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MOMENTS IN HISTORY



The years were 1900 and 1901. The first newspaper, *The Richardson Echo*, is published in the community of Richardson. Unfortunately, the first issue comes off the press with the type set backwards. In Dallas, electric power is substituted for mule power by the Dallas Street Railway Company. Jess Illingsworth drove a motor car the 28 miles from Terrell to Dallas in three days using the precaution of two attendants walking ahead of the machine to aid in holding horses that might bolt. There are at least 8000 motor cars cruising the roads of the nation. In Galveston, the nation's worst hurricane and tidal wave kills 8,000 people. Frenchman Henri Fourmier set a new auto speed record driving one mile in only 52 seconds. In New York, President William McKinley is killed by anarchist Leon Czolgosz, and Vice President Teddy Roosevelt is sworn in as President. Emphasizing the need for a strong foreign policy, President Roosevelt says "speak softly and carry a big stick (and you will go far)." Railroad engineer John "Casey" Jones dies as the Cannonball Express train slams in the rear of another train. In Wichita, Kansas, prohibitionist Carrie Nation hacks up a saloon destroying furniture and a major oil painting by John Noble. The Congress votes to give full citizenship to all Indians living in Oklahoma Territory - whether they want it or not. More next week...