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M. D. & G. IN RECEIVERSHIP TO OPERATE TRAINS AGAIN

Martin Walsh Appointed Receiver by Federal Court—Will Operate Trains Wednesday.

Judge Lon T. Jones, who attended the hearing of the Memphis, Dallas and Gulf Railroad case at Fort Smith last Friday, when creditors asked that a receivership for the road be appointed, reports that Martin Walsh of Nashville was made receiver. Mr. Walsh is the present manager of the road. His appointment was the result of efforts by people living in the towns along the road. It was represented that Harry Conway, who has large gravel contracts to furnish Little River and other roads with gravel, made an offer to guarantee and deficit that may be incurred in operation in order that he may continue to deliver gravel. Just what arrangements were made for the road's operation expenses are not yet clear, but it was announced from Nashville Monday that the first train would come over Wednesday. It was first reported that it would run on Monday, but the later report seems to be the only official report received here. If the schedule has been worked out it has not been announced. When the road announced on the first of the month a reduced wage scale the men all walked out. It is presumed that the labor trouble has been adjusted on some basis.

From what could be learned the court will not order the road sold until a new tryout along new lines is made to operate. It was hoped that a way could be found to continually operate without having to go to the last resort, that of selling. It has also been said that the court was not sure that the Hot Springs end of the line could be made to pay.

FAILED TO DIP CATTLE

Bowie County Is Trouble With Anti-Cattle Dippers.

Texarkana, Sept. 11.—The first conviction on a charge of violation of the cattle dipping law in Bowie county took place in the District Criminal Court at Boston Thursday when a jury brought in a verdict of guilty in the case against C. W. Corder and assessed a fine of \$25 and costs. Corder is a farmer living in the central portion of the county, about four miles north of New Boston. It was alleged that he failed and refused to dip his cattle.

GIVEN YEAR IN PEN

Howard County Negro Is Convicted on Grand Larceny Charge.

Nashville, Sept. 10.—Jesse Bass, a negro, charged with grand larceny, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary today by a jury in Howard circuit court.

COX DECLARES THE LIQUOR ISSUE DEAD

Governor Cox Says Attempt to Picture Him as "Wet" is Only Propaganda.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 11.—Prohibition, the great silent topic of the campaign, came openly into the presidential campaign here tonight at the meeting of Governor Cox of Ohio, Democratic presidential nominee.

The governor, after an introduction to a large audience in which his sponsor, George C. Cottrell, Democratic candidate for United States senator, denounced assertions that the candidate was a "wet," made the following declaration:

"As a progressive in government, I know when an event has passed by and become part of yesterday. The reactionary rarely does. The friends of world peace and the friends of progress will win this election, and any attempt to divide them on any question not an issue will be unavailing."

"It was Governor Cox's direct reference to the liquor question. That it will open the doors of the campaign to further and probably heated controversy over prohibition enforcement was predicted."

Handling as a Brewer.

In introducing Governor Cox Mr. Cottrell charged that Senator Harding, the Republican nominee, had for 30 years been a brewer, owning stock in the local brewery at Marion, O., and also had voted 30 times on the wet side. Mr. Cottrell also said Governor Cox's record in Ohio included a "Sunday saloon closing law and general moral leadership." The charges against the governor, he said, are partisan politics.

The brief statement in tonight's speech of the governor, who has been charged frequently with being a "wet" or "damp" candidate, was determined upon during conferences with Mr. Cottrell and others on his train today after a day of bombardment upon him in newspapers, telegrams and letters demanding a statement on the subject.

Claims the Hog Record of Little River County

Frank Quarles, a member of the pig club from the Hicks Community, believes that he has broken the hog record in Little River county. He has a pig of the Big Boned Poland China breed that at seven months old weighs 315 pounds. Frank thinks that by the time this sow is full grown she will be a bouncer. His first sow at ten months weighed the same. She has littered two sets of pigs, and this young sow is of the second litter. He is as yet undecided as to whether he will go in for the champion brood sow record, or the biggest hog record. It looks like he has a safe lead for either or both.

STORE BURGLARIZED HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Burglar Arrested at Texarkana and Shot When He Hit Officer With Swag and Tried to Escape.

Friday night the jewelry store of J. F. Mills and the dry goods store of A. J. Russell were burglarized and numerous articles taken. The burglar took nothing of much value at the Russell store, which he entered by breaking a back window. Some buckles and candy were missing. At the Mills store he was more successful. Something like \$175 worth of watches, small clocks, and fountain pens, bracelets, etc., were taken from a show window. The greatest damage was done to the store on affecting an entrance. He battered at the door and tried to bore through the wood work with an auger. Finding this too slow he secured a piece of heater wood and knocked out a plate glass window.

Sheriff Bob Pierce got busy early Saturday morning and had all officers notified in outlying towns. Saturday night Special Officer Will Tension of Texarkana located a suspicious man in the yards of that city and arrested him. The suspect who gave his name as Charles Bell, and said his home was near Judsonia, was relieved of his gun. He was being taken to jail when he suddenly whirled and struck the officer over the head with a bundle he was carrying. Tension was temporarily dazed by the blow, but recovered in time to see Bell fleeing. A call to halt was ignored, and the officer fired one shot which took effect, breaking the bone between the knee and ankle. Bell was carried to a hospital. He will be brought to Ashdown as soon as he is in condition. The bundle contained the articles, or part of those taken from the jewelry store. Some of them were broken and damaged when the officer was struck with them. Mr. Mills placed them in his window together with the billet of wood and the brace and bit used in breaking into the store.

DRILLING ACTIVE IN UNION

Ten Crews at Work, and Gusher is Expected at Any Time.

El Dorado Sept. 12.—Ten drilling crews are active in Union county and yet there is less excitement about oil than at any time since the ill-fated expedition last winter to bring in Trinity failed of its purpose. The people have settled down to the even tenor of their way and have steadied their nerves and braced themselves for the big strike, now long overdue.

Speaking of Trinity it is said that efforts are being made to perforate the casing and bring in oil and that there has been a good showing, but there are many people who think that the best thing to do with Trinity is to forgive and forget and to bore another hole.

Constantine No. 1 is to be used only as a gas well. It will be commercialized to supply fuel for Eldorado and material for the pipe line has begun to arrive. Garland Grace drove a party out there in an automobile 36 feet long. We passed Constantine No. 2, which was "spudded in" Monday 600 feet southeast of No. 1, and found a drilling crew busy at work. Great confidence is expressed in this well because it is being bored where both oil and gas are known to exist, and the drillers have their previous experience to guide them. Many people are of the opinion it will be a gusher. Others think it will produce only gas.

WON'T TEACH MILITARISM

Texarkana School Will Not Teach Military Training.

Texarkana, Sept. 12.—The School Board of the Texas side of town has decided not to include military training in the curriculum of the high school. This decision was based mainly on the advice of members of the faculty who have seen army service and who assert that it is not practicable without the direction of a commandant who could give his entire time to the work.

IS KILLED OVER DEBT

Fulton, Sept. 11.—James Hall, negro, was shot and killed yesterday by Dr. John Davis a veterinarian of Fulton, following an agreement over a small account Dr. Davis said the negro owed him. Dr. Davis testified at an examining trial this morning that the negro was advancing upon him with an ax, and that he shot in self-defense. He was acquitted by the justice of the peace. Dr. Davis has been here only about two months.

WILL MAKE OIL SURVEY OF STATE SOON

Former State Geologist Dr. Branner, Will Return to Arkansas and Make an Oil Survey.

Little Rock, Sept. 14.—One of the most important announcements made since the discovery of oil in Arkansas, is that Dr. John C. Branner of California, former state geologist of Arkansas, will make a thorough survey of the state for the purpose of determining its possibilities for the development of oil and gas.

In a communication addressed to Commissioner of Agriculture, Jim G. Ferguson, June 17, 1920, specifying ten subjects demanding attention in the development of the state's resources, Dr. Branner places that of a report on petroleum and natural gas as second in the list. He was appointed state geologist of Arkansas by Governor Hughes thirty-two years ago, and during the next six years made surveys at an expense to the state of \$100,000, producing eighteen volumes of reports which have been conservatively estimated worth millions of dollars to the state.

The prospect of again securing the distinguished services of Dr. Branner is due in large part to a large part to the enterprise of Governor Charles H. Brough who called upon him in San Francisco during the recent national Democratic convention. It had long been the ardent hope of all citizens of Arkansas that some means might be found whereby Dr. Branner could be induced to return and complete the survey which he was compelled to abandon in 1882 on account of the failure of the legislature to appropriate funds to defray the expenses of the work.

Dr. Branner assured Gov. Brough that he is much interested in the State of Arkansas and its possibilities, and intimated that he would be willing to forego several attractive offers which he now has under consideration, some of them being from foreign governments, and consider a reasonable offer to make an oil, gas and mineral survey of Arkansas.

Upon his return to Little Rock, Governor Brough conferred with Fulk & Riffel, prominent oil operators of Little Rock, and urged them to enter into negotiations with Dr. Branner. As a result of correspondence covering several weeks, they received a telegram last week making a specific proposition. Necessarily, Dr. Branner's services come high and Fulk and Riffel have set themselves the task of raising adequate funds, by enlisting the cooperation of individuals and corporations who are interested in the development of Arkansas oil and mineral resources. They expect to have little difficulty in perfecting arrangements. Dr. Branner intimates that his services will be available within two weeks, so that it seems possible he can enter upon the survey within the very near future.

Long Expected Oil Boom.

There is a promise therefore, that the long expected oil boom in Arkansas will not be much further delayed. It is the consensus of opinion of experts that somewhere in Arkansas there is an abundance of oil and it is universally recognized that Dr. Branner is the man best qualified to locate it. It is said that every important mineral development in the state has confirmed his early reports, including the world famed bauxite fields near Little Rock which furnishes 60 per cent of the aluminum products of the world. Dr. Branner also pointed out the possibilities of the diamond fields of southwest Arkansas which a \$10,000,000 company is now engaged in developing.

Geologists inform us that all of Louisiana and that part of Arkansas south of the Arkansas river and the mountains, has the same general structure as the great American coastal plain, of which it forms a part and in which some of the world's greatest oil fields have been developed. The geologic conditions have been pronounced by all experts to be favorable for oil and gas wherever structural conditions exist to catch and hold these products.

SENTENCED TO CHAIR

Cross County Black Convicted of Killing Another Negro Near Wynne.

Wynne, Sept. 11.—Offie Norsworthy, negro, yesterday was found guilty of first degree murder in Cross Circuit court here, and sentenced to be electrocuted. He was accused of killing another negro several months ago on the Mack Stacy farm, near Wynne, both were employed.

CHARGES AGAINST HERBERT R. WILSON

Will Be Considered by Democratic State Convention at Little Rock This Week.

Little Rock, Sept. 12.—Whether Herbert R. Wilson, Democratic nominee for state highway commissioner has forfeited his right to the nomination, will be a question the Democratic state convention will have to decide when it meets here Tuesday. This question comes up as the result of a protest filed with the State Central Committee Friday by T. C. McRae, nominee for governor.

In his statement filed with Joe House, chairman of the committee, Mr. McRae does not indicate whether he believes the charges against Mr. Wilson to be true, but says they have been circulated over the state and should be investigated by the convention before Mr. Wilson is declared the nominee.

Mr. Wilson has been accused of having participated in an alleged conspiracy on the night of August 10 to switch the votes of Judge G.R. Haynie, unsuccessful candidate for governor, to Smead Powell, who ran third. Rumors of this alleged conspiracy have been circulated ever since the election and the matter was reported to the Pulaski county grand jury, but no action was taken. It is said that the grand jury did not complete its investigation and that the next grand jury probably will continue the probe.

Plot to Switch Returns.

Three men who say they overheard a conversation in the office of Pace & Davis late on the night of August 10, the day of the primary, made affidavits declaring there was a plot to change the votes of Judge Haynie in some counties to Smead Powell. According to election returns at that hour, Mr. Powell was running a close second to Mr. McRae, while it already was apparent that Judge Haynie had no chance to win.

It was charged that Mr. Wilson participated in this conference. It was said that conversations were held with political workers in several counties over the long distance telephone, but that no definite action was taken and the conference adjourned early in the morning to meet again later.

One of the men alleged to have overheard the conversation was J. G. Cubage of Conway, owner of the Conway Times, who published in his paper an editorial about the conference which was republished in some of the state papers, including the one at Prescott, where Mr. McRae lives.

Denied by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson issued a statement denying that he took part in the conspiracy and declaring that he courts a full investigation.

He says that he has been given only two days' notice of the charges to prepare for an investigation before the state committee, and that the charges are vague and uncertain. He declared his belief that he will be vindicated and asks that his friends withhold judgment pending the investigation.

"The people showed what they thought of me," he said, "and my enemies, who are now continuing to hound me, when they went to the polls on August 10 and gave me more than 100,000 votes to 56,000 for my opponent."

There is an urgent need this Fall to pick cotton as fast as it is ready and while it is white; to gather it free from trash and dirt; to gin it dry, clean and without gin cuts and to put it as soon as ginned under such shelter that it cannot become stained or damaged in any other way until it is sold and delivered.

Five million bales principally of undesirable cotton have been carried over. Much of it is stained, moldy, matted or otherwise so damaged or so short that it cannot be used in making cloth and other cotton products.

This enormous quantity of low grade cotton that has been carried over is not wanted by the spinners in this country and in Europe, because the people do not want the goods that can be made from it. It is a strong force towards pushing down the price of this year's crop.

Every bale of new cotton damaged in any way will add to the great quantity of undesirable cotton now on hand and will help to cut down still more the price that growers will get for the new crop.

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Arkansas Profitable Farming Bureau,
Little Rock Board of Commerce.

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STATE UNIVERSITY IS WORTH \$1,000,000

State Auditor Gives Reports on the Assets of Arkansas' School.

Little Rock, Sept. 13.—Fixed assets of the University of Arkansas and the College of Agriculture are valued at approximately \$1,000,000, according to the report of the audit issued yesterday by Van B. Sims, state comptroller. The valuation of the land is \$84,500; buildings, \$608,500, and of equipment, \$266,296.75. The state holds clear title to this, with the exception of \$29,733.50, due on the purchase price of the new experiment farm in Washington county. No supplies or materials are included, and it is estimated that these are worth about \$1,000,000.

The audit covers a four-year period, from July 1, 1916 to July 1, 1920, and shows that during this period, the state expended, from money derived from taxation, for the benefit of the institution, \$766,731.69, or an average of \$191,682.92 annually. Approximately 63 per cent was expended for instruction. The report says this is a creditable showing when compared with other state universities, where general operating costs are more than 37 per cent.

\$17,000 in Funds.

There will be approximately \$17,000 in the treasury to care for emergencies during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, and it is probable, according to the report, that necessary increases in salary will require this amount to be added to the available salary appropriation. There is \$233,499.14, unexpended of the appropriation for the present biennial period, and the mill tax collected for the benefit of the university will produce about \$250,000 for the same period.

The cash fund coming to the university exclusive of the agricultural extension work, about equaled the amount expended directly by the state. The government has contributed \$72,000; the state has contributed \$85,500 annually for student labor; interest on endowment bonds produced more than \$6,500 annually, and other funds brought the total amount of cash to \$1,015,373.44 for the four years. This fund has been admirably handled by the auditor of the university, says the report. The net cash balance on July 1, 1920, was \$30,416.21.

\$4,000 JUDGMENT GIVEN

Cowling Estate Given Verdict Against M. D. and G. Railroad.

Nashville, Sept. 12.—The estate of the late Mrs. W. K. Cowling, through T. H. Kent as administrator, won in a suit against the Memphis, Dallas and Gulf Railroad in the circuit court in this city Wednesday, the jury returning a verdict for damages to the amount of \$4,000. This suit was for injuries alleged to have been received by Mrs. Cowling on a train of the company some months ago. Mrs. Cowling having died a short time after the injuries were received. The railroad company was granted an appeal to the supreme court.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the loving kindness and tender sympathy shown us during the illness and after the sad death of our dear little girl.—Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cobb and family.