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DEMOCRATS KEEP WORKING

CAMPAIGN WILL BE LINED UP IN THE CONVENTION.

A Strong Fight will be Made for a Good Roads' Provision.—The Seat Question Will Arise. Tulsa Has Lobby Now.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 15.—It may be safely predicted that the democratic delegates to the constitutional convention will so conduct the affairs of the convention as to make for democratic success in the coming campaign. A number of the democratic leaders have already expressed themselves as opposing any plan for general primary nominations, which would knock out the republican nominations for congress in the First and Second districts. The reason assigned for this position is that they can carry the First district for congress, and they would rather beat McGuire themselves than to have him beaten by his own party in case a new nomination was made.

A tenacity is also manifested among the democrats to steer clear of anything that properly belongs to the domain of legislation in the constitutional convention, although a large number of the democratic delegates were elected on platforms declaring in favor of provisions of this sort. The democratic leaders are in fact beginning to realize the responsibility which will rest upon them for the conduct of affairs in the convention, and many of them will really endeavor to steer a conservative course, although they are likely to have difficulty in keeping some of the more radical delegates in line.

A strong fight will be made for some sort of a good roads' provision, including the creation of a state highway commissioner. It has also been proposed that municipalities should be allowed to issue bonds for the construction of roads, the same as for schools.

It is going to be practically impossible for the convention to dodge the county seat question, altogether, as a number of Indian Territory towns with county seat aspirations will maintain lobbies here, especially to look after their interests in that respect. Tulsa is the first one to make definite arrangements in that respect. It has secured a suite of rooms and will maintain headquarters all during the convention to boost for the town.

Knights of Korashan.

Joplin, Mo., Nov. 16.—The fourth grand fall ceremonial of the El Plamo Temple, Knights of Korashan will convene in Knights of Pythias hall this evening. Knight from Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Indian Territory are here to participate in the convclave.

INCREASE IN WEALTH.

The United States Worth Nearly One Hundred and Seven Billions.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The 1904 wealth census bureau today estimated the total wealth of the country in 1904 to be \$106,881,415,000. This shows an increase in wealth over the estimates for 1900 of nearly twenty-one per cent and of sixty-four per cent over the estimate for 1890, when the total wealth was \$65,037,091,197.

In 1904 the value of the real property taxed was \$55,697,719,435; real property not taxed \$4,569,527,174; livestock \$4,973,791,736; railroads and their equipments \$11,244,752,909; materials and prospects of manufacture \$7,409,285,000; furniture, carriages, etc. \$5,769,000,000; manufacturing machinery, etc. \$3,207,754,180; gold and silver coin and bullion \$2,002,430,272; clothing \$2,450,000,000.

Converted into one dollar bills placed end to end, the string would be long enough to reach from the earth to the moon and back thirty times.

AN IMMENSE BANQUET.

The Largest Ever Given in St. Louis Will Be That Tonight to Delegates.

Ardmoreite Special. St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 16.—The largest banquet ever given in St. Louis will be tendered tonight to the 1,500 delegates to the waterways convention, now in session here. The main banquet hall of the Jefferson hotel was found to be too small and the lobby, library,

ladies' reception room and Japanese tea room are being transformed into a vast dining hall for the use of the guests.

Nathan Frank will be the toastmaster and responses will be made by "Uncle Joe" Cannon, on "Our Country's Waterways"; Governor Blanchard, of Louisiana; Deneen of Illinois; Broward of Florida; Davidson of Wisconsin; Folk of Missouri; Dawson of West Virginia; Davis of Arkansas; and Francis of Oklahoma; Governor-elect Campbell of Texas and many other prominent men.

The convention will conclude its sessions at the Odeon this afternoon. Numerous recommendations to congress looking to the improvement of the rivers of the country will be made and the final organization of the Deep Waterways association will be completed before the meeting adjourns.

HOG AND POULTRY SHOW.

Milburn Has Three Day Exhibit with Some Fine Stock—New Industry.

Ardmoreite Special.

Milburn, I. T., Nov. 15.—Milburn's first hog and poultry show opened today and will last three days. Both departments are well represented by exhibits of thoroughbreds from Milburn and surrounding country.

C. D. Nesbit, cashier of the First National Bank, has been having flattering success with his Poland Chinas at Dallas and San Antonio, and has sent them on to Shreveport, La.

Quite a number of the more progressive citizens of this section are turning their attention to this line of industry and in the future may be expected to carry off more than its share of premiums at state and county fairs.

ATTACKED BY MEXICAN

WOMAN DEFENDS HERSELF BY SHOOTING HIM TWICE.

Investigation Proves That the Mexican Was Insane—Broke Down Doors in House to Reach the Plucky Woman With the Gun.

Snyder, Scurry county, Texas, Nov. 15.—Mrs. J. Wright Moorar, who resides twelve miles from here has defended herself against the attack of a Mexican in such a manner that the man is now at the point of death, suffering from two bullet wounds.

While Mrs. Moorar was alone at the house a strange Mexican went to the place and after a few moments appeared in the house in a nude condition. He first entered the kitchen and Mrs. Moorar ordered him away from the place but he refused to leave and advanced further into the house.

Mrs. Moorar then ran into an adjoining room, fastening the door just in time to prevent the Mexican from following her. She made a hasty search for a pistol and while she was hunting for the weapon and before she found it, the Mexican secured an iron from the kitchen and began breaking down the door which she had fastened. Mrs. Moorar ran into the yard with the weapon in her hand, and the Mexican having succeeded in breaking the door down, followed her.

He made an attack on her and Mrs. Moorar made good use of the pistol, firing two shots, both taking effect. One bullet passed through the Mexican's neck and the other through his groin. Later developments have proven that the Mexican is insane.

Mrs. Moorar is a member of one of the most prominent families in Scurry county. Since the exciting experience she has been suffering from nervousness but is gradually recovering.

The only name the Mexican gives is Julque.

SESSIONS POSTPONED.

Appellate Court Postponed Until December—Sickness the Cause.

The district term of court at P. Rhomingo which has been in session for the past three weeks has adjourned for a recess until the 26th. Judge Townsend, who has been holding court in that city, adjourned the court to attend the session of the court of appeals set to convene at South McAlester yesterday. On account of the illness of Judge W. H. H. Clayton's wife the session of the court of appeals has been postponed until December. Therefore, Judge Townsend and other officials are in the city, where they will remain until the 26th, when they will return to Pishomingo.

IS GREATER OKLAHOMA

INDIAN TERRITORY POLLED SIX THOUSAND MORE VOTES.

An Accurate Estimate Shows for the First Time the Voting Strength of the two Territories.—Refutes the Census Report.

Muskogee, I. T., Nov. 15.—Indian Territory cast 6,310 more ballots in the election for delegates to the constitutional convention than did Oklahoma, according to the latest returns that are obtainable. The canvassing board for Oklahoma announces that the total vote on that side, including the Osage nation, was 94,960.

The board for Indian Territory has canvassed returns from fifty-two of the fifty-five districts in Indian Territory and there are 89,000 votes. In these fifty-two districts there are forty-nine precincts missing and the vote not counted. These with the three districts that are not yet in, estimating on the averages with precincts and districts that have been counted, will make a total of 101,000 votes or 6,300 more than were cast in Oklahoma.

This is the first time any accurate estimate of the voting strength of the two territories has ever been possible and it shows Indian Territory well in the lead. The census of 1900 gave Indian Territory 292,000, and Oklahoma a population of 396,000.

FARMERS STILL MAROONED.

Owing to Great Rush of Water and Drift Steamer Can Not Reach Them.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 16.—The report received last night that the farmers who were marooned on an island at the junction of Cowlitz and Columbia rivers had been rescued by a steamer sent from Portland proves to be untrue.

The steamer Burton was unable to approach the island on account of the powerful rush of the heavy drift. Another steamer was started today to the scene.

R. L. Williams, a delegate elect from the Durant district, and a possible candidate for governor on the Democratic platform, was here last night en route to Guthrie for the convention.

THE ROBT. L. OWEN SENSATION

SENATE COMMITTEE LEARNS ABOUT RESTRICTIONS.

Owens Said: "I Am a Free Man, I Will Not Bow My Head to Interior Department, etc."—Then Senator Teller Applauded.

By Associated Press.

Muskogee, I. T., Nov. 16.—The senate Indian hearing today developed a sensation when arguments in favor of removing restrictions placed on Indian lands were heard. Col. Robt. L. Owens, Cherokee, prominent attorney and candidate for United States senate, said: "I am a free man. I will not bow my head to the Interior Department. I have no personal restrictions. I have never made and will never make application for removal of my restrictions." Then Senator Teller of Colorado applauded, when he declared the system is all wrong, it's impossible for the secretary of the Interior to know anything about it. Teller said the system whereby restrictions are removed reeked with red tape.

SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS

FILED WITH CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS AT MUSKOGEE.

Webster Ballinger Presents Charges Which Are Testified to by Several Attorneys of Ardmore—Department is Criticized.

Muskogee, I. T., Nov. 15.—Sensational charges were filed today before the congressional committee of senators by Webster Ballinger, an attorney of Washington, and at the night session he presented his charges against the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, charging among other things that it wrongly construed the law of 1898 covering citizenship in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and in which it enrolled as freedmen the descendants of intermarried Indians and negroes. In making up the rolls under this Congressional act the commission, it is charged, arbitrarily eliminated the children of Indian and negro parents from the citizenship rolls, thus securing to them only forty acres of land, whereas, their allotments should have been 320 acres. When it came to examining cases in the field these people were only questioned as to their Indian blood, and the commission has since refused to consider a transfer of these names from the freedmen to the proper classification of allotment. A test case was made by Joe and Dillard Perry of Choctaw blood, and they were denied citizenship, as one parent was of negro blood, but placed on the freedmen roll. It was appealed and the commission's ruling affirmed as under the law it was necessary to show that an assertion of their rights had been made prior to December, 1902. Before the issue had been fully determined, Ballinger alleges that Commissioner Bixby secured legislation providing that to transfer from one roll to another it must be shown that the party had previously made application as a citizen, thus cutting off a great many of those entitled to citizenship. There was not a single transfer according to Mr. Ballinger, but every petition had been denied.

Senator Clark inquired if the failure to get on the rolls was largely due to the gross negligence of the commission or certain officers which had been mentioned in the charges, and admonished Mr. Ballinger that it was a serious matter to so charge an officer of the government.

Mr. Ballinger accepted the enormity of the matter and asked the privilege to introduce testimony.

Wirt Franklin, an attorney of Ardmore, testified that he had been employed by the Commissioner in various capacities from stenographer to law clerk in the enrollment division of the Choctaw and Chickasaw under the direct supervision of William O. Beall, secretary to the commission, and in the absence of Tams Bixby, Acting Commissioner. He received the Moseley Butler case in the summer of 1894, which denied his application to the citizenship rolls on the grounds mentioned, and in handing it to him says Mr. Beall instructed him to deny all cases where negroes were concerned. He had noticed where the Secretary of the Interior had held that the presence of Indian blood established citizenship, refusing to follow the decisions of the Citizens' Court, from which the Butler case came. The commission has discriminated against him, as well as other attorneys, in gaining access to the official records in cases where he appeared as attorney. He left the committee in October, 1905.

The cross-examination was conducted by George D. Rodgers, chief clerk of the commission, and went over the same ground, but not as fully. He denied that the acting commissioner told him specifically to deny any one case, but to deny all.

Charles von Weise, another Ard-

more attorney introduced, had also formerly worked for the commission as law clerk in the preparation of decisions affecting the Mississippi Choctaws. He was also under Beall and related how, when he returned as attorney in certain cases, he found the records incomplete. He related a conversation with a then employe of the commission tending to establish certain irregularities in the handling of the commission's records. He also told of the alleged suppression of record in other cases from the two nations.

In this testimony arose the question of the jurisdiction of the commission under the acts of 1896, 1898 and 1902, covering the enrollment of Chickasaws and Choctaws and which Melville Cornish, one of the attorneys of the two nations, made an explanation of the commission's positions. The witness continued with the charge that a misstatement of the record had been made to the Interior Department in other cases. In the cross examination he admitted he was interested in the transfer of about 400 people from the freedmen to the citizenship rolls.

Albert J. Lee, also an attorney of Ardmore, complained that Commissioner Bixby refused to allow him to see certain records as attorney and that he telegraphed Washington for a permit, which was granted. The papers submitted in this instance show that the department asked the Commissioner for an explanation. He represents about 900 people who wished to be transferred.

Before the session closed Mr. Ballinger stated that he would ask Congressional legislature showing the injustice which had been done the people and giving authority to be enrolled as citizens.

PISTOL DUEL IN SALOON

SAN FRANCISCO ROBBERS GET INTO WRONG PLACE.

One an Escaped Convict is Shot and Killed and His Companion Captured—Three Citizens Are Seriously Wounded.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Nov. 16.—Inmates of a saloon on Branna street last night fought a pistol duel with two masked robbers, who ordered them to hold their hands.

One of the robbers, Frank Burke, an escaped convict, was killed. Stephen Lynch and Louis Delatour, laborers, are fatally wounded. George O'Connell, a retired police officer, who refused to throw up his hands, was shot twice and is seriously wounded. The second robber was captured.

MARIETTA CALABOOSE BURNED.

Prisoner on Inside of Bastille Escapes Amid Excitement.

Ardmoreite Special. Marietta, I. T., Nov. 16.—John Brooks was arrested last night for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and placed in the city bastille. Early this morning the calaboose was discovered on fire and Brooks was rescued after being seriously burned. Amid the excitement which followed Brooks escaped from the officer who had him in charge and has not been apprehended. The calaboose was burned to the ground.

OKLAHOMA BANK ROBBED.

Robbers Get \$2700 From Bank of Lahoma and Make Escape.

By Associated Press. Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 16.—Robbers early today desecrated the safe of the bank at Lahoma and escaped with \$2,700 in cash.

The bank had just received \$10,000 to pay farmers by check, but the robbers overlooked this.

Deputy raveness was called to Berwyn today on what was reported to be a serious cutting affray but which developed to be only a boys' scrap. It seems that this morning, while a boy of Doctor Whitfield's was on his way to school he met a negro boy. The negro had a stick in his hand and the white boy told him to drop it. After the negro boy refused to do this the white boy ran up and stuck a knife in the negro's arm. No arrests were made.

Woodmen Circle.

The regular meeting of the Woodmen Circle will be held tonight. Every member is urged to be out. Mrs. W. G. Meadows, supreme deputy, will be here.

WASHINGTON FLOOD SWEPT

LIVES LOST, HUNDREDS HOMELESS, RAILROADS RUINED.

Destruction is Tremendous—Half a Dozen Valley Towns Under Water. Raging Torrents Rush Through Streets—Enormous Loss.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Nov. 16.—Homeless and suffering from hunger and exposure, and in hourly dread that the rising waters will overwhelm them, a thousand residents of the valleys lying between Seattle and Tacoma are camping today in the foothills, with what few provisions and effects they could carry in their hurried flight. Six deaths are thus far chronicled.

All valley towns are under water at a depth ranging from eight to twenty feet and the residents are forced to

Portland, Ore., Nov. 15.—Communication with Seattle which was lost early today has been resumed. A terrific storm and flood is prevailing in Washington. The last dispatch received gave the first intimation of the real extent of the flood.

It says: "Floods in White, Stuck a 11 and Green rivers have swept away miles of railroad and inundated all valley towns, rendered hundreds of farmers homeless and has cost three lives today.

Auburn, Kent, O'Brien, Denton, Orilla and half a dozen towns in the valley are under water, the residents of O'Brien were compelled to abandon their homes and flee to the high lands.

At Kent raging torrents are running through the town. Many were rescued by boats. Scores of farmers were saved by a narrow margin but there may be some loss of life in outlying districts, that cannot now be reached.

The flood is the most serious known in the history of Washington.

The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads' loss will be very heavy. Bridges and tracks are washed out, the Northern Pacific suffered most and their loss is enormous.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 15.—Information was received here this afternoon that forty people are marooned on an island situated at the junction of the Cowlitz and Columbia rivers and that the flood waters are sweeping up around them and that they are in danger of drowning. Acting on this information the owners of the steamer Burton have just sent that vessel to the scene with the hope that she will be able to rescue the marooned people, who are farmers of the vicinity forced from their homes to higher land.

KNOCK-OUT BLOW.

Pugilist Mike Ward Dies From Effect of Blow in Fight With Lewis.

By Associated Press. Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 16.—Mike Ward, pugilist, of Sarnia, Ont., died today as the result of a knock-out in the fight last night with Harry Lewis of Philadelphia.

MATURED STEERS SCARCE.

Good Prices Expected—Territory Will be Farming Country.

"In about two years the cattle industry of the territory will be played out and but few cattle will be raised in this section of the country," so said George M. Stewart of Foster, an influential cowman yesterday "afternoon. "Steers are beginning to get scarce, and but few matured beef cattle are in the country. What few are here are in good shape to go through the winter, and cattlemen are holding them for a good price. Other cattle are plentiful and a big supply of stock cattle are on hand for which there is no demand."

When asked if many cattle are being put on feed, Mr. Stewart remarked, "a few were being fed, but to no great extent, only to be carried through the winter. We are expecting a good price for what cattle we are feeding and from prospects good fat cattle will sell well.

"I am feeding very few cattle and at present have on feed one car of bulls and a car of hogs.

"If the restrictions are removed on the lands in this section you will see a world of people move into the new state."

READ! — F — READ!

On account of our splendid Short-Order trade we are compelled to discontinue the Merchants' Lunch after Sunday, 18th. We will continue the best Short Order Service in the city.

Respectfully,
Under Bijou Theatre **BIJOU CAFE**