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CARTER COUNTY STANDS UP WELL IN LEGISLATURE

Local Representatives Will Have Power and Influence in the Coming Legislative Session

CARLOCK A LEADER IN UPPER HOUSE

All Ask That People Suggestions for Legislation—A Fight Looms Up

BY POLITICAL OBSERVER

When the curtain rises on the Ninth Oklahoma legislature next Tuesday Carter county is going to be well represented and it is going to be represented by men who now appear to have laid the foundation for efficient and non-fictional service.

John Carlock, senator, is the sole legislator. In fact, he is the sole representative of this county who has seen service before. His long tenure in the upper house, plus his recognized ability and leadership insure for him distinction and a certain prestige that will make him sought after by all factions and all those seeking legislative enactment.

Both Senator Carlock and Senator Brown are kindly disposed to the incoming administration so far as progressive legislation is concerned. Neither was originally a Walton man and neither is the endorsement of the Reconstruction league forces, but each recognizes that the people have spoken in unmistakable terms, and both are going to be governed accordingly, they declare.

Both the representatives from Carter county have vigorously espoused the administration control of the house, have aligned themselves with Murray Gibbons, the choice of Governor Walton for speaker of the house and are slated for responsible assignments. It is declared. It is whispered that Guy Stegler, local attorney, is going to be made chairman of one of the most important legislative positions, while Mr. Carlock from Oklahoma City that the administrative forces feel very favorable to Tom J. Pollock for his active support of the plan for control of the house.

Want to Co-Operate

All four of the men to represent this county have urged the citizens here to make their wants and wishes known at once. Mr. Pollock authorized the Ardmoreite to inform the people that he is willing and ready to institute or support any measures looking to the welfare and needs of this section. While he has no pet measure to battle for, he is open to suggestion and advice, he declares.

Mr. Sigler told the Ardmoreite he also solicited the support and co-operation

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25-YEAR CLUB

Men Who Have Been in Ardmore a Quarter of a Century.

On the first day of November, 1886, I. H. Best arrived in Ardmore to make his future home, and to take his chances with other pioneers in developing a city.

He purchased property at the corner of Caddo street and third avenue, where the C. P. Hall store now stands, and erected thereon a feed store to run in connection with his wagon yard.

Shelling this business he afterward engaged in the wholesale flour and feed business in partnership with the late Col. A. V. Doak, and continued this for several years.

In the meantime the city government had been organized, and he was elected as one of the aldermen where he served for several terms.

Having severed his connection with his partner, Col. Doak, he engaged in the real estate business, and has continued in this until the present time.

Mr. Best planted the first fruit tree and erected the first brick chimney in Ardmore, on the property at the corner of Caddo and third avenue.

Mr. Best has always taken keen interest in city affairs, and still retains many records of the city's first administration that are very interesting to present day citizens.

Mr. Best was born in Collin county, Texas, and lived there up to the time he moved to Ardmore, and today after 35 years of good and bad fortune with the city's trials and tribulations, he says he is glad he made the change when he did, and has never experienced any moment's regret for his action.

By a singular coincidence the C. P. Hall property built by Mr. Best 35 years ago was completely wiped out the early Saturday morning.

One Dead; Two Buildings Lost in Fires

'I Have Done My Duty,' Hignight Says in Note Of Resignation to Dyer

New Chief of Police Silent as to Plans; Will Take Over His Duties Monday Morning; Hignight Expresses Friendship for the City Manager.



DICK HIGNIGHT

Chief of Police Dick Hignight late Saturday afternoon formally tendered his resignation to City Manager Kirk Dyer in a letter that expressed the high regard in which the outgoing chief holds for the city manager.

"I feel that I have done my duty," Chief Hignight said in the letter. "I leave it to the people of the city to judge whether our efforts have been beneficial."

At a meeting of the city commissioners, several weeks ago, Mr. Dyer was instructed to request the resignation of Chief Hignight. At that time, Mr. Dyer stated that it was against his best judgment and subsequently handed in his resignation, to become effective as soon as a successor is named.

Following is the letter transmitted to the city manager by the chief of police:

"I have your letter of December 29th 1922, handed to me last evening, conveying to me officially the information that the city commissioners had requested you to secure my resignation as chief of police of the city of Ardmore, and stating that in conformity with the request of the commissioners you asked for my resignation.

"You will recall that the one controlling idea when you appointed me chief of police was that we should both use our best efforts in an endeavor to make this a cleaner and better place within which to live and raise our children.

"I feel that I have done my full duty in this respect and at all times I have had your cordial support and counsel. I leave it to the people of the city to judge whether our efforts have been beneficial.

"A compliance with your request will subject me to much criticism, and possibly many will not be satisfied that I have retired under fire; but I feel that a vast majority know that I have lived up to my full duty as an officer of the law, and I know also that an examination of the records of the police department.

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Government Denies Right of Companies To Appeal Decision

WASHINGTON.—The federal government in a brief filed in the supreme court today held that the appeals of the foreign steamship lines against the recent prohibition decision of Judge Hand at New York had failed to show that the United States had consented to be sued and that the cases could not therefore be presented.

The government also insists that the court did not have jurisdiction for the further reasons that the appeals do not present a cause of action in equity under the constitution of the United States, and "do no discharge a cause of action equitable in its nature, civil in its character, and arising under the constitution of the United States."

GAS RATES IN POTEAU RAISED BY COMMISSION

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Gas rates in Poteau, Okla., were increased from 15 to 35 cents per thousand cubic feet, by an order of the state corporation commission today, on application of the American Indian Oil and Gas company and with the consent of Mayor M. W. Murray of Poteau, according to the order.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL MADE IN SUCH WAY THAT WORK AT COUNTY COURT HOUSE WILL RUN SMOOTHLY

Indications are that what changes are to take place in the offices at the county court house with the beginning of the new year, will be effected so quietly that nothing out of the ordinary will be noticed in the transaction of general routine business.

Court Clerk Linsley will make one new appointment in his department on account of the resignation of Mrs. Haynie, but aside from that there will be no other changes in that department.

MIAMI OFFICERS WATCH SHIP FOR EVADER OF DRAFT

Report That Bergdoll on Board Steamer as Member of the Chew Puts the Officials on the Alert

MIAMI, Fla.—Local police and local officials were early today making preparation to meet the steamship Jupiter, said to be enroute to this port with Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, Philadelphia darts dodger, on board as a member of its crew.

No word had been received from the Jupiter early today and the hour of its arrival is not yet known. Port authorities say they are expecting the vessel to arrive here either today or tomorrow. In the meantime other gulf ports are being closely watched for the Jupiter.

Disabled Soldiers Will Hear Program From Local Station

Under the direction of the members of the George B. Anderson Post, American Legion, a musical program will be broadcasted to the boys in the Hospital for Disabled Soldiers at Sulphur, from Ardmore talent, soon. The exact date of the program has not been definitely decided.

At the legion luncheon Saturday, it was decided that the regular meeting which would fall on New Year's night, would be postponed until the following Monday, at which time plans will be completed for the membership drive campaign which is to be launched soon.

TURKS ARE SENDING TROOPS TO TERRITORY

ATHENS.—The Turks are sending reinforcements in the direction of Mosul, the rich oil district, the ownership of which is in dispute at the Lausanne conference, according to advices to the Central News from a reliable source.

WELDERS OF WICKED CLUBS TO CIRCLE AIR

Wielders of wicked clubs will again swirl circles through the air at the Dornick Hills Country club links Monday afternoon, January 1, in competition for the prize which will comprise golf balls. The play will be an 18-hole medal contest, the first nine holes classifying the players and the total score of the 18 holes determining the winners of the various classes. A small entrance fee will be charged.

PLANS FOR ARMENIAN HOME ARE SUGGESTED

LAUSANE.—Plans for an Armenian national home, financed by a possible \$20,000,000 appropriation by the United States congress or a popular loan in America in addition to funds from four countries, were presented to the near east conference by the American delegation.

KLAN WILL SEND AGENTS TO FIELD TO INVESTIGATE

Inquiry Into Killing of Daniels and Richards Will Be Thorough, High Officials Say

DENIES KLANSMEN GUILTY OF CRIME

Governor Parker Openly Denounces K. K. K. in Statements Issued

NEW ORLEANS.—The Louisiana organization of the Ku Klux Klan will send its own agents into Morehouse parish to investigate the kidnaping and killing of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards last August, according to an announcement today by a high state official with the Klan. This action, he said, was decided on at a conference here yesterday of heads of the state organization, at which a reporter of a New Orleans newspaper was permitted to attend.

It was stated that the investigation probably will be started within the next 48 hours.

"I recently returned from Morehouse parish where I discussed the outrage with many folks who knew their community well. I know that the Klan is not to blame," said the Klan official.

Not Hiring Lawyers

"We have no idea of setting up any defense at public hearings for anyone, and reports that the Klan is interested in obtaining brilliant attorneys for the defense of those arrested are not true. We are interested in clearing the Klan of any connection in the public mind with these outrages. The Klan officials stated if it should develop that any individual members of the Klan in Morehouse parish had anything to do with the kidnaping and murders of Daniel and Richards, they would be outlawed and the Klan would assist in obtaining their conviction before the criminal court of the state.

Governor John M. Parker, who ordered the public hearings into the Morehouse kidnaping situation has openly denounced the K. K. K. He has directed the investigation and has been quoted as declaring that he was determined to tear the mask off the Klan."

FAMOUS HORSE DEARER DIES IN EL PASO, TEX.

EL PASO, Texas.—Joe Nugent, said to have sold more horses and mules to the United States and foreign governments than any other American stockman, died here today. He was president of the Campbell Reed Western Sales Stable company, National Stockyards, Illinois. He came here three months ago for his health.

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A division of 6,000 Turkish troops, it is stated, has already left Van for Mosul.

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Car Demolished When Fire Truck Hit It; To Rebuild Business Soon

E. A. Cole, of Pooleville, dead. Auto of H. P. Wells demolished. Two buildings destroyed. Fifty thousand dollar loss in night fire. Grass fire at 1013 Third Avenue, southwest. Grass fire at D and Fourth Avenue, northwest.

I. W. W. MEMBERS GIVEN PARDONS BUT MUST LEAVE

Said All Men Subject to Deportation and Liberty Granted if They Leave Never to Return.

WASHINGTON.—The sentences of eight members of the Industrial Workers of the World, convicted in the Haywood case of conspiracy and violation of war time laws, were commuted by President Harding today to expire at once on condition that the eight prisoners leave the United States and never return. The men whose sentences were commuted were:

Antonio Vincenti Azuara, sentenced to 20 years; C. J. Bourg, ten years; Peter Green, ten years; Charles L. Lambert, twenty years; Harry Lloyd, five years; Bert Lorton, ten years; Sam Scarlett, ten years; Archie Sinclair, ten years.

All of the men are subject to deportation and it was a condition of their commutation that should they return to this country, the clemency granted to them would be void and they would be apprehended and returned to Leavenworth penitentiary to serve out the remainder of their sentence.

Two Executed for Being Enemies of Irish Free State

BELFAST.—The executions at Kilkenny, in which two men were put to death yesterday as enemies of the Irish Free State, were the first to be carried out by the government outside of Dublin. The two men executed were John Phelan and Murphy. Both were recently captured in south Kilkenny with arms and ammunition in their possession.

The condemned men were attended during their last moments by Fathers Kakanagh and Drea, the latter being the chaplain to the military forces at Kilkenny. The prisoners walked steadily to the place of execution and unflinchingly faced the firing squad.

FRISCO'S REVENUE MAINLY FROM OIL

BARTLESVILLE, Okla.—J. M. Kurn, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, while in Tulsa recently made the statement that oil from the oil countries in Oklahoma in which the Frisco lines run, formed the largest individual item of freight during the year.

This fact is what led the board of the Frisco to plan extensions into other oil counties during 1923. It is believed that this will be an important item in the question of building the east and west railroad through Bartlesville. The railroad officials are at present taking under consideration the matter of constructing a road from Vinita to Ponca City. This line when built will pass through Nowata, Bartlesville and Pawhuska.

Legislature To Be Asked for Million for Disabled Veterans

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Recommendation that the state of Oklahoma spend more than a million dollars in the next two years in the further relief of sick and disabled ex-service men is contained in the report to be submitted next week to the governor and the ninth legislature by the Oklahoma soldiers' relief commission.

The report, which was drawn up at a meeting of the commission here, in addition to accounting for the appropriation of \$1,210,000 voted two years ago, outlines what further steps the commission deems necessary for the proper treatment of the state's ill and wounded veterans.

The sum of \$634,277.50 should be spent in the fiscal year of 1923-1924 in this humane work of relief, the commission believed, while \$334,120 will be sufficient in 1924-25. The large amount for the coming year would provide for the doubling of the capacity of the

JUDGE WRIGHT FACES SECOND BRIBE CHARGE

Okemah Attorney Faces Disbarment and Tells of Giving Judge Booze to Decide Suit.

INVESTIGATOR IS KILLED AT RESORT

Accused Judge Was at Residence When Man Killed; But Given Clean Bill.

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Charges that District Judge Lucien B. Wright of Sapulpa, accepted a bribe from W. H. Dill, an Okemah attorney, were made in disbarment proceedings filed here Saturday against Dill by Ben Williams, chairman of the state bar commission, in connection with the trial of the case of William Barrett against the Menhoma Oil company, involving property said to be worth half a million dollars.

The disbarment action against Dill was started coincident with the temporary detention of Judge Wright and the arrest of Chas. A. Elkins, in connection with the shooting of J. H. Ferguson at a resort here early Saturday. Judge Wright admitted he was present at the time of the trouble but has been exonerated from any connection with the affair, according to authorities.

The proceedings are based on alleged testimony of Dill before the state supreme court in an action brought to compel the disbarment of Judge Wright in rendering final decision in the case, which originated in Creek county. In the supreme court hearing in July 1921, Dill was said to have testified that he offered Judge Wright whiskey and a bribe to settle the case against the oil company.

On the strength of this testimony, Judge Wright was disqualified by the supreme court from further action in the case.

Wright at "Booze Party"

OKLAHOMA CITY.—L. H. Ferguson, special investigator from the state attorney general's office, was shot and seriously injured Friday night at the home of Mrs. Dewey Walker in a residential street here. C. A. Elkins, who claims he was commissioned an officer by Governor Robertson is in jail on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Elkins was quoted by the authorities as saying he went to Mrs. Walker's place with District Judge Lucien B. Wright of Sapulpa, and that there was a "large party of well known people present" with much liquor in evidence.

Second Allegation

TULSA.—The bribery charges filed against District Judge Lucien B. Wright of Sapulpa, Saturday constitute the second bribery case in which he has been involved.

Charges of bribery were filed against Judge Wright at Sapulpa July 14, 1921, by the then attorney general, S. P. Freeling. It was charged that Judge Wright had accepted \$100,000 and was promised a total of \$100,000 to divide the Tommy Atkins oil lease against the Charles Page interests in a state action brought in his court. The decision of Wright rendered prior to the filing of charges was against the Page interests. At the preliminary hearing, the case was dismissed, Justice Pitts holding that there had been no evidence to support a bribe charge.

APPROPRIATION FOR BATTLESHIPS ASKED

WASHINGTON.—A supplemental appropriation of \$6,500,000 for modernization of battleships was requested of congress today by President Harding, who transmitted a letter from Secretary Denby declaring that as a result of the arms conference decisions, the nation must adopt a new policy regarding its capital ships if they are "to be maintained at a standard of efficiency comparable to that of similar vessels of foreign powers."

from the federal government for each veterans' bureau patient cared for at the Sulphur and Oklahoma City hospital.

In illustrating the dire need for continuation of the state relief program for ex-service persons, the report points out that to December 13, 1922, 1,733 patients were hospitalized at the University hospital at Oklahoma City. The number remaining in the institution on that date was 92. At the same time, there were 67 patients in the tubercular sanitarium at Sulphur, which is seven more than the original capacity of the institution.

The commission recommends enactment of a statute giving it authority to sell the Muskogee general hospital to the federal government if the government so desires.

The report is signed by the three commissioners—Harold B. Fell of Ardmore, S. Grant Victor of Atton, and Horace H. Hagan of Tulsa.