

PROGRESS
Tax valuation of Carter county \$33,081,550.

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WEATHER
Tonight, cloudy, warmer; Tuesday, unsettled.

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FOUR OFFICIALS WILL FACE OUSTER SUIT

FULTON GIVEN FREE REIN IN COUNTY PROBE

Attorney General Freeling Announces Plans for Investigation Being Held Here.

OTHER SUITS WILL FOLLOW, HE SAYS

New Commission Arranged for Jury Selection; Freeling to Try Murder Cases.

At least four officials of Carter county will face ouster proceedings within one week, Attorney General Freeling told the Ardmoreite over long distance at 1:30 o'clock today.

As soon as the voluminous testimony has been given into, other suits will be filed, and Judge Emer E. Fulton, assistant attorney general will conduct the trial.

It is not yet known whether District Judge B. C. Logsdon of Marietta will serve on the bench at the trial. It is probable that an appeal will be made to the state supreme court for another judge.

A new set of jury commissioners composed of Mike Gorman, Tom Ellis and a third party have been named to select a jury for these proceedings. It is the desire of General Freeling to get a body of representative citizens who are in no wise connected to or related to any of the present county or city officials to serve on the jury.

Thus far in the examination of testimony, Mr. Freeling has found no charges of officers accepting money for bribes or for covering up questionable action, he said.

Conditions Bad

The testimony deals almost wholly with conditions in the county, and the cities, towns and communities in the county. "It shows that houses have been run openly for selling liquor and for purposes of prostitution," Mr. Fulton said. "These conditions are laid directly at the doors of those who have the enforcement of the law in their hand," he added.

Since Judge Fulton has had charge of the probe and matters leading up to the ouster petitions, he will continue in charge and will be given a free hand, Mr. Freeling said. The attorney general is standing behind him on every move.

Wilson Murder Case Trial
"Since I started prosecution against the men charged with murder growing out of the tragedy at Wilson on December 15, it is probable that I will continue the prosecution," Mr. Freeling said.

"It may be that I won't get back from Washington in time to prosecute the case on January 15, when the criminal docket is started, but if possible I will be here. In case I don't get to come, in all probability I will ask that the cases be continued for the term of court."

"Before we go much further with the prosecution I want to look into the statements made by Walter Carroll, and to check up on another eye and development that have come recently," he said. "It is the state's desire to try the case in a calm atmosphere of that judicial district," he concluded.

HIGNIGHT MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

Chief of Police Hignight is preparing his annual report to submit to the city manager tomorrow, and while the tenure of office has not embraced a full year the chief is proud of the record of the department under his administration. Since beginning his term of office last April, there has been made 2735 arrests for various offenses, an average of over 500 per month. The aggregate amount of fines collected, \$24,738.50. Number of commitments issued, 507. Amount of fines imposed by commitment \$7,718.50.

Aggregate amount of work performed on streets by prisoners, 2,909 days. Estimated number of days served in the city jail by 507 prisoners arrested and held for other officers or turned over to the county, 3,715. Balance imposed in fines and paid after commitment, \$2,900.

The chief makes several recommendations to the mayor and manager for the betterment of the service which will be given consideration in the near future.

SANTA FE MAIL ROBBERY CASE COMES ON JAN. 16

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Federal district court will convene Jan. 16, it was announced today officially. Of foremost interest of the criminal cases on the docket for trial at this term is the Santa Fe mail train robbery near Edmond several months ago for which six men are now being held at Guthrie.

War's Greatest Heroine in Fight to Prove She's Alive



Miss Alene E. Frawley

Records Show Nurse With Seventeen Wounds Officially "Dead"—But She Says No.

SAN ANTONIO.—America's greatest woman World War hero, Miss Alene E. Frawley, who has been wounded and shot, buried alive and bombed, and carries 17 wound stripes on her coat sleeve, is now facing what she calls the toughest job of all—

"That of proving to the world that she is still alive!"

And all this because, following the bombing of an emergency hospital in the trenches at Chateau Thierry, she was officially reported "dead" in the government war casualty records. "A. E. F."—that's what the boys "over there" called her, because of her initials—headed for France two months after the United States entered the war. She joined up with the 90th Division as a member of the United States Army Nurse Corps—Survives Hospital Blast

Then things began to happen rapidly. Wound stripe after wound stripe went on her sleeve.

At Tours a hospital was blown up. All but two persons in the building were killed. She was one of the two. In another case a piece of shrapnel broke her finger, caromed and killed a man.

Fourteen other wounds came, all while she was on the front, and then the "fatal" blast, when the trench hospital was blown to pieces. "Killed in action" was the report after her name.

In the meantime American soldiers dug her out of the ruins and took her to a hospital where she remained unconscious for 27 days. A year and eight months later she left the hospital and was sent to the Walter Reed General Hospital at Washington.

Miss Frawley's mother and her stepfather had long believed her dead. Several installments of her war risk insurance had been paid to the family.

Then came a telegram stating that Miss Frawley's "body" was being sent to the hospital.

Fighting to Change Records
And, in the meantime, everything is being done to blot out the record that she was "killed in action." Mrs. Frawley has made affidavits that Miss Frawley is her daughter and not an imposter and the wheels are beginning to turn that will straighten out the mixup, Miss Frawley believes.

Miss Frawley was born near Rochester, N. Y. Her own father was a doctor and her mother was a trained nurse. Before going to Europe Miss Frawley had served as nurse in the Philippines, China, Hawaii and in Panama.

Besides her 17 wound stripes this greatest woman hero wears a Distinguished Service Cross, the French Croix de Guerre and many other lesser decorations.

My Opinion Is

Every day The Ardmoreite questions five persons on a subject of general interest. The answers are published with the names of those interviewed.

What is your idea of a good party platform for the Oklahoma campaign this year?

S. A. APPLE, oil operator and former chairman of county central committee: "Nothing has happened except republican failure to call for a change in the platform upon which the democracy of the state has been standing for years. In addition to the platform making a comparison of democratic performances, and republican promises and failures, would be sufficient."

T. B. ORR, chairman county central committee: "That is quite a question to answer right off the bat, but one that must be answered sooner or later. I do not believe in a platform of 'ouzel economy,' but I do believe that the party platform should contain a strong plank for retrenchment compatible with efficiency."

FRANK ADAMS, chairman of the county election board: "Give us good men and get busy. Our platform have been good in the past and we have always improved them by experience. When the time arises for needed platform principles to be announced, they will be found all that the democracy of Oklahoma desires or demands."

J. B. CHAMPION, attorney: "I want the same kind of a platform that Otto James, Joe Bailey, or any of the old-time dyed-in-the-wool democrats would write on this kind of a platform the party will win overwhelmingly."

RUSSELL B. BROWN, attorney: "My idea about that would be if there is anything wrong with the party or the platform, the quicker we get rid of it the better. I want to see a platform such as was far us during the administration of President Wilson, he gave us sound advice on the subject and it seems that we have departed somewhat. Let's get back."

SPECIAL OFFICER ATTACKED NEAR PACKING PLANT

Three Men Held for Assault Believed to Be Members of Butcher's Union in Oklahoma City.

ASSAILANTS USED SPIKES, MAN SAYS

Packers in Fort Worth Go to Court Seeking Ban on Picketing.

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Three men today were being held in county jail here under charges of assault with intent to murder following an attack yesterday on Mr. P. Revely, a watchman at the packing plant of the Morris and Company carrying a special deputy sheriff's commission.

Revely told county officials that he was attacked by five men yesterday afternoon on a bridge a short distance from the Morris plant and beaten with iron spikes and rods. After a struggle, he said, he fired a shot from his pistol and two of his assailants ran. The remaining three he placed under arrest.

Those held at the jail register are T. C. Soudlerling, C. W. Houck and Wain Scott. Revely claims they are all members of the Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen's Union of North America, who have been on strike since Dec. 5.

No disturbances from the strike area had been reported to the sheriff's office early today.

FORT WORTH, Texas.—The packing house strike will reach the courts here again this afternoon, when another application for an injunction against picketing will be sought. One packing company will claim a violation of a recent friendly agreement, by which peaceful picketing was permitted, and will ask Federal Judge Wilson for an injunction. The strikers, through their attorneys, today announced they would fight the petition.

FRISCO CUTS RATE ON FARM STUFF

The Frisco Railroad has announced a rate reduction of ten per cent to be effective yesterday, on some of the products now carried. The following will come under the reduction: grain and all grain products, hay, live stock, fruit fresh, green, dry or evaporated, vegetables green or fresh, cotton, cotton lint, cotton seed, butter, eggs, and poultry, live or dressed.

This reduction is voluntary on the part of the company. A. Hilton, vice president in charge of traffic at Oklahoma City, said, and made in hopes that it will stimulate the movement of grain and grain products and be of material assistance in bringing our agricultural territory greater profit in the sale of these products, as this rate is good between any two points on the Frisco system. This reduction added to the cancellation of the three per cent war tax on freight shipments, and eight per cent on all passenger tickets establishes a very substantial reduction in rates with the beginning of the new year.

SEARCH FOR BRINDLEY SLAYER CONTINUES TODAY

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Search was being continued in Oklahoma City and adjacent counties today for the slayer of H. W. Brindley, Mustang banker, who was called from his home late Thursday and shot to death. So far no clue as to his whereabouts have been found, according to authorities. Rewards now totalling \$1,500 have been offered for the man's arrest. His identity is said to be known.

BIG PAVING CONTRACTS ARE LET BY McALESTER

McALESTER.—At a recent meeting of the city council two paving contracts were let for an aggregate of more than forty thousand dollars. One having district comprising about two blocks on North Main street in North McAlester and the other extends from Sixth to Eleventh streets on Seneca. The former will be brick with concrete base and the latter will be entirely of concrete. The contract was let to Charles L. Belier of Winfield, Kan.

YOUR HOME PAPER

The primary function of a newspaper in a city the size of Ardmore, as the Ardmoreite sees it, is to publish local news. It has the additional duty of maintaining an editorial policy in keeping with the best thought of the people it serves, and it is the business medium of the community as well; but primarily it should reflect news of the section it represents.

That is the theory upon which the Ardmoreite works. With this in view, we call your attention to the issue of January 1. It contained, besides a splendid run of advertising, a creditable editorial page, Associated Press news and "feature service," the following:

Fifty-one local news stories, written about events, people and institutions of this county.

A society page containing 39 articles of the social happenings of this community.

An oil page, chock full of interesting data about the oil industry. There were 21 separate articles on the oil page, several of them illuminating and instructive.

The issue of January 1 was a standard one. We may be able to improve upon that a little as time goes on, but it's the kind of a paper we believe you appreciate. Local news first.

THE ARDMOREITE
"A Newspaper That Serves"

Wilson's Business District Fire Swept; Total Loss \$80,000

Two Volunteer Firemen Burned and Blistered By Intense Heat This Morning.

An entire block of frame buildings on Main street, between Third and Fourth avenues in the Wilson business district were destroyed by fire at 1:30 o'clock this morning, with an estimated loss of \$80,000.

The blaze is thought to have started in the Vandoren vulcanizing plant and spread rapidly, fanned by a high wind from the northeast. Low water pressure added to the handicap of the volunteer department in the early morning hour.

Two firemen, W. R. Conns and Alva Matthews were slightly burned and blistered about the head and body by the intense heat.

Hall Is Heaviest Loser.
C. P. Hall Furniture Company was the heaviest loser, having had his store filled with new and second-hand furniture which had been received during the holidays. He was occupying a part of a building used as a hotel, which loss was estimated at \$40,000, with \$150,000 insurance. Mr. Hall announced this morning that he will replace his stock in a more substantial building immediately.

Several other houses, across the street and in the vicinity of the burning block, were damaged by fire from falling sparks.

Detail of Loss.
Other buildings to suffer are listed as follows:
Luna hotel, value \$7,000, total loss.
Luna boarding house, value \$3,000, total loss.

Weeks building and Wilson Auto Salvage Company, value \$5,000, total loss.
Vandoren vulcanizing plant and garage, \$5,000 value, total loss.

Ward-Bell Motor Company, value \$8,000; insurance \$3,000.
P. S. McGuire residence, value \$800; insurance unknown.

Walker's wagon yard and feed barn, value \$1,500; total loss.
Collier Brothers, hardware, and James Hotel, in same building, damaged \$2,500.

Donaldson garage, damaged \$400.
Oxley's blacksmith shop, damaged \$150.

A number of automobiles in the different garages were lost, the owners and amount of loss could not be ascertained at 2 o'clock today.

Some of the owners stated at noon that efforts would be made to rebuild and resume operations immediately.

TULSA MAN IS STABBED IN FIGHT

TULSA, Okla.—As a result of the bitter factional fight over civic matters which has been raging in Red Fork for several months, according to officials, W. P. Parly lies at his home there in a critical condition, with two knife wounds in his back and E. D. Hughes is in the county jail facing a charge of assault with intent to kill. Hughes is a Red Fork contractor. Parly is an electrician.

Yesterday afternoon the two men engaged in an altercation said to have grown out of ill feeling over the letting of the contract to wire the city hall, although friends declared there had been previous bitterness over the long drawn out factional fight.

Words led to a physical encounter which resulted in the stabbing of Parly and the arrest of Hughes.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

EF DEY DON' STOP TALKIN'
BOUT DE HOL'-UP MEN
GITTIN' SO MUCH MONEY
OFFEN FOLKS, FUS' THING
DEY KNOWS DESE HEAR
COLLECTUHS GWINE GIT
MAD !!!

