

## CONVEYED LIQUOR

Ardmore Court Finds Man Guilty Who Bought Booze In Texas

Ardmore, Ok., March 16.—In a case in the county court before Judge Mason, there appeared James Steen, charged with conveying liquor. As the charge is a new one and the ruling of the court in the matter has some unusual features, the case and the ruling is given in detail.

Last December, Steen went to Gainesville, Texas, and while there he bought a quantity of liquor and on his return, the grip in which he carried the liquor was taken charge of by the sheriff and a complaint was made against him.

The court's charge to the jury covering the law in the case as follows:

"You are instructed that under the laws, now in effect in this state, there can be no lawful purchase of intoxicating liquors within this state, and you are further instructed that it is unlawful to convey intoxicating liquors from place to place within this state no matter how lawful the purchase may have been when such intoxicating liquors have been purchased beyond the boundaries of this state.

"The court instructed you that if under the law as given you by the court, and the evidence as introduced before you by witnesses, you find that James Steen did within the state of Oklahoma unlawfully convey intoxicating liquors, to-wit, whiskey from one place within the state to another place within the state, and that such conveyance was for the purpose of committing a public offense against the laws of this state, and that said offense, if any, was committed at any time on or about the 22nd day of December, 1907, and prior to the filing of this information, your verdict should be one of guilty.

"You are instructed that what under the law constitutes an unlawful conveying of intoxicating liquors for an unlawful purpose must be governed by the facts and circumstances of each case, and in arriving at your verdict, in this case you should take into consideration all of the facts and circumstances introduced before you, tending to throw any light upon this cause."

The jury returned a verdict of guilty against the defendant.

## Eighty-seven Years Old

Louisa Neimeyer, known as Grandma, was born in Hanover, Germany, in the year of 1821, on the 17th day of March. She left Germany when 21 years of age, was married in 1847 to Henry W. Neimeyer and was the mother of six children, two boys and four girls. The husband and two girls have been dead many years.

She has thirty-four grand children and thirty great grand children, most all of whom are living.

Her first home in America was in St. Louis. From there they went to Chicago. They lived there thirteen years, then they moved to Lexington, Mo. Then to Blue Mound, Kans., where they lived for eight years. From there they came to Vinita, where they had lived a short time when Grandpa Neimeyer died fifteen years ago.

Since then she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Title. She is 87 years old today, Tuesday March 17, 1908.

She was surprised on last Sunday with a fine dinner, while about thirty-five helped her enjoy the day.

—A FRIEND.

Harry Bland and O. F. Mason are here from Afton.

## WOULD GIVE UP

Muskogee Man Says Wyckliffe Boys are Willing to Stand Trial

Muskogee, Okla., March 17.—Pursuing the even tenor of their way, the Wyckliffe boys, Charlie, Tom and John, who a year or so ago were hunted by a posse of one hundred deputy U. S. marshals, are living a roaming life in the Spavinaw Hills, up in the Cherokee nation.

Prepared for battle, but not seeking trouble, the boys express a willingness to surrender for trial to the state courts for the killing of Deputy Marshal Lee Gilstrap, out in the hills, about two years ago.

The other day a Muskogee business man, who has just returned from a trip through the Cherokee hills, not only saw, but talked with Tom and John Wyckliffe at a little church, now converted into a store, about six miles south of Spavinaw postoffice.

It was drizzling rain when the Muskogee man drove up to the little store. He saw two ponies outside and over the saddles were empty Winchester scabbards. Entering the store he talked with the boys as they munched at crackers and devoured sardines. The two brothers were on their way to visit their elder brother, Charlie, the leader of the gang. They were well armed, well clothed, and had good ponies.

## SO AWFUL LONG

Representative Jones Has No Desire To Stay In Guthrie Till 1914

Guthrie, Okla., March 17.—Representative Jones of Oklahoma City introduced a resolution yesterday memorializing congress to change that portion of the enabling act making Guthrie the state capital until 1913 and prohibiting the legislature from making appropriations for capital building previous to that time.

## BURNED TO DEATH

Woman's Clothing Is Set on Fire By Lighted Cigarette

Oklahoma City, March 17.—As the result of having been set on fire by a cigarette, Mrs. Jennie Pennington, a woman formerly employed at the Kaufman house on First street, and who was preparing to go to her home near Ardmore, is dead from a mass of burns received at 9:30 o'clock in a house at 208 South Robinson street.

Crazed by pain Mrs. Pennington fought the people who tried to put out the fire and ran to the streets. She was forced back into the house and comforts wrapped around her to extinguish the flames. Her screams could be heard for blocks and four men were required to hold her while the burns were being dressed. She died in great agony.

## Soil Surveys

Washington, D. C., March 17.—Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture in a letter to Representative Scott Ferris today says that he has under consideration a plan for the survey of the agriculture conditions of the entire state of Oklahoma and that one hundred men will probably be used in making soil surveys. Field operations will probably begin at an early date.

Homer Trott and Deputy U. S. Marshal Cottrell took four prisoners to the Leavenworth Penitentiary today.

## BOLD BANK ROBBERY AT TYRO, KANSAS

### Bandits Enter Bank in Broad Daylight and Secure \$2500.00—A Posse In Hot Pursuit.

Saturday, March 14.

News reached here this morning that the bank at Tyro, Kansas, 12 miles west of Coffeyville, was robbed yesterday afternoon by three men and \$2,500 in cash secured.

The robbers came into town on horseback and rode up in front of the bank. Two of the men dismounted and entered the bank while the other one stood guard on the outside. The men on the inside held up the officers of the bank at the point of revolvers and was not long in getting out with their booty, which they shoved into a sack and swung the same around the horn of a saddle, mounted their horses, was soon out of town, going in the direction of Oklahoma on the south.

A posse was soon organized

and pursuit was given. The robbers was over taken near Wann, Oklahoma, where the bandits hid for a time in a house giving battle to the posse. Two horses belonging to the citizens were shot down and the bandits escaped, going west for a short distance and then turning south again. City Marshal Lee, of Wann, was shot through the hand by the bandits.

Posses are closing in on the robbers from every direction and it is not believed they can escape. It is believed they will be intercepted when they reach the Caney river north of Bartlesville, and that a battle will be fought there. A special train left Coffeyville last night for Dewey, Ok., with 100 armed men determined to run down the outlaws.

## CAPTURED BY BANK ROBBERS

Posse From Ochelata Runs Against A Snag And is Permitted To Go Back Home

The Tyro, Kan., bank robbers, who headed for Oklahoma country, are still at large, and the indications today are that they will not be captured soon. A posse consisting of five men started from Ochelata, Ok., yesterday to capture the bandits, who had been traced to that section, but the robbers are still at large, and the members of the posse are glad they got back home with their lives.

A dispatch from Nowata says they found the robbers all right, but that instead of capturing them, they themselves were captured.

In the Osage country, about nine miles from Ochelata, the posse were halted by men in hiding, and the three riding in advance were forced to throw up their hands and surrender. The two members of the posse riding in the rear wheeled their horses and escaped.

The robbers ordered their prisoners to throw up their hands, and when this was done, one of the robbers advanced and took their guns and broke them to pieces while two robbers kept the three possemen under cover.

Then, the robbers took such of the horses as they needed, and rode away, warning the possemen, however, that the next time they came in contact with robber hunters somebody would get hurt.

The members of the posse say the desperadoes were hiding behind an embankment and that they got the drop on them before they knew there was any sign of danger.

Jep Hendryx was in from his farm west of town yesterday. He says grass will do to turn cattle on, in a few days.

## SPRUNGING UP

Enterprising Citizens Now Engaged In Beautifying Auditorium Grounds

Work on the Auditorium ground is in full blast. Judge L. F. Parker is seeing to it that things start right. He has a blue print of the ground and the men are working from it. Ross Blevins and J. A. Smith are the principal workmen, but a number of others are at work also. E. H. Gill, the surveyor, has tendered his services and is at work on the ground laying it out into plats for walks, flower beds, grass, etc.

Plumbers are also busy with a chain preparing for a city fountain.

There will be a big fountain in the center of the circle, on the east side, and a small drinking fountain at the southwest corner of the ground, near the Auditorium building. There will also be a watering fountain on the southeast corner of the ground. Opposite the big city fountain, in the center on the west side, will be grandstand for the band boys.

Thirty-two elm trees twenty-one feet apart are already set around the outside of the park, 200 choice shrubs are on the ground and Henry Wright, assistant Superintendent of parks for the Frisco at St. Louis, will be here tomorrow to set them out. The Frisco will also put out a large flower bed, at the northeast corner of the grounds. Six cars of chat are now on the way to be used for walks and drive ways.

Judge Parker says he has about decided to sod the grass spots with bermuda grass, J. O. Hall and W. E. Halsell to furnish the sod.

To sum the whole thing up, it looks as though Vinita will get something soon that many did not expect. It will be something to be proud of and will be attractive to strangers from both railroads.

## LIPS SEALED

Evelyn Thaw Says She Will Never Reveal Real Cause of Her Action.

New York, March 16.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw has made the frank admission that she has used the alleged insanity of her husband merely as a pretext to secure a permanent separation from him. Behind the insanity allegation, on which she asks the annulment of her marriage, there is a hidden cause for her revulsion of feeling toward him, which she declares must remain a secret forever. Here is Mrs. Thaw's statement:

Despite the fact that I am suing my husband to have our marriage annulled upon the ground that he was insane when the ceremony was performed, I am frank to admit that is not the true reason. What is prompting me in this will remain a secret as long as I live and never in my right senses will I utter a word I am determined to carry the secret to the grave with me. Further than that I found my cause during the first trial. I will remain mum in this matter forever."

With this cloak of mystery thrown over the new Thaw proceedings, Mrs. Thaw puts a dainty white-gloved finger to her lips, smiled knowingly, and refused to say more. Counsel were similarly silent. Here and there hints are being dropped however, which point to discoveries made after her husband was locked up in the tomb—speculations that came out in connection with the trial—that put Thaw in a rather hypocritical light as a moral reformer.

In short, it is broadly inferred that Mrs. Thaw might have used her husband for a divorce in statutory grounds, but that the arrangement which has been made between her and the Thaw family discloses a milder course. The testimony of James Clitch Smith that Thaw offered to introduce him to a nice girl is recalled in this connection, and there was other evidence that was not brought out at the trial.

## STILL GOING

Bank Robbers Now In Wild Country Along Hominy Creek

Bartlesville, Okla., March 17.—The Tyro, Kas., bank robbers, among whom are believed to be Henry Starr and "Kid" Wilson, were last seen yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Fred Siggins of the Siggins ranch, twenty miles southwest of Bartlesville, reported last night that he had saw them, and that they were headed for the wild country along the Hominy and Bird creeks in the Osage nation. This country lies to the south and southwest of Pawhuska, and has always been regarded as an impenetrable stronghold for robbers.

"The men looked fresh and their horses looked in good condition for a long chase," said Siggins. "Henry Starr just glanced at me to see if I was armed, I guess, and when he saw I did not want any trouble he rode on. One of the other fellows I did not know ask me for some matches and I gave him several. The men are undoubtedly hiding in the old stamping grounds of Starr along Hominy and Bird creeks."

## Bootlegger Raid

Shawnee, Okla., March 17.—Sheriff Pierce of Tecumseh arrested four men for bootlegging here Saturday night and took them back to Tecumseh with him, D. A. Da-Money, one of the men arrested, is said to have an income of \$250 a month.

## STARTED TO RUN

Went To See His Girl, But Hit For The Back Door When Officers Came.

Saturday night A. Hall and Tom Kimmons came in from Choeta, 9 miles east of here, and got a bed at the Blackstone hotel. When Mr. Hall got up next morning Kimmons was gone, and so was Hall's pocket book, \$3.00 in cash and a good watch. He began at once to inquire for the man who came in with him, but he was gone. He notified the officers and they got busy. Last night they learned that he had a girl in the northeast of town, and on going there found him. He made a break and ran out at the back door and upon a command from the officers to halt he just kept on running. The officers begin firing and fired four shots before he halted. He then came back and surrendered. Officers Lee Webb and J. C. Barker made the arrest. He was tried before Judge Frear this morning and bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury in the sum of \$300.

## Law School

Guthrie, Ok., March 17.—The establishment of a department of law at the state university, which shall have a course of a 2 years for the granting of a diploma, is contemplated in a bill introduced by Senator Phillips. It amends certain sections of the present statute.

## Petit Jury

The following jury for the March term of County Court has been selected: David Blackacker, B. A. Stany, C. B. Sanders, J. E. Epperson, John L. Lyman, C. M. Tipton, Willis Blackett, J. D. Bryant, W. E. Hunt, M. F. Pickett, R. L. Beck, J. B. Blockwell, A. A. Carlsberry, Willie Friend, T. H. Calaway, John Brown, E. B. Thompson, Harve Smith, M. C. Maddox and Walter Hildebrand.

## WHIPPED TEACHER

Claremore Woman Resented Chastisement of her Daughter

Claremore, Ok., March 18.—Plying a whip with all the force in her 150 pounds, Mrs. H. E. Baker, 35 years old, wife of a Claremore barber, soundly thrashed E. C. Alberty, an instructor in the local high school, because he had punished Lorne Wheatley, her 16-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Baker waited until school had been dismissed and then approached the instructor.

"Swish," her whip cut him across the shoulder as he came within range of the fierce onslaught of the woman.

"I'll teach you to strike young girls," cried the enraged mother as she plied the whip.

Following the beaten instructor to a corner of the room Mrs. Baker gave him a scathing call down for his action toward her daughter, which she termed "ungentlemanly."

Lorne Wheatley, the cause of the chastisement of the teacher, was dropped in the school room. The mother thought the punishment to severe.

Alberty is well known in Vinita.

## Improving

Guthrie, Okla., March 17.—The condition of Lieutenant Governor George W. Bellamy, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks, is much improved today. He will be removed from the hospital to the lone hotel, and will probably resume his duties in the next week or so.