

# NEW OFFICIAL OF COUNTY HAS BIG JOB AHEAD

Champion Intimates it May  
be Necessary to Postpone  
Court Until After  
Ouster Trial.

## CASE SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 30 IN ARDMORE

Five Hundred Witnesses Need-  
ed for Hearing; Prospec-  
tive Jury List Being Made.

### LONDON'S STATEMENT

To the Citizens of Carter County

I have been selected and ap-  
pointed your temporary sheriff,  
pending the results of the pro-  
ceedings against Sheriff Garrett.

This appointment has come to  
me unsolicited and undesired. Not-  
ing short of a sense of patriotic  
duty could have induced me to  
accept such a grave and import-  
ant responsibility. But now that  
I have accepted it, I promise  
you to perform to the best of my  
ability all the duties incumbent  
upon me, as your sheriff protem,  
with justice and impartiality. And  
in this undertaking I ask the  
hearty co-operation of every law-  
abiding and law-loving citizen of  
Ardmore and Carter county, irre-  
spective of party or previous af-  
filiations. Signed:

E. C. LONDON.

Surrounded by numerous obstacles,  
new to detail and routine, but de-  
termined to enforce the law to the  
best of his ability and maintain the  
dignity of the sheriff's office, Ewing  
C. London set himself to work with  
the rising of the sun this morning  
to re-organize that department, follow-  
ing the suspension of Sheriff Buck  
Garrett last night.

At noon today, Mr. London had ap-  
pointed only two officers. Ernest J.  
McCann assumed his duties as under-  
sheriff to succeed George K. Lee  
man, at 1 o'clock, and Robert P.  
Short pinned on a star as deputy  
sheriff at the same time. Both are  
former service men and have pledged  
themselves to assist their new chief.

"I am having difficulty in getting  
the right sort of men to fill the offi-  
ces," Mr. London said at noon. "The  
local police have pledged their support  
and said they are willing to assist  
in every way possible. Some few  
men have refused to accept appoint-  
ments.

"I have invited the co-operation and  
opinion of the citizens of the other  
towns and communities in the county  
toward the end of getting a force of  
officers that will do their duty in  
enforcing the law.

"The people of this county want the  
law enforced during the suspension,  
and if it is in my power, it will be  
enforced."

### Appointed by Committee

The appointment of London was  
made last night by a committee se-  
lected by Judge E. D. Odfield, who  
was hearing the petitions against  
Sheriff Garrett.

On the committee was Rev. H. F.  
Cochran of Dillard, Perry D. Maxwell,  
J. R. Dexter, E. H. Rover, Mrs. Ar-  
thur Walcott and Mayor R. A. Her-  
ner.

Three names were selected, but up-  
on presentation to the court, one was  
disapproved of and the second refused  
to act. London was acceptable by at-  
torneys for both state and defense.

### Suspension Causes Muddle

The suspension of Sheriff Buck Gar-  
rett and the subsequent resignation  
of his entire force of deputies last  
night began to show its effect upon  
the grinding of Carter county's crim-  
inal court this morning. Judge Thom-  
as W. Champion, presiding in the  
eighth district court here, found it  
necessary to adjourn today's session  
until tomorrow, when it was learned  
that the new sheriff, E. C. London,  
who was appointed to fill the office  
pending Garrett's trial on ouster pro-  
ceedings, was experiencing difficulty  
in obtaining deputies to serve with  
him and that there was no one to  
serve a summons on the defendants  
whose case was scheduled for trial to-  
day.

Judge Champion intimated that it  
probably would become necessary to  
postpone the regular term of criminal  
district court until after Garrett is  
tried. He pointed out that it had  
been reported to him that Assistant  
Attorney General Fulton, in charge of  
the prosecution in the ouster action,  
has announced that he would require  
the services of the new sheriff and  
his entire department in summoning  
between three and four hundred wit-  
nesses for Garrett's trial, which is  
set for January 30. In addition, Judge  
Champion said, the defense in the  
case will have two or three hundred  
witnesses to be summoned and  
duty falling upon a wholly suspen-  
ded sheriff's force will probably  
take all of their time between  
now and the date of trial.

Attorneys estimated today  
would require between two and  
three months for Garrett's trial.