Louis Bagby were called immediately and set it, and she is getting along as well as could be expected.

The Carrier at Arapaho tells of a ruralite, Frank Wier, who brought a "few eggs" into town the other day, using a wagon because the load was a little heavy for the buggy. He had three hundred dozen. The hens must have been eating those green bugs.

TULSA CAN'T DO IT, SAYS TUCKER

Kansas City, Kan., April 12—H. H. Tucker, Jr., promoter of the Uncle Sam Oil company tonight made the following statement with reference to the city of Tulsa, seizing the Uncle Sam Oil refinery located at that place.

I am indeed surprised at the report that Tulsa is thinking of any such action. There is no clause in the contract with Tulsa that our refinery locate there was to be completed at any specified time. Any such procedure by the citizens of Tulsa would prove entirely fruitless upon their part.

STOCKHOLDERS TO ATTACK DIVISION OF COUNTIES

Guthrie, Okla., April 15—Another injunction suit against the constitutional convention will be filed in the near future. It comes from Beaver County and will attack division of counties by the constitutional convention in a new manner, involving the bond question and inability of the counties, when divided, to pay their proportionate share of outstanding bonded indebtedness. An eastern bonding company will be the plaintiff in the new injunction suit. The company holds a number of Beaver county bonds, and claims the division of Beaver into three counties will decrease the security and value of the bonds and injure the holders by decreasing their marketable value.

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NEW TRUST COMPANY INCORPORATED AT AFTON

The Ottawa Trust company is the name of a new company of Afton men, who filed articles of incorporation with the recorder here yesterday. The capital stock of the company is \$5,000. The officers are: G. F. Mason, president; H. O. Bland, secretary and T. M. Reynolds treasurer. Z. H. Cromwell of the United States survey office in this city is a stockholder and a director in the new trust company.

The company will begin business in Afton at once.

BIG CHIEF COMPANY BOUGHT 300 ACRES

About 1200 acres of valuable Cherokee land was sold at the U. S. court house this morning to the highest bidder. The Big Chief Oil company bought about 300 acres, located near Delaware. The tract bought by the Big Chief company is considered very valuable.

Thousands of Cattle

The Katy is handling through Denison, Texas, over 200 carloads of cattle daily for the Indian Territory and Oklahoma pastures. In addition to that amount the Katy is turning over to the Frisco a train or two daily for transportation to points on that line.

An exchange makes note: "Somebody sent us a stone the other day with this epitaph on it: 'If drinking interferes with your business, give up your business.' We are glad to git the stone but as our business is drinking, we don't see how the motto can be of any service to us."

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Guthrie, O. T., April 16—Lee Cruce Democratic gubernatorial candidate from Ardmore, has addressed a letter to C. N. Haskell, the Democratic candidate from Muskogee, declining to accept a second challenge to enter joint debates with Haskell.

In answer to Haskell's question as to whether he was a Bryan Democrat in 1896, Mr. Cruce says:

"Upon that proposition and upon all other matters at issue between the two great parties in 1896 I was in complete harmony with the leader of our party, William J. Bryan."

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The only candidate from Muskogee who has any show whatever to win is Rutherford for U. S. senator.

Mr. Owen is a brilliant man, but he has been so long in the politics of Indian Territory and been so mixed up with the different settlements between the tribes, that he is not fitted to represent the new state of Oklahoma as one of the U. S. senators.

On the other hand, S. M. Rutherford has remained at home and contended for the rights of the people and the better enforcement of the law, as well as Democratic supremacy.

Mr. Rutherford is a college graduate, but a common farmer boy, who has built himself to the distinguished position he occupies.

Morton Rutherford is no demagogue, nor is he a hypocrite. He carries on his sleeves omission or commission that there might be charged against him, so that the most unscrupulous could not be deceived as to his intentions.

He has the acquaintances. He has the royal party support. He has the confidence of the people. He is thoroughly familiar with the conditions of affairs here.

He is not a habitual.

He is not a graftor.

He is brave, true and incorruptible.

This kind of a senator will be a help to those honest and poor men who are in the United States senate battling for the rights of the people.

Rutherford never made a dishonest dollar.

He never turned down a friend.

He has always been loyal to his party and its nominees and as evidence of this fact he quit his campaign and came to Muskogee and spoke and worked for the municipal Democratic ticket.

He did not take advantage of the situation to boost his own candidacy.

He did not have made appointments to speak whereby he could exploit his ideas, however ephemeral they might be.

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Cotton for the biggest crop in history is now being planted in the new state.

Tulsa's ball team, the "Oilers," have gotten their new uniforms. They are dark green and white, with white stockings.

Lincoln county seems to be having a hard time keeping up in the ranks. Its papers are still reporting Easter parties.

The editor of the Idabel Gazette got himself into a peak of trouble by saying he considered street fairs, circuses and other such shows detrimental to the business interests of the town.

A Choctaw man, Dow Sears, caught 76 pounds of fish last Tuesday and Tuesday night in Deep Fork near that place. The largest fish in the catch weighed 57 pounds.

Some farmers that have settled near Chickasha, who are natives of Cuba, say that the soil in the Chickasaw nation is an ideal place to raise tobacco as good as can be found in Cuba.

Cows in McAlester are to be scrubbed daily. The dairy men have insisted that the same sanitary conditions imposed upon them by the city authorities be enforced upon the private owner of a bovine.

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