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MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDED---FIREBOYS PERMANENT HOME

CALLAN JURY IS STILL OUT---CAN'T AGREE

Llano, Texas, May 17.—After liberating since Saturday at 3:30 p. m., the jury considering the James Callan murder case reported to Judge N. T. Stubbs at 10 o'clock Monday morning that it had been unable to reach a verdict in the case. Judge Stubbs instructed the jury to return to the jury room and to agree, if possible.

Information believed to be correct is that the jury stands 10 to 2 for acquittal, the two standing out desiring to convict on provoked manslaughter.

The killing of Victor Billings occurred near Callan, in McCard county, Nov. 12, 1919, and Callan surrendered to the sheriff, stating he had killed Billings in self-defense. At an examining trial he was released on a bond of \$20,000 and was later indicted, the case being transferred to Llano on a change of venue.

Testimony at the trial in Llano showed that Billings was unarmed and that the shot entered the back. Callan's defense was that Billings, who was riding a horse, shifted his reins from the right to the left hand, dropping his right hand as if to draw a pistol, whirled his horse in his direction, whereat believing his life in danger, Callan fired the fatal shot. He had never seen Billings before and the time was between dusk and dark.

Billings had left a gate between a tick-free and ticky pasture on the Callan ranch open and Callan accosted him to inquire about the gate.

W. D. COWAN, EDITOR SAN SABA STAR OUT TO BEAT THOS. BLANTON

W. D. Cowan, editor of the San Saba Star, yesterday announced his candidacy for congress from 17th Tex. district, now represented by Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene. Mr. Cowan will make the race on the American party platform, declaring that he is for Jim Ferguson for president and Hon. T. H. McGregor for governor.

As an indication of his campaign argument Mr. Cowan said in his formal announcement that "if half what Blanton says about the waste, extravagance and corruption of the Democratic party is true, then he ought to quit the party and join some other party or retire to private life."

Mr. Cowan was a visitor in Temple yesterday afternoon and made his announcement of his intention to run for congress at the headquarters of the American party here. He was formerly secretary to Congressman Slayden while the latter was in office and has a thorough knowledge of official Washington procedure. Mr. Cowan gave out the following statement yesterday:

To the people of the Seventeenth Congressional District of Texas:

"I hereby announce myself a candidate for congress on the American Party ticket, from the Seventeenth Congressional district, now misrepresented by T. L. Blanton of Abilene.

"If one-half that Blanton says about the waste, extravagance and corruption of the Democratic party is true, then he ought to quit the party and join some other party, or retire to private life.

"In order that everybody may know my politics, I take pleasure in declaring that I am for Jim Ferguson for president and I endorse his platform. I am for T. H. McGregor for governor and his platform too.

"A Democratic congressman is going to be about the poorest asset the people of Texas can have, and everybody knows it.

"I shall conduct a vigorous campaign in the Seventeenth District and I respectfully seek the support of every true and patriotic voter, who believes in a broad and liberal policy of real Americanism.

"W. D. COWAN."

RUSSIAN MONEY CHEAPEST THING HAD IN RUSSIA

On Board United States Destroyer, Black Sea, April 15.—Russian money is one of the cheapest of Russian products. It is literally dispensed in bales. The old-fashioned pocketbook no longer is sufficiently large to carry one's daily or weekly supply of rubles, of which one American dollar will buy about 4,000. In normal times the ruble had an exchange value of about half a dollar.

There is a colony of millionaire Russian refugees in Yalta, a Black Sea port, who have to keep their currency in trunks, boxes and barrels.

The kopek has long since disappeared as a standard unit in Russian money. In Yalta, smaller denominations of rubles scarcely exist. People brandish 5,000 and 10,000 rubles notes as though they represented only a few farthings.

A correspondent of the Associated Press, who has just made a tour of the Black Sea towns on board the American destroyer, Smith-Thompson, found Yalta to be unique among all the cities in the Black Sea. It is the only place in southern Russia where one does not see hunger nor distress. At one time it was the summer home of the late emperor of Russia. The Bolsheviks have obtained control of it, but spared the fine imperial palace, with its sumptuous gardens and decorations of regal grandeur.

There were upward of 20,000 Russian refugees in Yalta when the correspondent visited the city, but the majority of these were well-to-do and able to take care of themselves. In anticipation of Bolshevik invasion many of them were preparing to leave for Constantinople, France and England. Those who were temporarily short of money were peddling their diamonds and jewels at a fraction of their cost. Every second store in the town was a clearing house for valuable furs, rugs, trinkets and other personal possessions. Sebastopol, the chief city of the Crimea, had 30,000 refugees, but most of them were satisfied to remain, as they felt Sebastopol was comparatively secure from the Bolsheviks. There seemed to be ample for the population, but the hospitals were short of vital necessities.

In the area north of Novorossisk, running as far as Kuban, there are said to be 500,000 refugees who were forced to flee from their homes in Kursk, Poltava, Kiev, Kharhov and other cities.

Throughout the towns of southern Russia there is a general prevalence of typhus, due to overcrowding, lack of soap, scarcity of physicians and indifference to cleanliness.

In connection with the foregoing, it is interesting to note that letters received by relatives here prove that the foregoing statements are not overdrawn. The Myers brothers, Will, Ike and Joe, recently had a letter from a sister who lives near East Prussia, in the town of Kovna, Lithuania. The sister acknowledged receipt of \$10.00 American money, which, she wrote, was the equivalent of 1400 mark. Indicating the abnormally high prices of everything, she wrote that shoes cost 115 marks, a 40-pound of flour, 120 marks, etc. The Myers brothers are endeavoring to arrange for the coming to the United States, and Brady, of seven relatives, including their mother, sister, brother-in-law and nephew. Bringing these oppressed and impoverished folks to Brady, is just like giving them a trip to Jerusalem, they say. W. I. Myers is also trying to arrange the coming to the United States of his brother and sister, who also live in one of the Russian provinces on the border of East Prussia.

We will have another shipment of Perfection oil cook stoves soon. Give us your orders. O. D. MANN & SONS.

A Municipal Building

It is now up to the City to provide a permanent place for the fire engine and also quarters for the fire boys. To rent a suitable place on the square would cost fifty or seventy-five dollars per month. It looks like the best proposition is to follow the suggestion of our Mayor and build a City Hall. This would provide offices for the water and light company, city secretary, a council room, a place for the fire engine and permanent quarters for the fire boys.

The water and light company are in need of more room and a ground floor location. They have been forced to keep their supplies at the plant, which causes delay and loss of time for the employees of the company. This means loss of money for the city. Another item of interest to the water and light company is the sale of their supplies and electrical goods. Very few people will take the time to climb a stairway for something they can get without this trouble. If the city or water and light company expect to handle supplies I think their profits would be much more if they were more handy for the people. With a ground floor location and their goods properly displayed it is my opinion that their profits from their sales would amount to fifty or seventy-five dollars more each month. Besides, they would have the big saving in time that employees take in running back and forth from the office to the plant.

Mr. Whiteman has told you that "We have one of the best volunteer fire departments in the state, the members of which work without any pay whatever." Now to show our appreciation of what they have done for and will do for us, we must get busy and provide a suitable room for them with all the conveniences necessary.

As this building will be mostly for the benefit and protection of the tax-payers, I think the bond issue as suggested by the Mayor is the proper way to raise the money. The increase in taxes will be hardly noticeable. If it is necessary to have more money, I am sure that the citizens will be glad to loan the balance. Part of this can be paid back each month at about the same rate the water and light company and city are paying for rent.

I have talked to several of the citizens and believe this bond issue would meet with very little opposition. I believe the citizenship of the town have confidence in the business ability of our Mayor and Councilmen and are willing to risk their judgment in the matter.

E. A. BAZE.

LEASE PRICES ADVANCING RAPIDLY AROUND DAY, WHITE AND LOHN SHALLOW FIELDS

Lease prices are rapidly advancing around the Day, White and Lohn shallow fields on account of numerous drilling contracts being consummated in these drilling territories.

D. S. Pumphrey, who owns the 10,000 acre ranch near Mercury, and which adjoins the White ranch, stated Saturday that he had leased the first of his land to William H. Kerr of Toronto, Canada, Mr. Kerr acquiring a lease on a 70-acre tract one mile southwest from the White producing shallow field on Survey 843. The acreage leased is part of G. H. & S. A. Survey No. 17. Mr. Pumphrey has held his entire acreage through the past two year's activity, and has seen its value steadily increase. His proximity to the White field makes his acreage very desirable. It is understood that Mr. Kerr will open negotiations at once for securing the drilling of his acreage.

Beasley Bros. have also leased considerable acreage in the same vicinity. Among other leases reported recently is that of Surveys 835 and 836, F. Kuhnemann, original grantee, which have been leased by Representative T. J. Beasley to W. A. Weber of Jackson, Mich. Mr. Beasley has also leased a quarter section out of H. & T. C. Survey No. 279 to Dallas parties.

KANSAS CITY AND CHICAGO OIL MEN HERE

Ben C. Hyde and Dr. Drury are here from Kansas City looking after the final arrangements for the drilling of the Howell & Hyde test on the southwest corner of Survey 734—the Matthew Capps 7,000-acre tract 13 miles north and east of Brady. This well is rigged up and practically ready to drill, a missing part on one piece of machinery alone holding up the spudding in. C. W. Purcell is in charge of operations at the well.

Maurice E. Daley, J. H. Clark and A. L. Tomm are here from Chicago and will remain here for the next couple weeks. All parties are heavily interested in acreage adjoining and in the vicinity of the Thad O. Day field, and will remain here until Day well No. 3 is drilled in.

Operations at the Day well No. 3 are at a standstill for a few days due to a broken engine. Drilling is expected to be resumed within the next day or two. The hole has reached a depth of 700 ft.

SAN ANGELO'S FALL FAIR PLANS TO ECLIPSE ALL PREVIOUS EFFORTS

San Angelo, May 15.—Oct. 26 to 30, inclusive, are to be the dates of San Angelo's fall fair and carnival, for more than a decade the biggest event of its kind held annually in West Texas. The executive committee, in session Thursday, fixed the time, elected Jared R. Hill first assistant to President B. H. Yancy, and re-elected George E. Webb treasurer. Yancy, Hill and Herbert O'Bannon will immediately select a secretary. Probably \$8,000 or \$10,000 will be spent on this year's fair and it is certain that it will eclipse anything ever attempted between Fort Worth and El Paso.

Following are the heads of departments that have been appointed: Advertising and Railroads—Thomas F. Owen and Sam H. Brewer. Agriculture—County demonstration agent, soon to be appointed. Automobile—Walter F. Buck. Baby Show—Mrs. James C. Landon. Bronco Busting and Goat Roping—Will C. Jones. City Amusements and Concessions—John DeSpain. Educational Exhibits—Supt. F. E. Smith of the San Angelo schools. Textile Exhibits—Mrs. R. H. Compton. Tickets and Gates—Rube M. Hanks. Horses and Mules—J. E. Long. Industrial and Machinery Exhibits—E. Percy Amacker. Dairy Cattle—Ben Cummins. Juvenile Sports and Children's Day—O. W. Cardwell of Christoval. Dog Show—D. T. Jones. Poultry Show—W. H. Hunter. Horse Racing—Frank Buchanan. Sheep, Goats, Wool and Mohair—N. S. Rives. Swine—T. N. Robbins.

WONDERFUL RAINS END OF PAST WEEK ASSURE PLANTING SEASON

BRADY COUNTRY RECEIVES MUCH-DESIRED SOAKING RAIN—DOWNGOUR GENERAL OVER THIS ENTIRE SECTION, ALTHOUGH LIGHT IN PLACES.

The much-desired downpour of rain has visited all parts of McCulloch county, and of this section, as well, extending west out into the San Angelo country. The inch rain had Monday of last week was supplemented Thursday night by nearly half an inch more precipitation, and on Saturday a fine rain fell throughout the greater part of the day, a total of 1.05 inches being recorded. The rain caused much rejoicing among citizens, since it assured bringing up of crops that have been planted, as well as giving a good planting season.

While Saturday's rain had every appearance of being a soaker, and of

covering a wide and extensive territory, yet later reports indicate that in places the rain was much lighter than at others. All along the San Saba river the rain is reported to have been light, not enough water falling to muddy that stream. On either side of the river, however, good rains were had. Nevertheless the rain everywhere was sufficient for present needs, and the return of clear weather gives hopes for a ten-day planting season, by which time another general rain will come in good time.

The rain Saturday fell at intervals throughout the day, each successive shower being heavier than the preceding one. Upon the whole, however, the rain fell slowly enough to be completely absorbed by the earth, and in most parts of the county but little stock water was put out.

The following is the rain report as recorded at the Commercial National bank, for the first 15 days of the present month:

May 320 in.
May 720 in.
May 10	1.00 in.
May 1345 in.
May 15	1.05 in.
Total	2.90 in.

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The new proprietors are well known over the county, they having lived here for a long number of years, and with an experienced man in charge, they are certain to make a success of their undertaking.

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