

ARREST ELEVEN ON PROFITEERING

Oklahoma City and Enid Merchants Held on Indictments.

FAIR PRICER INCLUDED

Chase Van Cleef of Oklahoma, Member of State Commission, One of Number.

By Associated Press Staff Wire
OKLAHOMA CITY, May 18.—Eleven business men of this city and one at Enid, Okla., were arrested today by federal authorities following indictments returned against them by a federal grand jury charging violations of the Lever act by alleged profiteering in the sale of sugar.

Those under arrest are: A. J. Graham, J. T. Robinson, J. P. Brough, Jr., J. H. Runkle, John Thomas, O. H. Dietz, Tom Morris, M. S. Coater, Larry Farnham, O. D. Halsey and Larry Farnham, all of Oklahoma City, and Harry E. Alton of Enid. All are connected with wholesale sugar firms in this state, and one, Van Cleef, is a member of the state fair price commission.

Herbert M. Peck, United States attorney for the western district of Oklahoma, tonight stated the indictments show that some of the men under arrest had made as high as 10,000 per cent profit in sugar within a year and that the least profit any of them had made as shown by the indictments was 5,000 per cent on a year on money invested.

Those under arrest were released under a \$2,500 bond each and are to appear tomorrow morning before Judge John C. Pollock in the federal district to enter their pleas to the charges. All cases in which pleas of not guilty are entered will go over to the next term of court, the district attorney stated, and pointed out that conviction under the Lever act carried a maximum penalty of two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$2,000, with no minimum penalty fixed.

Those arrested held a meeting late this afternoon to determine what they declared would be their "line of action," but issued no statement following the meeting.

Investigations of sugar prices in Oklahoma which resulted in the indictments were begun last month by the state fair price commission which directed D. L. Rogers, executive secretary, to take charge of investigations. It was stated he furnished the grand jury with some of the information upon which the indictments are based.

District Attorney Peck stated that the next probe made by a federal grand jury would be into clothing prices, and that a grand jury would probably be called at the next term of court for this purpose.

HOLD NEGRO AS CAR THIEF

Bound Over to District Court Under Bond of \$1,000 for Trial.

Joe Williams, a negro youth arrested May 6 in possession of a Ford car stolen on that day from E. R. Hays in this city, was bound over for trial by district court under bond of \$1,000 at the conclusion of his preliminary trial before Justice H. J. Gray yesterday.

YOUNG ACTOR'S JAZZ BAND STOPS SHOW

By REEVE HUGHES

First night patrons of the Orpheum theater witnessed a spectacle at the opening show last night that is new in vaudeville annals here and which is unusual in any city in the country. They saw one act literally stop the show.

Four seventeen minutes by the watch after Nat Nazarro Jr. and his Atlantic Fleet band jazzed off the stage the audience gave this splendid young player an ovation. They applauded with their hands, cheered and whistled. Stuart Barnes, singing comedian and monologist, attempted to come on in the next number. He was forced to retire. Not that the crowd was discourteous to him. Everyone merely wanted more of Nazarro and his syncopatin' sailors. A representative of the box office tried to make a speech. He intended to explain that the act came in late and that all the boys were tired and could not do an encore. He had about as much luck with his speech as Jess Willard had with Jack Dempsey in their Toledo bout. Not until Nazarro came from the dressing room did the show get on its feet. Nazarro has a brilliant future in vaudeville. He is a handsome chap and an unusual dancer. They say he is but 16 years of age. His act is well dressed and full of surprises. He very probably stops the show wherever he goes.

Credit Due Stuart Barnes.

Stuart Barnes was Casey at the bat last night. Only he hit a home run whereas the mighty Casey struck out. There isn't an actor in vaudeville who could have paraded his act after the preceding one had stopped the show and made a big hit. To Mr. Barnes' everlasting credit, it must be said, that his very quiet and unassuming manner, and the like, caught on. We nominate Mr. Barnes for any ambassadorial position which requires consummate skill in approach and attack.

The other acts.
 Jean Adair in "Ella Comes to Town," an exceptionally clever angle on New York night life. Full of surprises and unusually well played.
 Bell and Arliss, two girls in amusing harmony singing.
 Lillian Goss and Bert Albert in "On Their Way to School," a fine bit of comedy in the everyday life of two youngsters. As full of laughs as "Hickishery Flin."
 Dalfrey, Hall and Brown in "A Night on Broadway," a bit of Broadway tomfoolery featuring some remarkable scenic dancing and bicycle riding by one of the members of the company.

Herbert's "Loop the Loop," a very good dog, cat and bird circus.
 The show as a whole is on an equality with vaudeville any place.
 (Note the above is a reprint from the Tulsa Tribune on Monday night.)

State Briefs

BRISTOW, May 18.—The combined deposits of the four Bristow banks, three national and one state, total over \$2,266,000. This is the lightest season of the year in this section.

PONCA CITY, May 18.—Announcement has been received by the farm agent that the price of penitentiary made binding (wine this year is 14 cents in local lots, or 12 1/2 in carload lots, f. o. b. McAlester. A minimum car is 24,000 pounds.

BRISTOW, May 18.—It is understood that W. L. Cheatham, for two terms representing Creek county in the legislature, will soon announce for the democratic nomination in the Fourth district in opposition to Congressman McKewen.

HARDY, May 18.—Christopher Long celebrated his 21st birthday when he came into the inheritance of 500 acres of valuable land Sunday, by giving a banquet on the Al Long farm for 120 guests. Five tables were placed, with room for 24 persons at each table.

BRISTOW, May 18.—H. G. Hendricks, president of the commercial club, will entertain the club members and wives with an old-fashioned barbecue at his home west of the city Friday. Election of officers will be held at that time.

PAWHUSKA, May 18.—The state fire inspector will make a hurried trip to Pawhuska to investigate the early morning blaze in the White Front garage which resulted in a total damage of about \$2,000. The cause is a mystery, there being no evidence of an explosion. It is stated, in any of the 51 cars which were damaged, the tanks being in good condition but the upholstery and

tops being almost a total loss. The building is a new one, owned by F. O. Dutton, whose loss is estimated at \$12,000 and is covered by \$10,000 insurance. Few of the 51 cars damaged are insured, the loss on these being estimated at \$50,000.

BRISTOW, May 18.—Rehearing of the case of the commercial club against the Bristow Gas Company has been set for June 8. The company is making a survey of its properties and it is rumored that a hike in rates will be asked soon.

PAWHUSKA, May 18.—A big feud at the 26,000-acre ranch of Graham & Shuler, between Granola and Kaw City, will be one of the features of the trade excursion of Pawhuska business men on June 5. Boosters will touch at Pearsonia, Granola, Kaw City, Burbank and Fairfax.

POND CREEK, May 18.—On the occasion of Senator Gore's meeting here a delegation of women, headed by Mrs. W. W. Sutton, came up from Enid and presented the senator with a beautiful gold watch as a token of esteem. The watch strikes the hour, quarter and minute.

PONCA CITY, May 18.—Thirty divorce cases were tried in the Kay county district court during April, ten were continued for cause and ten dismissed and withdrawn. Thirty-six marriage licenses were issued. In the district court 51 civil cases were filed, and in the county court four civil and 23 criminal, as well as 23 probate.

PONCA CITY, May 18.—The northern wheat belt counties of this state are well represented today at the national convention of wheat growers in session at Hutchinson, Kan. J. A. Blubaugh, president of the county organization, is a delegate, with Frank Gould as alternate, while W.

C. Scott represents the Tonkawa district. Kay, Garfield, Grant, Alfalfa and Noble counties are now organized.

PONCA CITY, May 18.—Charles May, an elderly roomer at the Adams hotel, has been turned over to the county authorities on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. During a melee he fired several shots through a door but without effect. He was fined \$25 in municipal court and later rearrested on a county warrant.

KAW CITY, May 18.—Mrs. F. L. Downey of Ponca City was elected president of the Royal Neighbors of

America in the fifth annual county convention just closed here. Miss Lottie Simpson of Tonkawa was chosen vice-president, Miss Lillian Leis of Newark as recorder, and Miss Mary Duncan of Branham as treasurer. Branham gets the 1921 meeting.

Operate Lands as Unit.

FRIDELTICK, Okla., May 18.—The Red river bottom lands now in the charge of Frederick Delano, recently appointed receiver by the federal supreme court over disputed oil property, will be operated as a single unit, according to A. S. Everest, field representative for the receiver who is now located on the property.

CHARGES GAS CO. DIVERTS INCOME

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and names the McKewen Manufacturing company.

Also it is charged in the statement that Braden owns a large dairy farm and operates it at the expense of the Oklahoma Natural Gas company and that he and others receive salaries far in excess of what they are entitled to in account of services.

The statement recites that while as a result of this misappropriation of funds and mismanagement of the company's affairs that the gas company's operation from a casual observation might show that said company was being operated at a loss that when a thorough analysis has been made and the gas division of the company has been charged only with expenses properly chargeable thereto, that the company on that part of its business used and useful in furnishing natural gas to the inhabitants of the various cities and towns in the state of Oklahoma which it has undertaken to serve, will prove to be remunerative and equitable to the company.

The document as introduced today was originally prepared to be filed with the commission as an answer on the part of the attorney for the commission and gas patrons, to the ap-

plication of the company for its increased rates.

Employed by Company.
 Thraves said that Durham was employed to make a survey of the properties of the gas company under an appropriation by the legislature. He said two men who worked with Durham are now in the employ of the company and that Durham was under contract to work for it on completion of his state work. Thraves was recently discharged from the service of the state corporation commission on what was said to be political grounds. He was at once appointed assistant attorney general by S. P. Freeling, attorney general, and is now serving in that capacity.

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