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## BUSINESS REVIEW BY A LOCAL BANKER

President of Arkansas State Bank Gives His Views on Financial Matters.

Commenting on the business situation, Mr. A. E. Waters, president of the Arkansas State Bank says: "The newspapers report the shutting down of several large industrial plants.

"After careful investigation of the situation we find that practically all of the lines affected are over-stocked, due directly to over-production.

"The three big industries in the shut-downs are said to be the American Woolen Mills, the silk mills at Patterson, N. J. and some of the largest shoe factories in New England. Current prices on these are so high that people stopped buying. Merchants who had been buying ahead therefore stopped also. The inevitable result was over-supplies.

"Raw wool, silk and leather dropped below prices ruling when finished goods now on market were made up. Retailers started cut price sales, beginning in the east and spreading rapidly westward.

"We can view all this optimistically because retailers are reducing their stocks and for this reason will face the fall season with a minimum of left-over stocks on hand.

"Farms are rapidly absorbing labor liberated by factory shut-downs and the demand for credit will lessen as the fall season advances.

"Good authorities state that the factory shut-downs are for these reasons not dangerous development and rather than indicating business depressions, the healthful sign.

"With favorable cotton weather for the month of August a good cotton crop will be assured for our county, but we desire to impress upon the minds of our farmer customers and friends the necessity of looking ahead for their next feed stuffs, such as corn and hay, as we believe it will cost more next season than it has this.

"The transportation problem still requires solution, but the people must have food and cotton and other crops will be moved.

"We can place our trust in the good, common sense of the true American people to carry the Nation safely through the critical situation of war aftermath. It always has and always will."

## Agricultural Clubs Are Holding Rally in Ashdown

The agricultural club boys and girls of this county are enjoying a rally in Ashdown this week. The session will close today. A feature of the day Friday was a picnic dinner spread on the court house lawn, and an automobile ride late in the afternoon. The county agents, Miss Gladys Norwood and Geo. M. Johnston have charge of the programs, and the boys and girls are having a great time.

## Foreman Oil Company Has Been Incorporated

Foreman, July 30.—The home company which has several thousand acres of leases in this vicinity has made application to the Secretary of State for a charter to engage in the oil business in Little River county. The company will be incorporated in the name of the Foreman Oil Co., which will have the same board of directors that served with the Foreman Oil and Development Company. The company will be incorporated with a capital stock of \$100,000.

As soon as the charter is issued they will elect officers and a manager and will be ready to do business.

The home company has had opportunities to close up some nice drilling contracts, but preferred to wait until the charter is granted before any contracts are made.

## SECOND GAME WAS CLOSE

Idabel Forfeits Game in 8th Inning With Score 4 to 5 in Her Favor.

The second game with Idabel Tuesday was a close contest. Ashdown took an early lead, which was held until the 7th inning, when Idabel put over two runs and the score was 5 to 4. The visitors left after the eighth inning to catch a train thus forfeiting the game.

The batteries were: For Ashdown, Helm and Wardlaw; for Idabel, Watson and Lawson. Watson was Idabel's one armed pitcher. He tossed a good game with the exception of his wildness and did the heaviest hitting of his team. Helm for the locals had plenty of stuff, but was wild. It was an evenly matched game with errors pretty even on both sides. The locals didn't seem to play up to their best form, and if some of their errors were costly the same was true of the opposing team.

The lineup was:  
Ashdown, Oliver 2b; Orrison, 1f; O'Neal, ss; Cobb 1b; Wardlaw c; Draper cf; Phillips rf; Collins 2b; Helm p.  
Idabel, Cayle, cf; Weatherly 2b; Coyle 1b; Lawson c; Brosa 3b; Taylor 1f; Watson p; Sawyer ss; Wright rf; Umpires, Lambright, Rene.

## NEW QUAKES ON COAST

Los Angeles Experiences Two More Slight Shocks.

Los Angeles, July 27.—An earthquake lasting about two seconds was felt here at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon. The shock rattled buildings, but no damage was reported. A second shock of about the same intensity was felt at 2 p. m.

## MENA SHOWS A DECREASE

Polk County Town Shows a Decrease of 512 People.

Washington, July 27.—The Census Bureau today reported the population of Mena, Ark., as 3,441. This is a loss of 512 or 13 per cent since 1910.

## VOTERS REFUSE TO GET EXCITED OVER POLITICS

Oil or Gas is the Only Thing That Will Excite Arkansas Citizens Worked up at this Season.

(BY CLIO HARPER)

Little Rock, July 30.—(Special)—In the midst of the political turmoil, state and national, Arkansas refuses to become excited. Even with the election less than three weeks off, baseball and the prospects of oil and gas attract more attention than the candidates for office. It is probable, however, that there is a much greater interest among the people than appears on the surface. The so-called silent vote is the big factor in this campaign. Those who are disposed to pick the winner in advance may be looked upon with a degree of suspicion as partisans.

There is a genuine excitement in the state over the prospects of oil and gas. Geologists and practical oil men agree that the next big oil field will be located in Arkansas. The developments at the Hunter and Constantine wells in the southern part of the state seem to justify this prediction. There are more than 100 test wells being drilled in about fifteen counties of the state. The promoters of every one of them are convinced that they have the real thing. It would be indeed remarkable if none of them should strike oil in paying quantities and when oil has been struck, as is the case at Hunter, the resulting boom will be the greatest ever known in the state of Arkansas. There are two wells being drilled in Putaski county and others in prospect, while contracts have been let for wells in the adjoining counties of Saline, Hot Springs, and Grant. The promoters claim that all these prospects are "on structure." One of the Putaski county wells is now down 3200 feet in black shale. More than \$50,000 has been spent on this well and the promoters are expecting a strike any day. White, Cross, Clark, Sevier, Little River and even some of the Ozark counties have oil prospects. All of these are wild cat territory, but much is expected of our first proven territory, that is, the vicinity of Stephens.

## Pleased Over Ancient Hero.

The Democrats of Arkansas are pleased that their ancient hero, William Jennings Bryan has refused the crown offered him by the so-called Prohibition party. The great commoner, honored with the presidential nomination by the Democrats still has a host of friends and admirers in Arkansas. He is known personally to thousands in this state and his democracy has never been questioned. Had he yielded to the lure of a nomination by the party that can not hope to carry a single electoral vote, his popularity in the state would have sustained a severe shock.

## Crops Look Better.

Reports from all parts of the state continue most favorable as to crop conditions. There has been a very decided improvement during the last few weeks both in corn and cotton. Both crops are overcoming the backwardness which for a time seemed to threaten them. It is now predicted that the cotton crop will be one of the best we have had in years, always taking into consideration the possibility of early frosts. However, the planter and the merchants are more optimistic and their good spirits are being felt throughout the state in all business lines.

## School Teachers Deserting.

School teachers have been deserting the profession in large numbers because of inadequate salaries. Those who have gone into other professions are doing so well that they can not be induced to return. This is not surprising. Teachers as well as others must look out for themselves and when the school revenues are insufficient to provide a living salary, they can not be blamed for seeking other fields of endeavor. To overcome this shrinkage in the profession the school revenues must be increased.

## POSTMASTERS WARNED

Ordered to Refrain from Taking Sides in Campaign.

Washington, July 27.—All postmasters and postal employees are warned to "refrain carefully from engaging in pernicious political activity during the pending political campaign." In an order issued today by Postmaster General Burleson.

Read "Webster Man's Man," today.

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT FOREMAN

Held Two Days' Session in Foreman This Week; About 100 Preachers and Delegates Attend.

Foreman, July 30.—The 18th annual session of the Texarkana District conference of Methodist church was in session in Foreman Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and the town was filled with preachers and delegates from various parts of the district.

The business sessions were presided over by the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. L. Cannon.

The preachers and delegates began to arrive Monday afternoon, and the opening sermon was preached Monday night by Rev. A. T. Clanton, of Dierks.

The business session convened at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, the opening lecture being delivered by Rev. Cannon. His talk was on raising the moral standards and ideal of the country.

Dr. S. R. Twitty of Monticello, preached Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, and on Tuesday night Congressman Otis T. Wingo delivered an interesting lecture on Christian leadership. Rev. C. N. Baker, of Little Rock, Sunday school secretary, preached Wednesday at 11.

The sessions were closed Wednesday night with a Sunday School conference which was conducted by Rev. J. F. Simmons, of Stamps, former superintendent of the Foreman High School.

The sessions were attended by about 100 preachers and delegates, who were entertained in the homes of the Foreman people while in the city, and before the closing of the conference a resolution of thanks was voted the people for their kindness and hospitality.

Dinner was served on the ground in the grove near the Episcopal church Tuesday, and this proved a very enjoyable of the conference.

The people of Foreman were glad to have this body of good men and women in their midst, and feel that they have been greatly blessed as a result of their having been here.

Rev. Z. D. Lindsay requests us to announce that he will begin a revival meeting the first Sunday in September. Rev. W. C. Scott of Lewisville will assist him in the meeting.

## WILL INSPECT POTATOES

State Plant Board Will Begin Inspection in a Few Days.

Little Rock, July 29.—(Special)—The State Plant Board will begin within the next ten days the inspection of sweet potato plants and seed. Chief Inspector Becker reports a considerable increase in the number of inquiries over last year. There will be two inspectors in the field and they will be kept busy during the month of August and September. The purpose is to prevent the spread of diseases peculiar to sweet potatoes and to guarantee good seed.

## MUCH WHEAT HELD OVER

109,318,000 Bushels From Last Year's Crops Are on Hand.

Washington, July 28.—Wheat from last year's crop carried over into 1920, totaled 109,318,000 bushels on July 1, compared with 45,561,000 bushels of the 1918 crop on hand the corresponding day last year, said an announcement today by the Department of Agriculture.

Crops on farms in country mills and elevators and in points of large accumulation all showed an increase over 1919 totals. This year farmers held 47,756,000 bushels, against 19,261,000 bushels in 1919 the figures perhaps reflecting disturbed transportation conditions during the past year.

At the larger central storage points this year the department found 34,575,000 bushels against 6,523,000 in the same places on July 1, 1919. In country mills and elevators this year, there are 36,980,000 bushels, while in 1919 there were 19,763,000.

## Receives Message of Death.

Mrs. Ferris Morgan of Foreman, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Clyde Head, received a message Tuesday reporting the death of J. R. Morgan at Excelsior Springs, Mo. He was the father of Ferris Morgan, and the latter had been at the bedside of his father for two weeks. Mr. Morgan is expected to return home August 1st, and resume his campaign for treasurer.

## Foreman School Faculty Has Been Completed

Foreman, July 30.—(Special)—The school board met last Friday night and completed the election of the faculty for the 1920-21 term of the Foreman High School, which is as follows: L. L. Brannon, superintendent. Roy Daziels, Principal. Miss Carrie Stewart, High school. Miss Freeda Mohnkera, 7th grade. Miss Beatrice Hooper, 6th grade. Miss Mamie Taaffe, 5th grade. Miss Tommye Walker, 4th grade. Miss Hople Buchanan, 3rd grade. Miss Louise Dozier, 2nd grade. Miss Flora Childers, 1st grade. Miss Mattie Willes, primary. Miss Westbrook, music.

## KIRBY SPOKE HERE

Senator Kirby Spoke to Good Crowd at Court House Wednesday Night.

Senator W. F. Kirby, candidate for reelection to the United States senate, spoke at the court house Wednesday night in the interest of his candidacy for reelection. He was introduced by Prof. T. T. C. Anderson, who had been one of Kirby's teachers in the latter's youth. Senator Kirby paid a fine tribute to Prof. Anderson. Senator Kirby made a good speech and was well received. He reviewed his record in the senate during the late war, refuted the charges of his opponent, and made a strong attack against the record of Mr. Garaway. Some 50 or 75 representative citizens were in attendance.

## BUILDING NEW COTTON GIN

A. D. Brown of Hope Erecting Modern Gin at Old Cotton Platform Site.

A. D. Brown of Hope, is erecting a gin plant in Ashdown on the site of the old cotton weighing platform south of the K. C. S. depot. The platform is now being wrecked to make room for the plant. It is stated that the gin will be a modern plant, consisting of five-70 saw gin stands. The gin at Wynthrop has been purchased and is being moved here. It is understood that some additions will be made to that plant. It is expected that the new gin will be completely installed and be ready to begin the coming season.

## STEALS COW, IS CHARGE

Texarkana Held to Grand Jury for Grand Larceny.

Texarkana, July 27.—John Puckett, local horse and cattle trader, was held for the Miller county grand jury on a charge of grand larceny, following a hearing before Judge J. D. Cook in Municipal Court today. He was released on \$700 bond. Ross Evans and A. King, who were arrested in connection with the same charge, were discharged.

Puckett is alleged to have taken Mrs. Josie Grant's milk cow from where the animal was staked near the water plant last Wednesday night, butchered her and sold the carcass to a local meat shop. The hide was found and identified at a hide buyer's store.

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MEET MONDAY

Women Voters' League Will Meet and Discuss State Politics Monday Afternoon.

The League of Women Voters of this county will meet Monday afternoon August 2nd and render the program as outlined below:

Instrumental number. "Women in Political Trenches," Mrs. Ethel Sims.

"Whatever else we lost we must keep the home," Mrs. Curran.

Voice number, Miss Curran. Talk, and questions answered, by A. D. DuLaney.

"Women at the Democratic convention," Mrs. Reynolds.

Every woman who expects to vote is welcome to these meetings, and your presence is requested.

Following you will note a few questions for consideration:

State Banking Committee, History committee, Adjutant General, Game and Fish Commission, Election Commission.

Should many of these boards be combined for efficiency and to save money on purchase of supplies?

Should the State have a pardoning board?

How can we secure a correct valuation of property for taxation?

Should we have a Lieutenant Governor?

How may we help Arkansas feed her people and dumb animals?

What are the educational needs of our state. How may we aid in wiping out illiteracy?

Child Welfare—How many babies under 12 months of age died in your county last year? Cause of these deaths?

## BAILEY'S LEAD INCREASES

Now Has 5,555 Votes More than Other gubernatorial Candidates.

Dallas, July 28.—On the face of incomplete, unofficial returns from 249 counties, Joseph W. Bailey, former United States senator from Texas, had increased his lead to 5,555 votes over Pat M. Neff of Waco his closest opponent on the fight for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in last Saturday's primary.

Mr. Bailey, who opposed the "open shop" question in labor matters, and Mr. Neff will contest in a run off primary August 28.

The vote, with 407,120 ballots counted stood:

Bailey 137,782; Neff 132,227; R. E. Thomason 91,568; B. F. Looney, 45,543.

Mr. Bailey announced today that after the run off primary he would campaign for the national ticket in doubtful states.

## Five Games Next Week.

The local baseball management has secured five games next week to be played here. Two of the games will be played with Fulton and three with Blossom, Texas. The series with Fulton will be Monday and Tuesday, and that with Blossom on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



## Why This Bank is Popular Among the Farmers

Co-operation: We try to make farmers transactions with us profitable to them as well as to us.

Dependability: Those who look to us regularly for support, get it. We keep our promises.

Experience: We understand the farmer's problems. No long explanations necessary when you transact business here.

YOUR account invited.

**ARKANSAS STATE BANK**

"No Red Tape--We Do or We Don't"

## KEEP TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

SOME CONCERNS GET INTO A RUT BY METHODS TOO LOOSE AND LAX, WHILE OTHERS ARE SHAKEN UP CONSIDERABLY, BY A PACE TOO FAST.

MOVING TOO SLOW IS AS RETARDING, AS MOVING TOO FAST IS DANGEROUS. PUSH IS NEEDED IN ONE CASE AND RESTRAINT IN THE OTHER.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK HELPS ONE OUT OF TROUBLE AND KEEPS THE OTHER OUT, BY WISE CONSERVATIVE ADVICE.

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Ashdown, Ark.