

# CHEYENNE SUNBEAM

CHEYENNE, ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA TERRITORY

1899

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**January 6, 1899**

## Church Notices

The Baptists will hold services here on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in each month, with Rev. J.W. Whatley, pastor.

The Methodists Episcopal Church South will hold services here on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in each month, T.H. Kinser, pastor.

## Local and Personal Items

The address of the live stock inspector for this district has been changed from Arapahoe to Weatherford.

W.P. Francis of Ural was here Tuesday looking up his many friends.

From this date I will not open my barber shop on Sunday. Thanking you for your patronage, I am, Very Respectfully, John D. Taylor.

## Wood Wanted

On Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> I will receive bids and award contract to lowest bidder for five cords of good sound hard wood, to be delivered at court house, Cheyenne, Ok. C.B. Thompson, Sheriff, Roger Mills County



## OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL

### Honor Roll for December, 1898.

#### High and Grammar School Department

Leo Beaty, Mollie Casady, Carrie Thurmond, Frank Thurmond, Ernest Beaty, Lula Nelson, Kenneth Cunningham, Cora Johnson, James Blount, Lady Belle Waters, Mary McMurtry, Nuck Hunt, Mary Turner, Leah Huff, Ettie Parrish, Carrie Parrish, Chris Kimbell, Irma Wallace, Edna Nelson, Ollie Anderson, George Cree, Hattie Osborn, Maggie Osborn, Lelah Anderson, Nene Alexander, Vallie McDonald, Eva Bingham,

Sanford Whatley, Millie Wallace, Arthur Miller Geo. Turner, Pearl Turner, May Cunningham, Mercie Cunningham, Peter Thurmond, John Casady, John Beaty, Lee Young, Maddin Miller.

## Primary and Intermediate Dept.

Ollie Reed Pierce Blount, Charlie McDonald, Arthur Tubbs, Pearl Huff, Nellie Huff, Willie Beaty, Ora Calvert, Ruth Turner, Albert Blount, Polk Osborn, Jodie Thurmond.

## A Card of Thanks

We take this means of thanking the kind ladies and gentlemen of Cheyenne for their assistance and sympathy in our late bereavement—the loss of our boy. May He that has promised that a cup of water, given in His name, shall not lose its reward, bless and reward them and raise up friends for them in their time of need. Joseph and Ada Lusby

## Notices

Hunters are hereby notified to keep off my places on the Washita. Chas Guernsey



Parties are hereby notified not to haul timber from my claim. F.M. Cunningham

## Elk Creek Items

The people of Elk creek thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine Christmas. There were several socials here during the week. The school at Taylor closed on December 23<sup>rd</sup> for a week's holiday. A candy pulling was given by Mrs. Wyatt in honor of her pupils. Several visitors were present. It was one of the sweetest meetings ever given on the creek.

Mrs. Wyatt spent a few days with friends in Mangum during the holidays.

Mr. A.L. Taylor attended the Masonic supper at Mangum on the 27<sup>th</sup> accompanied by his daughter Myrtle and Miss Kate Jones.

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On the 27<sup>th</sup> a social was given to the youngsters by Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Doan. A large crowd was present and seemed to enjoy themselves.

## Epworth League

### Program for January 8<sup>th</sup>

Prayer, Dr. Miller. Comments on lesson, Mr. Cree. Select readings: Mrs. Miller, Miss Leah Huff, Mr. Wm Amos, and Mr. Joe Dudney. Recitation, Volina Miller.

### Program for January 15<sup>th</sup>

Prayer, Mr. Wm Amos. Comments on lesson, Wm Amos. Select readings by: Mrs. A.E. Kirkman, Miss Lady Belle Waters, and Carrie Thurmond; Recitation, Miss Ruth Fields.



The contract for grading the Rock Island extension from Chickasaw up the Washita River has been let to Maney & Ware of El Reno. We understand that the present contract only extends to Anadarko, but the road will soon push up this beautiful and fertile valley.

Later—we now learn that the contract has been let for one hundred miles of the road and that the surveyors are now up near Cloud Chief.—*Arapahoe Bee*.

## Advertisements

Will sell woolen dress goods at cost. L.A. Beaty

G.W. Hodges has the most complete line of school shoes in town.

Call and get prices on Parrish & Sons groceries. We now have a full line.

Cash paid for cotton seed at Cox's mill.

As an appreciation of the liberal patronage from my friends and customers for the past

year I have decided for the next thirty days to make a 10 per cent cut on all Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, etc. Come and get prices before placing your orders. G.W. Hodges

H.D. Cox has received his new corn sheller and cleaners and is now ready to do first-class work at low rates. Market price paid for corn.

For school supplies at bed-rock prices call at the post office.

Pure drugs, paints, etc., at bed-rock prices  
Parrish & Son's

Nuts, candy, fruit, at post office.

The largest and most complete stock of dry goods ever brought here for sale by Parrish & Son.

See Hodges' shoes.

It will pay you to get Parrish & Son's prices on groceries before you buy. Fresh goods, low prices.

Buy shoes from Hodges and get full value for your money.

## Cheyenne Livery & Feed Stable

Zack T. Miller, Prop.

Fine Turnouts, Double, Single, or Saddle Rigs to suit your fancy. Horses boarded by the month at \$10.

## OK BLACKSMITH AND WAGON SHOP

Begier & Davis Prop.

Plow work and Horse Shoeing a Specialty.

Plow Shears made to order.

All Work Guaranteed.

## The Deaf & Dumb Barbershop

John D. Taylor, Proprietor.

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Tracy and Harrison

Berry Block  
Canadian, Texas

**Dr. T.E. Standifer**  
Physician and Surgeon,  
Diseases of Women and Children a Specialty  
Office over City Drug Store

**Canadian Valley Bank,**  
Canadian, Texas

**J.M. Johnson, M.D.**  
Physician and Surgeon.  
Special Attention given to Surgery  
and diseases of women and children.  
Office, Beaty's Drug Store

**Houston & Marum**  
Lawyers, Woodward, O.T.  
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**J.P. Miller, M.D.**  
Physician and Surgeon and Practical Optician  
Office at Cheyenne Drug Store

**January 13, 1899**

Mrs. L.A. Beaty, Drugs, Groceries, Etc.  
A select assortment of Staple and Fancy  
Groceries. We have just added a complete  
stock of useful Furniture.

**L.J. Turnbough**  
Builder and Contractor

## **Shot Twenty-seven Times**

W.J. Miller, the Sweetwater stockman whom everybody knows, has been here some two weeks under medical treatment, and the doctors have now decided to take him to Kansas City where an investigation will be made by the aid of Roentgen rays to locate an arrow head which is supposed to have been lodging in his breast since 1869.

**CHEYENNE STATE BANK**  
E.K. Thurmond, President;  
O.H. Thurmond, Vice President;  
A.L. Thurmond, Cashier;  
Clarence Thurmond, Assistant Cashier.

Mr. Miller is a typical westerner having lived on the frontier since boyhood. Large in size and jolly in disposition, no one would guess on seeing him that he has passed through experiences calculated to make a man look old before his time, but in fact, Mr. Miller looks ten years younger than the average man of his age notwithstanding several deep cuts on his face and neck left by arrow wounds.

**FAVORITE SALOON**  
Stahl and Reed, Proprietors.

In September, 1869, he, in company with a man named Wash Morrow, were returning from mill in a four-horse wagon near the line of San Saba and McCullough counties, Texas, when a band of twelve Indians, driving stolen horses, came upon them. Both Miller and his companion had a pistol each, and as the Indians commenced circling and shooting arrows at them, Miller, who was driving, fired two shots at them. This frightened the team which ran away over very rough ground. To enable him to drive better Miller had to put his pistol under his thigh on the wagon seat and from there it was jolted to the ground and lost.

**THE SALOON,**  
W.S. Duke, Proprietor

J.W. McMurtry, Attorney

**Thurmond Brothers**  
General Merchandise and Groceries

**Gerlach Bros. Mercantile Co.**  
Canadian, Texas

Peter Egan  
**Boot and Shoe Maker**



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After running about three miles the horses dumped the wagon into a gulch, and before the two men had recovered from the shock the Indians cut loose the two lead horses and drove them off.

Both men were terribly wounded by this time, Miller having no less twenty-seven arrow wounds, seven of which were in the head, face and neck, whilst Morrow had fourteen.

Morrow's pistol was an old cap-and-ball and he had but one load, but with this he managed to scare the Indians back whilst Miller got the wheel hoses loose. Then both men mounted and made their dash for liberty. They had run but a short distance when Morrow's horse was killed, throwing its rider heavily to the ground. Miller stopped and helped his companion on behind him and they made another ride of about two miles when loss of blood caused Miller to faint and fall to the ground. Morrow staid {sic} with him and the Indians again closed around them, but at a distance.

Morrow turned the horse loose and drove it away in the hope that the Indians would be satisfied if they got all of the stock.

This hope was realized. After securing the horse and holding a short consultation, the Indians rode off, evidently thinking that the men were still armed and that they had decided to sell their lives as dearly as possible.

The above happened early in the morning. All that day and the following night the wounded men lay where they fell, burning with thirst and racked with pain, but too weak to help themselves although in plain hearing of the rushing waters of the San Saba river.

The following morning Morrow, refreshed somewhat by the keen night air, started to fetch Miller some water in his boot, but Miller crawled after him and got there almost as soon as he did.

Thoroughly refreshing and resting themselves the wounded men finally started

for home which they safely reached after suffering untold agony.

Most of the arrows had been jerked out by the sufferers during the fight but some were taken out after they reached home.

Ever since that terrible experience Mr. Miller has suffered at intervals with hemorrhage, and it was an attack of that character which brought him to Cheyenne for medical aid.

In pulling out one of the arrows from his breast, Mr. Miller thinks that the head caught against the inside of his ribs and that he pulled out the shaft leaving the head imbedded in his lung.

It is to locate the arrow-head that the Roentgen rays will be used.

Seven years after the fight Mr. Miller had an iron arrow point cut out of his right thigh, and he believes that the removal of the one from his breast will lead to his entire recovery. The Sunbeam hopes that it may.

## Local and Personal Items

J.B. Harrison's mother, sister and two brothers arrived this week from Texas and will make their home s here.

Mr. Conway has built a residence in town to get good school facilities for his family.

The Canadian Valley Bank has raised its capital to \$40,000 and is better prepared now to take care of its customers than ever before.

The public are hereby notified that J.B. Harrison is authorized to transact all official business for me during my absence from Cheyenne. J.B. Stovall, County Supt

John Anderson now smiles from behind the counters of G.W. Hodges store.

Rev. J.W. Whatley will deliver a lecture here on Saturday night January 28th, the proceeds to be invested in hymn books for the church. All should attend. Admission: 10 cents.

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H.C. Harris has accepted a position with Parrish and Son.

Dr. Ferguson was called to Mills county Monday, to dress the wounds of a little boy who had unthoughtedly (sic) got the halter wound around his arm while leading a mule, and the animal true to its instinct to do mischief when an opportunity affords, ran away with him, dragging him some half mile, inflicting sever if not fatal injuries.—*Mangum Star*

## Redmoon School

The following is a report of the first three months term of the Redmoon Public School:

Number of days taught.....	60
Number of pupils enrolled: Males.....	19
Females.....	12
Average daily Attendance.....	21
No. of pupils in orthography.....	31
No. of pupils in reading.....	24
No. of pupils in geography.....	11
No. of pupils in arithmetic.....	27
No. of pupils in grammar.....	16
No. of pupils in history.....	19
No. of pupils in physiology.....	6
No. of pupils in bookkeeping.....	1
No. of pupils in algebra.....	1
Teacher's certificate, first grade.	

Visitors during the term: Elder Nunn, C.H. Jeffcoat, Joe Dudney, Mr. Hamilton, S.J. Wiley, and Steve Barr.

The pupils are working earnestly and the prospects for the three months spring term are encouraging.

Parents and school officers are respectfully invited to attend our daily sessions. Jno. B. Tracy, Teacher

## Literary Society

The Cheyenne literary society met in business meeting January 6, 1899. The society was called to order by President J.H. Osborn.

The previous constitution and by-laws were adopted without amendment and the following officers were elected:

President, J.H. Osborn  
Vice-President, J. R. Johnson  
Secretary, Maddin Miller  
Treasurer, Sanford Whatley  
Critic, John Beaty

Program was made for January 13th, 1899 and the society adjourned.

## Program for January 20th, 1899

Historical Sketch, J.R. Johnson; Recitations: Miss Ollie Anderson, Miss Etta Parrish, Mr. Frank Thurmond, Mr. Leo Beaty, Mr. Nuck Hunt, Miss Nova Blount, Miss Irma Wallace, Miss Maggie Osborn, Mr. Chester Leary, Miss Mary Turner, Miss Nene Alexander, Mr. Henry Miller, Miss Volina Miller, Miss Carrie Thurmond, and Miss May Arnold. Select readings: Mr. James Blount, Mr. K. Cunningham, Mr. George Turner, Miss Gussie Cox, and Mr. Woody Buzby. Essay, Miss May Cunningham. Journal to be written by Miss Eva Bingham. By order of Society—Miss Maddin Miller, Sec.



The Newman examining trial was held Thursday and Friday last. The territory only proceeded far enough with the testimony to justify the holding of defendant in the custody of the law. The defense to all practical purposes rested. Since the trial more evidence has developed. A search warrant was sent to Cheyenne to discover some of the missing effects which were known to have belonged to the deceased White. The searchers found not only the chattels desired, but also other blood stained quilts, and that the wagon in which White is supposed to have been hauled, to be saturated in blood. Another search warrant has been issued which is expected to still further develop matters.—*Mangum Star*

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## Epworth League

### Program for Jan. 22, 1899

Comments on lesson, Mr. Burleson; Select readings: Mr. J.R. Johnson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Burleson, and Miss Eppie Rosser; Recitations: Volina Miller and Miss Carryebel (sic) Thurmond.

### Notice to Teachers

There will be an examination of those who desire to obtain teacher certificates in Roger Mills County at my office in Cheyenne on Friday and Saturday, January 27th and 28th. J.B. Stovall, Co. Supt.

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## January 20, 1899

The Rock Island extension is about completed from Chickasha to Anadarko. The large bridge across the Washita River is finished and the track laid to within a mile of the above city.

### Local and Personal Items

Born on Monday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Dent, a daughter.

Born on Monday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross, a son.

F.E. Herring, the stockman who has leased the Indian allotments in our county, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. He intends to add largely to his interests in Roger Mills County next spring.

Married on Wednesday evening last, at the residence of Dr. Miller, L.D. Pace<sup>1</sup> and Miss Laura Davis, Rev. S.C. Osborn officiating.

Sheriff Thompson having moved his family to town is now strictly in the field for business with the transgressors of the law.

Mr. W. Sullivan has moved his family to town.

H.C. Harris is having a town residence built and will move his family here at once.

Too few of our citizens raise vegetables. Half an acre of land well attended would produce more vegetables than an average family could eat, and now is the time to commence work.

Cheyenne needs a dentist.

A photographer could do a good business in Cheyenne.

Born on Thursday last, to Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Joyce, twin boys, one stillborn and the other living but a few hours.

Married on Sunday last, at the residence of the bride's parents on Dead Indian Creek, Mr. Clarence Hitchcock and Miss Ella Scott, Rev. O.S. Osborn officiating.

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<sup>1</sup> Roger Mills Co. Marriage index lists Ferdnando (sic) D. Pace vice L.D. Pace.



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Mills County at my office in Cheyenne on Friday and Saturday, January 27th and 28th. J.B. Stovall, Co. Supt.

Woodward County is bragging on a 425 pound hog. Roger Mills can go them 60 pounds better, Mr. Witherspoon having killed one on Starvation creek which weighed 485 pounds.

**Wanted**—a housekeeper that can do indoor work with remarkable rapidity, so that she may complete her own work in time to do mine, while I sit by the fire and doze. I must have my meals on time or else have a reckoning with the cook. Anyone who will comply with those requests may answer by letter. Address: THT, Cheyenne.

## Road Notice

Notice is hereby given that at a session of the Board of Commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T., held on the 5th day of January, 1899, a petition signed by Will McDaniel and others of Cheyenne township, asking that the part of the Cheyenne and Berlin road that crosses section 16, township 12N, range 23W, be vacated and that the said road be re-located as near as practicable upon section lines, was presented, and that B.F. Rosser, J.H. Sloan, and Joe Sollers, viewers, and D.C. Fields, county surveyor, will meet at the place of beginning of said road, on the 7th day of February, 1899, at 9 o'clock, A.M. of said day, and proceed to view and survey said road and give all parties a hearing.

Done by the order of the Board of Commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T.

## Epworth League

### Program for Jan. 22, 1899

Comments on lesson, Mr. Burleson; Select readings: Mr. J.R. Johnson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Burleson, and Miss Eppie Rosser; Recitations: Volina Miller, and Miss Carrybel Thurmond.



The assessors of the territory met in Guthrie on Tuesday last to fix a uniform schedule of valuations for the present year. The schedule adopted is 30 per cent higher than last year.

Horses—First class from \$50 to \$200; 2nd class from \$20 to \$50.

Jacks and stallion to be assessed at \$20 for every \$1 service fee.

Mules and asses to be assessed as follows: First class \$35 to \$75; 2nd class \$20 to \$35; 3rd class \$5 to \$20.

Cattle 6 months old and under 2 years \$5 to \$15; cows \$10 to \$25; two years and over \$15 to \$25; bulls \$15 to \$50.

Sheep and goats over three months old to be assessed at 50 cents to \$1.50, and bucks at \$5 to \$25.

Swine over three months old to be assessed at \$1.50 per 100 pounds.

Farm implements to be assessed at 20 to 50 per cent of first cost. Wagons at 20 to 80 per cent of first cost.

Gold watches at \$20 to \$50; silver and other watches from \$1 to \$20.

Pianofortes to be assessed at \$40 to \$500.

Other musical instruments for \$1 to \$100.

Household furniture at not less than \$5.

Interest on United States bonds to be assessed at cash value.

Stocks in any company or corporation at cash value. Money to be assessed at 100 cents on the dollar. Credits to be assessed at cash value.

Merchants' stocks for the preceding year to be assessed at actual value.

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Promissory notes, Tax sale certificates, and Judgments at cash value.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Marinda Graves: se ¼ sec 27 twp 14 n r 24 w I.M; Witness: D.H. Collier, G.H. Dobbs, John Beasley, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Albert W. Anderson: se ¼ sec 3 twp 13 n r 24 w I.M; Witness: Atlas Hall, A.O. Miller, F.J. Colburn, G.W. Hodges, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Robert W. Glover, e ½ sw ¼ and w ½ se ¼ sec 9 twp 12 n r 22 w I.M; Witness: James Milligan, William Lohn, Augustus Hunt, Tolbert A. Kinsey, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Ott Casady, H.E. 14217, ne ¼ sec 1 twp 15 n r 22 w I.M; Witness: Arthur Roberts, William Roberts, Alexander Roberts, Isaac L. Wade, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, William D. Bailey, se ¼ sec 14 twp 9 n r 21 w; Witness: W.E. Tomlinson, W.E. Church, A.L. Taylor, S.A. Utley, all of Ural.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Robert Higgins, H.E. 14296, s ½ sw ¼ sec 13, 14, 23; Witness: Joseph Purdy, R.L. Hutton, A.A. Hitchcock, J.H. Osborn, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Oscar Caudill, devisee of Hiram Noble, deceased; n ½ se ¼ and n ½ sw ¼ sec 4, twp 11 n r 23 w; Witness: Fred Caudill, D.A. Baker, Henry Westbrook, and Thomas Wampler, all of Berlin.

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**January 27, 1899**

## Local and Personal Items

Died on Tuesday last, Mr. John Brown aged 25 years.

M.N. Hudson was in town yesterday with a number of new comers who have settled in his neighborhood.



W.J. Miller is back from Kansas City, having undergone an examination by the Roentgen process. The doctors failed to find any arrow head and they say that his lungs are all right. His trouble comes from old wounds which bleed internally.

Mr. Burns has purchased the building recently occupied by McMurtry & Davis on Broadway.

A literary society has been organized on the head of Elk Creek and is being well patronized.



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On Wednesday evening Jack Bullard's little six-year-old boy had his hand badly shattered by the explosion of a 38 caliber cartridge in a toy spring gun.

Mr. Betts was presented Monday with a peculiar calf by one of his cows. The little animal had two well developed heads, with eyes, ears, mouth, etc. in each. One face of the animal was in its natural position, but the other was reversed enabling the animal to see on all sides at once. The calf lived three days when its mother stepped on it breaking its back.

Ed Casady, from Hubbard City, Texas, is visiting his uncle J.R. Casady and will probably locate.

Born on January 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Caffey, a daughter.

J.W. Dunn, the successful stockman, is having all his cattle corn-fed this winter. It pays him, and is a good thing for the farmers. The time is fast approaching when his example will be followed by all stockmen in this and adjoining counties.

The proprietors of the Favorite saloon have added a bowling alley to their premises and those needing muscular development can find a pleasant means of amusement. The room is in charge of Bert Strong who will at all times be pleased to wait on customers.

Mrs. Cecil Lappin of Woods County was bitten by a skunk on the first two fingers of her right hand. The animal was made to release his hold with difficulty, and the wound bled profusely. Twenty-eight days after she was bitten, Mrs. Lappin was taken with the symptoms of hydrophobia and died shortly.

## To the Public

I am now interested in the Parrish store. I will sell you more goods for the money than

anybody in Cheyenne. Please give me a trial and be convinced.

Respectfully, H.C. Harris

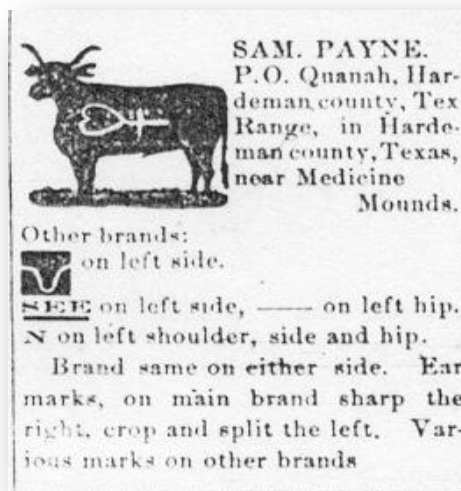
## Notice of Dissolution

The public is hereby notified that the firm of Parrish & Son has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, J.H. Parrish assuming all liabilities and collecting debts.

J.H. Parrish, J.A. Parrish

## Monroe-Arnold

B.H. Monroe and Miss D.M. Arnold were married Wednesday at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. J.D. Taylor, Rev. Whatley, pastor of the Baptist Church, performing the ceremony. Promptly at 1 o'clock the bridal party made its appearance, and the ceremony performed a 1:10. In front were Mr. Johnnie Monroe and Mrs. A.E. Kirkman, followed by Dee Arnold and Miss Lela Anderson, Mr. Henry Anderson and Miss Caryebell Thurmond, Mr. Walter Simpson, and Miss Georgia Kirkman, and then Mr. Monroe with Miss Arnold leaning on his arm. After the wedding ceremony a reception was given at the home of the groom's parents on Dead Indian, where dinner was served at 3 p.m. After dinner a musical social was given,



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which was enjoyed very much. As the music progressed Mr. Johnnie Monroe and Miss Georgia Kirkman passed the wedding cake. The latter was a present sent from Tennessee by the groom's sister. At 9:30 we bid adieu to bride and groom and turned our faces to the beautiful city, Cheyenne. The bride and groom have the heartiest congratulations of the writer.—A Friend

## **Cheyenne Literary Society**

Program for February 3, 1899—Recitation: Mary Turner, Mary McMurtry, Doshia Osborn, Cora Johnson, Hattie Osborn, Gillie Turner, Chris Kimble, Corine Conway, Leah Huff.

Select reading: Florence Bivens, Irma Wallace, Maggie Osborn, Eva Bingham. Dialogue: John Casady, Mollie Casady, George Cree, Sallie Casady, Lela Anderson, and Lula Blount. Essay: Lady Belle Waters. Journal: Lula Blount.—Leah Huff, Secretary

## **Epworth League**

Program for Jan, 29, 1899: Prayer, by Dr. Miller; Lesson comments, Mr. Cree; Select readings: Mrs. A.E. Kirkman, Miss Lady Bell Waters; Recitation: Miss Georgia Kirkman.

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## **February 3, 1899**

### **Local and Personal Items**

Born on Wednesday, February 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Rosser, a daughter.

A horse kicked the little daughter of Mr. Jim Craig last Saturday, crushing her skull just above the left eye. She will probably recover.

Roger Mills county's pro rata of school land lease money for the term just closed amounts to \$717.66.

The owner can get a quirt found yesterday by applying at this office.

Died on Saturday last, after a long illness, Mrs. Baldwin of the Starvation Creek neighborhood, aged, 60 years old.

A number of calves have been frozen to death in this county the past week, the weather being unusually severe.

Having purchased a two-horse planter, I will sell my lister and drill for \$15. Good as new and a bargain. G. Shufeldt, Redmoon.

H.C. Harris who is keeping books at the Parrish store finds time to give attention to the wants of his many friends.

### **Notice for Final Proof**

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Margret Jackson, se ¼ sec 30 twp 13 n r 22 w I.M; Witness: Thomas Campbell, Henry Anderson, Frank Morris, Ezekiel F. Stephens, all of Cheyenne.



Eufaula, I.T. Jan. 27—Andrew Moore, a desperado of the Cherokee nation deliberately killed three men yesterday as a result of a feud. Moore, who is a Choctaw Indian, escaped.

### **Epworth League**

#### **Program for February 5, 1899**

Lesson comments: Mr. Burseson; Select readings: Miss Leah Huff, Mr. E.F. Stephens, Mrs. Miller; Recitation: Miss Volina Miller.

### **Delinquent Tax List**

Notice is hereby given that the following taxes are delinquent and that a penalty of ten cents for publishing has been added. A further penalty of 18 per cent annum until paid will be added from the 15th day of January, 1899.

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Waldrop, W.M. Wright, and W.T. Yeckley.

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**February 10, 1899**

## Local and Personal Items

Mr. Pace, who lives near Hammon, had four horses stolen last month.

Mr. T.J. Duke brought a sick baby to town Wednesday for medical attention.

The legislature has refused to reimburse stockmen for losses sustained by dipping cattle.





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They say Rosser's twin boys "are out of sight."

Mr. Haggarton gave the printer a pleasant call Tuesday.

Born on Saturday last, to Mr. and Mrs. John Brazell, a son.

Our postmaster is feeling badly and needs consolation.

G.W. Hodges has gone to Guthrie on business

Mrs. E.G. Thurmond is visiting friends in Fort Worth, and Khelbe has gone east to buy goods.

Dr. Goettche, (sic) dentist, was here last Friday. He will shortly make arrangements to have regular appointments at this place.

## Epworth League

### Program for Feb. 12, 1899

Prayer: Prof Osborn; Lesson comments, Bro. Kinser; Recitation, Miss Georgia Kirkman; Reading, Miss Leah Huff.

### Program for Feb. 19, 1899

Prayer, Mr. Cree; Comments on lesson, Mr. Burleson, Select readings: Mrs. A.E. Kirkman, Miss E. Rosser; Recitations: Miss Lady Belle Waters, Miss Volina Miller.

## Lost

In the town of Cheyenne, two promissory notes from R. Banks to Alfred Moffeitt dated February 7, 1899, each for the sum of \$333.33, with interest rate of 10 per cent from date until paid; one due April 1, 1899, and the other due April 1, 1901. Any person finding same will please leave at Cheyenne State Bank, Cheyenne, O.T. All persons are hereby notified not to negotiate for same. Alfred Moffeitt.

## Cheyenne Public School

### Honor Roll for January, 1899

Ollie Anderson, Mary McMurtry, Carrie Parrish, Ettie Parrish, Frank Thurmond, Nuck Hunt, James Blount, Nova Blount, Irma Wallace, Maggie Osborn, Hattie Osborn, Cora Johnson, Mary Turner, Nene Alexander, Volina Miller, Millie Wallace, George Turner, John Casady, Mollie Casady, Verna Young, Gillie Turner, Chris Kimbell, George Cree, May Cunningham, Sallie Casady, Carryebell Thurmond, Lady Belle Waters, Lelah Anderson, Arthur Miller, Leah Huff, Eva Bingham, Doshia Osborn, Sandford Whatley, Lee Young, Herman Guernsey, Lula Blount, Corine Conway.

## Primary and Intermediate Dept.

Ruby Jackson, Annie Jackson, Nellie Huff, Nettie Thurmond, Nevie Thurmond, Ollie Reed, Charlie Arnold, Pearl Salyer, Willie Cheatham, Ruth Turner, Jody Thurmond, Sam Kimbell, Albert Blount, Albert Cree, Gussie Cox, Memory Calvert, Charley McDonald, Pearl Huff, Ernest Cree, Polk Osborn, Arthur Tubbs, and Steve Huff.



While in Washington a few days ago Major Woodson succeeded in getting an appropriation of \$96,000 for the benefit of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians for the present year. Much of this money will be used in building houses on Indian allotments.



## February 17, 1899

The thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero Sunday morning at El Reno.

Three railroads are now pushing west and a fourth will soon begin, all of which are of interest to Oklahoma. The Choctaw is in the country west of El Reno, the Rock Island west

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of Chickasha, and the Santa Fe southwest of Amarillo, Texas. The Frisco will cross from Oklahoma City to Texas, to get Colorado connections. When all the roads are completed, a great change will be accomplished in the general make-up of the territory, more than any one imagines—*Wichita Eagle*

## Local and Personal Items

Bill Johnson, or "Skillity", as he is commonly called, writes to a friend here that he will be back to Cheyenne in June and that he will remain.

At 4 o'clock Sunday morning the thermometer registered 25 degrees below zero in this town. For at least a month previous to that date the zero point had been reached nightly. Notwithstanding this unusually severe weather losses of stock have been confined principally to those brought here late in the fall and to young calves, all of which proves that this is a remarkably fine cattle country.

The Rock Island commenced running trains from Chickasha to Anadarko last Tuesday. The road will continue to extend west through the Kiowa country into Greer, where the engineers are now at work.

No trouble to get plenty of ice this winter. Some of the creeks have been frozen solid.

Our town and county are growing rapidly. If you don't think they are, just watch the immense train loads of lumber arriving at Cox's lumber yard. They come all the time but do not accumulate, as there is always someone waiting for them.

Owing to the prevalence of measles, the public school at Arapahoe has been closed.

Khlebe Thurmond and C. Hensley returned yesterday from the cattlemen's convention at Woodward.

Died—Thursday, February 16th, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Akes.

Since the first of January three of the principal citizens of Mobeetie have died. Mr. McGregor, the liveryman, Mrs. Easley, hotel keeper, and Jack Montgomery, merchant, have all gone, leaving but a few families in that old frontier town.

Died—On Monday last, Mr. F. Sutton, of the Timber Creek neighborhood. Deceased left a husband and seven children to mourn her loss.

## Married

On Wednesday, February 8th, at the residence of the bride's parent's on Sandstone, Mr. James Anderson and Miss Julia Jones were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev S.C. Osborn, and was followed by an elegant dinner, of which the numerous guest partook liberally, especially the preacher, who says that he was strongly reminded thereby of "ye good old times."

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, John Jackson, devisee of Margaret Jackson, deceased, ne ¼ sec 30 twp 13 n r 22 w I.M; Witnesses: Benjamin F. Morris, Jno B. Harrison, Jas Calvert, E.F. Stephens, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, William McKay, e ½ nw ¼ and e ½ sw ¼ sec 7 twp 12 n r 26 w; Witnesses: Zack Miller of Cheyenne, and Frank Preston, George Robinson, Frank Young, of Sweetwater.

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South McAlester, Feb. 21—Smallpox is raging in the Creek nation. All the railway towns are quarantined.

B.F. Chambers of Oklahoma City went crazy Monday and with a few of his effects in a wheelbarrow started to walk to the Paris exposition. He was sent to the asylum.

## Local and Personal Items

The public school will close in about one week, when Prof. Osborn will commence a two months paid term.

A large number of horses have arrived here and the promise of fine weather makes it probable that the races next week will be a great success.

Whilst driving home with a load of grain Tuesday evening, Mr. John Caffey's little five-year-old son fell out of the wagon and was seriously injured.

Mr. Thompson is here from the Chickasha country looking for a ranch location and for residence property in Cheyenne.

Cox's army of mules has been reinforced and lumber is coming into town in increased quantities.

Col Cash of Red Moon will leave shortly for Hot Springs, where he will spend a couple of months.

Mr. R. Hamilton, a large cattle owner of the panhandle country, was here Tuesday. He reports a light loss among native stock, but says that some bunches of through cattle suffered severely.

Died on Sunday last, the six year old son of Mr. Waldon.

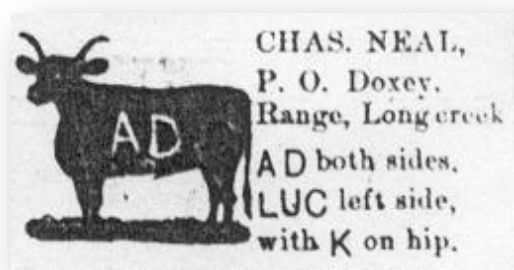
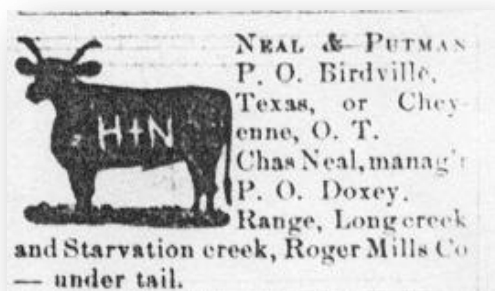
**For Sale**—ten miles east of Cheyenne, 40 tons of kafir and sorghum feed at \$3 per ton. J.B. Brazell

Sheriff Hutton of Roberts County, Texas, was here Monday looking after his cattle interests. His loss is said to be the heaviest in the county, but amounted to less than 10 per cent. Considering that the cattle were shipped in late and that the storm was the worst in the history to the southwest, Mr. Hutton thinks he was lucky.

Mr. Wm Bonner left Monday for the east where he will purchase a stock of spring goods for G.W. Hodges.

Died Thursday morning, February 23, at the residence of J.B. Harrison, Mrs. Margret Jackson, aged 80 years. The remains were taken to Greer County for interment.

Died Sunday last, O.M. Strebeck, aged 56 years. Deceased was a helpless cripple who arrived in Cheyenne about 6 weeks ago with a



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wife and three small children. Having no means of support and being incapable of work the family was taken care of by the county. They were from Hood County, Texas.

## **Cheyenne Literary Society Program for March 3rd**

Recitations: Nene Alexander, Mary Turner, Irma Wallace; Select reading: Molly Casady, Gillie Turner, Herman Guernsey; Music: Vallie McDonald; Recitations Lelah Anderson, Eva Bingham, Doshia Osborn, Leah Huff, Maggie Osborn, Corine Conway, Hattie Osborn, Lady Belle Waters. Dialogue: Doshia Osborn, Sallie Casady, Leah Huff, Arthur Miller, Lady Belle Waters; Extemporaneous speech: J.R. Johnson. Society Journal: Corine Conway. Associate Editors: Eva Bingham, Lelah Anderson, Arthur Miller, Herman Guernsey, Gillie Turner, Doshia Osborn, Leah Huff, Sallie Casady, Mollie Casady, Lady Belle Waters.

## **Primary Department**

Recitations: Nellie Huff, Gussie Cox, Lula Anderson, Ollie Reed, Nautie Miller, Charley McDonald, Sam Kimbell, Pearl Huff, Willie Cheatham, Addie Anderson, Ruth Turner, Nevie Thurmond, Fannie Anderson, Lucile McKinney, Jodie Thurmond, Nettie Thurmond, Steve Huff, Charley Arnold, and Pierce Blount.

## **Epworth League Program February 26, 1899**

Prayer, Mr. Cree; Lesson comments Mr. E.F. Stephens. Recitation: Miss Leah Huff, Miss Georgia Kirkman.

## **Notice for Final Proof**

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, George W. Graves, one of the heirs of Miranda Graves, H.E 7976, se ¼ sec 27 twp

14 n r 24; Witness: Dudley H. Collier, John Beasley, Joseph Beasley, George H. Dobbs, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Elroy M. Dent, H.E.14159, e ½ ne1/4 n ½ se ¼ of sec 7, 14, 23; Witness: John H. Osborn, Samuel Maddux, Alexander W. Clapp, John H. Sing, all of Cheyenne.

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**March 3, 1899**

## **Local and Personal Items**

Born on Friday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wells of the White Shield neighborhood, a daughter.

Rev McCance and his sister, Miss Drue, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. H. Burlison.

## **School Notice**

The pay school at this place will open on March 6, 1899. Terms: \$1.50 per month for all in 1st thru 5th grades, and \$2.00 per month for all in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Tuition payable at the end of each month.

Nothing will be deducted for absence unless it be caused by sickness. No pupil will be received for less time than one month.

J.H. Osborn, Teacher



The races have attracted the largest crowd ever seen on such an occasion. The weather has been remarkably fine and there is a large number good horses here. Today's race promises to be the most attractive.



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Two horses belonging to Mr. Armstrong of Oak Creek, won first and second money Wednesday. On Thursday, after three hours of working for a start it was decided to put the race off until Saturday. Practicing for the start should commence early in the morning and then the general public could go down about supper time to see the race.



Measles are now epidemic throughout Oklahoma, Roger Mills County included.



What may prove a fatal accident occurred at the home of A.E. Dawson a few miles out in the country, on Tuesday forenoon of this week. It seems that someone had left a loaded pistol lying in a chair and in passing by one chair Mrs. Dawson's dress or apron is supposed to have pulled the pistol off the chair on to the floor, or turned the chair over, caused the pistol to fire. The ball, of 45 caliber size, after passing through the bottom of the chair, also passed through Mrs. Dawson's infant's foot and then entered Mrs. Dawson's limb lodged in the flesh below the knee. Dr. Reynolds and Farber were hurriedly called, the painful injuries carefully dressed and at last accounts the mother and child were reported to be doing quite well, with prospects of complete recovery soon.

*Cordell Messenger*



## **Epworth League Program March 5, 1899**

Prayer, Mr. Amis; Lesson comments, Mr. Burluson; Select reading, Mrs. A.E. Kirkman; Recitation: Miss Ruth Fields, Miss Leah Huff.



**March 10, 1899**

## **Local and Personal Items**

Born on Saturday last, to Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, a son.

Died on Wednesday, March 8th, R. Hunt, aged 63 years.

Mr. W.A. Beaty's two year old boy wandered from home last Saturday morning and was not found till sundown. As Sunday night was stormy he had a close call.

D.W. Van Horn, for many years post trader at Fort Elliot and well known by all old settlers in this part of the country, met with a fatal accident last week whilst trying to board a moving train at Caldwell, Kansas. Both legs were severed from his body by the car wheels and he died before he could be taken to his home in Wellington.

Mrs. E.G. Thurmond and daughter Miss Florence returned from Fort Worth Monday.

## **Cheyenne Literary Society Program for March 17, 1899**

Recitation: Bessie Anderson, Ernest Cree, Polk Osborn, Albert Cree, Fannie Anderson, Ollie Reed, Nellie Huff, Pearl Huff, Addie Anderson, Lula Anderson, Irma Wallace, Millie Wallace, Maggie Osborn, Nene Alexander, Ollie Anderson, Doshia Osborn, Corine Conway, Eva Bingham, Lelah Anderson. Essay—Leah Huff; Journal—Lady Belle Waters; Recitation: Hattie Osborn, Willie Cheatham, and Steve Huff.

Leah Huff, Secretary



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## Notice for Final Proof

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Dudley Collier, H.E. 10921, w ½ nw ¼ sec 26 sw sw ¼ sec 23 se ne ¼ sec 27, twp14n r 24 w; Witnesses: Atlas Hall, John Hall, George Graves, and Eli Graves, all of Cheyenne.



## Cheyenne School Honor Roll for February, 1899

Nene Alexander, Corine Conway, Steve Huff, Ollie Reed, Willie Cheatham, Millie Wallace, Albert Cree, Irma Wallace, Leah Huff, Fannie Anderson, Doshia Osborn, Hattie Osborn,



Polk Osborn, Maggie Osborn, Lady Belle Waters, Eva Bingham, Ollie Anderson, Lelah Anderson, Herman Guernsey, Gillie Turner, George Turner, Mary Turner, James Blount, Chester Leary, Vallie MacDonald, Cora Johnson, George Cree, Arthur Miller, Albert Blount, Sam Kimble, George Tidwell, Nautie Miller, Pearl Salyer, Charley Arnold, Ruth Turner, Jodie Thurmond, Lucile McKinney, Gussie Cox, Charley McDonald, Ruby Jackson.

## A Dastardly Crime

Last Friday night the most dastardly attempt at assassination ever recorded in this part of the territory occurred on Starvation creek. E.R. Smith, a farmer living in that community with his wife and children, was called to by someone outside his dugout who said they wanted to be directed to Mr. Eisler's, a neighbor of Smith's. Smith told him to come in. The stranger replied that he did not want to, but said he would like to get a drink of water. Smith had just retired for the night but got up and lit a lamp that was standing near. As the light was struck, the assassin who had come to the door, fired, the ball striking its victim in the upper portion of the left breast and coming out behind the arm. Smith fell, calling on his brother, who had just arrived from Fort Worth, to get a gun. After firing, the assassin ran off, leaving his victim lying on the floor weltering in his blood. The wounded man's brother was immediately sent for help, but being a stranger he got lost and wandered all night before getting word to town.

To Sheriff Thompson and other witnesses Smith said that he recognized the voice of his assailant when he first called out and that just as the shot was fired he saw the face. The wife and children who were in an adjoining room also say they knew the man who was talking. This evidence led to the arrest of a neighbor named Wilms, who waived examination and

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was bound over in the sum of \$5000 to await the action of the grand jury.

Later—Smith died Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. The coroner's jury which was empanelled that evening returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by Wilms.

## Advertisement

One 3 ¼ Birdsall Truck, 3 inch tyre  
Finest farm and feed wagon on earth  
Cox's Lumber Yard.

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## Local and Personal Items

By mistake last week we failed to insert Misses Sallie and Mollie Casady's names on the honor roll of public school for the month of February. J.H. Osborn, Teacher

Wilms, who is charged with the murder of Ed Smith, had a preliminary hearing Tuesday before Judge Osborn, and was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Married on Wednesday evening last, at the residence of the groom on Quartermaster, Mr. Cub Roberts and Miss Della Woods.

The wind storm which struck this place Tuesday was a trash mover. Clouds of dust were driven with terrific force, leaving buildings covered inside and out with sand. The north end of the county court house was blown out and a number of back houses were thrown over.

T.E. Jones, the musical director who held such a successful meeting on Kiowa last year, will organize a class in Cheyenne next July.

Born on Thursday, March 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Bowers, a daughter.

Born on Wednesday, March 8th, to Dr. Johnson and wife, a daughter.

Chas C. Leary from Ft. Williams, Ontario, and Christopher Leary of Peterboro, Ontario, are visiting J.E. Leary. The thermometer registered 65 degrees below zero about three weeks ago where these gentlemen came from.

A ball was given at the new school house on Buffalo creek March 10th, at which a number of Sweetwater folks were present. A bountiful supper was served and a general good time had, which was somewhat marred however by the ride home next morning in a blizzard.

A report has been circulated that there was a case of smallpox in the Red Moon neighborhood. After inquiry we learn that there is no such disease in our county.

A little daughter of J.B. French, who lives near Altus, Greer County, was scalded to death last week by upsetting a pot of coffee on her head.

Died yesterday, on Starvations creek, the six year old son of Mr. Smith.

Died at Berlin last week, the youngest daughter of D.A. Baker.

## Custer Bend School

The Custer Bend school will close Friday, March 24th. All are kindly invited to attend a dinner given at the school house on that day. Everybody bring their baskets. A short program rendered by the pupils in the afternoon. Managing Committee: Mrs. Hitchcock, Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. Guernsey, Mrs. John Caffey, and W.N. Nichols. Committee on program: Ruth Fields.

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## Some New Laws

The late legislature passed the following bills:

Providing for a territorial geologists and establishing a department of geology and natural history in the territory

Establishing public libraries in public schools

Changing time when term of county treasurer commences to October

Preventing the raising or lowering of taxes by territorial board

Repealing the school insurance law

Permitting game to sold for home consumption

## New Game Law

Under the new game law sportsmen will have to readjust their fowling pieces to these dates:

Quail may be killed from October 15 to February 1.

Prairie chicken and wild turkey from Sept. 1st to Jan. 1st.

Plover and dove from Aug. 1st to Dec. 31st.

All persons are forbidden to catch, kill, or maim any insectivorous birds, such as robin, red bird, wren, martin swallow, etc.

The penalty for the violation of the law is from \$10.00 to \$100.00 in each case, and in default of payment committal to prison. The law makes it the sworn duty of all county and township officers, when such violation of the law comes to their knowledge to file complaint against such parties before some competent trial official.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Thomas Jackson, devisee of Margaret

Jackson, deceased; se ¼ sec 30 twp13 n r 22 w I.M. Witnesses: Thomas J. Campbell, Henry Anderson, Frank Morris, and Ezekiel F. Stephens, all of Cheyenne.

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## Educational Notes

The county normal will be held this year during the month of July. A first-class man will conduct it. It is hoped that the teachers of the county will take notice and make their arrangements to attend. The day of the second and third grade teachers has about passed in the country. Wide-awake, first-grade instructors are in demand and there is no reason, with the facilities we enjoy for informing ourselves, why we should not all put ourselves in the front rank.

Miss Ruth Fields has closed her school at Custer Bend. She taught an eight month's term for the people of that district. She is an up-to-date teacher and deserves all the praise the Custer Bend folks are so freely bestowing.

Prof. Wilkins, of Tennessee, has been employed to teach the Timber Creek School. He comes well recommended.

Mrs. McCarthy is teaching the school on Buffalo.

Measles is interfering seriously with some of the schools of the county.

We should like to see a large number of public school students come in and take the examination on the 6th and 7th of April. Come along and test your knowledge of the branches mentioned.



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## Local and Personal Items

The exhibition of the optigraph {sic} and stereopticon {sic} given by Prof. Hutton at the school house Wednesday evening attracted a large audience. The show was the first of its kind seen here and drew forth appreciative comments.

Senator Houston has been retained to help prosecute Wilms for the murder of Ed Smith.

Oscar Thurmond took in the cattlemen's convention at Fort Worth and reports having had a fine time among old friends.

Died on Friday last, the youngest child of Mrs. J.C. Neely.

Died on Saturday last, Mrs. G.W. Blosser, after a long illness.

Died on Tuesday last, the four year old son of Mr. and Mr. MacBeeson.

Died on Saturday last, Mr. Drew. Deceased had been a resident of our county but a few days, having come from Texas.

Died on Saturday last, Mr. Jeff Hefferman. Deceased was a young man and enjoyed good health up to the hour of his death.

Died this morning, Volina Madden, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Rosser.

Married on Thursday last, Mr. Hugh Colburn, and Miss Callie Milligan, Judge Osborn officiating.

Married on Tuesday last, Mr. Ralph Carter and Mrs. Kellum, Rev. J.W. Whatley officiating.

Married on Sunday last, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Joe Evans, and Miss Lela Hart, Judge Osborn officiating.

## An Examination

An examination will be held at Cheyenne, April 6th and 7th, for the benefit of those students who desire public school diplomas. These diplomas will be issued by the territorial board of education, and will entitle the possessor to entrance into high schools, the agricultural college, the normal school and the university without examination.

Applicants will be examined in the following branches: reading, orthography, penmanship, English grammar, arithmetic, geography, physiology and U.S. history.

The pupil must make general average of 80 per cent, with no branch below 60 per cent.

The board of examiners consists of J.B. Tracy, J.R. Johnson, J.H. Osborn, and J.B. Harrison.

Be on hand promptly if you wish to take examination.

W.B. Stovall, Supt.

## Cheyenne Literary Society Program for March 31

Recitations—Bessie Anderson, Ollie Reed, Lula Anderson, Nautie Miller, Fannie Anderson, Pearl Huff, Polk Osborn, Addie Anderson, Nene Alexander, Earnest Cree, Albert Cree, Millie Wallace, Maggie Osborn, Hattie Osborn, Irma Wallace, Doshia Osborn, Leah Huff, Lady Belle Waters. Dialogue: Lady Belle Waters, Leah Huff, Doshia and J.H. Osborn; Journal—Doshia Osborn.

Leah Huff, Sec.

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## Educational Notes

The editor has very kindly tenured us a column in the Sunbeam for "Educational Notes." When I say us I do not mean myself

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alone, but teachers, and all others interested in school work, are included in the word. Hence, you are invited to send in short, appropriate contributions for publication. Let's try to make this column both interesting and profitable.

Prof E.E. Tracy has suspended his school on Kiowa. Prevailing sickness in the community rendered this step necessary.

Miss Myrtle Dice has been employed to teach the Sandstone school. She will begin Monday.

Prof J.R. Johnson has accepted a position in the mercantile house of C.W. Hodges. His work in the Cheyenne public school, from what we can learn, was eminently satisfactory. I have watched his maneuvers behind the counter with a critical eye, and if he deserves any special praise for the way in which he manipulates the yard stick, let Mr. Hodge bestow it.

Prof J.B. Tracy has closed his school at Red Moon. The people up there speak very highly of his work.

Don't forget that the examination for public

school diplomas will occur on the 6th and 7th of April. The board of examiners would be pleased to see a large number of students in attendance.

Hicks, the weather prophet, predict frequent tornadoes for Oklahoma next summer. Go, dig you a storm house.

## Local and Personal Items

Born on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Wiley, a one pound daughter.

Died on Wednesday, in the Buffalo creek neighborhood, Mrs. Wafford, aged 57 years.

J.W. Thurmond has sold his claim near town to a new comer from the Lone Star state.

## Card of Thanks

We desire to thank the many friends who were so kind and helpful to us during our late affliction.

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Rosser

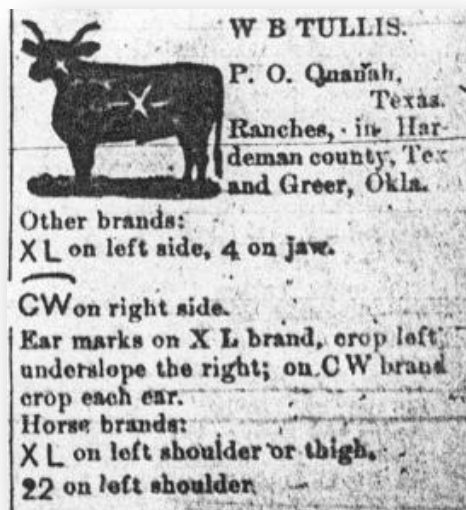
Cheyenne is now suffering from an epidemic of traveling shows, and the youngsters are beginning to run out of nickels.

The wind and dust storms have been very annoying the past week.

The swallows arrived here last week, but are now hiding out. The snow storm Monday was too tough for them. Sickness continues to be prevalent in our county and is expected to continue until settled weather comes.

Our grand free ball has been postponed on account of measles being epidemic among us.

As soon as conditions will permit we will give the ball. The Gerlach Bros. Mer. Co., Canadian. Texas.



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The Carson Bros have arrived. In order to introduce their work they will make your baby's picture free Tuesday, April 4th.

Harry Toomen, a resident of Ponca City, was killed Monday whilst attempting to board a moving Santa Fe train at White Eagle station.

Dr. Goettche, the dentist, arrived in Cheyenne on Wednesday and will remain till April 12th.

## **Cheyenne School Closed**

There is so much sickness in our town that we have decided to close our school today, March 31, 1899.

The term taught has been 7 months. The enrollment for the term reached 131 pupils.

We thank the patrons, friends, and school board for the hearty support they have given the school.

We highly appreciate the kindness shown us by the Sunbeam in printing all the notes for the school. We hope all the citizens of our town and county will take the Sunbeam and help our worthy editor to build up our schools, town, and county.

J.H. Osborn, Principal

## **Honor Roll Cheyenne School March 1899**

Earnest Cree, Polk Osborn, Pearl Huff, Lula Anderson, Addie Anderson, Fannie Anderson, Irma Wallace, Millie Wallace, Maggie Osborn, Nene Alexander, Ollie Anderson, Corene Conway, Doshia Osborn, Herman Guernsey, Eva Bingham, Lelah Anderson, Leah Huff, Lady Belle Waters, Bessie Anderson, Hattie Osborn, Nautie Miller, Willie Cheatham, Albert Cree, Ollie Reed.

J.H. Osborn, Teacher



William Mills, living near Pryor Creek, I.T. was stricken with pneumonia a few days ago and his physician told him his doom was sealed, on the strength of their declaration he made preparation to shuffle off this mortal soil. After arranging for the disposition of his worldly goods, he confessed religion and his spiritual advisor made a statement that he had poisoned his first wife, who was a sister to Charles McClelland, giving details of his fiendish work. He is now on the road to recovery and the strong arm of the law guards his bedside. As soon as his conditions will permit, he will be arraigned on the charge of murder.



A courier direct from the grading camp on the Washita brought word to town Tuesday that the contract had been let for the grading of another 52 miles of the Rock Island west from Mountain Creek on the old survey. There are side lights that tend to confirm this news. If this report proves correct it means a rail road for Mangum inside of ninety days.—  
*Mangum Sun*

## **In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Jackson**

Probate of Will of Margaret Jackson, deceased, names the following named persons as heirs of the deceased, to wit: J.N. Jackson, John Jackson, Thos Jackson, all of Roger Mills County, O.T., Amanda Frans of Greer County, O.T., Elizabeth Green of Washington, Daniel Jackson of Idaho, and Mary J. Musgrove, Jane Jackson, Edgar Simpson, Eugene Simpson, whose residences are unknown, and that same are non-residents. 17 March, 1899.



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## **Educational Notes by Prof W.B. Stovall**

Prof Henson, who is now in college at Fort Worth, Texas, will probably return to this county in the near future. It was his intention to abandon the profession of teaching, but he had the misfortune to have his money stolen from him on his return home, hence his determination to re-engage in teaching.

Ex-Superintendent Della Cann of Day County is visiting friends in town.

Miss Ruth Fields, we are informed, will leave in a few days to visit her home in Texas, but will return in time to attend the county normal.

Prof Osborn's school having closed the professor has moved his family out to the ranch. His work in Cheyenne has given much satisfaction.

Miss Kittie Fullerton is teaching the Timber creek school. Prof Wilkins, whom the board first engaged, returned to Tennessee.

Mrs. Wyatt abandoned her school at the Taylor school house on account of her health. She has gone to Tennessee to recuperate.

Lady Belle Waters and Charley Shufeldt took the examination for public school diploma. They are bright young folks and if they do not make a brilliant record in the field of letters we shall be sadly mistaken.

## **Local and Personal Items**

Died on Sunday last the four day old child of Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Wiley.

Died on Wednesday last, Mr. D. Bright, at his home on Timber creek.

Judge Irwin is holding district court in Arapahoe this week.

Spring rains started in Wednesday morning, which is a little earlier than usual, and will give vegetables a start that insures abundance in the near future.

Mr. Strong has taken the Kate Huff dwelling on main street and moved his family in.

It is said that when dogs become too numerous in Woodward someone starts a mad dog scare, which does the business. This almost tempts us to announce that every dog in Cheyenne is mad.

Miss Mary Rodgers was visiting friends here Monday. She has taken a claim on Timber creek and left for that place Tuesday.

Charley McDonald, the ten year old grandson of Rev. J.W. Whatley met with a serious accident Sunday morning. Whilst coming from a dugout, the wind blew the door down striking the lad on the head and knocking him back into the dugout. At first it was thought his injuries would prove fatal but we are glad to learn he is now doing well.

Dr. O.C. Newman and Fred Moss drove across the river Friday night to help fight fire. Just as they drove near the fire which was burning in tall grass the wind changed suddenly and brought the fire to them. They turned their horses and laid whip for the river and had a narrow escape. The fire was close enough to scorch them where they plunged into the river. They were a fine looking pair when they came across all covered with mud but feeling thankful they escaped the leaping flames.

*Day County Tribune*

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**April 14, 1899**

## Educational Notes

Prof T.T. VanVacter is teaching the school on Saddler. He is an old Texas teacher and comes to us highly recommended.

Miss Poly Puryear, a popular teacher of Sweetwater, was in the city Monday.

The people of Dead Indian school district have built a good substantial school house. They will have a six or seven months school next year, beginning early in the fall.

Prof. A.W. Dane is wielding the rod at the Miller school house, district No. 12. The patrons of the school are highly pleased with his work.

The territorial superintendent's biennial report shows that the number of teachers employed for the year ending June 30, 1898, was 2,107, and that the total amount of teachers' wages was \$291,052. People who think teachers receive too much for their work should study these figures. They show that the average wages of each teacher was less than \$140. Taking the teachers of the territory as a whole, considering the expenses which they must necessarily incur, we find that they are not as well paid as the ordinary day laborer.

## Local and Personal Items

We will give a grand and free ball at Canadian, Texas April 21, 1899. Everybody invited. Admission free. The Gerlach Bros. Mer. Co.

Last week and old lady named Elliott was burned to death in Greer County, and her daughter, Mrs. Veach, was seriously injured. The women had a fire burning in their yard and were engaged in washing when the old

lady's clothes caught fire with the above result.

Mr. Drew, a new comer in the Berlin neighborhood, gave us a pleasant call Wednesday.

Born on Wednesday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilms, a son.

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**April 21, 1899**

## Educational Notes

Miss Ruth Fields has been employed to teach the Sweetwater School.

Prof J.B. Tracy has accrued the school district No. 13. He will begin Monday.

Miss Della Cann opened a private school in the public school building, this city, Monday. Miss Cann is a live, enthusiastic teacher and will doubtless succeed in building up a very interesting school.

For your own good, and especially for the good of your children, keep your quarrels out of the school.

The recent territorial legislature passed an act known as the library law. This law requires the board of education of each county to select a list of books for each school in their respective county for library purposes. It makes it the duty of the county superintendent to set aside a certain per cent of the funds of each district to pay for these books. Representatives of publishing houses, evidently, were not asleep during the last session of the legislature.

The Texas legislature has made provision to pay the teachers of Greer County the amount



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due them at the time said county became a part of Oklahoma.



The interior department has given 84 ¼ square miles of Beaver County to New Mexico. It was long supposed to belong to Oklahoma, but the department holds that the meridian two and a half miles east of the old line is the western boundary of Oklahoma.

## Local and Personal Items

H.D. Cox has added a blacksmith, wheelwright, and paint shop to his lumber and building yards, and is equipped with the latest machinery and conveniences for doing all kinds of work promptly and in first class style. It will pay you to see him when needing work in his line, as he employs none but thoroughly competent workmen.

Died on Sunday last, Mr. Thos Nelson aged 69 years.

Born on Wednesday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanton, a ten pound boy.

Miss Della Cann has opened a subscription school in Cheyenne.

Grass is now making a rapid growth and it will not be long until there will be plenty for the cattle.

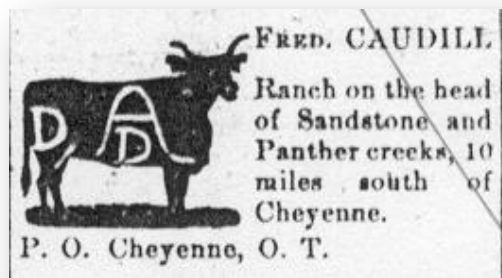
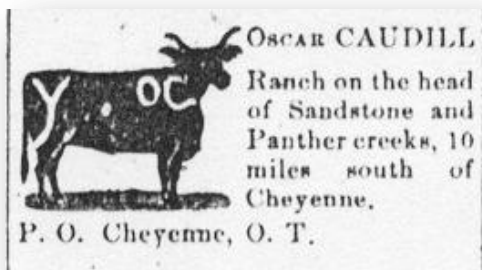
The prospects are good in this county for a large peach crop, the trees being in full bloom. The wild plums also promise an

unusually heavy yield.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Cheyenne cemetery association called at the office of the secretary on April 15th, a proposition made by Mr. Creath of Weatherford to assist in furnishing wire to make a good woven wire fence around the ground, on condition that the work be done at once, was accepted, and the following committee appointed to raise funds to complete the purchase of the material: J.H. Parrish, J.W. Miller, W.A. Beaty, G.W. Hodges. D.W. Davies was appointed to survey the ground, and T.B. Cree to superintend the construction of the fence around the cemetery. The president of the association was authorized to call a meeting of the citizens of Cheyenne at such time as may be required to further the object of improving the cemetery.



The citizens of Greer County are organizing a wolf hunt for Saturday April 22. It is proposed to get the whole county interested, each community furnishing its hunters. Such an affair will be worth much to the stockmen and should not be confined to Greer County. Each county in the territory should have an annual chase until the wolves are exterminated.



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## Notice to Stockmen

There will be a meeting of stockmen in Cheyenne Saturday, April 29th, for the purpose of arranging a time for spring work. All interested should be present.



There are now three men in jail charged with the murder of Ed Smith. Two of them, Wilms and Smith, are in the Guthrie jail for safe keeping, and Herrington will have a preliminary trial here on April 28th.

## Notice to Teachers

The regular examination for teacher certificates will be held in my office at Cheyenne April 28th and 29th. Teachers desiring certificates will please take notice. W.B. Stovall, Supt.

## Program Workers' Institute

The Workers' Institute of the Washita County Missionary Baptist Association will convene with the Elk Creek church at Ural, Okla., at 10 a.m., Friday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1899.

- Introductory sermon, R.E. Smith
- Has God promised, or is He under obligation to bless his people? J.W. Whatley and T.R. Bozeman
- Friday night sermon, J.N. Standifer
- What are the Bible qualifications? T.H. Gold and J.C. Meler
- Sermon Saturday, 11:30 a.m. T.R. Bozeman
- If Solomon was a type of Christ what did the concubines pre-figure? W.C. West and Eld Penn
- Sermon Saturday night, Walter Pruet

- A review of our mission field and its needs. J.C. Meler
- Sermon Sunday, 11 a.m., J.C. Whatley
- The work of the ministry, Walter Pruet and Elder Thomas
- Sermon Sunday night, W.C. West  
T.H. Gold, C.H. Cope,  
& J.E. Crabtree, Com.



At a meeting of the Oklahoma quarantine board, on Thursday last, a resolution was adopted recommending that the federal quarantine line be extended east and south of Noble, Logan, and Oklahoma counties; and that the line be dropped a township south of Washita county, the present federal limit, in order that the farmers and stockmen may enjoy the shipping facilities of the Rock Island railway extension.

## Near Fatal Shooting

What came near being a fatal shooting scrape occurred near Cordell on Friday night of last week. H.E. Mott, a prominent Cordell merchant had a horse missing and learning that it had been seen on or near the premises of Tom Smith, a short distance south of town, he sent for an officer, but fearing that the horse might disappear again, he got some other men to go with him and went to the place without waiting for Deputy Coe. Directly after reaching the premises the discharge of a gun inside came crashing through the wall or roof of the dugout throwing splinters uncomfortably near the neck and shoulders of one of the men, who— it being dark—was not seen by his companions again. Shortly afterward and further from the horse Mr. Mott came upon a man, he did not know whom in the darkness; he hailed him and not knowing but what one man had already been killed, and believing, from the action of the man that his own life

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was at risk he pulled down and pretty completely peppered the fellow with a load of shot. The man proved to be Tom Fish, who luckily for himself was not seriously wounded. Further toward morning Deputy Coe came and arrested Tom Fish, on a charge of horse theft and early on Saturday morning an examining trial was held before Justice Al Knight who put his bond at \$500, which the county attorney raised to \$750 that he has not filled at this time.—*Cordell Messenger*

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**April 28, 1899**

## Local and Personal Items

Died on Wednesday, April 26, at his home on Timber creek, J. Leeper, aged 29. Deceased left a wife and two small children.

A hail storm visited the Timber creek section Wednesday but we have heard of no damage done.

Died on Tuesday, April 18th, at his home on Sweetwater, Judge Patton. He was one of the earliest settlers in the Panhandle and was elected county Judge of Wheeler County at the time of organization. Until recently he owned large interests in our county, but the tide of immigration compelled him to return to Texas.

Cattle continue to die from the effect of the severe weather of the past winter. Cows apparently in good flesh succumb, much to the astonishment of their owners, who forget that animals are susceptible to disease from exposure as well as from starvation.

Martin Christian has been arrested in Dewey County, charged with the murder of his father, whose body was found in a canyon some three weeks ago.

Two boys were brought in from the Elk creek neighborhood Monday charged with theft. They pleaded guilty and were let off, owing to their youth, with a fine of \$10 each.

A trip to Guthrie is said to be a sure cure for a case of blighted affections. For further information inquire at the post office.

Lawyer Powers of Mangum arrived Tuesday evening and will represent Tim Herrington today in Judge Osborn's court. Herrington is charged with complicity in the Smith murder.

C.M. Rosser and Chas Miller returned Tuesday from Guthrie, where they safely lodged Wilms and Smith in the county jail. Wilms admitted his guilt to several parties on the trip.

The Red Moon Indians have consented to live on their allotments and the agent is building them houses of the usual pattern.

*Arapahoe Bee*

Four Miles of barbed wire fence disappeared for the Elk creek neighborhood recently, and a diligent search has failed to prove where or how it went. Some suggest a cyclone or earthquake, whilst others seem to think that it was feloniously appropriated by some degenerate descendant of Adam. The latter are making arrangements to tie down their homes.

Mr. Ewing, formerly court stenographer in this district, has been here several days. We understand that he is looking for a location and may decide to cast his lot with the citizens of Cheyenne.

## Information Wanted

Walter Elder left his home in July, 1898, and nothing has been heard of him since



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September 10th. He is sixteen years old, tall, has light hair and brown eyes and weighed about 135 pounds. His mother has brooded over his absence so much that her health is seriously impaired. Information concerning him will be thankfully received and rewarded.

Mrs. Belle Elder, Bodarc, Kan

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**May 5, 1899**

## Educational Notes

Three applicants appeared before the board of examiners last Friday and Saturday. Miss Ruth Fields, Mrs. McArthur, and T.S. VanVacter and each of them passed a creditable examination.

## For Trade

Small house, with cistern, and three lots in Cheyenne, for a good team of work horses.

## Local and Personal Items

Thurmond Bros have purchased the ring-tail brand of cattle from J.H. Parrish. There are some three hundred in the bunch.

Miss Dora Richerson, of Timber Creek, is stopping at the home of Dr. Miller. She is having her eyes treated.

W.A. Beaty and H.D. Cox have taken a business trip to Weatherford, the new railroad town.

J.S. Gober has purchased a place near Curtis, in Woodward County, and will move his family there at once.

Dr. Norton was here Saturday looking after the interest of the New York Life Insurance Company, which he ably represents in this territory.

The Caudill-Sellers case was up again Monday in probate court, and a verdict of guilty rendered by the jury. Both defendants were fined \$25 each, and were committed to jail in default of payment.

The Herrington trial last Friday resulted in an acquittal.

Mr. Kirby brought the remnant of an elk horn to town Tuesday which he found recently down the river. It had evidently adorned a very large animal when elk roamed in this vicinity.

F.E. Herring, the stockman, has decided to dispose of his property in Navajo and will move his family to Cheyenne.

Died on Sunday last, at her home on Timber Creek, Mrs. Sutton.

Magic lantern shows are things of the past. They have been sup-planted by scientific inventions which reproduce moving, acting figures. The latest of these is the Magniscope, an exhibition of which will be given at the local school house next Monday and Tuesday, at which time Edison's concert phonograph will furnish a grand selection of music. Twenty per cent of proceeds will be given to the school.

## Free Lecture

A free lecture will be given by Elder W.P. Pickering, of the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints, at the school house in Cheyenne, on Sunday, May 7th, 1899, at 2:30 p.m. Subject: Mormonism; the True and the False. All are invited to attend. Hear and then judge.



Yesterday morning, setting a gun in a wagon, W.H. Gilmore, of Delhi, by some means caused the gun to go off, shooting

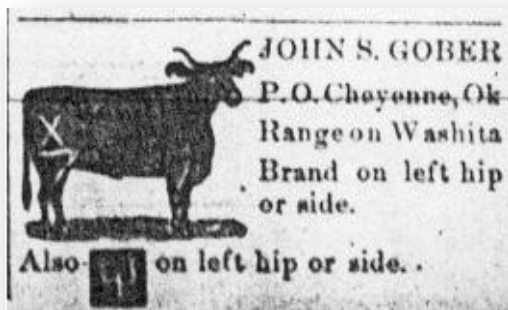
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**May 12, 1899**

Watonga, O.T., May 6—Eighteen miles from Watonga, in Cantonment Township, a family by the name of Ware lived in a log house, with a dugout at the back. On Monday evening, the children being afraid of the wind, the family went to the dugout. About daylight the ridgepole broke, burying the entire family. One of the little boys about ten years old managed to get out, and go to the nearest neighbors, a distance of about one-half mile. When the neighbors dug away the dirt they found that two boys were killed. One of the boys killed, was fourteen years old and the other about four. W.T. Hamilton came to Watonga Tuesday afternoon after the coffins. It was a sad accident and the family has the sympathy of all in their trouble.

himself in the side, from the effects of which he died at 4 o'clock this morning. J.H. McGowen came in after a coffin this morning and informed us that the remains for the unfortunate man would be laid to rest in the Spring Creek Cemetery.—*Greer County Sun*

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Oscar H. Thurmond, se ¼ sec 18 twp 13 n r 23 w; Witnesses: Joseph W. Miller, John B. Harrison, William S. Duke, John Stahl, all of Cheyenne.

## Notice

*To whom it may concern:*

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the board of health in and for Roger Mills County, O.T., at Cheyenne, on May 4th, 1899, at which meeting Dr. T.E. Standifer and Dr. J.P. Miller were present, it was ordered by said board that all persons permitting hogs to run at large in the said town of Cheyenne shall immediately take them up and restrain them from hereafter running at large, as complaint has been made that such hogs so running at large are a public nuisance.

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## When Final Proof Must Be Made

United States Land Office  
Kingfisher, Ok.  
May 9th, 1899

As frequent inquiries are made at this office by persons desiring to know when they must make final proof, we deem it of sufficient importance to authorize the publication of the following:

Settlers who made homestead entry prior to July 25, 1894, have eight years from the date of their entry within which to submit final proof, and entries made since July 25, 1894, must be completed to final proof within seven years from date of the entry.

Emory D. Brownlee, Register  
J.V. Admire, Receiver

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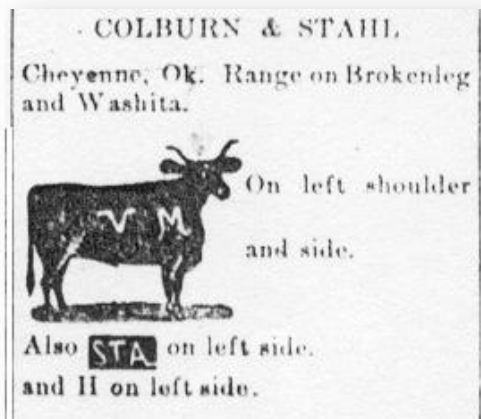
## Local and Personal Items

Mr. Frank Ragsdale has brought his family in from their home on Sweetwater, and they are now occupying the Stevens' house. Mrs. Ragsdale's health has been poor and she is here for treatment.

A fire broke out during the entertainment at the school house Monday evening, causing quite a panic among the audience. The damage was confined to the apparatus belonging to the showman.

The many friends of W.B. Johnson, the original "Skillity Bill" will be pleased to learn that he has returned to Cheyenne.

Elder W. Pickering's lecture on Sunday last brought out a fair audience. The speaker confined his remarks to a short history of The Latter Day Saints, showing wherein the teachings and practice of Brigham Young differed from the rules laid down by the founder of the sect, Smith. He drew special attention to the fact that polygamy was not advocated by Smith nor practiced by the



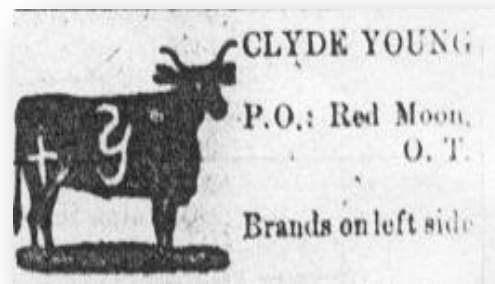
church members until after the usurpation of leadership by Young.

W.T. Bonner left Wednesday morning for a visit to his parents in Texas.

On Sunday morning the body of Ona, the two-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Burlingame, was brought from Canadian, Texas, and interred in the Cheyenne cemetery.

**Died on Sunday morning last at the home of his daughter in Cheyenne, Mr. W.M. Hunt, aged 59 years.**

Sheriff Morrison and two deputies of Washita County were here Wednesday for a man named Sid Davidson, who killed Deputy Sheriff Singletary at Combs, Washita County last Saturday. It appears that Davidson and others were creating a disturbance by fighting and flourishing a gun. Deputy Singletary was sent for, and on his arrival he approached Davidson, saying, "Sid, I hear you have a gun. You must give it to me," at the same time laying his right hand on Davidson's shoulder. The latter replied: "What authority have you to take my gun?" The officer said: "That's all right; give me that gun," and as he spoke he reached with his left hand to take it from Davidson. The latter jerked loose, drew his pistol and instantly shot Singletary over the right eye. The officer fell to the ground dead, and the murderer escaped. The deceased was an old man highly respected by his neighbors and his untimely death has caused intense excitement. The murderer is still at large.



## Notice

Taxpayers are hereby notified that taxes become delinquent after the 15th day of June,

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1899, and that warrants will immediately issue on all delinquents.

G.W. Hodges, Co. Treas

## Card of Thanks

I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted and comforted me during the illness and at the death of my dear husband.

Mrs. W.M. Hunt

Canute, May 3d, 1899

Editor Sunbeam:

Please allow me space in your paper to call the Confederate Veterans to meet in Cheyenne the first Saturday in June, at 1 p.m., to arrange for our reunion, or any other business that may come before us.

Yours Respectfully,  
T.P. Bingham

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**May 19, 1899**

## Educational Notes

Prof A.L. Baldwin has been employed to teach the Indian creek school.

The Berlin and Kiowa schools have been suspended on account of sickness in these neighborhoods.

## Church Notices

The Baptists will hold services here on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in each month, with Rev. J.W. Whatley, pastor.

The Methodists Episcopal Church South will hold services here on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month, T.H. Kinser, pastor.

Elder Pickering, of the Church of Latter Day Saints, will preach at the school house on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2:30 p.m.

## Local and Personal Items

Died on Friday last at his home on Kiowa, after long suffering with cancer, G.V. Lacy.

Mrs. George Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cox, is visiting with them from Kansas City.

Round-up outfits have visited town the past few days, on their way to spring work.

Dr. Standifer's baby was bitten by a large St. Bernard dog belonging to Judge Leary last Sunday.

Kara Morris, the 16 year old son of Elder W.C. Morris, received serious injuries last Sunday evening whilst out riding. His horse ran away and fell over a calf, throwing the boy heavily to the ground and causing concussion of the brain.

Assessor Taylor says the population of Roger Mill County has reached 4,000, and that the assessed valuation is about \$615,000.

Preaching next Sunday at the schoolhouse in Cheyenne at 2:30 p.m. Subject: Divine Calling of Joseph Smith.

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## Notice for Final Proof

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## Notice

*To whom it may concern:*

Notice is hereby given that R.E. Cook has made application to sell malt, vinous, and spirituous liquors at Berlin, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory. Any person desiring to make objections to the issuance of license to the above named applicant will file same in writing in the office of the County Clerk of Roger Mills County, in the city of Cheyenne, before 10 o'clock a.m. on the 27th day of May, 1899 otherwise the license will be issued.

This 15th day of May, 1899  
A.G. Gray, County Clerk

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**June 2, 1899**

## Local and Personal Items

There is to be a picnic at Mr. Graves' place on the Washita June 30th. All are invited to be present and to bring a basket.

Died on Wednesday last, Mrs. Pearl Burnett, at her home on the Washita. Deceased left a three weeks old baby.

Mrs. Gann, who has been living with her sister, Mr. E.G. Thurmond, for the past two years, left Wednesday for her old home in Tarrant County, Texas.

Mr. Strong has moved his family into the residence vacated by Mrs. Kirkman.

Died yesterday, June 1st, after a short illness, Mr. Fletcher Fields. Deceased had only been here a short time, and had just entered into the cattle business with his brother-in-law, Dr. Standifer. His daughter, Miss Ruth, is well known to many of our citizens as one of the most efficient teachers in our county. Mrs. Fields who had not moved here from her home in Decatur, Texas, has been notified by telegraph of her sad bereavement and is expected to arrive this evening.

Milo Burlingame and family have moved to Cheyenne.

J.S. Gober and family, with Mrs. Kirkman, left Tuesday for their home in Woodward County.

The Favorite saloon has been overhauled and another story added, H.D. Cox doing the work.

Work is being pushed on the Hoefle buildings on Broadway.

W. B. Johnson has moved his family into town. He will add three rooms to his dwelling and make other improvements.

Married on Sunday last, at the residence of Judge Osborn, Mr. Gee Holden and Miss Emma Hennings.

In a dispute over a calf last Saturday Will Hale killed a man named Ford near Grand, Day County. Hale claims that Ford came to his place and attempted to drive away a calf. Hot words were followed by shooting, Hale claiming that Ford shot at him three times before he drew his gun and fired the fatal shot.



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Weatherford has a daily paper, The Chronicle, edited by G.T. Dulaney, who is well known here.

The sheriff's sale of the Cole and Houston cattle for delinquent taxes will not come off tomorrow, the tax having been paid.

The Agitator is the name of a weekly newspaper published at Clarendon, Texas. Prof J.L. Henson, formerly of Berlin, this county, is editor, and is making it a first class paper.

Last Friday evening about sundown a storm could be seen passing to the northwest. A continual flash of lightning playing in the center of a dangerous looking cloud let many to express the opinion that the storm probably had cyclonic attachments. News reached here the next day that Mr. Palmer's house on the upper Washita had been wrecked and other property destroyed. Mr. O.L. Johnson, who was in Grand, Day County, Friday evening, says a cyclone hit near that place, tearing up trees, fences and everything else which happened to be in its path. Only one house was struck, Mr. Walck's, the side of which was torn off, and Mrs. Walck was carried out and deposited in the garden. Immense hail stones fell at the same time, and, luckily for Mrs. Walck, the storm blew a heavy blanket out with her and she was able to protect herself from injury. Mr. Johnson said that trees two and three feet thick were twisted off and carried away, whilst others were completely stripped of their bark.



## Notice

*To whom it may concern:*

Notice is hereby given that Strong & Anderson has made application to sell malt, vinous, and spirituous liquors at Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory.

Any person desiring to make objections to the issuance of license to the above named applicant will file same in writing in the office of the County Clerk of Roger Mills County, in the city of Cheyenne, before 10 o'clock a.m. on the 17th day of June, 1899 otherwise the license will be issued.

This 2nd day of June, 1899

A.G. Gray, County Clerk

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, William J. Colburn, e ½ sw ¼ and w ½ se ¼ sec 10 twp 13 r 24 w 1M; witnesses: Albert W. Anderson, Charles Carter, Hugh Colburn, and Fleming McGinnis, all of Cheyenne.

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**June 9, 1899**

A very sad accident occurred at the home of R.E Williams, about 4 miles southeast of town on last Monday. A grown daughter, Miss Eva Williams, who was subject to epileptic fits had wandered from the house, fallen in a pond of water and when found was past resuscitation although a physician was sent for and everything did to save her life that could be done. The young lady was a niece of our townsman David Smith.

*Cordell Messenger*



A German family named Teason, living a few miles northeast of town, met with an unfortunate accident on last Monday. A grown daughter, Miss Katie Teason, while pulling burning embers from a dutch oven accidentally set her dress on fire, and we are told that her clothes were burned off her. Her mother got her hands badly burned in an effort to quell the flames, but they were not extinguished until the girl pulled loose and ran

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into a pool of water nearby. It is hoped that she will recover from her painful injuries soon.—*Cordell Messenger*

## Local and Personal Items

A subscription paper was passed around yesterday soliciting funds with which to provide a barbeque at this place July 4th. In about one hour \$250.00 were secured, and that is ample to insure the best celebration of the kind ever held in western Oklahoma.

Lemonade and platform privileges sold to the highest bidder June 24th.

A reunion of old confederate and federal soldiers will be held in Cheyenne July 4th.

J.B. Freeman and J.R. Richerson were in from Timber Creek yesterday. They report lots of rain but no floods.

Clarence Thurmond returned Wednesday from a trip to El Reno.

Born on Wednesday last to Mr. and Mrs. Cosmo Falconer, a daughter.

The oldest inhabitant has had a job on hand lately trying to figure out when this country had heavier rains than during the past ten days. After scratching his head bald he has finally given up. Some think we have had two feet of water within that time, and the wreck of crops, fences, bridges, etc., would indicate that they are not far wrong. Six inches within as many hours we know to have fallen more than once, and every twenty-four hours have added their quote. Tuesday night Sergeant Major creek got on a rampage and attempted to carry the county bridge down to the Gulf, but got fooled, as the bridge tangled up in a clump of timber before reaching the Washita, and was captured by the road overseer yesterday.

Mr. J.J. Long of Mobeetie has been visiting relatives and friends here.

S.R. Richerson has bought out Mr. Baker's store and residence in Berlin and invites the public to give him a call when needing anything in his line.

N.G. Buchanan from Throckmorton, Texas, is here on his annual visit to his daughter, Mrs. L.A. Beaty.

## For Sale

Claim for sale, 4 ½ miles from Cheyenne. Fifteen acres in cultivation: 10 in corn, 5 in kaffir and sorghum; 1100 pounds wire and 500 good walnut posts, with comfortable dugout. Inquire at this office.



Nine head of horses were killed by lightning last Sunday in Day County. A hail storm had driven a large bunch of round-up horses on a fence where the accident happened. Thirty head were knocked down, but most of them recovered.

John Finley came to town last Saturday to peddle out some beef and his failure to show up the hide caused an investigation to be made and the hide was found buried and the young man lodged in jail. He was arraigned before Judge Clay yesterday, pleaded not guilty, waived examination and his bond was fixed a \$1000, which as yet not been given.—*Greer County Sun*



**June 16, 1899**

Miss Elms, daughter of David L. Elms, near Lock, was struck by a bolt of lightning Monday evening from which effects she will likely die. The lightning struck the house following a rafter for several feet and then bounding to the center of the floor where the young lady was seated. Dr. Fowler seemed to think the bolt followed the spinal column of

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the young lady as a black streak was visible. Her shoes were completely shattered from her feet. We extend sympathy to the family.

*Mangum Star*

## Local and Personal Items

Elder John E. Dunn, a Christian evangelist of Tennessee, will begin a protracted meeting at the school house in Custer Bend July 5th. Everybody attend, and let's have a good time.

Married on Sunday last, W.J. Fitzgerald and Miss Anna Wampler, Judge Osborn officiating.

Thurmond Bros have sold all their steer cattle, some 1000 head, to Fort Worth parties.

The heavy rains Wednesday and yesterday have again flooded the low lands and will keep the farmers from working their crops for some time.

Miss Della Cann closed her school at this place Wednesday last, after a two month's successful term.

## Notice

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Notice is hereby given that Hoefle & Burlingame has made application to sell malt, vinous, and spirituous liquors at Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory. Any person desiring to make objections to the issuance of license to the above named applicant will file same in writing in the office of the County Clerk of Roger Mills County, in the city of Cheyenne, before 10 o'clock a.m. on the 30th day of June, 1899 otherwise the license will be issued.

This 16th day of June, 1899

A.G. Gray, County Clerk

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention

to make final proof in support of his claim, John Smith, H.E. 14767, e ½ sw ¼ and lot 3 sec 18 and ne ¼ nw ¼ sec 19 twp 14 n r 22 w; witnesses: John A. Curby, Frank Brazell, Shell Caffey, Everett Guernsey, all of Cheyenne.

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**June 23, 1899**

## Local and Personal Items

Uncle John Richerson has a yearling colt, raised in Roger Mills County. Uncle John doesn't claim to be a Vanderbilt or Gould, but he has \$5 with which he will back his opinion that said colt is the finest specimen of yearling horseflesh in the southwest. The colt will be on exhibition here July 4th.

Last Friday a little girl name Smith was brought to town for medical treatment. Whilst out playing with other children at her home on Nine Mile, she received a severe cut with an ax, which necessitated the amputation of one her fingers.

W.B. Johnson has accepted a position with the Texas Live Stock Association as an inspector, with head quarters in Canadian.

Mr. Taylor left Monday for Waldrip, McCullough county Texas, on a visit to his daughter.

John D. Taylor, the tonsorial artist, has made arrangements to have another mute as assistant in his shop.

Dr. Miller is visiting relatives in Texas. On the way down he got a ducking whilst fording a creek that necessitated the purchase of a new suit of clothes.

The Cheyenne Art Gallery is now open to the public. Mr. C. Falconer is the chief artist,



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and is ably assisted by County Clerk Gray as grand lecturer and generally manager.

Dr. Standifer returned yesterday from Decatur, Texas, bringing with him the members of his sisters' family who will make their home here.

The Territorial diplomas recently earned by Miss Lady Belle Waters and Mr. Charley Shufeldt have arrived, and bear the signatures of Territorial Superintendent S.N. Hopkins and President David Boyd, of the University of Oklahoma.

D. Bassell and George Wise were bound over to the grand jury last night in the sum of \$1000 to answer for unlawfully killing a steer.

Misses Anna and Ruby Jackson are attending Prof Jones elocution class in Navajoe.

Wilms and Smith, who are now in El Reno jail charged with the murder of Ed Smith in Roger Mills County some weeks ago and who made confessions of such killing, was recently seen by Atty. Powers while in El Reno and he says they now stoutly deny any complicity in said murder and go square back on their former confessions. The murder was willful and atrocious, by whomsoever committed, and the guilty parties should be brought to justice.—*Mangum Star*



There should be and effort made to have a telephone line built from this place to Cheyenne. There is a line from that city to Canadian, Texas, on the Denver & Fort Worth railroad, and if the gap between this place and Cheyenne was closed up it would give us direct telegraph and telephone communication with all the western and northwestern States, besides the great advantage of having telephone for the points along the route. Perhaps the owner of the line at this place

would consider an enterprise of this kind.—*Custer County Clarion*

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**June 30, 1899**

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Della Cann, H.E. 12175, e ½ se ¼ se ¼ ne ¼ sec 1 twp 14 r 24 and sw ¼ sw ¼ sec 6 twp 14 r 23; witnesses: George H. Cann, Cosmo Falconer, Andrew C. Young, Claude Berends, all of Redmoon, O.T.

Norman Newman, who has been held in the Mangum jail for some time to answer a charge of murders, has escaped.

We are authorized to announce that Elder R. H. Huston of the Church of God will preach at Berlin on the 2nd Sunday of July at 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.

Dr. J.S. Nicholson of El Reno will be in Cheyenne July 13th prepared to do all kinds of dental work.

Mr. M.T. Dixon returned Wednesday for Woodward and reports that the cattle are slow sale up there.

Born on Saturday last, to Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Rinker, a son.

Last Tuesday a man named Fonce Evans was shot by Alva Johnson. Johnson was shooting Evan's pistol at a tree when the latter told him to stop as he only had six cartridges and did not want them wasted. In lowering the gun another shot was fired which took effect in Evans shin bone shattering it, and cutting a flesh wound on both sides. He was brought to town for treatment.

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The next term of District Court will be held in Cheyenne on Tuesday, September 19, 1899.

D.W. Tracy, who has just returned for a trip to El Reno, says that a man named Doc Ashby killed Dr. Griffiths, a druggist of Weatherford O.T. about 11 o'clock last Wednesday night by stabbing him in the left groin.

## **MANSLAUGHTER, Is the Verdict in the Y Cross Camp Shooting**

On Saturday evening last Mr. E.F. Herring and Mr. W.M. Creagor came to town and informed Sheriff Thompson that a shooting had taken place at the Y Cross camp on the Washita in which they had participated. Mr. Herring also engaged Dr. Johnson to proceed at once to attend Cal Rowland, the man whom he said he had shot. Mr. Herring did not think at that time the Rowland was mortally wounded, but expressed the opinion that the wounds were probably dangerous.

Officers immediately went to the scene of trouble, which is some twelve miles from town, and on their return both Herring and Creagor were taken before Judge Osborn and bound over in the sum of \$2000 each to await further action in the event of the death of the injured man.

The following morning, Sunday, the injured man, Cal Rowland, died and Herring and Creagor were placed in jail by Sheriff Thompson.

Senator Houston, J.W. McMurtry and J.B. Harrison appeared for the defense, whilst J.A. Powers, J.C. McKnight, and E.E. Tracy assisted County Attorney Burleson in the prosecution.

The first evidence offered was the deposition of the deceased, which was as follows: I am positive Creagor shot first, shooting me in the shoulder, my back being turned to Creagor at the time he shot me.

Herring told Creagor to shoot me, he, Creagor, shooting me before I had my pistol drawn. Creagor and myself had never had trouble always being on friendly terms. Creagor also shooting me the second time, my back being turned. He shot me through the hip. Herring emptying his pistol then got Creagor's but was stopped by Chas Powell.

The prosecution then called Arch Crowder, who testified as follows: The first thing I saw Rowland walk up to Herring, who was lying down on his slicker, and handed him a book, saying "Mr. Herring, this is what you owe me. I want you to pay me too." Mr. Herring took the book, rising as he took it. Rowland told him not to touch his gun, if he did, he'd kill him. They then cursed each other. I turned away and got a sack of sugar from the dugout and as I returned I heard Mr. Herring say something. Looking back I saw Creagor leveling his gun firing as he rose to his feet. He fired twice. I ran away. As I came back I saw Creagor run between two trees with his gun leveled and he fired again. Rowland fell. As he fell Mr. Herring fired the last shot. Herring then took Creagor's gun, when they ran in and stopped him.

In his cross-examination witness said: Creagor was sitting down back of Rowland about 15 feet when firing began. Creagor was on his feet when he fired the second shot. I did not see him shoot the third shot. He was about twelve feet from Rowland when the second shot was fired. I was about 10 feet from Rowland and Herring when the former went up to Herring. Rowland approached Herring from the back and right side. Mr. Herring said to him "You have the advantage of me. I can't do anything. Rowland told Herring that if he drew his gun he'd kill him. Rowland did some shooting. I can't tell how many times he shot at Mr. Herring. I saw Herring shoot but once. The dugout referred to was about 40 yards from the row. I don't believe I can recall the cursing. The first I

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heard was Rowland calling Herring a black son of b---h, and that he had acted as a rascal. Mr. Herring said, "if you'll throw up your gun I can whip the hell out of you." Rowland fired his first shot at Mr. Herring after Creagor fired. There was not a moment between the shots. I saw Rowland's pistol before I saw any other. It was in the waistband of his pants. I saw him pull it. Rowland was, I might say, standing over Herring when Creagor fired his first shot at him. Mr. Herring was down on his knees when Rowland fired at him. Rowland did not have his gun out when Creagor fired. The entire shooting from first to last did not take more than a second or two. It was only about half a second from Creagor's first shot till Mr. Rowland fired. Mr. Herring drew his pistol after deceased drew his. I did not see Herring have a pistol before Rowland shot at him. I saw him with one as deceased was falling, firing toward him.

Dr. J.M. Johnson testified that he had examined deceased and found three wounds, one being a flesh wound, the other two mortal. One of the latter entered the right shoulder and came out to the left of left nipple. The other mortal wound entered in front and came out behind.

S.R. Bean testified: I only saw the first shot. I was scared and did not want to stay. Mr. Creagor shot that shot at Rowland who was abusing Herring. Rowland had his hand on his six shooter before the first shot was fired. I was lying on the same slicker as Mr. Herring talking with him when Rowland approached in an angry manner with his hand on his gun before I saw Mr. Creagor's gun. I left because I did not want to get into trouble. Rowland's manner convinced me that trouble was coming. I never saw Mr. Herring attempt to draw his gun.

Mr. Elsie testified: I saw Rowland approach Mr. Herring and hand him a book saying, "I

want you to pay me." Herring said "Well," and raised on his hand. Rowland said, "Don't do that or I'll shoot you sure as hell." Herring said, "You have the advantage of me." Rowland replied that he knew Herring and that he'd use an advantage if he had it. Creagor was sitting fifteen feet away. I heard him say, "Look out," or "Get out of the way." I saw Creagor with a gun in his hand and saw him fire at Rowland. Rowland had not drawn his gun at that time. As the shot was fired Herring and Rowland fired at each other almost simultaneously, Mr. Herring made a remark to Creagor just before Creagor shot. He was sitting down at the time of the remark. I saw Herring fire three shots. Bob Bean was the nearest man to Herring and Rowland. Rowland called Herring a d---n son of a b---h. Mr. Rowland commenced the abuse. I first saw Rowland's pistol. Rowland's and Herring's pistols were both empty after the firing ceased.

J.H. Turbeville testified: The shooting was all done in a few moments. Rowland had just fired a shot at Herring when Creagor shot. I saw Creagor shoot but once. I saw Herring shoot at Rowland four or five times. I called to Creagor not to shoot. I was sitting with my back to them. When I got up and looked around Herring and Rowland were firing at each other. I could not tell who fired the first shot.

W. Brown: I don't know who killed Rowland. Mr. Rowland had his hand on his pistol when he handed Herring the book. Mr. Herring said, "You are taking advantage of me." Rowland replied, "That's no more than you'd do." Mr. Herring looked toward Creagor when he drew down on Rowland, saying, "Look out." I turned, and pistol was fired. The first pistol I saw was Mr. Rowland's.

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There were nine witnesses for the prosecution, but it was at this point decided not to examine any more.

The defense had six witnesses but considered it unnecessary to call them, making a motion that the defendants be acquitted on the evidence produced by the prosecution.

After due consideration the court held the charge of murder not proven and bound defendants over on a charge of manslaughter to await the action of the grand jury. Their bond was promptly given.

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**July 7, 1899**

## Notice to Teachers

Owing to the fact that we were unable to contract with a suitable man to conduct our institute during the month of July, we have been forced to postpone it till August 7. We believe this date will suit a majority of the teachers as well as the July date.

Respectfully,  
W.B. Stovall



As usual the Fourth of July was fittingly celebrated in Cheyenne. A very large number of visitors from all parts of the county were present and they all had a good time. The rain on the night of the third caused some delay in the barbecuing of the beef and made dinner a little late, but it sharpened the appetites of those present also, and the short work was done in disposing of the three beeves and as many mutton provided.

## Notice to Confederate Soldiers

There will be a meeting of confederate veterans at Berlin, O.T., on Thursday, August 3rd. All interested are asked to be present as business of importance is to be transacted. On August 4th Judge Harrison of Cheyenne will make an address before the confederate veterans at the same place.

## Local and Personal Items

Married on Sunday last, Mr. W. T. Brown and Miss Fannie Sing, Rev Kinser officiating.

H.P. Goodwin, one of the first settlers in our town, has just returned from California.

J.H. Johnson of Starvation Creek presented the editor with a radish Wednesday. We thought it was a beet, and a fairly large one too, but it was a sure-enough radish, measuring 16 inches in circumference.

Mr. G. Gerlach of Canadian was here Monday and Tuesday looking after the interests of the telephone company. At a meeting of local stockholders, E.K. Thurmond and W.A. Beaty were elected directors and H.D. Cox local manager. The question of having a central office in Cheyenne was discussed but no action was taken.

H.C. Harris has a madstone which he says was taken from the stomach of a white deer.

Mr. Hudson from the Elk Creek neighborhood gave us the following items Wednesday: Mrs. W.P. Frances is very low and not expected to recover from a paralytic stroke. A post office has been established at Crowe, with C.S. Sutton postmaster. A protracted meeting will commence this evening at the arbor on the school house site near Crowe, Revs Penn and Mealer will be present. The crops on Elk are immense.

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**July 14, 1899**

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Susan A. Warren, for: s ½ ne ¼ and n ½ se ¼ sec 14 twp 13 n r 25 w I.M; witnesses: A.L. Thurmond, J.L. Warren, P.S. Taylor, Joe Casady, all of Cheyenne.

## Local and Personal Items

Miss Anna Jackson was awarded a gold medal in the Navajoe elocution contest conducted by Prof Jones last week, and Miss Ruby Jackson won a silver medal.

John and Jas Jackson have moved their families into town.

The revival meeting in Custer Bend attracted a number of our citizens last Sunday.

At the school meeting in this district last Tuesday it was decided to double the size of our school. Director Wallace, whose term had expired, was unanimously re-elected.

Prof Jones has started off with a very promising school and those who wish to enter should do so at once as the elocution class will soon be full.

Mr. E.F. Herring has moved his family here, having rented the Colburn building, and will make this his future home. Last Tuesday, whilst on his way here, he and his foreman, Mr. Creagor, were again arrested and jailed on an order secured by County Attorney Burleson from Judge Burwell on a technicality. This will lead to a re-trial of the case by defendants applying to the district court for bond, with the probability that all witnesses will be taken to El Reno.

Later—Word was received this morning that Judge Buford will hear the case at Weatherford on Monday next.

The medal contest, to be held July 28 to 30, promises to attract a large number of people. The professor is a hard worker and deserves the success he wins at all his meetings.

Judge W.R. Brown of El Reno, grand lecture of the Territory, is here working with the local lodge of A F & A M.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Chas. Hensley has had to take his wife to FT. Worth to have a dangerous operation performed.



Application has been made to Governor Barnes to offer a reward for the capture of Norman Newman, who escaped jail at Magnum recently.

A two-year old child of William Wakely of Tyron, Greer County, fell into a tub of water in the kitchen and was drowned before the mother returned to the house.



Guthrie, Ok., July 9th—Territorial Live Stock Inspector Cantelou has returned from Greer County where he killed a dozen horses infected with the glanders (sic) and quarantined nearly 200 animals. The disease has a good start and many valuable animals are infected.



**July 21, 1899**

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim,



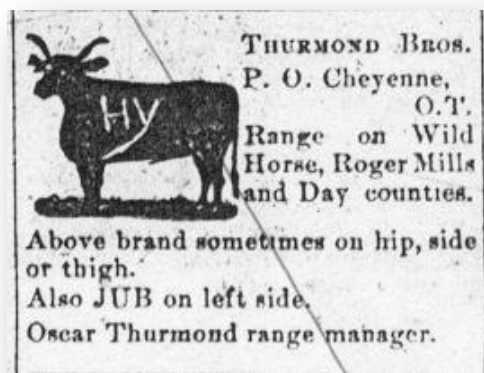
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Robert H. Davis, for H.E. 12585, ne se  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 31 w  $\frac{1}{2}$  sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  se sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 32 twp 14 r 21 w; witnesses: Charles E. Guernsey, George W. Hutton, James Caffey, Wallace Curby, all of Cheyenne.

## Local and Personal Items

Frank Young was in from his Sweetwater ranch Wednesday. He reported cattle in fine fix and the outlook good. He and Mr. Puryear

sold their spring crop of steer calves, some two hundred, at \$20 each.

Tom Riley brought his wife to town Wednesday for medical treatment.

Chas Woods passed Cheyenne Monday with 500 mutton sheep, which he will ship from Gage to Kansas City.

The Herring and Creagor cases came up Monday morning before Judge Burwell at Weatherford on application for bail. The court was unable to decide the case as the county attorney had left written testimony, taken before Probate Judge Osborn, in El Reno. After the examination of Mr. Herring, Mr. Creagor, and Mr. Linebarger, the judge put off his decision till Thursday to enable him to examine the written evidence on his return to El Reno. Yesterday's message was received here saying that both defendants had again been admitted to bail.

An old grievance culminated last week by Ed and Joe Stockbridge shooting Lee Vance, at Duke, in Greer County.

The people in this neighborhood have subscribed \$500 toward building a court house.

A.L. Thurmond has gone out on a cattle buying trip.

Prof VanVacter, of Ural, gave us a pleasant call Monday.

A.L. Stovall, a deaf mute, is assisting J.D. Taylor in his barber shop. Mr. Stovall has a wife and two children and will locate here permanently.

A telephone company has been organized in Woodward, with a capital stock of \$10,000. Headquarters are at Woodward and Alva, and the construction of lines to Taloga, Cheyenne, Higgins and other points will commence at once.

A horse dealer was here last week looking for horses. He wanted to buy good blocky tough animals from 14 to 14  $\frac{1}{2}$  hands high. It is said that the horses will be sent to South Africa by the British government. This indicates that there will be fighting there if the Boers do not accede to the demand of the



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Uitlanders (sic) for fair representation in the government of Transvaal.

A trial is in progress in justice court involving the ownership of a steer claimed by F.E. Herring from Oval Keen.

## Notice

*To whom it may concern:*

Notice is hereby given that Strong & Anderson has made application to sell malt liquors at Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory. Any person desiring to make objections to the issuance of license to the above named applicant will file same in writing in the office of the County Clerk of Roger Mills County, in the city of Cheyenne, before 10 o'clock a.m. on the 1st day of August, 1899 otherwise the license will be issued.

This 18th day of July, 1899

A.G. Gray, County Clerk



J.H. Potter, of Roger Mills County, was visiting relatives, the Sisney's families, in this vicinity last week. He turned his horses in E.G. Sisney's pasture Saturday and they were badly cut in the wire, so that he can't drive them for a month or six weeks. He came to Geary Monday to buy a team to get home with. This is bad luck sure.—*Geary Bulletin*

## Educational Notes by W.B. Stovall

Prof T.L. VanVacter has been employed to teach the public school at Berlin at a salary of \$50 per month.

Miss Ruth Fields has just closed a very successful school in the Sweetwater district. Miss Fields, we are informed, will enter the Texas State Normal at Houston in September to equip herself more thoroughly for work in her chosen profession.

The Institute opens August 7th and will continue three weeks. Prof Robinson, the gentleman who has been employed to conduct it is highly recommended by Territorial Supt Hopkins. Prof Robinson is conducting the Greer County institute at the present time.

Territorial Supt Hopkins writes that he will visit us during the Institute. We expect visits from other prominent educators also.

There will be an examination for teachers' certificates at close of the Institute.

The exhibition given by the Indian Creek School last Friday night was a complete success. The students deemed themselves in a manner creditable to themselves and to their teacher, Prof A.L. Baldwin. Prof Baldwin has been engaged to teach the fall term of school at same place.



While the notorious Norman Newman and Tom Richardson were tramping their way from the vicinity of Mangum to a place of more safety on the night that they broke jail here, Richardson claims that Newman told him how he had helped kill and dispose of Walter Bell, a poor crippled boy, who had lived for a number of years with old man Rosser, once a resident of the Turkey creek country but now a citizen of Roger Mills County. Bell had been a cripple most of his life and could not do much else save ride horseback and attend gentle stock. He came to Mangum about a year ago and staid (sic) sometime around about. He was last seen in company with Newman in Hackers field near Norman's house. Newman told Richardson that they buried Bell in the same well in which he afterwards put White. Parties including J.M. Russell and neighbors, suspecting such, made an effort with a post auger to examine deeper into the well some months ago but on account of the terrible smell emanating from the well and the wet, sticky mud therein, the effort was abandoned.

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Constable Derr has been instructed by the Sheriff to make a new examination.

*Mangum Star*

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## Local and Personal Items

Prof Jones has worked up a great interest here in his elocution and music classes.

The bonds in the Herring and Creagor cases arrived Tuesday and were promptly filled for three times the amount called for by the district attorney.

J.M. Evans and family returned Wednesday from a trip down into the territory. They report seeing wonderful crops all the way down to El Reno.

The well in which Newman said he had thrown Walter Bell's body has been examined but no trace of the missing man was found.

Robert G. Ingersoll, the great agnostic, died at his home in Dobbs Ferry on Friday last.

Two Indians were in town Tuesday entering complaint against four white men whom they claimed had maliciously shot the wife of Heap Crow, a Cheyenne Indian. Warrants were issued, and on Wednesday Arch Rowser, W. Bingham, and --- Yoakum were arraigned before Justice of Peace Casady and bound over till Friday, today, for examination.

Mrs. Slane has decided to have a town residence built, and work is to commence at once.

Jas Jackson says that he will build in town to secure school facilities for his daughter.

Mrs. Gilsey was brought to town Tuesday, and after an examination, was forwarded to the insane asylum at Norman Wednesday.

Several parties arrived yesterday from Greer County to be present at the elocution contests now in progress.

Joe Miller has had another two-story addition made to his hotel.

We will publish a letter from C. Munson next week giving his experience in the Klondike.

There is considerable inquiry for houses to rent, but there is not a vacant house in town. A capitalist could do a big business here building houses and renting them.

Owing to the wild plums and grape season being now at its height, there is a shortage of sugar in the local market. Tons of it have been brought in lately, but it goes faster than snow on a hot day.

Word came over the telephone Tuesday morning that a young man named William Goode was drowned on Monday whilst bathing in the Washita River near Cataline.

In the trial of rights of property in justice court last Saturday, a verdict was given in favor of the plaintiff, O'Keen. An appeal was taken and the case will come up again in district court.

A heavy wind and rain storm last Sunday night knocked down much corn and other growing crops in this neighborhood, but the sun has since straightened them up.

Considerable damage was done by the wind last Sunday in Mangum.

The Thurmond Bros shipped seven cars of fat cattle from here Monday for Kansas City.

The citizens of Berlin are making great preparations for their picnic on August 4th and 5th. Six head of cattle have been purchased and will be served. Everybody is invited to be present, and to bring bread with

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them. The following committeemen have been appointed: G.W. Morris, Jack Freeman, I.H. Carmichael, Willie Rosser, J.L. Gilkey, W. J. Silevan, C. Winslett, John Joyce, P.S. Doxey, F. Banks, M.N. Hudson, W. Crabtree, E.K. Thurmond, G.W. Hodges, Milo Burlingame, W. A. Beaty, Fate Sutton, Joe Beasley, J.M. Mofeitt, and J. Bullard.

The Greer County Sun prints the following from its Navajoe correspondent:

Mr. F.E. Herring one of Greer's pioneer citizens has moved to Cheyenne City in Roger Mills County. Mr. Herring settled here with his family in 1887, though he had his cattle interest here several years prior to this date and while being strictly a cattleman he did not let his home and farm interest suffer and made one of the best homes in the county. A year or two ago for want of more range for his stock he leased land and moved his stock to Roger Mills County and being needed to supervise the ranch he decided to move, and Greer County in general and Navajoe in particular loses one of her most energetic citizens. He is liberal in his views, honest in his dealings and firm in his convictions. Greer's loss is Roger Mills gain, and while Mr. Herring always stood ready to respond to the acts of charity which has endeared him to the hearts of many, yet his energy and untiring efforts in the cause of education is where our heaviest loss falls, for Mr. Herring has done more to advance the cause of education both in time and money than any other man in our county, and as chairman of the Navajoe school board we lose a worker who will not soon be replaced. A few years ago in Greer's gloomiest days when famine was staring so many men who are prosperous today would have had to leave had it not been for the aid of Mr. Herring, the writer being amongst the number; and many will miss Mrs. Herring especially the sick and suffering, for none are more ready and willing to go to the aid of those in distress than she, and her presence at

the bedside of the sick is like sunshine after a storm and the writer and family will not forget that in our darkest hour when sickness came and death called away the loving wife and mother it was then that the noblest element of divine nature became so apparent, for Mrs. Herring administered to the wants of the suffering to the end with a loving kindness and care that is seldom witnessed. Heaven bless their children. Long will they be missed by their Navajoe schoolmates. May success crown him, and his, is the wish of J.M. Ferris, And Many Others.

## **Educational Notes by W.B. Stovall**

The lower Sandstone school has suspended till September. The teacher, Miss Dice, is rustivating among friends on Elk creek.

Prof Dame is prospecting for a school in this county. He is a worthy young gentleman and a first-class teacher.

The county Superintendant will send to district clerks at an early date a list of the books selected by the county board of education for public school libraries.

The Greer County normal institute is being largely attended. Prof Robinson is giving eminent satisfaction as an instructor. Members of district boards are invited to visit the institute. If you wish to employ a live, progressive teacher that is the place to find him or her.

Prof McKenzie has been engaged to teach the Timber Creek School. He is a young gentleman of superior attainments, and comes well recommended by the supervisor of schools in the province where he formerly taught, Ontario, Canada. He will be with us during the institute.

Remember, the institute is to begin Monday, August 7th. There will be an examination for teacher certificates Aug. 25th and 26th.

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There is a clamor in some parts of the county for a division of school districts. This is a matter the people should give serious consideration before they take steps to carry their plans into execution. It is true some of the districts are very large and the school houses inconveniently located, but we must remember that we are in a new and undeveloped country and cannot expect all the comforts and conveniences enjoyed by the people of older and richer communities. Some of our new settlers are laboring under the impression that if they can secure a district with a scholastic population of fifteen or twenty they can run a school indefinitely on the territorial fund supplemented by a light local tax. Herein lies their mistake. The bulk of our school money must be raised by local taxation. A large majority of our people are poor. To place them in districts with an assessed valuation of five or ten thousand dollars and require them to levy a tax sufficient to run a school that would confer any substantial benefit is to impose upon them a burden, considering the tax levy for other purposes, that would be absolutely unupportable.

## Notice

Territory of Oklahoma  
Roger Mills County

In the Probate Court of said county. To Frank Hunt, Lester Hunt, Mrs. Cora Thompson, Mrs. Tommie Thurmond and Irvine Hunt and Knuck Hunt, heirs of William Hunt, deceased, and all parties interested: Notice is hereby given that a petition in writing has been filed in this court praying for the probate of the last will and testament of the late William Hunt, deceased.

And it further appearing to the court that Frank Hunt, one of said heirs, is a non resident of this territory, and upon whom personal service cannot be had.

That a hearing of said petition will be had in this court on the 19th day of August, 1899 at 10 a.m.

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## August 4, 1899

A new fake on the Oklahoma farmer is being worked. A preacher arriving at the farm and asking to be sheltered for the night is entertaining the family at supper when a young man and woman drive up and call for the farmer, saying they want to get married and asking where a preacher lives. The farmer, foreseeing a lively scene, says he has a minister if he will marry them. The minister consents, the young couple line up and the ceremony is read, a license produced and the farmer and wife are asked to put their names to as witnesses. In about a week those signatures appear at the bank as promissory notes.—*Wichita Eagle*

## Local and Personal Items

Mr. Johnson brought in another radish from his farm on Starvation Friday. It measured 21 inches in circumference and would compare favorably in size with beets raised outside of Oklahoma. These radishes, although so large, are sweet and tender. Mr. Johnson saved seed from his crop three years ago and noticed a marked improvements the second year; this, the third year, shows a further advance, and there's no telling what his next crop will be.

Prof Osborn presented the editor with some very fine Irish potatoes Saturday. On the 15th of April the professor planted 15 pounds of seed and his crop was over nine bushels.

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Mr. Smoot's baby, whilst crawling on the floor at the home of its grandparents last Monday got hold of a can of lye and put some of it in its mouth. The prompt application of grease prevented serious injury.

Born on Saturday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Mug Howerton, a son.

## Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Evans desire to thank the many friends who have been so kind to their son during his illness in Cheyenne.

## Elocution Contest

Winners of medals at the Cheyenne City Medal Contest.

Silver Medals: Nene Alexander, Volina Miller Ruth Fields, Lady Bell Waters, Minnie Olds, Florence Thurmond, Leo Beaty, Peter Thurmond, Anna Anderson, Lelia Anderson, Zetta Miller, Goldy Miller, Laura Tucker, Mary McMurtry, Gracie Riley, Estelle Ross, Willie Beaty, Carrie Parrish, Etta Parrish, May Miller, Harry Jackson, Drue McCance, Madden Miller, John Beaty.

Gold Medals: Minnie Olds, Florence Thurmond, Madden Miller, Mattie Merritt, Lady Bell Waters, Olie Herring, and Volina Miller.

Grand Gold Medals: Anna Jackson, Lady Bell Waters, Florence Thurmond.

Total number of recitations, 73.

## Saddlings from Saddler

Editor Sunbeam:

Rain, rain, rain! Mud, mud, mud! Bad roads, bad roads, bad roads!

Well, everybody is complaining of heavy crops. People will soon learn not to plant so much.

Jesse Gibbons says he will have to move his fence back before he will have some room to stack his millet.

Henry Cope has his hat set on the back of his head and is wiping sweat both ways. He says haying is the cause.

Prof VanVacter has just arrived with two loads of lumber. That means build.

Joe McDonald has been wearing a very pleasant and smiling face of late, and on being asked the reason why, said that he had become trustee of the Saddler school.

A certain party was very much amused at a conversation between a young man and young lady, but it only proved to be Mr. Dave Thomas talking to himself.

The last term of the Saddler school was entirely successful, and the trustees say they will hold the school over and let Prof VanVacter teach them another such school next spring.

At the annual meeting of this district the patrons decided to build a schoolhouse by subscription and locate same in center of district.

Mr. B.B. VanVacter talks in his sleep about white face calves and fine crops.

Quite a number of prospectors are in the country now looking for locations.

This part of the county will be well represented at the Berlin barbecue the 4th and 5th.

Well, Mr. Editor, we do not want to worry you too much this time. We will close by



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wishing your paper and its many readers much success.

Your Reporter, X Y Z.

## Proposals

Proposals for building a Court house at Cheyenne, O.T.

Office of the County Clerk,  
Roger Mills County,  
Cheyenne, O.T.,  
July 31st, 1899

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Roger Mills County until 10 o'clock a.m. on the 30th day of August, 1899, at the county clerk's office, for the erection of a court house at Cheyenne, O.T., to cost the sum of \$2000.00. The building to be two stories, square; to have stone foundation, brick flues and two coats of paint on the outside walls; to contain seven offices, a court, and a jury room. Court room to be furnished with plain pine benches, with backs. A certified check payable to the County of Roger Mills, for \$200.00 must accompany each proposal, to be forfeited to the County of Roger Mills, if the bidder fails to enter in contract for the work bid upon and to give the requisite bond for the faithful performance of same within ten days after contract is awarded to him.

The board will make award to parties offering the best plans and specifications and will reserve the right to reject any or all bids.  
A.G. Gray, County Clerk



From the Klondike  
Nulaho<sup>2</sup>, June 9, 1899  
Editor Sunbeam:

At Dutch Harbor I wrote you of my trip to that place. We sailed from there June 18th and in four days reached St Lawrence Island, where we spent two weeks waiting for the ice to run out through Bering Straits, sailed on July 3rd, and on the Fourth saw the ice for the first time. On the 6th we came to anchor with large fields of ice in front extending as far as one could see. We were the first vessel through the mouth of the inlet and landed and unloaded about twenty miles from the mouth of the Kobuk River. Here we stopped to build our boats with which to track our provisions, etc. up the river, and on the 17th of July my party, consisting of Mr. Silence and myself and four other men, together with a native man, his wife and boy and three dogs, started up the river.

The women are better workers than the men, and the dogs are first rate help on the tow line. In most of the river the current is so swift that it is impossible to row against it and progress can only be made by all hands pulling on a tow line with one man in the boat to keep her off the sand bars with a pole. The banks not being provided with a tow path it is necessary to scramble through brush, over drift piles, half way up to one's knees in mud or up to the waist in water, cutting away the overhanging trees and bushes and frequently rowing from shore to shore when the nature of the bank makes it necessary. In this section of the country all the rivers follow a most tortuous course, often requiring miles of travel to gain what could be made overland in a few minutes. In this way we traveled for two months making about ten miles a day. We went up the Ambler river about fifty miles prospecting, finding good enough surface indications in the way of colors almost everywhere but becoming less and less as one goes down and generally none at all at bed rock. In many cases it was not possible to continue digging on account of the water

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flowing into the hole in spite of the thermometer at 50 degrees below.

The conglomerate rock seems to carry these float colors and give them up annually to be deposited on the sand bars or washed downstream but they are too light to sink or accumulate on bed rock.

On the Ambler River the four men left us and the rest of the party returned to Kobuk.

On October 18th two other men and I started to cross the divide into the Allenkakat<sup>3</sup> (sic) drainage, a distance of eighty miles, with back packs, mine weighing one hundred and thirty-five pounds, consisting of two sacks of flour, pick, shovel, rifle, etc. Climbing mountains and crossing hummocky swamps with a load of this kind is not the easiest thing in the world. To walk between the hummocks would be knee deep in water and to stay on top of the slippery mounds covered with moss and bushes requires considerable athletic agility.

We reached Beaver City on the Allenkakat November 11th, and found considerable excitement over the surface indications but the ground was not sufficiently frozen to allow of much digging on account of water. I staked some claims however and returned to Kobuk River to bring over balance of provisions on sleds, relaying in three loads. Upon my return to the Allenkakat I found holes had been sunk on all the creeks, some of them 50 or 60 feet deep, with the same discouraging results as in the Kobuk country. About three thousand men have wintered and worked in this section of Alaska and absolutely nothing has been found.

At Beaver City I met Mr. Hill of Philadelphia Exploration and Mining Company, and arranged to join his party for the coming year's work up the Yukon. I

continued sledding my provisions down to their steamer, the Jennie M, and helped them to save her from the run of ice when the winter broke up. She had stuck on a sand bar at the head of a slough in the fall, and the water falling, left her high and dry all winter. The water running over the ice before it broke was not sufficient to float her into the slough, but just as the ice broke up and commenced to run it crowded enough water ahead of it to allow her to swing into the slough. Some of the ice following her in crowded her onto the bank, but finally floated safe and the breaking up of the ice in the Arctic was over. We then started for the Yukon, running up the Hagatzikakat to pick up some of the Jennie M party who had worked on Clear Creek, and will start up the Yukon tomorrow.

C.B. Munson

**August 11, 1899**

## Normal Notes

The Teacher's Institute opened Monday under the most flattering auspices. There are seventeen teachers and prospective teachers in attendance, all of whom are manifesting commendable zeal in their work.

Prof Robinson, the Institute conductor and leading instructor, is the right man in the right place. He is quite popular with the teachers. He has able assistant instructors in the persons of Miss Della Cann, Prof E.E. Tracy, and Prof A.L. Baldwin.

We have only two teachers from other counties, Miss Leah Davis of Washita County and Miss Cora Bowen of Greer.

The following are in attendance: A.L. Baldwin, Jas Blanscet, J.C. McKenzie, Walter Sutton, J.B. Tracy, E.E. Tracy, J.S. Hungate, Madden Miller, Chas Shufeldt, Miss Della Cann, Miss Lady Bell Waters, Miss Ellen Cronin, Miss Ortha Pollock, Miss Leah Davis,

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Miss Lucy Rogers, T.E. Jones, and Miss Cora Brown.

## Local and Personal Items

Born on Sunday last to Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Anderson, a son.

E.G. Thurmond left yesterday for St Louis and Kansas City to purchase a fall stock of goods.

Lost, near Berlin, a Democrat gold medal pin in shape of crown or horseshoe, with name of Irene Kellum on back. Finder will receive \$3 for returning it to Mrs. Doxey, Berlin.

The Berlin picnic attracted the largest crowd ever gathered in our county and all who went from here report having a good time. The citizens of that neighborhood are to be congratulated on their success.

Friend Bradford left a sack of Irish potatoes at our sanctum the other day to enable us to judge of his ability as a granger. He's a Joe Dandy.

Taylor Kirk has been recaptured and placed in the Cloud Chief jail. He liberated himself by making a key with his teeth from a cartridge shell.

## Proceedings of Board of Commissioners

Roger Mills County, O.T.

Tuesday, January 3, 1899

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners S.R. Richerson, W.A. Bright, and S.F. Maddux; Sheriff Zack Miller and Clerk A.G. Gray.

The following proceedings were had, to wit: W.A. Bright was elected chairman of said court for ensuing year.

Bonds of the following officers were approved, to wit:

S.C. Osborn, probate judge  
Charles B. Thompson, sheriff  
G.W. Hodges, county treasurer  
A.G. Gray, county clerk  
W.B. Stovall, county supt.  
P.S. Taylor, county assessor  
D.C. Fields, county surveyor  
H. Burlison, county attorney  
J.R. Casady, justice of peace, Cheyenne Township  
W.R. Beaty, constable

Reports of county officers for quarter ending December 31st, 1898, submitted and approved as follows, to wit:

John B. Harrison, county attorney  
H.C. Harris, county supt.  
A.L. Thurmond, county treasurer  
A.G. Gray, county clerk  
A.G. Gray, register of deeds  
Zack Miller, sheriff  
Jno E. Leary, probate judge

Appointment of Calvin M. Rosser as undersheriff in and for Roger Mills County, approved by board.

Bond of Stahl & Reed, liquor dealers, submitted and approved.

Brands filed by the following parties ordered, to wit: J.N. Lilly, W. Craig, C.W. McNeil, C.A. Waldrop, F.M. Sears, C.E. Jordan, D.T. Silence, A.R. Witherspoon, J.W. Drew, J.M. Johnson, R.E. Crockett, Geo F. Sisson, J.R. Johnson, G.T. Bowers, W.H. Silence.

Report of viewers and county surveyor relating to road beginning at the SE corner of public square in Cheyenne, thence east to county line, approved.

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Report of county treasurer for quarter ending December 31, 1898, submitted and approved.

Official bond of M.H. Denniston, justice of peace, submitted and allowed, to wit:

#### On Salary Fund

Zack Miller, janitor salary, \$50.00  
W.A. Bright, commissioner, \$37.20  
Jno B. Harrison, county atty., \$150.00  
A.G. Gray, county clerk salary, \$195.00  
A.G. Gray, making 1898 tax rolls, \$75.00  
A.L. Thurmond, treasurer salary, \$195.00  
J.H. Parrish, commissioner's salary, \$37.50

#### On Court Fund

P.S. Doxey, jurors fees \$6.00

#### On Road and Bridge Fund

Gus Jones, \$3.00, E.F. Stephens, \$3.00, and J.T. McReynolds, \$3.00 for viewing county road.

#### On Supply Fund

Leader Printing Co., supplies, \$36.00  
A.L. Thurmond, postage, \$3.00  
L.L. Collins, supplies, \$.60

#### On Contingent Fund

J.B. Harrison, claimed \$7.00, examining teachers and postage, allowed \$6.00  
Cheyenne Sunbeam, publishing, \$76.80

Board adjourned to meet Wednesday,  
January 4, 1899, at 9 a.m.  
A.G. Gray, clerk

### Wednesday, January 4, 1899

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners S.R. Richerson, W.A. Bright, and S.F. Maddux; Under Sheriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:  
Road petition of E.F. Stephens for county road submitted and granted.

Petition of C.W. Hobson et al asking for the opening of certain section lines submitted and granted.

The limit of indebtedness allowed by law to be incurred upon the contingent fund having been reached, it is hereby ordered that the publication of the proceedings of the commissioners court be discontinued until further orders.

The following claims submitted and allowed, to wit:

#### On Contingent Fund

E.F. Stephens, claimed \$5.00, allowed \$4.00  
Gus Jones, claimed \$5.00, allowed \$5.20  
Mac Beeson, claimed \$17.20, allowed \$9.00  
T.W. Walker, claimed \$15.50, allowed \$7.50  
J.N. Lilly, claimed \$11.60, allowed \$7.60  
James Mofeitt, claimed 15.00, allowed \$9.00  
G. W. Graves, claimed 5.20, allowed \$5.20  
A.A. Hitchcock, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
F.O. Leach, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
----Perry, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
F.M. Choat, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
O.L. Keen, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.J. Williams, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
Wm McAnery, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
----Bullard, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
A.P. Hungate, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.O. Kelley, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
A.R. Mofeitt, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
A.O. Miller, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
C.N. Carter, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
Jno B. Harrison, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
David W. Davies, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.P. Johnson, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.H. Catlin, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.D. Dallas, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.Q. McCorkle, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.E. Pullen, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
Tom Lauderdale, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
D.R. Redman, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
W.E. Church, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
L.A. Utley, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
W.G. Brannan, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00

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W.W. Lockhart, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
D. Bassel, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
----Sanders, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
----Sears, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
J.F. Wafford, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00

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**August 18, 1899**

## Normal Notes

The enrollment at the Institute has reached twenty-one. The following teachers matriculated this week: J.M. Winchester, Elmore Williams, J.G. Kimbell, and Miss Puryear.

Prof Baldwin is detained at home this week on account of sickness in his family. Miss Della Cann, J.B. Tracy, and E.E. Tracy, having had long experience as teachers and possessing intimate knowledge of the subjects discussed, are invaluable members of the Institute.

Members of the Institute regret that Prof T.E. Jones and Miss Cora Bowen could not remain with us. They returned to Greer County.

The district board has employed Prof T.E. Jones as principal of the Cheyenne school. Prof Jones is a thorough scholar and an all-around practical teacher. Miss Della Cann, one of the leading teachers of western Oklahoma, has been engaged as first assistant.

## Local and Personal Items

Owing to an outbreak of Texas fever, Washita County has been quarantined for a period of sixty days.

Paul Hoefle of Canadian was here Saturday looking after his business interests.

Mr. B.F. Rosser met with a serious accident last week. In sliding off a load of hay he struck a pitchfork, the tines of which penetrated through his shoulder and arm, inflicting two severe wounds.

Mrs. S.A. Wallace has been appointed deputy district clerk at this place.

Mr. Herring has leased the Cole ranch on the Washita and has purchased the lease right of Mr. Cole in a fine school section.

Died on Tuesday last, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison.

Died last week, the nine day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howerton.

There will be a picnic at the flat top school house, 15 miles west (sic) of Cheyenne, in Day County, on the 24th of August. Everybody cordially invited to bring full baskets. There will be plenty of refreshments on the ground and a platform dance at night. Come early in the morning and stay all day.

C.B. Howerton has purchased S. Curby's bunch of cattle, some 60 head.

The young folks had a pleasant gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burleson last evening.

## Notice

There will be a meeting of confederate veterans at Berlin on the 1st Thursday in September for the purpose of organizing. All old confederates are invited. T.P. Bingham, Chairman

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Joe Dudney, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
A.A. Anderson, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
E.W. Graves, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
A.J. Oldham, claimed \$4.00, allowed \$3.00  
Ab Anderson, claimed \$2.00, allowed \$1.50  
R.D. Anthony, work on election booths, claimed \$2.50, allowed \$1.50  
J.B. Harrison, ex-County Attorney, claimed \$25.00, allowed \$25.00

## On Bridge and Road Fund

W.T. Peace, surveying county road, claimed \$17.00, allowed \$14.00

## On Supply Fund

Jno E. Leary, cordwood, claimed \$9.00, allowed \$4.50  
Jno E. Leary, postage, claimed \$2.26, allowed \$2.26  
H.C. Harris, postage, claimed \$2.50, allowed \$2.50  
A.G. Gray, postage, claimed \$3.28, allowed \$3.28

## On Salary Fund

H.C. Harris, salary, claimed \$69.00 allowed \$57.50  
S.R. Richerson, salary, claimed \$31.25, allowed \$31.25  
Zack Miller, sheriff's fees, \$77.25, allowed \$77.25  
Zack Miller, sheriff's fees, \$2.25, allowed \$2.25  
Zack Miller, attendance of Commissioners Court, claimed \$6.00, allowed \$4.50  
A.G. Gray, transcripts, claimed \$6.00, allowed \$4.50

## On Court Fund

J.E. Leary, judge fees, claimed \$4.20, allowed \$4.20  
J.E. Leary, judge fees, claimed \$43.10, allowed \$43.10  
L.L. Collins, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
J.W. Thurmond, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
Al Jones, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50

W.R. Fishburn, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
Arch Anderson, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
W.R. Beaty, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
G.W. Hodges, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
Jno McCullough, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
B.F. Dudney, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
H.D. Cox, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
C.E. Guernsey, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
George Vanderpool, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
W.W. Stanton, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
H.C. Dykes, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
Jeff Davis, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
Lee Reed, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
A.J. Oldham, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50  
Joe Casady, juror fee, claimed \$.50, allowed \$.50

The following claims submitted and not allowed:

R. Howerton, Geo Holden, B.F. Bates, Ben Smith, Jerry Lauderdale, Author Wells, L.J. Turnbough, and Bill Anderson, claims for services as election challenger \$2.00.

Board adjourned to meet Thursday, January 5, 1899, at 9 a.m.

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners S.R. Richerson, W.A. Bright, and S.F. Maddux; Under Sheriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

The following proceedings were had to wit:

Road petition of Will McDaniel et al submitted and granted.  
Board makes the following appointments, to wit:



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J.B. Freeman to be trustee of Cheyenne township.

Gus Jones to treasurer of Cheyenne township.

Official bond of J.B. Freeman, trustee, submitted and approved.

The county clerk is hereby authorized by the board to move his office and the belongings to some suitable place in town to be chosen by the County Clerk, the county to be at no expense for costs of moving or office rent.

Board reconsiders order of January 4, 1899, in relation to the allowance of H.C. Harris' claim for salary, and allows claim for balance of bill to be filled for allowance at next meeting.

Board Adjourned,  
A.G. Gray, clerk

Monday, April 3rd, 1899, 9 a.m.

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners S.R. Richerson, W.A. Bright, and S.F. Maddux; Under Sheriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:

Road petitions of H.C. Harris et al and Jas H Curran et al submitted and not granted.

Road petitions of V.H. Waggoner et al and W.H. Walker et al submitted and laid on the table.

Road petitions of C.H. Hemphill et al submitted and granted.

Fee reports for quarter ending March 31, 1899, filed by:

A.G. Gray, county clerk  
A.G. Gray, register of deeds  
C.B. Thompson, sheriff  
S.C. Osborn, coroner

S.C. Osborn, probate judge  
G.W. Hodges, county treasurer

Submitted and approved

Quarterly reports for quarter ending March 31, 1899, of J.R. Casady, justice of peace; W.B. Stovall, county supt., submitted and approved.

Return of inquest held by S.C. Osborn, probate judge and acting coroner, upon the body of E.R. Smith, on the 8th day of March, 1899, approved.

Official bond of Gus Jones submitted and approved.

It appearing to the commissioners court that there are sufficient funds now in the county sinking fund to cancel one of the county bonds, it is hereby ordered that the county treasurer proceed to cancel bond #1, of series 7, dated October 16, 1895.

Brands filed by James H. Cooper, E. White, W.T. Hatley, W.R. Jones, G.W. Campbell, J.W. Sauer, Ollie Purdy, and S.F. Maddux, were found not to conflict with those previously recorded, and same are ordered recorded.

The following claims submitted and allowed, to wit:

On Salary fund  
H.C. Harris, salary \$11.50  
S.R. Richerson, salary \$37.50  
T.E. Standifer, expert testimony, \$11.25  
J.P. Miller, expert testimony, \$11.25

On Court fund  
A.L. Thurmond, jury fees \$5.00  
J.S. Thurmond, jury fees \$5.00  
D.H. Arnold, jury fees \$5.00  
Alb Anderson, jury fees \$5.00  
D.W. Witherspoon, jury fees \$3.00  
J.H. Evans, jury fees \$3.00



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## On Road and Bridge fund

D.C. Fields, surveying, claimed \$15, allowed \$10.

## On Poor and Insane fund

A.J. Oldham, burying pauper, claimed \$1.50, allowed \$1.00

J.H. Parrish, supplies for pauper, \$7.95

W.C. Evans, burying pauper, claimed \$2.00 allowed \$1.00

Thurmond Bros, supplies for pauper, \$9.50

## On Supply fund

J.H. Parrish, supplies, \$6.25

George Brown, cordwood, \$12.25

A.G. Gray, stove wood and express supplies, \$8.45

L.L. Collins, supplies, \$7.45

Thurmond Bros, supplies, \$4.20

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**August 25, 1899**

## Killing in Day County

Word was brought to town Monday evening of a killing in Day County some ten miles east from Grand, at the ranch of Harry Hamilton. From what we can learn it appears that Hamilton and four other men had a bunch of cattle rounded up near his dugout when he saw Ira Cooper and John Hensley approaching. There had been trouble between the men, and as Cooper was coming up Hamilton told him to keep away or he'd kill him. Cooper replied that he guessed Hamilton wouldn't shoot and proceeded to ride closer. Hamilton then took a Winchester from a fence against which it had been leaning and shot Cooper through the left arm. The latter fell or got off his horse, drawing his

pistol as he did so. Five other shots were then fired, three by Cooper and two by Hamilton, after which Cooper was found to have received another wound in his left shoulder and still another in the head, the latter shattering the entire skull into small pieces and causing instant death. Hamilton received a slight wound in the face, and is in jail. Until the examining trial it will be hard to get all the facts. We simply give the above as it was told to us by several parties who have been over in the neighborhood of the trouble. Cooper was buried here on Tuesday last.

## Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges have been up in the Panhandle the past week visiting old friends.

The ladies of Cheyenne will give an ice-cream social at the church house Monday evening for the purpose of raising funds with which to purchase an organ. Everybody invited.

Born on Monday last to Mr. and Mrs. House, a daughter.

Will trade 2 good hogs for a No. 12 breach-loading shot gun. Sampson Curby

## Proceedings of Board of Commissioners

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The following claims submitted and laid on table, to wit:

J.H. Osborn, examining teachers, \$3.00

J.B. Harrison, examining teacher, \$6.00

Zack Miller, buggy and team for County Attorney

Board adjourned, to meet Tuesday, April 4, 1899, at 9 a.m.

A.G. Gray, Clerk

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Tuesday, April 4, 1899

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners W.A. Bright, S.R. Richerson, and S.F. Maddux; Under Sheriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

Following proceedings had to wit:  
Erroneous assessment of D.J. Cox for year 1899 corrected.

Report of County Surveyor and road viewers Cheyenne and Berlin road approved.

The following claims allowed:

On Salary Fund

H. Burleson, salary \$150.00  
W.A. Bright, salary \$37.50  
A.G. Gray, salary \$121.15  
G.W. Hodges, salary, \$200.00  
C.B. Thompson, salary \$50.00  
Plus guarding jail: \$31.00  
Plus fees totaling: \$94.80  
C.M. Rosser, attending Jail \$54.00  
S.F. Maddux, salary \$37.00  
S.C. Osborn, coroner fees 424.00  
W.B. Stovall, salary \$57.00

On Supply Fund

W.G. Morris, supplies, \$56.25  
H. Burleson, supplies, \$6.35

On Court Fund

S.C. Osborn, judges costs \$25.05  
J.R. Casady, justice \$9.15

On Contingent Fund

J.B. Harrison, examining teachers \$6.00  
J.H. Osborn, examining teachers \$3.00  
Zack Miller, buggy and team \$3.00  
J.W. Miller, board for jurors, \$4.20  
J.B. Blunt, making grave for pauper \$3.00

The following claims submitted and laid on table, to wit:

State Capital Printing Co., supplies \$2.50

J.R. Casady, repairs on jail \$.70

W.R. Beaty, removing cow from Townsite, \$1.00

C.B. Thompson, postage, \$3.00

Calvin M. Rosser, boarding prisoners \$32.40

Leader Printing Co., supplies, \$42.65

J.W. McMurtry, legal service, \$75.00

Cheyenne Sunbeam, Publishing \$20.30

Charles Miller, supplies, \$2.25

L.A. Beaty, supplies \$14.65

G.W. Hodges, supplies \$5.95

G.W. Hodges, postage, \$2.50

H.M. Anderson, wood, \$3.00

The following claims submitted and disallowed, to wit:

A.G. Gray, services Territory vs Ed Wilms, \$6.50

H.D. Cox, bridge repair, \$3.00

Board adjourned to meet at 1 p.m.

Present Commissioners: S.R. Richerson and S.F. Maddux, Under Sherriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

Following proceedings had to wit:

S.R. Richerson elected chairman pro tem.

S.C. Osborn, judges fees allowed, \$6.65

Report of S.C. Osborn, judge case #58, probate court, submitted and approved.

Brand recorded in name of Evans & Slane changed to name J.M. Evans.

Ordered that county treasurer refund to J.W. Turner all 1898 tax paid by J.W. Turner in excess of 1898 levy.

Board adjourned

A.G. Gray, clerk

Monday, June 5, 1899

County board of equalization met pursuant to law. Present: County Commissioners W.A. Bright, S.R. Richerson, and S.F. Maddux, Probate Judge S.C. Osborn, County Assessor

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P.S. Taylor, Sheriff C.B. Thompson, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

Following proceedings had, to wit;

The board, after examining the assessment rolls for the year 1899, finds the total assessed valuation as shown by said rolls for the year, 1899 of Roger Mills county to be \$666,582.00, and the board hereby approves said rolls as returned by the assessor of Roger Mills County and declares the assessed valuation of Roger Mills County for the year 1899 to \$666582.00.

Board adjourned  
A.G. Gray, clerk

## Proceedings of Board of Commissioners Roger Mills County, O.T.

Wednesday, July 5, 1899

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners W.A. Bright, S.R. Richerson, and S.F. Maddux; Under Sheriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

The following liquor dealers submitted and approved, to wit:

Strong & Anderson  
R. Cook  
Hoefle and Burlingame

Brands filed by the following parties compared with those on record, found not to conflict, and ordered recorded, to wit: J.W. Weddle, A.C. Taylor, J.H. Stilwell, Etta Parrish, J.H. Osborn, J.W. Sollers, Aurey Dewey, Nona Dewey, H.B. Dewey, Wm Dewey, John Dewey, J.W. Evans, R.W. Glover, A.E. Parrish, A.L. Taylor, W.T. Brown, M.B. Carrell, A.W. Fuchs, Mary O. Company, L. Potter, P.S. Taylor & Son, Joe Beasley, J.M. Savage, L.H. Savage, W.C. Savage, Ed Woods, Tom Jackson, Jeff Ewton, and J.M. Johnson.

Brand filed by Carrie Parrish found to conflict and ordered not recorded.

Board adjourned  
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*(Note: There was more business conducted by the commissioners that I have not transcribed. The names being published have become very repetitive. I will only add the names that I come across that have not been previously listed.)*

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, James T. House for: e ½ sw ¼ and nw ¼ se ¼ sec 35 twp 16 n r 21 w; witnesses: Pleasant Tackett, Washington Driver, John Taylor, James Vosburg, all of Hammond (sic) O.T.

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**September 1, 1899**

## Educational Notes

There were fifteen applicants examined at the close of the Institute. Two secured first grade certificates, three second, and nine third grade. Only one failed.

The scholastic population of Roger Mills County is 1424, an increase of 538 over last year.

A Teachers association has been organized in this county. The first meeting will be held at Berlin on Friday evening Sept. 29, and will continue till Saturday evening. A program has been prepared.

Quite a number of the schools will begin Monday.

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Another election has been called to vote bonds for the Cheyenne school building.

The Mangum Star says: We can congratulate the patrons of Cheyenne upon their excellent choice in the selection of a school superintendant. Prof Jones had been one of the leading teachers of this county for the past several years and we can heartily commend him to his patrons in his new field.  
Sheriff's Sale



Twenty-seven (27) head of one, two, and three year old steers, branded -- on left thigh will be sold at 1 o'clock p.m. on the ninth day of September, 1899 at the court house door in Cheyenne, County of Roger Mills, Territory of Oklahoma. Terms of sale, cash. Taken on said delinquent tax warrant as the property of R.P. Hutton. Dated 29th day of August 1899.

C.B. Thompson, Sheriff

## Local and Personal Items

Forrest McKinley, the government's special agent, was here last week. He said that less complaint is heard from Roger Mills County than from any other county in his district. Greer County is the seat of trouble now, and he has gone there to investigate and straighten matters out.

Mrs. Giles, an accomplished and affable lady, is endeavoring to get up an art class in Cheyenne for the coming winter. She should receive every encouragement, as a class of that kind would be of incalculable benefit to our community.

District court has been postponed from September 19 to September 25.

Drs. Nelson & Nelson will be in Cheyenne October 10th, prepared to do all kinds of dental work in a first-class manner.

W.T. Bonner has gone east to purchase a fall stock of goods.

Clarence Thurmond is rustivating in the mountains of Colorado.

A.G. Gray returned from Canadian Sunday evening, bringing with him Mrs. Gray's sister, Mrs. Case, who will spend a few weeks here.

Berlin is to have a newspaper. Mr. Mounts, the gentleman who is to launch the enterprise, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. The Sunbeam extends its best wishes for the success of the paper and its editor.

Died on Thursday, August 24, at Fort Worth, Mrs. Chas Hensley. Her remains were buried at Jacksboro, Texas.

Died on Tuesday last, at her home on the Washita, Mrs. Cooper.

Mr. Doxey and Mr. Sutton passed town Wednesday with 400 beef steers, which they will ship to Kansas City.

The ice cream festival Monday evening netted \$21.95, which was more than could have been expected from the limited attendance.

A light rain fell here last night, and the indications are good for more. The extremely hot weather of the past few weeks made the change very acceptable.

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Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners W.A. Bright, S.R. Richerson, and S.F. Maddux; Under Sheriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

Following proceedings had, to wit:

## On Court Fund

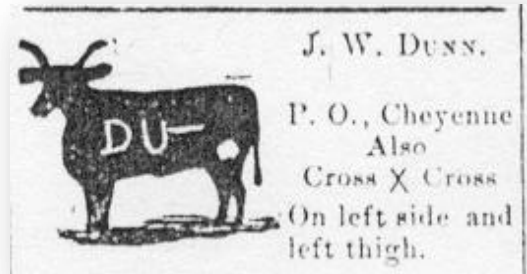
The following were allowed their claim to jury fees: H.D. Cox, W.C. Evans, George Graves, W.R. Fishburn, Frank Tatum, T.H. Thompson, L.L. Collins, D. Arnold, W.A. Beaty, W.T. Bonner, A.J. Oldham, B.J. Fitzgerald, H.B. Bradford, W.A. Perry, D.C. McReynolds, S.J. Patterson, W.S. Farmer, J.M. Farmer, J.C. Hart, Nath Little, W.T. Brown, G.W. Vanderpool, W.M. Wright, Will Rutherford, J.H. Sing, C.B. Dallas, R.B. Francis, F.H. Walker, Geo Shufeldt, D.J. Thomas, W.T. Walker, Frank Wafford, Joe Dudney, Arch Anderson, S.J. Hensley, and Edgar Taylor; for expert testimony, Dr. J.M. Johnson. Flossie Cameron, court stenographer's fees, allowed \$31.00.

Board makes an estimate of the necessary expenses of county during the ensuing year, to wit:

Salary Fund	\$6308.00
Court Fund	\$2998.00
Supply Fund	\$1112.00
Contingent Fund	\$1328.00
Sinking Fund	\$1328.00
School Fund	\$166.00
Poor & Insane Fund	\$166.00
Road & Bridge Fund	\$332.00

Board adjourned  
A.G. Gray, Clerk

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**September 8, 1899**

## Educational Notes

Mrs. Trotterman of Washita County is to teach the school at the Taylor school house on Elk Creek.

Miss Lucy Rogers is teaching the school on Nine Mile. Miss Lucy is inexperienced, but she possesses all the elements of a successful teacher.

Prof Simpson has been engaged to teach the school at Boggy. He is a graduate of the high school, Dublin, Texas.

The school at Crowe commenced Monday, Prof J.B. Tracy in charge. There is not a better teacher in the county than Mr. Tracy. We congratulate the people of Crowe on securing his services.

Mr. J.C. McKenzie, the young gentleman who made such an excellent record during the Institute, is teaching the Timber Creek School. Mr. McKenzie is a well equipped teacher, and we expect to hear good reports from his school.

The Statutes provide that the Territorial fund shall be apportioned between the fifteenth of July and the first of August. This is the eighth day of September and we have heard nothing of the apportionment. There may be something "rotten in Denmark."



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Everybody is talking railroad now. That something of great importance to Cheyenne is about to happen is evident, but what is it—two railroads?



The merchants of Cheyenne receive about 100,000 pounds of freight weekly at the present time and this amount will be largely increased as fall advances.



There will be no open season this year when cattle can come in indiscriminately. After November 1st and until January 1st cattle can come in after inspection by federal and territorial officers if found to be free from ticks. No charge will be made for inspection.

Greer County has been quarantined till November 1st by the territorial live stock board.



Mr. Fuller, live stock agent of the Choctaw railroad company, was in town yesterday. He said that the engineers were to have been put in the field last Friday to run a line from Weatherford, Ok., to Amarillo, Texas. Owing to some delay on the eastern end of the road they did not start at that time, but are probably now in the field. Mr. Fuller thought that the road would follow the Washita River as far as practicable, but had no authentic information on that point. The investigation conducted by the engineers would settle that matter. Of one thing Mr. Fuller seemed to be certain, and that was that the road would be built as close as possible to the water courses, so as to facilitate the shipment of cattle.



## Oklahoma School Money<sup>4</sup>

Superintendent of Public Instruction Hopkins has completed the semi-annual apportionment of school money derived from the leasing of school sections. On the basis of a school population of 101,474, as shown by the recently completed census, the various counties will be benefited in the following amounts:

Roger Mills: 886 children; \$141.76  
Day: 364 children; \$58.24

## Local and Personal Items

The public school commences here October 2nd. Prompt attendance of scholars is necessary to enable teachers to secure best results and parents should do their part by seeing that their children are on hand by 9 a.m. on day of opening

A protracted meeting commenced in the Methodist church last Wednesday evening, with Elder Randall in charge.

<sup>4</sup> Excerpt from an article printed inside this issue under the heading OKLAHOMA. Day, Beaver (873), and Roger Mills counties have the least amount of students in the territory and Lincoln County having the most at 17,800 and receiving \$1,248.00.



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Three attorneys of Cheyenne, appreciating the advantages of education, contributed liberally to the school fund Wednesday.

Lee Seese, brother of Mrs. W.G. Morris, came here from the Panhandle country Wednesday.

S.A. Wallace has had a well dug in his pasture adjoining town and secured an ample supply of water at a depth of thirty-two feet.

Members of the summer elocution and music class are requested to meet at the school house at 1 o'clock p.m. Saturday, Sept 9th. This class will meet every Saturday afternoon for eight months, for work. Tuition free to all pupils attending the Cheyenne schools the coming year.

T.E. Jones, Teacher



Married on Wednesday last, at the home of the bride's parents on the Washita, Mr. W. Williams and Miss Minnie Anderson, Judge Osborn, officiating.

Mr. Bradley, a banker of Weatherford, Ok., was in town several days this week.

Mr. S.J. Wiley will move his family to town during the coming school term if he can get a house.

A.O. Miller wants to rent a town residence, but there is no chance to rent. Twenty houses could be rented in a week if they were built.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Brown, a daughter.

A party of Rock Island surveyors were said to have been in the neighborhood of Hammond (sic) last week.

Mr. Silence, who went to the Klondike during the rush has just written home to his family saying that he is doing well, making twenty dollars a day and saving eighteen. Mrs. Silence will sell out their claim here and will join her husband.

Oscar and Peter Thurmond have gone to Kansas City with a bunch of steers. This is Peter's first trip, and no doubt but he'll have some wonderful experiences to relate on his return.

W.T. Bonner and Clarence Thurmond returned on last evening's stage and are now busy recounting their adventures with the wily city denizens.

Bill McKay, one of the old-time plainsmen who spent their younger days on the frontier of Texas was in town Wednesday. Bill has now settled down to pastoral pursuits and was here purchasing a number of hay-forks, not that he has any use for them individually, but he wanted them and he wanted someone to handle them, whilst Bill sits in the shade and prepares the meals as of yore, with cow-chips gathered from the verdant prairie surrounding Meridian lake. Bill is all right, if he does occasionally get on a high lonesome.

Miss Williams is conducting a writing school here.

H.C. Harris is having an addition built to his town residence.

Rosco Johnson and Ernest Beaty will attend the Territorial Normal school.

Prof T.E. Jones returned Wednesday from Greer County, bringing his household goods with him.

John Jackson has moved his family into town to be ready for school.

Mrs. Turnbough's parents came up from Greer County last week and after taking a few

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days rest returned Wednesday, taking Mrs. Turnbough with them; and now Luther is a batch.

A stranger in town Saturday said it was so hot where he came from that people had to throw their hogs into the creek every day to "tighten 'em up so as they'd hold swill," and thought that it would be that way here if it didn't rain soon.

The preliminary trial of Harry Hamilton at Grand last Friday resulted in the prisoner being committed to jail without bond, to await the action of the grand jury which meets there this month.

Mrs. Slane's residence on Main Street is about completed. It is one of the neatest looking places in town.

W.E. Lilly of Chillicothe, Mo., contemplates establishing a nursery in our county in the near future.



Stanford Whatley has gone to Galveston on a pleasure trip.

Madden Miller left Saturday for Fort Worth where he will attend college.

Dr. Standifer's brother will take the doctor's position as government doctor at the Red Moon agency.

Mr. Blanscet of Wood has gone to Arkansas to visit his mother who is in her 82nd year.

Mr. and Mrs. L.L. Collins are spending a vacation at their old home in Ohio.

The coming season of school in Cheyenne promises to be exceptionally good. Some twenty new houses will be erected by parties who desire to give their children a thorough education.

Rev T.H. Kinser will start for Virginia next week on a visit to his parents.

We thought a few weeks ago that our county would produce a monster crop of corn this year, but some of the late planting is said to be poor and may reduce the average to thirty-five bushels per acre.

## Proceedings of Board of Commissioners Roger Mills County, O.T.

(Continued from last week)

Thursday, July 6, 1899

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met pursuant to adjournment. Those present were: Commissioners W.A. Bright, S.R. Richerson, and S.F. Maddux; Under Sheriff C.M. Rosser, and Clerk A.G. Gray.

The following petition of Thurmond Bros et al submitted, to wit:

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T.

We the undersigned citizens and taxpayers, respectfully represent that the growth of population and consequent increase of

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business demands that suitable offices be provided for the public business and safe keeping of the records, which might by accident of fire prove an irreparable loss, and believing that a wise economy dictates that the county can better afford to build and own such building, as the saving in rents and convenience of citizens having business in such offices, and believing that a suitable building large enough to contain the various offices and a suitable room for holding court cannot be built, however plain, for less than \$2000.00, and realizing such sum to be in excess of legal levy, we promise to pay various sums set opposite our names on completion of such building as before stated: Thurmond Bros. \$70, L.A. Beaty \$45, Calvin Rosser \$12, G.W. Hodges \$40, T.E. Standifer \$12, J.H. Parrish \$5, Jno B. Harrison \$12, J.W. McMurtry \$18, Stahl & Reed \$30, W.G. Morris \$6, J.P. Miller \$18, C.B. Thompson \$12, A.S. McKinney \$12, Strong & Anderson \$12, Zack Miller \$12, J.W. Miller \$15, L.L. Collins \$12, B.F. Dudney \$5, G.E. Shufeldt \$5, A.O. Miller \$2.50, A. Hall \$2.50, C.G. Miller \$7, Charles Guernsey \$15, A.G. Gray \$12, Hoefle & Co. \$30, S.C. Osborn \$12, J.E. Leary \$12, J. Lusby \$.50, H.D. Cox \$32, and John Taylor \$12

And now the commissioners court after duly considering the expenses of rent for the offices of the several county officers, and which the county would be required to meet during the ensuing three years, and finding that the same would amount to about the sum of \$15,000, and deeming that the public convenience demands a suitable building for court purposes, and believing that it will require the sum of \$20,000 to erect such a building,

Resolves to erect a court house and to pay the sum of \$2,000 for the same, and the above proposition of Thurmond Bros et al is hereby accepted, it being expressly agreed and provided that the amounts subscribed by the

said Thurmond Bros et al be deposited in the Cheyenne State Bank, at Cheyenne, O.T., on or before the 30th day of August, 1899, subject to the order of the commissioners court on the completion of the afore described court house.

And it is ordered by the court that the sum of \$1500.00 be appropriated out of the court fund levy for the year 1899 to pay the amount required in addition to the \$500.00 subscribed by Thurmond Bros et al to erect the aforementioned court house.

Agreement entered into between the Board of County Commissioners and John E. Leary whereby the commissioners of Roger Mills County agree to issue bonds of said Roger Mills county in settlement of a certain judgment held to be exchanged dollar for dollar.

Board adjourned  
A.G. Gray, County Clerk

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**September 15, 1899**

The praises of the beautiful Washita valley have been sung by poets and delineated by painters, but that's no reason why the railroad won't split it wide open.

Now is the time to buy town lots in Cheyenne.

The railroad has been following the water courses so far. Is there any special reason why this rule will be broken when Roger Mills County hills echo to the sound of the iron horse?

The Berlin Venture is the name of our latest exchange, and is published by N.S. Mounts & Sons. It is a well printed newsy paper and should be liberally patronized by the citizens of Berlin.

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The fourteenth annual Texas State Fair will open at Dallas Sept. 28th and close Oct. 22nd.

The Odd Fellows of Canadian, Texas, will give a grand ball and supper on the night of Sept 22.

Contractor Cox has commenced building the addition to our public school. When completed the building will have floor space of 96x160 feet. Yet, from present indications we will have to enlarge again next year.

The Choctaw surveyors have not started out yet, but are expected to be in the field in a few days. It is said that as soon as the Choctaw starts from Weatherford the Rock Island will leave Mountain View.

On Monday Cheyenne voted on the bonding of the district for the purpose of building more school buildings. The interest in Cheyenne over school matters may be judged from the fact that there was not a vote cast against the issuing of bonds.

Prof Jones, the principal of our public schools, is not only a thoroughly qualified educator, but he is a liberal-minded, public spirited man who works incessantly, in school and out, for the best interests of the community.

## Educational Notes

The territorial Treasurer writes that the July apportionment of the school fund is tied up by an injunction suit in the Supreme Court and will not be decided until the January term of that court.

The school at Berlin opened Monday, with Prof T.L. VanVacter in charge.

Miss Poly Puryear is teaching the Buffalo school.

Prof Dame has an interesting school on Kiowa.

We call the attention of teachers again to the meeting at Berlin on Sept 29th and 30th.

Prof A.L. Baldwin is teaching the young ideas "how to shoot" at the Indian creek school house.

Prof E.E. Tracy has donned the pedagogical robes again and is wielding the rod at Custer Bend school house.

Miss Myrtle Dice has a large school on Sandstone. The people of that community are highly pleased with her as a teacher.

## Local and Personal Items

A report was brought to town this morning that Norman Newman has been captured in New Mexico.

Arch Anderson has purchased three hundred yearlings and is looking for more.

L.T. Bowman has gone to Greer County for 1000 head of steers which he purchased from Mr. Hext. He is also gathering other small bunches purchased in this county.

Misses Kate and Ruth Fields who have been visiting friends at Altus, left there recently for Decatur, Texas.

Mrs. Slane, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Warren sold their spring crop of calves at \$16.

J.J. Puryear, one of the substantial citizens of our county, gave us a pleasant call Monday, and left a sample of currency which will insure him the Sunbeam for one year.

Mr. Geo Turner and family left on Monday to attend a meeting and visit friends at Guthrie and Lexington.

Miss Helen Cronin, the belle of Beaver Dam, has accepted and is filling a position behind the counters in Mr. Parrish's store.

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Mr. Chris Kimbell left on Monday to attend school at Hillsboro, Texas.

Squire Hungate of Kiowa was in town this week, trading with our wide awake merchants.

S.S. McCathern, living in the southwest part of Roger Mills County was in our town Monday. He is one of the old Indian fighters and frontiersman of the early days of this country.

Miss Belle Anderson has been in town this week visiting her many friends.

Mr. Tubbs, living north-east of town, came in from Texas last week with a bunch of horses. He will soon make a flying trip to Seymour, Texas, in order to bring his children here to help swell the number of school children in our city schools.

Mr. "Bob" Mead, one of Greer County's best citizens, was in Cheyenne last week.

There will be a big wolf hunt next Monday, September 18. The start will be made at W.M. Tubbs' on Plumb Creek, two miles west of town. Bring out your trailing hounds.

Commissioner Maddux was in town Monday.

Miss Laura Kimbell has returned from Texas, and will be a pupil in the Cheyenne school the coming year.

Prof J.B. Tracy was on the city streets on Monday. His school at Crowe has been postponed three weeks.

Prof E.E. Tracy, who is teaching on Nine Mile, was in town last Saturday and Sunday.

Sheriff Thompson showed his nerve and fearlessness of danger when, last week, he walked across Broadway in the face of an

angry man with a shotgun in his hands and demanded and took said gun from said man.

At the meeting of Confederate Veterans at Berlin last week, the following were elected for the next year: T.P. Bingham, Capt; E.G. Thurmond, Adj. Business transacted: The next general reunion will be held at Cheyenne City, Sept. 3rd, 1900. Committee of Arrangements: Jas Jackson, J.M. Hefferman, W.W. Anderson, J.H. Richerson, and B.F. Rosser. Cheyenne will give the old soldiers a royal welcome at the reunion.

Jas Jackson has some cattle to sell and some lumber to buy and some carpenters to hire, to build a dwelling house in town. The school is the attraction.

Pleasant weather is here again.

Mr. John Jackson has been helping Mr. Beaty in the store this week.

Mr. Wallace is getting as handy as any clerk of long experience in the position of district clerk.

Ex-county surveyor Peace was in town Monday with a number of settlers who were filling on Mills County lands.

All persons who are interested in organizing a brass band at Cheyenne are requested to meet at the school house on Saturday night, Sept. 16th.

Calvin Rosser, the wide-awake undersheriff, made an extended trip to the southeastern part of the county this week to invite witnesses to come to court.

Our popular p.m. Chas Miller, is assisting behind Merchant Hodge's counter.

Doug Hammond and his wife have returned from Hot Springs, Ark., where they went for the benefit of Mrs. Hammond's health.



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Mrs. Gallion of Arapahoe, and Mrs. Dodder of Lawrence, Kansas, were visiting their sister, Mrs. Wm Slane. Both ladies are accompanied by their husband and children.

H.M. West, a farmer on Elk creek, is said to have raised 350 bushels of onions on one acre of land.

A license has been issued to Wm G. Brown and Mrs. Nettie Crane, of Hammon, and the ceremony is to take place Sunday.

We always thought the Calvin Rosser was a free trade democrat, but Joe Miller says that he is a Jim Blain reciprocity man, believing that one accommodation deserves another.

Commissioner Bright and wife were here Monday admiring the growing wonder of western Oklahoma.

John Dunn one of the most successful stockmen in these parts, came to town Monday for a little relaxation. It's a pity some of our girls don't snap him up if he's snapable.

Mr. J.M. Mofeitt and family, living on Sweetwater, were in town this week visiting and trading. A strictly business man in educational affairs as well as financial, he has wisely selected the Cheyenne school to send at least one of his boys to.

John Salyer, the genial chief engineer of Thurmond Bros mule train, will commence the erection of a town residence right away.

John Bowman is said to be the champion rifle shot of the C&A country, barring the bald headed editor.

Mr. F.E. Herring will build a residence here and is looking up suitable lots.

Carl Fuchs and Walter Fuchs were in Judge Osborn's court Friday charged with assault and attempting to kill J.H. Cosper on

Thursday. The case was continued till today, the 15th, and defendants placed under a bond of \$1000 each.

Some excitement was caused in town Friday evening by the arrest of Carl Fuchs of the Buffalo creek neighborhood on a charge of assault with intent to kill J.H. Cosper, a resident of Nine Mile creek in Day County. From the evidence it appeared that the trouble was expected between the two men owing to circumstances which transpired the day previous, and which they had come to town to adjust in court. J.H. Cosper testified that he was walking down Broadway when Fuchs called to him. Seeing that Fuchs had a shotgun, Cosper did not stop but proceeded to make tracks across the street and got behind a horse hitched there. Fuchs followed some distance calling twice more but stopped with only the width of the street between them, and stood there until Sheriff Thompson crossed over and took charge of his gun. Some of the witnesses to the affair evidently thought Fuchs meant to shoot, but their testimony was not convincing to the court and as there was no evidence of threats being used, the judge found the defendant not guilty.

And now there is talk of a divorce.

Ab Anderson has returned from Kansas City where he went for medical treatment, looking young and frisky as a spring chicken.

We are sorry to learn the W.H. Anderson or "Black Bill" as his chums call him, is under treatment for cancer.

Mrs. H.P. Goodwin will have a residence built on the site formerly occupied by the Cheyenne hotel, to give the boys a chance to attend school.

Our town was visited by a heavy rain Friday night, but Saturday night brought a regular cistern filler, and now Cheyenne is heeled for the dry winter which is generally our portion.

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G.W. Hodges was taken violently ill on the way home for Berlin last week, but is now all right.

Elder W.C. Morris will move his family to town before school opens.

W. C. Ernest has taken a trip to Pecos City, Texas, to visit relatives and his best girl. He is a bright young business man and his employers, the Thurmond Bros, miss him.

George Hutton was in town Wednesday nursing a bone felon which, from the careful manner in which he handled it, must be a special pet.

Miss E. Williams of Greer County closes a successful writing school at this place today.

Our efficient and polite county clerk, Alfred Gray, returned from Canadian on Monday evening, where he had been with his wife on a visit to relatives. Mrs. Gray will remain over there for a month's visit.

There were 186 filings made in Roger Mills County during the month of August.

Elder Pickering is thinking of moving to Dewey County.

Steve Alexander, or Hercules the second, is in town taking a rest with his little daughter Miss Nene. It is the general opinion that Steve is the strongest man in Oklahoma, and his services are much in demand.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Edward A. Bright for sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 24 twp 12 r 23 w; witnesses: John Richerson, Edward Lee, Albert Sellers, Walter Richerson, all of Berlin.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention

to make final proof in support of his claim, Rufinia F. VanVacter for, e  $\frac{1}{2}$  se  $\frac{1}{4}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  se  $\frac{1}{4}$  and se  $\frac{1}{4}$  ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 4 twp 9 n r 21 w; witnesses: Charles H. Cope, Bennie B. VanVacter, Joseph McDonald, Jesse T. Gibbons, all of Ural.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Archie A. Anderson for H.E. 8591, e  $\frac{1}{2}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  and ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 29 twp 14 n r 24 w; Frank Turner, John E. Leary, L.C. Anderson, J.W. Miller, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Mary E. Bright, widow of David Bright for w  $\frac{1}{2}$  se  $\frac{1}{4}$  se  $\frac{1}{4}$  sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 26 and ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 35 twp 12 n r 23 w; witnesses: Joseph Sollers, Benjamin F. Rosser, Seth Millington, John Richerson, all of Berlin.

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## September 22, 1899

If the railroad doesn't strike Cheyenne soon it will take all the mules in the C&A country to haul freight to our merchants.

Everybody is talking railroad now. That something of great importance to Cheyenne is about to happen is evident, but what is it—two railroads?—*Sunbeam*

More likely a mud scow line up the raging Washita.—*Berlin Venture*

From envy, hatred, malice and all uncharitableness, good Lord deliver us.

This little village on Major creek, sometimes called Cheyenne, is suffering from a lumber famine and newcomers have had to start business in a tent. All through the spring

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and summer Mr. Cox has had four eight-mule teams on his own constantly on the road, besides hired teams, hauling lumber here, but the demand has been so great that it hardly ever went to the lumber yard, but was delivered from the wagons to purchasers. Nothing short of a railroad can supply the demand.

The citizens of the city on the head waters of the raging Washita suddenly became deeply imbued with the idea that Roger Mills County needed a court house and needed it bad gummed bad and the alacrity with which they got to the front with subscriptions to a court house fund indicates that somebody was "mighty bad skeered."—*Berlin Venture*

The outlook for old Mobeetie was never brighter. When the government decided to sell the old fort singly and separately it knew that a railroad was coming through the old Fort. If the railroad ever does strike the old fort a city will spring up there that will surprise the natives and don't you forget it.—*Miami Chief*

## Educational Notes

Dr. Bates Morris has been requested to deliver his lecture on "Language, Its Origin and History," on Friday night, September 29, at Berlin. Dr. Morris has kindly accepted the invitation, and teachers attending the Association may expect a treat. This popular lecture has been delivered at Music Hall, St. Louis, and before several college literary clubs, and well received by a critical public.

The citizens of Berlin will furnish teachers entertainment free during the Association.

Mrs. Maggie Wyatt, of Mangum, has been employed to teach at the Taylor school house, Elk creek. Mrs. Wyatt taught at this place last fall and winter, and the people were highly pleased with her work.

Prof J.H. Osborn will teach the school on Dead Indian. Prof Osborn is a first class teacher and we congratulate the people of Dead Indian on securing his services.

Miss Davis, of Custer County, is prospecting for a school in this county.

We should be pleased to have teachers send in notes for this column.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Hugh M. Colburn for e ½ sw ¼ and w ½ se ¼ (10) twp 13 n r 24 w I.M; witnesses: Thomas B. Cree, Thomas Cree, Jr., Flemming McGinnis, William J. Colburn, all of Cheyenne.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Mary J. Barker for ne ¼ sec 1 twp 9 n r 23 w I.M; witnesses: John B. Freeman, Fountain D. Sutton, James R. Richerson, of Berlin, O.T., Stephen A. Blanscet, of Wash, O.T.

## OKLAHOMA

### Important Events of the Territory

S.N. Hopkins, territorial auditor, is receiving from the clerks of the counties financial statements of the counties for the year ending June 30. Reports have been received from the following counties.

Day—Expenses, \$5,488.43; aggregate indebtedness, \$7936.54; taxable property \$358,280; levy 24 mills; bonded indebtedness \$7,500; sinking fund, \$1,218.58; taxes collected, \$7,420.36.

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Roger Mills—Expenses, \$6,563.46; warrants outstanding, \$195.55; aggregate indebtedness, \$23,803.49; taxable property, \$679,558; levy, 17.5 mills; floating indebtedness, \$14,155.94; bonded indebtedness, \$9,450; sinking fund, \$660.11; taxes collected, \$5,972.52.

## Local and Personal Items

W.W. Duke started a bunch of 190 beeves to market Tuesday.

Married at Pecos City, Texas, Mr. Wm Earnest and Miss Alma Bunting. The happy couple arrived in Cheyenne Sunday and were overwhelmed with congratulation from their many friends.

Mr. Young is preparing to enlarge his town residence to be ready for school.

The Hamilton and Murcheson murder cases in Day County have been transferred to Enid, where they will be tried next month.

Mr. Smith and Miss Alice Whatley were married last Sunday by Judge Osborn. The bride and groom live on Nine Mile. The knot, when tied by the judge, is hard to unravel.

Mr. Tom Jackson moved his cattle to Greer County this week. He will keep them there through the winter. Cheer up, Aching Heart, he will return in the spring.

Miss Francis Campbell was in town Wednesday trading and visiting. She will attend the Cheyenne school.

Mr. J.W. Tubbs has moved to his brother's place in order to be near the school.

Miss E. Williams is teaching a second term in penmanship.

Peter Thurmond has been busy the past week telling his chums of the wonders of Kansas City. It was a great trip for him.

Mr. W.W. Anderson and family will move into town in order to be close to the school. Some time ago WW started off to hunt for a better location than he now has, but after a long search he returned, convinced that such a place was not to be found.

The hammer and saw are heard on the new school house.

John Beaty has a brand new wheel. When he rides up and down the street a score of admiring boys follow him. It reminds one of his boyhood days when the circus came to town.

The rain which flooded this section Saturday interfered some with the fodder stacking, but it left the land in fine shape for plowing and grain sowing. One acre plowed now will produce as much as two acres plowed next spring.

Mr. Hodges has a force of men out baling hay.

A farmer was in town recently with a load of onions which he promptly sold to our merchants at \$1.25 per bushel. He said that this was his first crop and that he didn't pay much attention to them. His yield, 200 bushels from one and half acres surprised him, and he will go into onion raising thereafter on a larger scale. Onions are a never failing crop here and there's a lot of money in them.

Notwithstanding the large crop of Irish potatoes raised here this year the local supply has been exhausted, and our merchants have commenced shipping them in.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford entertained the young folks at their home on Dead Indian last Friday evening.

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Considerable trading is now in progress among the stockmen, and cattle of all kinds are selling well.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beasley gave a party at their home last Friday evening, which was highly appreciated by their friends.

Someone advised C.M. Rosser to take a few himself before attempting to run down a drunken man.

The following is a list of jurors drawn for the coming term of court:

Grand Jurors—J.M. Hughes, N.R. Monroe, F. Tunnard, W.A. Perry, C.E. Eakins, B.D. Cunningham, B. Howerton, W.M. Lehne, J.B. VanVacter, A. Hall, G. Coburn, L.L. Hatley, John Jackson, C.B. Dallas, J.A. Plunkett, A.L. Wells.

Petit Jurors—J.A. Robertson, S.J. Taylor, J.B. Smith, J.T. McFarland, J.P. Johnson, H.M. Colburn, J.N. Eakins, D.L. Curton, J.Q. McCorkle, H. Anderson, J.H. Curran, H. Hass, W.T. Skerns, H.B. Bradford, W.J. Davis, J.W. Cooper, C.S. Sutton, R.G. Sutton, D.C. McReynolds, F.M. Cunningham, G.W. Vanderpool, E.W. Graves, F. Bradley, F.T. Alexander.

Dr. Norton the affable representative of the New York Life Insurance company came in Wednesday.

Mr. McKeaver, a cousin of Wm Bonner from Texas, is here looking for a ranch location.

S.J. Wiley has secured a house in town and will send his family to school here.

E.F. Stephens has taken his mother on a visit to her daughter in the Panhandle.

George Puryear has purchased J.H. Cospers' cattle, some 100 head, and moved them to his

Sweetwater ranch. We understand that the price paid was \$15 per head.

It is anticipated that there will be more people in town next week attending court than at any previous time.

Mr. Penick and Mr. Bates, living near Canute in this county gave us a pleasant call Monday. The thorough soaking which our country got Saturday had put them in the best of humor.

Mrs. Bert Strong and the youngsters went to the country with Grandma and Grandpa Monday, and Bert immediately formed partnership with Alfred Gray and both wondered around town seeking sympathy.

Fount Sutton has been east buying cattle. He made several profitable deals whilst away.

Prof Stovall has been out in the southern portion of our county looking up school district boundaries, and will make a correct map of same.

P.S. Taylor and his son Edgar have each a new residence erected on their claim.

Mrs. Hunt sold 53 head of yearling steers to Stony Duke at \$20 per head.

Under Sheriff Rosser took Dr. Standifer, Miss Della Cann, and Mr. Dixon to Grand Monday as witnesses before District Court.

Mrs. Burns is adding to the size of her business house on Broadway.

Mr. Conway has commenced an addition to his dwelling house.

D.W. Tracy returned from Grand Sunday. He reported that the grand jury of Day County had found a true bill against Harry Hamilton for the murder of Ira Cooper, and also a true bill against Murcheson for the murder of Bob



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Lowe. In another killing no bill was found against Hale who shot a man named Ford.

A.A. Hitchcock, who started for the mountains of Mexico a few weeks ago for the benefit of Mrs. Hitchcock's health returned Saturday. He had contracted mountain fever and was in a dangerous condition when he reached here. From Friday night to Tuesday he was unconscious. He is now improving rapidly, and we hope to hear of his recovery soon.

At the examination of the scholars in Miss Williams' writing school last Friday Miss Mollie Casady won the prize for the best writing and John Beaty the prize for the scholar showing most improvement.

Gus and Beau Jones with their families passed through town Saturday returning Sunday, and some of us are curious to know who could house them all over night.

Don Cox has had his town residence completed for some time but there has been such a rush of building lately that we didn't take notice of Don's house until lately.

Anson Hazelwood arrived in town yesterday and is talking up the new livestock association recently formed in the Panhandle.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, James A. Kiser for w 1/2 se 1/4 and e 1/2 sw 1/4 sec 11 twp 8 n r 22 w I.M; witnesses: Charles Goff, Edgar Goff, William A. Morris, of the Wash Post Office, and Andrew J. Henson, of Mangum.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention

to make final proof in support of her claim, Annie Carter, formerly Kellum, for the w 1/2, ne 1/4 and w 1/2 se 1/4 sec 1 twp 10 n r 24 w; witnesses: M.H. Kellum, B.W. Waters, James M. Crow of Berlin, and John K. Reed, of Cheyenne.

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**September 29, 1899**

## Court Proceedings

A.P. Reder vs Co. Commissioners  
J.T. Matney vs Ettie P. Matney, divorce  
Territory vs W.H. Mayberry et al  
C.H. Hinchman vs Co Commissioner  
A.L. Taylor vs J.T. McDuffie  
El Reno Grocery vs J.H. Parrish  
Beulah Barnhart vs Chas Barnhart, divorce  
R.P. Hutton vs C.B. Thompson & G.W. Hodges  
H. Burleson vs Co. Commissioners  
G.E. Black vs Co. Commissioners  
Oval Keen vs F.E. Herring & C.B. Thompson  
Ella Hitchcock vs C. Hitchcock, divorce  
R.J. Edwards vs Co. Commissioners  
Territory vs Robert Terrell  
Territory vs Sid Martin  
Territory vs Joe Evans  
Territory vs F. Tunnard  
Territory vs Hugh Colburn  
Territory vs Carl Fuchs  
Territory vs Ed Wilms & F. Smith  
Territory vs M. Baldwin  
Territory vs F.E. Herring & W.M. Creagor  
Territory vs O. Caudill

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Charles Bliss for the w 1/2 se 1/4 sec 30 and w 1/2 ne 1/4 sec 31 twp 10 n r 23 w; witnesses: M.H. Kellum, B.W. Waters, Ralph Carter, James Crow, all of Berlin.

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## Local and Personal Items

Fire destroyed the house and furniture of Doc Brazel, a resident of Sunflower Flat, last Sunday. The citizens of Cheyenne contributed liberally to a fund for his relief and he will soon be sheltered again.

Last Monday Sheriff Thompson made an important arrest of one T.M. Jones who is charged with being a fugitive from justice in the Chickasaw nation. The crime charged is incest with his young daughter, Minnie Jones, who at her deathbed made her statement charging her father with being criminally intimate with her for three years. The prisoner lived at Marlow, I.T., previous to moving to Greer County. He settled north of Mangum about 14 miles, near the W.C. Shadden homestead, and was living there in 1896. Sometime in 1897 he disposed of his claim for a small consideration, sent his daughter to Marlow, and then disappeared. In August 1897, his daughter died. There are many people in Greer County who know about the crime. It is reported there is a reward of \$2500 for the arrest. Officers in the Indian Territory have been wired and in the meantime the prisoner has been remanded in jail until next Tuesday, Oct. 3rd. Roger Mills County is not a safe place for fugitives from justice. Our officers let no prisoners escape and take all stray ones from other places that happen to wander here.

J.M. Morris, under-sheriff of Washita County, and B.H. Baker county attorney of same county, on Tuesday brought John Goldsmith charged with adultery before Judge Irwin on a writ of habeas corpus. The prisoner was remanded back to the Cloud Chief jail to await the action of the grand jury.

School opens Monday morning at 9 o'clock, prompt. Let every pupil be present the first day.

The new school building will be completed by another week. Contractor Cox is a rustler when it comes to putting up artistic and substantial buildings.

Editor Swindell, Day County's efficient attorney, has been attending court here this week.

H.D. Cox has had a windmill erected and has been improving his place generally the past week.

George Coburn has retired from the service of Uncle Samuel and the Sweetwater mail will in the future be served out by another.

A. Hall came to town Monday crippled so seriously as to necessitate the use of crutches. He had attempted to chop wood but chopped his foot, from which all married men should take warning. We mean, of course, to warn those only who at present do not allow their wives to do the chopping.

Elder Bandy of the Christian Church has been preaching to our people during the week. He is an able preacher and a good man if general sentiment is correct.

Paul Hoefle has been with us this week watching the boys take in the shekels.

George M. Beard having disposed of his cattle interests has gone into the general merchandise business at Cade, on the eastern line of the county. Being an enterprising good citizen his success is assured.

W.B. Rosser of Berlin is well pleased with his business venture at that place and reports everything on a boom.

Capt. W.T. Smith of Taylor, Texas, father of Edgar Smith, deceased, is in Cheyenne. Gordon and Oscar Smith, brothers of Edgar, are also here, accompanied by the widow of deceased.

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Mr. Frank Bradley of Sweetwater will move to town to give his children schooling. Mr. Banks will also send two of his boys from the same neighborhood.

Mr. Joe Lee Jackson of Navajoe sends word to Mr. Jno Jackson to hold a dwelling for him at all hazards, as he can't get here with his family until after school begins.

Mr. J.M. Farris of Navajoe, Greer County, arrived here Tuesday. He says that a number of scholars will attend our school from Navajoe.

H.D. Young, cashier of the Canadian Valley bank, has been transacting business here during court.

Mr. Sam Wilkes and Mr. Dock (sic) Herring, brother of our townsman F.E. Herring, are up from Navajoe.

Judge Forrest of El Reno is in attendance on the court.

Lawyers Hoover of Canadian, W.T. Becks of El Reno, Powers of Mangum, Edwards of Oklahoma City, McKnight of Arapahoe, and Miller of Miami, have been here during court.

The Court—Judge, C.F. Irwin; Clerk, W.S. Hunter; Stenographer, Chas L. Crum; Court Crier, Tom Jackson.

Mrs. Emma Fitzwilliams of Galveston, Texas, is visiting relatives in our county. Our esteemed county surveyor, D.C. Fields, is her father.

Hon D.P. Marum, who so ably represented this district at Guthrie four years ago, is here courting.

Temple Houston, son of the great Texas hero, is here to use his ability and eloquence for the benefit of his numerous clients.

Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Creagor of Vernon, Texas, are here visiting their son, Mr. W.M. Creagor.

Mr. J.A. Beard and Mr. Terry of Custer County are in the city this week.

We were presented early in the week with a mess of roasting ear corn by Elder Morris, and they were ahead of any of the early varieties. The seed was brought from southern Texas where it is known as June corn.

Fred Caudle has returned from Hot Springs, well pleased with his trip.

Prof Dulaney of the Weatherford Chronicle has been hunting the boys up here during court with a view to increasing circulation of his paper.

Dr. Norton and P.S. Arthur have been here several days. The doctor is a interesting speaker and instructive talker. Having been a personal friend of Houston, Crocket, and other noted history makers of Texas his description of the stirring times in Texas in the early days are specially interesting.

J.B. Freeman one of our substantial citizens will not ship his beef steers this year. He had good ones and buyers came to him and purchased all he had at remunerative prices.

Judge Irwin is a very pleasant gentleman and, judging from his promptness in disposing of court business, and able lawyer. His charge to the grand jury was without special feature, consisting of a legal expose of its duty. The clerk, Mr. Hunter, is efficient and courteous.

Mrs. Keith, sister of Dr. Miller, has presented the Methodist Church at this place with a very handsome bible.

Sheriff Blalock left more than a week ago in answer to a telegram stating that the man wanted, Newman, was held under arrest at a

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ranch in New Mexico. The man was found but not the man wanted.—*Mangum Star*

Whilst sitting in front of his business house Saturday evening Bert Strong noticed a light in his residence. Knowing that the family had gone to church Bert went to investigate. Entering the front door he was just in time to see the figure of a man leaving the back door. Bert took a couple of shots at him but missed. No clue has been found up to the present as to who the intruder was.

Mr. George Puryear has been some time trying to purchase a few thousand bushels of corn for his Sweetwater ranch.

Mr. Clark of Greer County has been with us during the week.

We are pleased to learn that the town of Berlin is getting its share of the prosperity which is now general throughout western Oklahoma. Several buildings are in course of construction with others to follow.

H.K. McCormick living 6 miles west of Cordell, and who married Miss Gillam on the 3rd, went crazy on the 19th and was brought to this city where the authorities took him in charge and will take him to Norman to asylum.—*Cloud Chief Herald*

Clay Anderson returned last evening from New Mexico, where he has been collecting loans. He will start a bank here if properly encouraged.

W.W. Owens, of Canadian, came in last evening.

H.D. Cox, our enterprising all-round man, is putting up a new set of U.S. wagon scales of 4 tons capacity at his mill, and will be prepared to weigh everything and everybody in a few days.

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**October 6, 1899**

## Educational Notes

The first meeting of the Teachers' Association, which convened at Berlin last Saturday, was a decided success, though there were not as many teachers in attendance as the promoters of the association desired.

Mr. E.F. Stephens, though not an active teacher, takes a deep interest in educational work. Let's have Mr. Stephens on our next program.

Miss Mollie Adams has been employed as second assistant in the Cheyenne School. Miss Adams has strong recommendations.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Nevior (sic) Tubbs for the w ½ sw ¼ sec 7 twp 10 r 23 w and ne ¼ se ¼ se ne sec 12 twp 10 r 24 w; witnesses: M.H. Kellum, B.W. Waters, Ralph Carter, James M. Crow, all of Berlin.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Henry Dykes for the e ½ sw ¼ (23) e ½ n w ¼ (26) twp 13 r 22 w; witnesses: Robert Burris, Samuel Bivens, Thomas Boren, William Bright, all of Cheyenne.

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## OKLAHOMA NEWS

### Interesting Items Concerning the Territory

#### Taken to Roger Mills<sup>5</sup>

Ed Wibins and Frank Smith, who have been confined in the federal jail at Guthrie for safe keeping, were taken to Roger Mills County by Sheriff Thompson and Deputy Rosser to answer to the charge of murder. They are accused of murdering E.R. Smith for money, the murders believing he had \$500 on his person.

#### Local and Personal Items

Deputy Sheriff Jack Bullard last Saturday night at the Kiowa School house arrested two young men for the carrying of firearms and brought them to Cheyenne, where they were bound over in the sum of \$500 each. This officer is to be commended for doing his duty, and we hope the time will come when young men will stop this carrying of dangerous weapons.

Mrs. H.D. Cox is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Berry, in Kansas City.

Mrs. and Miss Norman, residents of Texas, are visiting the family of Elder W.C. Morris.

Arch Rowser and Bailey Bingham have been placed under a \$2000 bond to answer for shooting and attempting to kill an Indian near Hammon last July.

Mr. J.A. Parrish has returned from a trip to the Plains where he has been visiting friends.

Sheriff Blalock of Greer County has had Louis Crabtree arrested and placed under \$1000 bond on a charge of shooting at the sheriff.

S.R. Richerson and family of Berlin will leave tomorrow for a visit to Mrs. Richerson's parents in Arkansas. Schuyler is an old timer and a right good man and we hope he and his will have a pleasant trip.

Elder R.K. Huston will preach at the church house in Cheyenne on the 3rd Sunday of October at 11 o'clock p.m.; also Saturday night before.

Mr. Gene Kinsey left for Oklahoma City Tuesday. Gene is a good fellow and we hope he will succeed in his new field.

J.M. Evans the genial stockman and all-round good fellow, was in town Tuesday.

J.P. Johnson has been appointed deputy district clerk and is now working hard to catch up with the court records.

Mr. Cox was awarded the contract to build the Roger Mills county court house on Monday last. Tuesday morning he had men at work hauling rock for the foundation. The building is to be completed in ninety days.

The man Jones, arrested here last week on a charge of incest was taken before Judge Osborn Tuesday and again remanded back to jail till Saturday, at which time it is expected that officers will be here from Greer County after him. We understand that Jones admits being the man wanted, but he denies the truth of the charge.

Mr. Louis Bowman, who has been a liberal buyer of cattle all summer, having purchased several thousand, will quit buying for a while until the market looks up. The immense

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<sup>5</sup> Of all the news about the murder of E.R. Smith, this is the first time I have found Ed Wibins' name associated with the case. I believe the reporter has received some false or bad information.



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quantities which have recently been shipped have had a depressing effect on buyers.

Dr. Standifer's brother and family drove in from the Indian agency Tuesday. They will remain here some time awaiting railroad development.

Gus and Beau Jones were in town Tuesday purchasing their winter supplies.

Joe Caudle and George Jones have bought out Mr. Blount's interest in the mail line running between this place and Canadian.

Don Cox has had two brick flues put in his new residence.

There is talk of another brick yard being started here. A ready sale of bricks would be found.

Mr. Hodges has taken a trip to the Dallas Fair, and whilst down there will visit relatives and old friends.

Miss Lady Belle Waters will leave in a few days for Brownwood, Texas, where she will enter school.

Our public school opened promptly at 9 a.m. Monday with 105 pupils in attendance. Very good for a beginning. The additional rooms will be completed in a few days, and the number of scholars will be largely increased.

John Thurmond left for Mexico Tuesday.

Postmaster Miller is building an addition to his place of business.

Mrs. Standifer left yesterday for a visit to relatives in Texas.

A lamp fell in the Star saloon Monday evening spilling burning oil over the floor.

The prompt application of a barrel of water which happened to be standing in the room prevented serious damage. In such accidents it may be well to remember that flour is the best extinguisher. Throw flour instead of water and the fire will be immediately put out.

We are pleased to note the Mr. Dulaney who had been quite sick here for the past two weeks, is out again.

Mrs. S. Duke has been visiting her sister Mrs. M. Burlingame this week.

Commissioner Bright and wife left town yesterday.

Mr. A.G. Michal and family of McCulloch County, Texas are here visiting old friends. Mr. Michal will locate among us if he can find a suitable claim.

Mrs. and Miss May Martin of McCulloch County, Texas spent one night this week with their old friends Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rosser. Mrs. Martin was in route for Higgins.

Miss Mabel Owens of Canadian is visiting her friend, Miss Lady Belle Waters.

Newt Jackson is at home again. He spent the summer at Buffalo, N.Y., and other eastern cities.

Deputy Sheriff Reams of Berlin brought in five men Wednesday charged with cutting timber on the claim of Mr. R.G. Sutton. Judge Osborn being convinced that there were extenuating circumstances in the case, placed a fine of only two dollars on each of them.

Mr. W.A. Young is having an addition built to his residence.

H.B. Bradford passed through town Wednesday with lumber with which to make extensive improvements on his ranch.

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John Salyer, the genial, good looking mule-skinner of this county had a kick coming because we forgot to put his name on our subscription list, and he delivered it. It's all right now, John, and you will get all the news from now on.

M.H. Kellum one of our large cattle holders in the southern portion of the county was in to see the printer Monday and we are ahead \$1 on subscription.



L.T. Bowman made a shipment of 600 beeves recently, but was not satisfied with the market.

Sam Doxey returned early in the week from Kansas City where he had gone to ship cattle. He brought back twenty-three head of registered Durham yearling bulls and heifers, and they are beauties. Sam thoroughly understands the business and is preparing for the change which is inevitably coming. He knows that it will not pay to keep poor stock in a rich country and is shaping his business accordingly.

Mrs. Huff has brought her family to town and the children are now attending school.

Judge Leary purchased 135 head of cattle from W.J. Williams this week and is well pleased with his bargain.

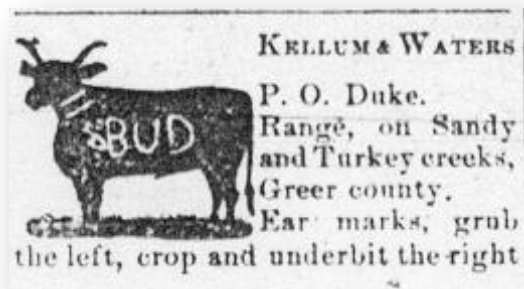
Miss Williams' writing school closed last Friday. Miss Sallie Casady was awarded the prize for being the best writer and John Casady for showing the most improvement.

Married on Sunday last, Bert Lent and Miss Rosa Fishburn, Judge Osborn officiating.

Married on Sunday, September 27th, M.F. Kanarfogle<sup>6</sup> (sic) and Mrs. O. Herrington, Judge Osborn officiating.

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Albert Bowers for the sw ¼ of sec 1 twp 13 n r 23 w I.M; witnesses: John Caffey, John H. Osborn, James W. Cooper, Jesse J. Pitts, all of Cheyenne.



<sup>6</sup> The spelling in the Roger Mills County Marriage Index is Kaharfogel.

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## Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given that, by order of the County Commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T., at the October term, and to me directed as sheriff of said county, I will, at 1 o'clock p.m. on the 14th day of October, 1899, at the court house door in Cheyenne, County of Roger Mills, Territory of Oklahoma, offer for sale at public auction the following described property, to wit: one two-room house known as the old court house, the property of Roger Mills county. Terms of sale, cash. Dated 5th day of October, 1899

C.B. Thompson, Sheriff

Laura Kimbell	93
Maggie Osborn	93
Carrie Parrish	92
Etta Parrish	90
Irma Wallace	92
Millie Wallace	90

Those promoted from the fifth grade to the sixth grade are: Maggie Osborn, Carrie and Etta Parrish, Irma and Millie Wallace.

Two of the school board, A.L. Thurmond and W.A. Beaty, were visitors last Monday evening.

We have general exercises in school which consist of mathematics, articulation, geography, latin, and speaking, in which the pupils are taking a great interest.

There has been poetry composed by the Cheyenne high school, which the professor looked over and the highest grades will be read at our entertainment Friday night.

The mock congress is getting along finely; it is a great thing for the boys of Cheyenne. Those who miss this will regret it in the future. Supt. Stovall, who is taking an active part in our congress, is a great help to the boys.

Mr. Herbert Simpson from Indian creek is a new pupil in the principal's department.

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## **MISSING FILES**

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## **November 3, 1899**

The Choctaw surveyors are said to be working near Hammon, having run a line from Weatherford to that point.

November 30th has been designated by President McKinley as a day of general thanksgiving.

## **Cheyenne School Dept.**

May Slane, Editor  
Lonnie Parrish, Ass't. Editor

The primary department opened Monday morning in the new building.

The pupils grading 90, or over, in the monthly examinations, are as follows:

Mary McMurtry 98

## **Notice for Final Proof<sup>7</sup>**

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, James T. House for: e ½ sw ¼ and nw ¼ se ¼

<sup>7</sup> This is the second printing of this notice with a change in witnesses and their address, which is now listed as Texmo, P.O., O.T.

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sec 35 twp 16 n r 21 w; witnesses: Pleas Tackett, Washington Driver, Doc Hazelwood, James Vosburg, all of Texmo, O.T.

## Local and Personal Items

Died yesterday, the nine-day old son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Harris.

A cowboy named Jim Climer was killed in Custer County recently by another cowboy named Charles Perkins. A drunken quarrel led to the trouble.

Arthur Bird, a well known citizen of El Reno, was assassinated last Saturday evening whilst returning from home to his place of business after supper.

The Harry Hamilton and R.M. Murcheson murder trials of Day county will come up for hearing at Enid next week.

Born on Monday last to Mr. and Mrs. George Witherspoon, a son.

The postmaster has moved into his new quarters on Main Street fronting the public square.

The county court house begins to loom up and will soon add much to the appearance of the town.

Mr. Herring's new house on the hill east of the public square commands a splendid view and is very convenient for school purposes.

Judge Osborn has issued a marriage license to W.P. Cherry and Miss Julia Johnson.

Mrs. Gilge, who was sent away some time ago for medical treatment, died recently in the Norman insane asylum.

After an unusually warm and wet October, November has started off at a gait which has put everybody investigating their wood piles.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins returned last week from their eastern trip.

J.F. Bradley, of Sweetwater, has purchased in this neighborhood 148 head of calves, to which he will feed his surplus fodder this winter.

W.W. Anderson & Sons have taken charge of the Cheyenne Livery stable. Everybody knows them, likes them, and will patronize them. First-class rigs of all kinds will be added to the outfit and every care will be taken to give satisfaction.

These are rushing times for carpenters in Cheyenne, and, in fact, for all other business men.

The Territorial Supreme Court will convene next Monday.

The Arapahoe Bee has a tip that the Rock Island will not build west of Mountain View, but will follow the Washita valley up, northward.

L.T. Bowman says that local trading in cattle is dull. There being an immense amount of feed on hand owners feel able to carry over their increase in many cases.

## Editor Sunbeam:

New Hope is eight miles north of Cheyenne, on Woodward road near Dead Indian creek. Services or singing are held every Sunday, and all are invited to attend and help make the time glorious. The short revival held by Rev. Turner was closed Sunday night. Great interest was manifested and much good done. While some may not agree in total with Rev. Turner, he preaches the gospel in such an earnest, straight forward way he is promised appreciative audiences any time he may return.

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Summer romps have ended with the young, our school starting some time ago. Our worthy and efficient teacher, Prof Osborn, formerly of the Cheyenne high school, promises by his untiring efforts to instill in the minds of our youth the necessity of a good education. May he continue.

Samuel Scott, the only surviving brother of our old civil war veteran Geo. M. Scott Sr., has lately arrived from Palo Pinto County, Texas, where he reports crops were all very short. Mr. Scott, we are informed, will make this county his future home.

Rome Vance who had been feeding a syrup mill in the vicinity says it is as much trouble to appease its hunger as it is to feed his own face. Rome, be careful, lest the girls hear of your utterance, for you may then wish you were back in Texas.

Someone or ones have made themselves peculiarly obnoxious by their cussedness. A short time ago J.H. Sing had three cows come in, two with horns dangling in the air, the other one with a hip dislocated. Such Weylerish (sic) dispositions must be conquered if we have to call on Aguinaldo for a squad of his Fabian "heroes" to stop it.

Dave Dallas, accompanied by his mother, has returned from Texas.

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## Notice

I will make a delivery of nursery stock at Cheyenne Nov. 7th. All persons having orders with me will please call promptly, and oblige.

J.W. Cavin

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Cyrenius W. Cooper for the w ½ ne ¼ and w

½ se ¼ sec 8 twp 13 n r 22 w I.M; witnesses: J.J. Pitts, James W. Cooper, Frank Turner, Albert Bowers, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Thomas F. Brazell for the w ½ ne ¼ and ne ¼ nw ¼ sec 11 se ¼ sw ¼ sec 2 twp 13 n r 23 w; witnesses: Prank Nichols, John Curby, Jesse J. Pitts, Thomas T. White, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Alfred A. Hitchcock for the w ½ se ¼ sec 13 and w ½ ne ¼ sec 24 twp 14 n r 23 w I.M; witnesses: John Caffey, Shell Caffey, Charles Guernsey, George W. Hutton, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Margret E. Dearing for lots 3 & 4 s ½ nw ¼ sec 2 twp 11 n r 21 w I.M; witnesses: Bascom Bates, Edward C. Branscom, Quintus T. Penick, Robert E. Martin, all of Cheyenne.

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**MISSING FILE**  
**November 10, 1899**

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**November 17, 1899**

## Educational Notes

W.B. Stovall

The Teachers' Association convened at Berlin last Saturday. There were few teachers in attendance, yet it was a profitable meeting. The next meeting will be at Cheyenne. Miss Della Cann, T.E. Jones, and D.W. Tracy



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constitute the committee on program. The program and date of the next meeting will be published in due time.

Miss Myrtle Clay has been employed to assist Prof in the Berlin School.

## **Cheyenne School Department**

May Slane, Editor

Lonnie Parrish, Ass't Editor

The review in arithmetic last Monday was very beneficial to the pupils.

Supt. Stovall, Mr. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Parrish and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Beaty, were visitors at school last Monday. Mrs. Young and Miss Cooper were visitors at school Tuesday evening.

The band met last Saturday night. Several members were absent. Any one being absent hereafter without a reasonable excuse will be fined.

## **Notice for Final Proof**

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, G.W. Graves, one of the heirs of Marinda Graves, deceased for: se  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 27 twp 14 r 24; witnesses: H.D. Cox, D.H. Collier, John Hall, L.A. Anderson, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, John L. McDaniel for se  $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec 28 in twp 14 n range 24 w I.M; witnesses: H.D. Cox, Oscar Thurmond, George W. Graves, Eli Graves, all of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim,

Sam B. Waters for the e  $\frac{1}{2}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  and e  $\frac{1}{2}$  sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 18 twp 10 n r 23 w; witnesses: M.H. Kellum, W.M. Branch, B.W. Waters, S.P. Doxey, all of Berlin.

## **Local and Personal Items**

The report that Mr. Giles died whilst on his way to Quanah was incorrect. Mrs. Burlingame has received a letter from Mrs. Giles who states that they are now in Fort Worth, Texas, and that her husband in improving rapidly.

W.T. Bonner went to the Elk creek neighborhood early in the week after a bunch of cattle which he had purchased.

Prentice Rodgers, one of the good citizens of the Berlin neighborhood gave us pleasant call Tuesday.

In September whilst living at Austin, Texas, Mr. Stovall's little boy had his arm broken. Last week the little fellow fell down breaking his arm again.

J.W. McMurtry returned Saturday from a visit to Kansas City, and other points. Whilst away he taken sick and confined to his bed for twelve days.

Mr. Herring started a bunch of beef steers to the Kansas City market this week.

Lost—One black pointer dog; white spot on breast. A liberal reward will be paid for return of same or for information leading to its recovery.

John Bowman, Cheyenne, O.T.

The man Picklesimon (sic), who was arrested last week charged with carrying a pistol and with disturbing the peace, was tried by a jury Tuesday in Judge Osborn's court and fined \$51. Let the good work go on till the pistol toters are cleared out of our county.

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Mr. S. Alexander and Miss Ella Davis, of the Sweetwater neighborhood, were in town Saturday. Miss Davis is principal of the school in that part of our county, and never misses an opportunity of advancing the cause of education, as was shown by her interest in describing to one of our prominent young business men the difference between strawberry and blackberry jelly.

Dr. J. Standifer has purchased the town residence of Dr. Johnson, and the latter will move his family to their claim on Buffalo creek, where the doctor is having extensive improvements made.

Mr. B.F. Rosser sold his calf crop to P.S. Doxey and delivered them Wednesday.

George Puryear the Sweetwater stockman has been here several days receiving calves purchased in this neighborhood. Mr. J.J. Puryear was also here with his brother and entertained the editor and other friends with the same yarns.

Clarence Thurmond returned yesterday from Enid. He says the Day county murder cases were put off till December 6th, when they will come up before Judge Irwin.

Judge Leary returned yesterday from a business trip to Oklahoma City yesterday.

A man named R.E. Jones, aged 35 years, who has been working a short time for Mr. M.N. Hudson on Elk creek, met with a fatal accident last Friday evening. Deceased attended a literary society meeting held at Crowe that evening, and was on his way home when his horse ran into a hole in the road. The horse fell violently, dying instantly, and its rider was so seriously injured that he lived only two hours. In falling the horse turned a complete somersault, and it is supposed that he fell on Jones, the horn of saddle striding the man in the stomach and inflicting fatal internal injuries.

## Notice

All persons are warned against hunting on my premises.—Chas. Guernsey

## Railroad Talk

The Choctaw surveying corps is gathering at Weatherford and will start from that place about the 15th. The delay has been caused in getting a locating engineer, as so much railroad building is going on that engineers are in demand.

Two routes are in view. One will cross the ridge about seven or ten miles south of Arapahoe, while the north one will follow the Washita valley and comes in a few miles of town.

The surveyors will occupy several months and the grading will commence early in the year 1900.

The Rock Island will build from Kingfisher to Arapahoe.

In speaking of the activity of the Santa Fe and Rock Island railroads in building throughout Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, the Wall Street Financial News says:

“This is a case where the building of railroads has followed settlement of the country. The sections now being traversed by the surveyors are pretty well settled. There has been a rush to them for several years and the people simply have to have railroad facilities. They now haul their abundant crops long distances in wagons. This country is said to be one of the richest in the United States in agricultural resources. Both cotton and wheat are produced there. Most of the crops are hauled to Galveston, but the railroads have a fair, steady business of a general character north bound.”—*Arapahoe Bee*

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## Notice for Final Proof

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**November 24, 1899**

## Cheyenne School Department

May Slane, Editor  
Lonnie Parrish, Ass't Editor

An election was held Wednesday evening for the purpose of electing a new editor and assistant. Miss Laura Kimbell was elected editor and Herbert Simpson assistant; they will serve for the next two months.

As the band was calling loudly for Prof Jones' attention, the mock congress has adjourned, in place of which we organized a literary society which will meet for a half hour every Monday evening after school. Mr. Lonnie Parrish was elected chairman and Miss Laura Kimbell secretary. Anyone becoming a member hereafter must have their name placed by one of the members and be unanimously elected by ballot. The question to be debated on next Monday evening will be on Woman suffrage.

Misses Lula and Ollie Straten were visitors at school Wednesday evening.

Miss Daisy Slane and Miss Mercy Cunningham were on the sick list the past week.

Estelle Jackson, of Navajoe, Greer Co. was enrolled this week in Miss Della Cann's department.

Our literary society will meet Friday night; everyone is invited to attend.

Misses Rachel and Lillie Blosser were absent from school the past week.

We had the monthly examination this week.

## Local and Personal Items

Berlin is to have a Thanksgiving supper November 30th.

Born on Thursday, November 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Roberts, a son.

Mrs. Bellamy has been visiting her parents here some two weeks.

Mr. H.D. Cox's alfalfa patch on the west side of town is green and bright as it was at any time during the summer.

F. Tunnard was bound over Monday to answer for illtreating one of his children.

W.W. Anderson has moved his family to town, occupying the house vacated by Mr. Burlingame, whose family is visiting in the country.

Mr. Bradley and Mr. Hughes have moved their families back to their homes on Sweetwater.

W. McKay, of the Sweetwater country, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday.

Dr. Johnson will attend college at Chicago or Kansas City this winter. We wish him a pleasant and profitable trip.

Miss Annie Anderson, one of the most popular young ladies in this neighborhood, left Wednesday for Miami, Texas, where she will spend the winter with her sister.

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## Custer's Fight

### Thirty-one Years Ago on the Present Site of Cheyenne, O.T

The following description was given by Ben Clark to a reporter for the Kansas City Star, and published in that paper some time ago.

The opening scene of the battle is located about one mile and half west of town on the farm now occupied by Mr. Butler.

The trouble which led to the fight began on the Arkansas River, near Fort Larned, in 1867. There had been numerous depredations by Indians who were supposed to be Cheyenne and Arapahoe. General Sheridan issued an iron-clad order, commanding the Cheyenne and Arapahoe to assemble at a certain place for council. All Indians who refused to obey the order were to be regarded as renegades. Rumors were circulated that the Indians were to be severely punished. The Cheyennes became alarmed and suddenly slipped away, before the order could be sent to their chiefs. A few days later the Arapahoes disappeared and joined the Cheyennes.

In September, 1868, the Seventh Cavalry, composed of between 800 and 900 men, was in camp on Kiowa Creek where it emptied into the Cimarrone (sic) river. Sully, the commanding officer, was sick and had returned to Dodge City, leaving the troops under Major Elliott. Clark had been working as a teamster for John A. Tappan, & Co. of Dodge City, hauling buffalo hides from the plains. Because of his accurate knowledge of the country he was employed by Major Elliott as guide and scout. Sully had been laughed at by the soldiers for riding in an ambulance and leaving most of the work to Colonel Keogh. After Sully reached Dodge City, Custer was put in command of the Seventh. He had lately been under suspension pending charges

brought against him for shooting deserters, and was still smarting the under the discipline.

Before leaving Dodge City to join the regiment, Custer was much impressed by a scout named Joe Milner, who went under the soubriquet of California Joe. He was a tall awkward fellow, wearing a coat with the tail burned off, and carried a rifle with a ridiculously long barrel. He criticized Sully in a braggadocios way, saying that "the army needed officer who don't pull on the bits or ride in ambulances." This pleased Custer and he chose California Joe as his chief scout in place of Clark. California Joe's career was brief. Three detachments of scouts were sent out the second night after Custer's troops began moving south from Kiowa Creek. California Joe got hilariously drunk and flagrantly disobeyed orders by striking matches to light his pipe, risking a surprise by the keen-eyed hostiles. He was tied on a mule and taken into camp and Clark again made chief of scouts.

It was already cold weather and snow was on the ground. Custer was impatient to proceed rapidly and harassed the men and his subordinates by his arbitrary conduct. He was a hard master, but his dash and cavalier bearing held the admiration of his troopers. The regiment began moving about November 1st. It was announced the second night out that the march would begin next morning at daybreak. The stars were still shining when Custer arose, swearing and "charging around." His brother, Colonel Tom Custer, had particularly good appetite that morning and lingered at his table, to the disgust of his superior officers, who told him repeatedly to hurry and finish his breakfast. The colonel still lingered, however, and brought on an explosion of wrath. Custer charged into the tent kicking over the mess table and sent dishes and victuals (sic) flying in all directions. Three teamsters who failed to hear the bugle were several minutes late in getting

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their teams hitched. They were punished by being made to walk all day in the snow. Said Clark: "He worked his scouts like hell, and they would stay out as long as possible to keep from being run to death."

The first stop was at the present site of Camp Supply, where Custer had been ordered by Sheridan to establish a base of supplies. The place was merely a camp at first, the grain and provisions being protected from the weather by tarpaulins. After leaving Camp Supply the route led directly to what is now Whitehead, in Woodward County, where it veered more to the southwest and crossed into D County, about ten miles east of the Panhandle line. It was thence south through the Antelope hills to the Washita River, which was followed to the Cheyenne village, near which the regiment arrived on the night of November 26th.

Early in the night Clark and his scouts struck a hostile trail leading southeast from the Panhandle. The ponies had gone two abreast and there was no trace of dragging lodge poles. The Indians had made the trail on November the 25th. The snow was melting at the time and the black marks left by the ponies' hoofs could be easily followed by the scouts. Under Clark were twelve Osage Indian scouts, blood-thirsty wretches, who afterwards disgraced the regiments. Two of these scouts discovered a camp fire. Crawling cautiously toward it they learned that the Indians had gone down the river, having joined the war party. The lodge poles were still standing. The scouts now moved very carefully.

Several miles further down the river from the summit of a hill the faint tinkle of pony bells was heard in the valley below and the ponies themselves were soon seen, their bodies standing out darkly against the snow. Custer was in advance of the troops and came up in a few minutes. He dismounted and the

party lay down in the snow and peered over the ridge of the hill. It was a clear, frosty starlight night, being surrounded by dense timber, in a low valley. The regiment was halted before it had climbed the hill. The troops were on the north side of the river, but it was not known what side the village was on. The command was dismounted and each man held his horse and made as little noise as possible. No cooking was allowed and the hungry men made the best of it by chewing hard-tack.

It was now about 1 o'clock in the morning. A council of officers and scouts was held. The group was startled by the remarkable brilliancy of a star, which they mistook for an Indian signal among the low lying hills. Custer, who was easily impressed by such incidents, called it "The Star of the Washita," and said that it presaged victory.

Clark and seven scouts, among them being Joe and Jack Corwin, were sent to learn the exact location of the village. They drew close enough to see the smoke curling from the lodges, and found that the village was on the south side of the river, on a level stretch of ground. Further to the south, and parallel to the swinging shore line of the river was an embankment, probably fifty feet high, with an almost perpendicular front. This embankment was the abrupt termination of an undulating prairie which stretched away still further to the south. The lowland close to the river continued down the stream for several miles, and merged gradually with the lessening height of the embankment into comparatively level ground. About a mile above the village was a trail crossing over the Washita. On the north side of the river were low spurs of hills which increased in height northward until they reached much higher hills, to which they were almost at right angles. An Indian trail, followed by the war party, led down the river on the north side.



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The officers had removed their sabers for fear the clanking would be heard by the dogs, and village aroused. After the scouts had described the topography of the camp, Custer mapped out his plan of attack. The regiment was divided into four detachments. Five troops were to remain with Custer and six were to take up positions as follows: Major Elliott, with Troops I, H, and M, and Colonel Thompson with Troops B and F, were sent by a circuitous route to positions parallel to each other and facing the village on the level ground below it, to cut off flight in that direction. Colonel Myers, with one troop, was to take up a position on the undulating prairie south of the village. Custer, in addition to his five companions, had the scouts and Colonel W.W. Cook with his forty sharpshooters. Shortly before the fight the sharpshooters were to advance on foot to a position on the north side of the river, opposite the village. Custer would make the charge from above, passing the river at the trail crossing, and driving the Indians toward Elliott, Thompson, and Myers. As daylight approached a fog overspread the valley.

The village belonged to the Cheyenne, under Black Kettle. Below them were the Arapahoe, of whom Little Raven was head chief, and Left Hand and Powder Face active chiefs. There were about 500 men, women and children in the village. For twenty miles down the Washita were other Indian villages; Kiowa, Comanche, Mescalero Apaches, and Wichita. The attack was to be at gray dawn, and the signal for battle the striking of "Gary Owen" by the regimental band an air Custer said more nearly suggested the trampling and the roar of a cavalry charge than any other he knew. The band was stationed near the river crossing. The region a vast, wild solitude; the silence oppressive.

With a crash the music burst upon the ears of the expectant men, who answered it with a

yell, as the tumult of trampling horses and cheering troops went thundering by.

(Continued next week)

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of her claim, Maggie T. Boyd for H.E. 14543, sw ¼ se ¼ se ¼ sw ¼ sec 1 and ne ¼ nw ¼ nw ¼ ne ¼ sec 12 twp 14 n r 25 w I.M.; witnesses: Ben Anderson, James Anderson, C.L. Boyd, L.T. Boyd, Cheyenne.

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**December 1, 1899**

## Cheyenne School Department

Laura Kimbell, Editor

Herbert Simpson, Ass't

Miss Ellen Cronin, Miss Lula Blount, and Mr. Roscoe Johnson were visitors at school Friday.

The literary met Friday night. There was a good crowd considering the weather. The program was very nice.

Miss Maud McMurry started to school Monday.

The pupils on the honor roll in the first spelling class are Mattie Jones and Mary McMurry.

The pupils on the honor roll in the second spelling class are Maggie Osborn, Lonnie Parrish, and Erma Wallace.

The pupils on the honor roll in the monthly examinations are Mary McMurry, May Cunningham, Herbert Simpson, May Slane, Dosh Osborn, Mollie Casady and Lula Nelson.

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Mary Turner was promoted from Miss Cann's room to Prof Jones.

Ruth Turner, Elgin Herring, and Rhoda Tubbs were promoted from Miss Adams' room to Miss Cann's.

We hope there will be more promoted next month than there was last month.

Mrs. Wiley was a visitor of school Tuesday evening.

The school had a vacation Thanksgiving Day.

## **Program Teachers association, Cheyenne December 16th 1899**

Fraternal relations between Teachers:  
E.E. Tracy

Inter-relation of Parent, Trustee, & Teacher:  
A.L. Baldwin, J.H. Osborn

Teacher as a Factor in Society:  
T.E. Jones, J.R. Johnson

What Returns are we making in the Territory:  
T.L. VanVacter, Mrs. Nora Toberman

Compulsory Education:  
Miss Della Cann, D. W. Tracy

Corporal Punishment:  
J.B. Tracy, J.C. McKenzie

Language Lessons in Primary Grades:  
Misses Myrtle Dice and Mollie Adams

How to Induce and Maintain  
Interest in School:  
Miss Ella Davis and A.W. Dome.

Query Box. Discussion  
General discussion to follow each paper.

The committee respectfully suggests that the teachers write out their remarks on the topics to which they are assigned. By this means each will better present his views, besides the greater educational value and maturity of the thoughts thus presented.

Della Cann, T.E. Jones, D.W. Tracy,  
Committee

## **Notice for Final Proof**

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Marion E. Leeper for the w ½ nw ¼ (24) and e ½ ne ¼ (23) twp 9 n r22 w I.M; witnesses: William Nichols, Benjamin VanVacter, John Anderson, of Ural, and John Armstrong of Wash.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Charley H. Clark for the sw ¼ sw ¼ sec 4 and s ½ se ¼ and nw ¼ se ¼ sec 5 twp 13 n r 26 w I.M; witnesses: Ed Holder, Polo Woods, Charles Guernsey, Samuel Hood, all of Cheyenne.



The Choctaw officials will put 25 men to work surveying Monday morning, Nov. 27th, commencing at Weatherford and going west.—*Custer County Clarion*

The Weatherford Chronicle offers to wager a dime against a ginger cake that the Choctaw road will not extend a foot west of Weatherford during the year 1900.

## **Local and Personal Items**

The youngsters had a pleasant Thanksgiving party last evening at the residence of Rev. J.W. Whatley.

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It is about time that something was done to provide for Christmas amusements.

Mr. Herring has moved into his new residence.

Mr. T.C. Lewis, a druggist, has arrived from Mangum and will remain here permanently. He gave up a lucrative position there owing to the fact that he has interests here which demand his attention. He is a very pleasant gentleman and we are glad to welcome him. Mrs. Lewis will arrive in a short time.

W.B. Woods of the Sweetwater country gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. He reported that there was a very enjoyable gathering at Capt. Banks' new house last Friday, and that a brand new baby had arrived in the family of Frank Ragsdale.

Miss Florence Thurmond has gone to Fort Worth where she will remain during the winter to finish her musical education.

Mr. Wafford of the Buffalo neighborhood brought the pointer dog advertised for Mr. Bowman to town Saturday and turned him over without reward.

By oversight the editor neglected to record the arrival of a fine girl baby at the home of J.H. Osborn some weeks ago. The professor is much pleased with his school on Dead Indian. He has made extensive improvements to his home and is happy generally, and we are glad of it because he is a right good citizen.

Mr. Prestage has brought 300 head of cattle in the Dead Indian country from the territory.

Mr. Guernsey returned safely with the cattle he purchased in the territory.

We wish to thank our customers for the business that they have given us in the last eight years.—Thurmond Bros

## Notice

All persons indebted to me are requested to settle by January 1, 1900 as I am compelled to have money to meet my obligations.—G.W. Hodges

## Notice

All persons indebted to Thurmond Bros please call in and make settlement.



The new druggist has arrived at the Parrish drug store, and will fill your prescriptions with dispatch and accuracy.



Go to Turner and Ernest for cash bargains.



Geo H. Cole, of Seger, Washita County, shot a little girl named Warkentine last week. Cole was shooting at a vicious dog and did not see the girl till after he shot.

## Custer's Fight

(Continued from last week)

With a crash the music burst upon the ears of the expectant men, who answered it with a yell. As the tumult of trampling horses and cheering troops went thundering by the musicians lost control of their horses and were carried away into the fight, the hills echoing again and again to the strains of "Gary Owen." Custer, surrounded by his scouts, led the charge. His magnificent horse at a single bound cleared the river which was a single stream at this place. The Indians were taken

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completely by surprise, ran panic stricken from their lodges, to be shot down almost before sleep had left their eyelids. From every lodge came fugitives who sought to run the gauntlet of fire. Many of them scrambled down on the ice of the Washita and ran under cover of the wooded bank along the river toward the other villages. Numbers fell before the crossfire of Cook's sharpshooters. Most of the fugitives encountered the detachment under Elliott and Thompson, and it was here that the greatest slaughter took place.

Squaws with their children climbed the steep embankment south of the village and gained the prairie where Myers's command lay in wait for them. The Osage scouts, before they could be intercepted, shot down young women and mutilated their bodies in a horrible manner, cutting off their legs and arms and breasts with knives. An Osage brought in Black Kettle's scalp and claimed the glory of having killed him. The old warrior fell near a troop commanded by Captain Hamilton who was killed at the beginning of the fight, being shot from his horse.

Clark, riding to the prairie on the south saw fully half of Myer's men chasing the panic-stricken women and children. He reported it to Custer and asked him whether he wanted them killed.

"No, replied Custer. "Tell Myers to call off his men and take the runaways to a big lodge and put a guard over them."

Clark got together about sixty women and children.

The hunting and slaughter of fugitives continued during the greater part of the morning. The Indians fought desperately, but were taken wholly at a disadvantage. Clark estimated the Cheyenne loss at seventy-five warriors and fully as many women and children killed. The dead were left unburied.

The number of wounded was never known, but there are still Indians in Western Oklahoma who bear scars received that cold November day. The dusk of the morning gave cover for escape, or the bloodshed would have been greater. Clark, who rode stirrup to stirrup with Custer, said that the latter killed only one Indian, a warrior who was preparing to fire at him at a distance of only a few feet. Custer killed him with his pistol.

After Clark had returned with the women and children he heard a heavy firing down the river in the vicinity of Cook's sharp shooters. He rode rapidly in that direction and found a small party of warriors, with their women and children at bay under a river embankment. During the freshet (sic) the bank had been undermined and caved in. The mass of dirt made an excellent barricade, the Indians getting between it and the bank. They were protected from above by the overhanging turf which had not been carried down with the dirt. The Indians were firing at the sharp shooters on the opposite side of the river, who were unable to dislodge them, but poured a deadly hail of bullets into their midst. The shots of the Indians grew fewer and fewer until they ceased all together. The warriors were dead. Clark became a spectator of a terrible example of a Cheyenne mother's despair. A squaw arose from behind the barricade, holding her baby at arm's length. In her other hand was a long knife. The sharpshooter mistook the baby for a white captive and yelled, "Kill that squaw; she's murdering a white child." Before a gun could be fired the mother, with one stroke of the knife, disemboweled her child, drove the knife to the hilt into her own breast and fell dead. A trooper poked his carbine over the embankment and shot her through the heart, but it was needless cruelty.

Many of the Indians were only with bows and arrows, having grabbed up the first weapon within reach when they began their

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fight. Most of their shields and lances were left in the lodges. Clark came upon a wrinkled, gray-haired squaw, who stood at bay like an enraged tigress. She had an old cavalry saber raised defiantly for battle. She was with difficulty persuaded to lay down the saber, after being assured that she would not be killed.

In a ravine that traversed the plateau south of the village, Myers's men discovered a man hiding with his baby—(unable to read words)—a Mexican, Polloi by name who had been captured by the Cheyenne when a child. He could speak a little English. When Clark rode up, the troopers were discussing whether they would kill their captive. Polloi suspected his fate, and stood stoically awaiting the end. Finally one of the soldiers said to him, "Move off down the ravine." Polloi turned and then asking beseechingly "You will take the baby, won't you?" The trooper took the child in his arms and Polloi darted away. He had run scarcely thirty feet before he fell, pierced through the back with bullets. His child was given to a captive squaw. The little one grew to womanhood and married a white man in Southwestern Oklahoma, where she lived until her death, a few years ago.

It was from this spot that Major Elliott started on the foray that resulted in the massacre of himself and those that followed him. Shortly after the shooting of Polloi, Elliott, looking down the river, saw through his field glass a number of Indians, mostly boys, skulking in the timber and moving as rapidly as possible toward the hostile village. Elliott was separated from his command and when he said, "There's a lot of escaped Indians; come on boys, let's take 'em in." The men who joined him did so, on their own accord. Clark watched the party ride away, but did not follow. Men and horses soon disappeared in the timber.

The news of the battle had been carried down the river, and warriors could be seen gathering on the hills to the north. Clark said that he never saw a more magnificent lot of Indians. The hills appeared to be alive with them. They were gorgeous in war bonnets and paint. Some were armed with guns; others with bows and arrows, lances and gaudy shields. Their bracelets and armllets glistened in the sunshine and their ponies were adorned for battle with vermilion and feathers. They captured the overcoats of the sharpshooters which had been left in the rear when the soldiers advanced to the fight. This pleased the Indians hugely, and they dared the soldiers to come and get them.

The bugles sounded for the scattered troopers to assemble. Nearly a thousand ponies and mules had been captured. Custer decided to strike the hostiles the worst possible blow by destroying their ponies. The best animals in the herd, about 200, were driven among the officers and men, Custer taking four fine mules. The remaining 800 were bunched against the steep bank south of the village and two troops detailed to kill them. One troop stood above the herd and the other in the valley below. It took nearly two hours to kill them. The hostiles who were gathering on the hills witnessed the destruction and with shrill yells reviled the soldiers as cowards and dared them to fight.

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**December 8, 1899**

**Cheyenne School Department**

Laura Kimbell, editor

Leah Huff, Ass't



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Mr. Herbert Simpson the assistant editor has quit school and Miss Leah Huff was elected to fill out the unexpired term.

Miss Lelah Anderson was absent from school last week on account of sickness.

Miss Della Cann is away this week attending court. Miss Owensby has charge of her department.

Miss Owensby is doing excellent work in the intermediate department.

Miss Adams, the primary teacher, is giving valuable assistance to make the monthly literary a success.

We miss Mr. Stovall's visits at the school this week as he is out in the country visiting schools.

The next open school meeting will be Friday night before Christmas. All are cordially invited.

There will be a vacation of one week Christmas.



Custer Bend  
December 4, 1899

Editor Sunbeam:

Our monthly examination was held last Friday. The following students got 100 in arithmetic: Charles Clark, Geo Kimbell, Herman Guernsey, Wallace Curby, Jack Cooper, Ira Hensley, and Font Hitchcock. Those who got 90 or more in grammar are: Herman Guernsey, Geo Kimbell, Leo Pitts, Wallace Curby and Chas Clark. The following got between 90 and 100 in U.S. History: Jack Cooper, Ira Hensley, Inas Guernsey, Lizzie Dolbs, Herman Guernsey, Wallace Curby, Charles Clark and Geo Kimbell.—E.E. Tracy, Teacher

## Notice for Final Proof

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Andrew J. Standford for the nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 32 twp 11 n r 24 w I.M; witnesses: Thomas J. Grisham, Thomas Skein and Albert Isler of Berlin, and Melville Baldwin of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Absalon Wafford for the e  $\frac{1}{2}$  sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  and nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  se  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 11 and ne  $\frac{1}{4}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 14, twp 11 n r 25 w; witnesses: John Puryear and Andrew J. Skein of Berlin; Hugh A. Moore, of Sweetwater, and John F. Wafford, of Cheyenne.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, Henry Westbrook for the nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 9 twp 11 n r 23 w I.M; witnesses: Oscar Caudill, Fred Caudill, Walter Lane, Tom Wampler, all of Cheyenne.

## Local and Personal Items

Mr. Hodges is adding 30 feet to his business house and will have a sidewalk and entrance on the east side.

Arrangements have been made for a suitable observance of Christmas in Cheyenne. There will be a tree and three balls, besides other amusements.

Rev Dickey, the minister appointed by the M.E. conference to succeed Rev Kinser, preached here Sunday.

Elder Bandy of the Christian church held services here Sunday and Monday. We

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understand that the Christians intend erecting a church building in Cheyenne.

Dan Webb lost his wagon and bedding in the Canadian river last week, whilst helping O.L. Johnson move his saw mill from Grand to Arapahoe.

Uncle Newt Thompson arrived from the Pot country last week with a bunch of cattle. Whilst crossing the Canadian river his wagon stuck in the quicksand. Billy wicks got into the water and in attempting to draw his pocket knife drew thirty dollars in greenbacks which floated off and was lost. By an additional outlay of \$10 for help the outfit got over.

Died at his home on Kiowa creek on Tuesday last, Charles Eakins.



December 6, 1899  
Sweetwater

Editor Sunbeam:

Everything is on the move in the neighborhood. The fine weather has induced a large number of prospectors to visit us and they are rapidly taking up homes.

The appearance of railroad surveyors here has caused lots of speculation and everybody expects to see a good town build up in this corner of the county.—Guess

## Custer's Fight

(Continued from last week)

The ammunition was running low and Custer, surprised at the constant increasing numbers of hostiles, was not anxious to risk a night attack. It had already become necessary to send out Major Berry with a heavy line of pickets to drive the Indians further back into the hills and hold them at bay, as the latter had a number of long range rifles and were dropping bullets into the camp. The main wagon train was miles away in the Antelope

hills, with a rough, snow-covered country intervening. Major Bell, quartermaster of the regiment, who had been stationed in the rear, came up before noon with several thousand rounds of ammunition. There was not enough, however, for prolonged fighting.

It was decided to burn the village which consisted of about seventy-five lodges. Some of them were very large, being from twenty to twenty-two buffalo robes in size. The average size was from ten to twelve hides. There was an abundance of cooked buffalo meat and bread, which had been prepared evidently for war parties. Large quantities of powder, lead and percussion caps were found. Clark saw four white and three Indian scalps. Many buffalo robes and much clothing had been left behind. The village made a big conflagration and burned with a fierce heat, the Indians howling with rage at the sight. The danger of being cut off from the supplies in the Antelope hills was growing hourly more serious. A lookout was kept for the return of Major Elliott and his men. It was feared that they had been killed. As the hours of the afternoon wore away, Custer abandoned his plan of following the Indians and prepared to move under cover of night. The troops started as sundown, crossing the Washita where they had gone thundering over at daybreak. For several miles down the north side of the Washita was level bottom land. Strategy was employed to deceive the hostiles. The regiment was drawn up in close marching order. Three hundred yards ahead of the advance guard of one troop were the scouts. A quarter of mile in the rear of the advance guard was another troop, close behind which were the captives on ponies. Then came the main body of the troops, the wagon train and the rear guard. It was apparently a general movement to attack the village. The hostiles deserted the hills and rode as rapid as possible toward the villages, firing at long range. Troop flankers were thrown out near the river, to guard against surprise and to look

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for Elliott. After marching slowly for six or seven miles, an orderly dashed up with orders to countermarch, and move briskly. The rear guard now grew very restless, expected a general assault by the Indians, but the latter in their haste failed to suspect the ruse of the countermarch. The night was clear but dark. The ember heaps of the desolate village were still blazing as the soldiers marched by. The regiment rode all night and came to the wagon train at daylight on the Washita about twenty miles above the village. Two howitzers, the only artillery with the expedition, were with the train. The soldiers dismounted for breakfast, but were not permitted to sleep. After a hasty meal a rapid march was begun to Camp Supply, which was reached without trouble from the Indians.

General Sheridan had reached Camp Supply the day after the regiment had left, and was there when it returned, as was the Nineteenth Kansas. These soldiers had started out under Governor Crawford to go south with Custer, but got lost in the rough lands along Buffalo creek. Another expedition was now formed and General Sheridan assumed command. The troops were in motion in about a week, headed south, to deliver a crushing blow to the hostiles and to succor Elliott and his men, if they were possibly alive. The Washita was reached about eight miles below the battleground. A halt was made to search for Elliott. Custer told Clark to scout south for Indian signs. Several big trails were found, all leading down the river. It was decided that the expedition should move in the same direction. Clark was sent out to find a good camp, where there were plenty of cottonwood trees, the tender twigs of which made good forage for the horses. He reported that he had already found such a camp about twenty-five miles below.

In Custer's account of the campaign Clark's name is not mentioned. "It was due to a dislike which he conceived for me while I was

executing this order," said Clark. The camp I selected was on the north side of the Washita. To reach it the troops had to cross Whetstone creek, which had banks so steep that they were impassable for the wagons, except where the stream empties into the Washita. I was in advance with the scouts. From the top of a hill we saw that the troops had stopped, but were not dismounted. We rode back and asked whether they were going into camp.

"No, replied Sheridan, but we must go in the other direction, as the scouts here—meaning some of his own—say that we can't cross the creek." I knew this would require a twenty-five mile march, and told him as much. Custer had made up his mind that the detour must be made and asked Sheridan what should be done. "Well, we'll follow the advice of Clark and pay no attention to the other scouts. Custer showed plainly that he was incensed at the failure to follow the route which he had stamped with his approval. His ill humor was not lessened when Sheridan called me to his tent that night and put his own scouts under me."

The troopers were thrown into excitement by the news that Elliott and his men had been found dead. On the south side of the Washita, in an open space about three miles below, the ruins of the Cheyenne village, a searching party was startled at the sight of a pile of naked bodies. "They were as white as the snow around them," said Clark, "and stiff in the rigor of death. Strange as it may seem they had not been molested by the wolves and other wild animals so numerous in that region."

Everybody except Elliott's had been shockingly mutilated. Skulls were crushed with the war clubs, ears and noses and legs had been cut off, scalps torn away and the bodies pierced in countless places with bullets and arrows. Elliott had been greatly admired by the Indians for his bravery long before the

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fight. They remembered this when he was dead and treated him as a valorous enemy by severing his right hand at the wrist and his left foot at the ankle, leaving each attached by a tendon. The body bore no other marks save the death wounds. It was evident that the bodies had been brought to that place and a war dance held around them. Elliott's body was carried to Camp Supply and sent to his relatives. The other bodies were buried temporarily where they lay.

Clark denies emphatically the accusation often brought against Custer that he ordered Elliott to his death and abandoned him to fate. Custer knew nothing whatever of Elliott's going. Half an hour after he had gone Custer rode up and asked Clark what had become of Elliott, being anxious to find a sergeant major that had been seen with him. The enmity between Colonel Penteen and Custer, which grew very bitter afterwards, was already rife. Penteen, anxious to lower Custer's prestige, went to Clark several days after it was believed that Elliott and his men were lost, and asked him if he would be willing to make the statement that Custer had knowingly let Elliott go to his doom without trying to save him. Clark refused to have anything to do with the matter.

The troopers were commanded to deploy in all directions, in order not to miss any bodies. A short distance up the river, the naked body of a white woman was found, and nearby was the body of her baby. Both had been stabbed with knives. This woman had been captured during a Cheyenne raid in Colorado near where Sand creek empties into the Arkansas River. In the uproar of the battle they had been killed to prevent their escape.

The story of the death of Elliott and his men was learned after the Indians came in from the warpath. The hostiles who killed them were lead by Left Hand, now the head chief of the Arapahoes, the most eloquent Indian in

Oklahoma and a man of ability. Elliott had captured about a dozen boys, and left them in charge of a detail of his men. There were not more than forty warriors in the first party that came in sight. Elliott thought that he was much nearer the main body of troops than he really was, and felt comparatively safe. He fell back to where the captives were with his men and began firing. The advancing Indians knew that hundreds were coming up through the timber along Sergeant Major creek, and came steadily ahead. It was not long before they were joined by reinforcements. The troops had dismounted. The Indians charging like a whirlwind mowed them down as if they had been blades of grass. Not a man escaped. The Indians said that only one warrior was killed and that had Elliott retreated he would have escaped, as they were afraid to follow him.

Custer gave the casualties of the fight as follows: Major Elliott, Captain Hamilton and nineteen enlisted men, killed. Colonel Albert Barnitz, Colonel T. W. Custer, Lieutenant B. Marsh and eleven enlisted men, wounded. Clark, however, insists positively that thirty-two lives were lost in the Elliott disaster.

The expedition under Sheridan and Custer never came within good striking distance of the hostiles. They were closely pursued and finally surrendered after seeing that fight was hopeless. They brought in with them a number of white captives. The most desperate hostiles were imprisoned at Fort Hayes, where a number were killed in an attempt to escape.

It has been many a year since Ben Clark smelled the smoke of battle. He was the only scout of the Washita campaign who was retained in the service. This was due to the friendship of Sheridan, who gave him the title of interpreter and scout to be stationed at Camp Supply. He remained there until October 11, 1876, when he was transferred to

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Fort Reno, where he has been ever since. The scouting business faded away as the years passed and in 1894 Clark's title was changed to interpreter and trainmaster. He was born fifty-six years ago in St. Louis, Mo., and has been in active service in the United States Army since September 5, 1868.

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**December 15, 1899**

## **Cheyenne School Department**

Laura Kimbell, editor

Leah Huff, Ass't

Friday evening the scholars from Miss Cann's room came up to Prof Jones' room. There was an arithmetic race and a spelling match. Miss Maud McMurtry stood up the longest in spelling match.

Mr. Hodges and Mr. Stovall were visitors of the school Friday evening. The elocution class meets every Saturday evening. There are forty scholars attending at present.

The teachers Institute will meet Saturday in Prof Jones' room. Everybody invited to attend.

Monday was arithmetic day in Prof. Jones' room. The scholars improved in their arithmetic very much.

The literary society meets every Monday evening. There have been several new members admitted. Miss Owensby has joined. The debate is quite interesting.

## **Notice for Final Proof**

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, John D. Dallas for lots 3, 4, and s ½ nw ¼ sec 4 twp 12 n r 22 w I.M; witnesses: Joseph

Evans, Thomas J. Duke, Walter N. Goodwin, William W. Duke, all of Cheyenne.

## **Local and Personal Items**

The young folks of the Sandstone neighborhood had a pleasant gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Jones Monday evening.

The territorial school apportionment for Roger Mills County, for the half year ending June 30th amounts to \$141.76.

Messrs Bowman and Trammel have brought in a large herd of cattle from the Indian Territory and turned them loose on their Washita range.

Oscar Thurmond has gone to Collingsworth county Texas, to receive a bunch of cattle for a commission company.

The court house is about completed and some of the officers are moving in today. It is quite a handsome building and gives strangers a good opinion of our county.

Mr. Herring has secured the Indian lands formerly held by Mr. Turner near the Red Moon agency.

The Choctaw surveyors are now working this side of Hammon. The line runs with half a mile of the school house at that place.

John D. Taylor has rented his house to Mr. W. Ernest, and will move out to his claim south of town.

John Salyer is having a city residence built on the west side of Cheyenne.

All of our merchants have to put on extra teams these rushing times to haul supplies from the railroad.

There was a meeting of those interested in a Christmas tree for Cheyenne last Tuesday at



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which committees were appointed and the following program arranged: Opening prayer by Rev. Dickey; address, by Rev. Whatley; musical renditions by Prof Jones and his pupils. The committee having in charge the decoration of the tree requests that all presents be carefully wrapped, addressed, and delivered to their charge before two o'clock p.m. December 25th.

Married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, R. Turner and Miss N. Hitchcock, Judge Osborn officiating. The marriage dinner, says the Judge, was one of the best he ever sat down to, and he is anxious for more of the same kind.



Enid, O.T., Dec. 11—the jury in the case of the territory vs. Q.I. Hodge, for the murder of Christian, returned a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree, with a recommendation that his sentence be life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Judge Irwin will pass sentence on Hodge on the 14th inst.



The Territory vs. Harry Hamilton, on change of venue from Day County, is now on trial.



Clyde Mattox, the great murderer, was sentenced last week to 12 years in the penitentiary for killing Lincoln Swinney.



Representative Stephens has introduced a bill in congress to transfer the abandoned United States fort in Wheeler County, Texas, known as Fort Elliott, to the state of Texas for the purpose of establishing thereon a state normal school.



Peddlers have been working some of our citizens lately and said citizens are kicking, but they get little sympathy. Cheyenne has good responsible merchants who have to treat their customers right or they could not stay in business, but a traveling outfit can only do business by catching suckers. There never has been an agent here who pretended to give great bargains but has beaten his customers, and it does look strange that they can continue to do business.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Come see me before placing your orders. I want your business and we'll do you right.—G.W. Hodges

All those indebted to me are urgently requested to settle their account at once. I must balance my books by January 1, 1900.—J.H. Parrish

All persons indebted to Thurmond Brothers, please call in and make settlement at once.

A chronic kicker is bad enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of Itch, Tetter and Ringworms, Itching Piles, Eczema known. Price 50c.

Come to Hodges and buy a nice chenille or Belgium table cover for a Christmas present.

If you need fine wines, whiskey, or other goods in our line for Christmas; give us a call. We have an immense stock of the very best brands.—Hoefle & Co.

You can get what you want at L.A. Beaty's as they have a practical milliner and a registered druggist beside the regular force to wait on their large and increasing trade.

Dr. J.S. Nicholson, the El Reno dentist, will visit Cheyenne again sometime in December,

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prepared to do all kinds of first-class dental work.

T.C. Lewis, a first-class druggist of many years' experience, will fill your prescriptions at the Parrish drug store.

Price my goods and I am sure you will buy them.—G.W. Hodges

Harness and saddler goods at cost at Thurmond Bros.

For the very best in everything, as well as honest, fair and square treatment, call on Farmers' Lumber Co., Weatherford, O.T.

New line of clothing, as well as all kinds rubber goods at L.A. Beaty's.

Queensware and lamps, prices cut half in two at Thurmond Bros.

The Parrish store will sell you dry goods cheaper than any store in Cheyenne.

See that nice line of new up-to-date jewelry at L.A. Beaty's.

Will sell my line of Mens and Boys clothing at cost for cash. My line of Hoods and Fascinators is complete and will sell at a close price for cash.—G.W.Hodges

Beaty pays highest market price for hides, furs, butter and eggs.

Overcoats just received at Beaty's. Quality and prices right!

For anything you may need in the drug line, call at the Parrish drug store. You will be waited on by a registered druggist.

Go to Thurmond Bros. for groceries at cost. Cash only goes.

Dry hides are now bringing a good figure, and if you have hides, furs or pelts it will pay

you to see Joe Miller who is paying highest market prices for them.

You don't have to wait for the railroad to get a nice Christmas or New Year's present. Just call at Beaty's and see their Christmas goods at railroad prices.

Those wagon scales at Cox's mill are dandies, and only 10c a draft.

Christmas goods just received and being opened at L.A. Beaty's. Largest and nicest selected stock ever been in Cheyenne.

Ladies, call and see those up-to-date ladies', misses' and children's' hats, at Mrs. L.A. Beaty's.

Have your physicians' prescriptions and family receipts filled at Beaty's by a competent druggist.

Nuts, candy, fruit, at post office.

If you want chewing tobacco at cost, go to Thurmond Bros. for it. They have a large assortment.

Go to Turner & Ernest for cash bargains.

See those baby cloaks at Beaty's. They are beauties, and prices are right, 10 per cent above cost.

Best flour at \$2.25 a hundred at Parrish store.

The bargains in the grocery department of Thurmond Bros. are going rapidly. Hurry up if you want a bargain.

Oh my! Did you see those new dishes and glass ware at L.A. Beaty's? they are the stuff, and the price is right.

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## **Cheyenne School Dept.**

Laura Kimbell, editor  
Leah Huff, Ass't

We have new stoves in our room and also in Miss Cann's.

There is plenty of wood now for the school and we have the window lights in for which we are thankful.

We have the school ground cleaned off and it looks quite neat and clean.

Miss Cann has returned from "courtin" trip and is at her post.

The literary will meet Friday night. Everybody is requested to come early as the exercises will begin as soon as the house is filled.

The singers Friday will be accompanied by part of the Band.

We are real glad to say that we are well pleased to entertain company now we have a nice warm room with the walls covered with drawings of each pupil. It has been remarked that our school room is quite artistic.

The organ from the church house is being used in our school.

Mrs. Owensby filled Miss Cann's place with credit.

Examination's are on the last of this week and vacation is one week.

Our teacher promises us a large medal contest next summer.

There were not many teachers in attendance at the teachers meeting last Saturday. Several topics were discussed, in the afternoon,

however. D.W. Tracy read an able paper on Compulsory Education; J.R. Johnson's paper on "The Teachers as a "Factor in Society" was instructive; Prof. J.B. Tracy handled the subject "Corporal Punishment" entertainingly; Prof. T.E. Jones and E.E. Tracy enlivened the occasion with instructive extempore talks. There will not be another teachers meeting until spring.



## **Local and Personal Items**

Born on Tuesday last to Sheriff Thompson and wife, a daughter.

Miss Lucy Rodgers who has just completed her three months term of school on Nine mile creek, was visiting friends here Wednesday.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our readers.

Calvin Rosser reports that the Choctaw surveyors are camped about one mile north and four miles west of Berlin.

George Banks and S. Alexander came in from Sweetwater yesterday.

The grip has made its annual call here and is doing a big business, if not a satisfactory one.

For Sale—Sixty five head of cattle. Some extra good milk cows in the bunch. Will sell all or part. F.E. Herring

We are informed by the County Superintendent that all the schools in the county, with three or four exceptions, will close today till spring.



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Mr. C. Robertson and son of Iowa Park, Texas, arrived in town this evening, and will begin at once building on his residence.

M. J. Houston is having some improvements made on his claim near town. Mr. J.M. Moffett and son are the builders.

Quiet a number of prospectors in this neighborhood now, and they report more coming. Nearly 75 claims have been taken around Sweetwater in the last 30 days.

Dr. R.W. Cushman of Vernon, Texas has located in Sweetwater, and will make this his future home. He comes well recommended by those who know him as a physician and surgeon.

Mr. Ragsdale has about completed his new residence, which adds very materially to the looks of his ranch.

The telephone line from Miami to Sweetwater is completed, but owing to a defect in Mr. Sam McCord's phone we are unable to communicate with our friends on the Santa Fe.

Mr. Sam Ashley of Vernon, Texas was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McCord this week. He says Tom Waggoner has bought nearly the south half of Wilbarger County and that a number of his neighbors are thinking of coming to Sweetwater. Miss Ella Davis was also visiting McCord's family Saturday and Sunday.

Mill Lilly Clark is teaching Mr. J.F. Bradley's children at his ranch on Sweetwater Creek. Mr. W.B. Woods' brother and wife, who have been visiting her, returned to their home on White Shield Tuesday.

Mr. Geo Coburn, Westley and Jack Clark, were in town Tuesday.

J.O. Kelly was trading in Sweetwater Tuesday.

There will be a Christmas tree at Sweetwater School. Everybody invited. Singing every Sunday evening at 2 p.m.  
G. Whiz



For Sale—several head of good milk cows. Apply to F. Tunnard, Cheyenne.

## Notice, Tax Payers

All taxes not paid by January 15, 1900, will become delinquent and placed in the hands of officers for collection. Pay your taxes and save cost.

G.W. Hodges  
County Treasurer



Enid, O.T.  
December 14, 1899

Today, at 3 o'clock, the jury brought in a verdict against Harry Hamilton of murder in the first degree, and fixed the penalty at imprisonment for life. Hamilton, who is a cattleman of Day County, shot and killed Ira Cooper, another cattleman, August 21, at a round-up held at Hamilton's place, and claimed he did it because he believed Cooper had come to the round-up to kill him.

Hamilton took a change of venue to Garfield County. Afterward, he asked a change of judges, and Judge Irwin was ordered by the Supreme Court to try the case. Charles Swindell, county attorney of Day County, J.E. Hoover of Canadian, Texas, and George Rush of Enid prosecuted. The defense was conducted by Temple Houston and W.S. Denton.



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From Governor Barnes' report we learn that Roger Mills County is located in the extreme west of Oklahoma; has an area of 757,000 acres; population 2,262; taxable valuation \$679,538; county bonded debt, \$9,450.00; county tax levy 17.5 mills; number of school districts, 29; number of school children 886; school land in county, 264 quarter sections; government land subject to homestead entry, 182,120 acres; county seat, Cheyenne; other leading towns, Berlin; principal occupation of the people, stock raising; products, stock feed and cattle.

## **Live Stock for Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians**

With the exception of a very small number, these Indians do not have such live stock as cattle, sheep, and hogs. Yet, Oklahoma is a stock raising country, and these Indians have some of the best land of the country for stock raising for they have generally chosen land along the streams where there is water and shelter for stock. Many persons interested in the welfare of the Indians have recommended live stock raising, and especially cattle as the most essential, in order to put these Indians in the way of self support.

One of the resolutions of the convention of the Indian workers at Geary was to this effect: That greater encouragement should be offered to them by the government to get them started in the various forms of live stock raising. This action by the Indian workers in Oklahoma seems to be favorably received by the board of Indian commissioners—their secretary Hon Merrill E. Gates, saying: "I am glad to note that your conference emphasizes the need of increasing the amounts of live stock cared for by the Indians, and of instructing them along the line of proper care for live stock." Maj. A.E. Woodson, their retiring agent, who has been with them for six

years, says: "The money heretofore largely appropriated for rations should in my opinion be expended for breeding stock, such as cattle, sheep, hogs, etc., and issued to such deserving Indians as indicate a willingness and disposition to keep and properly care for the same."

Hon. D.T. Flynn, delegate to congress for Oklahoma, likewise says, in reply to a letter to him on the subject: "I note what you say about securing cattle for the Cheyenne Indians and am in hearty accord with the proposition. If possible I will endeavor to have it carried out this winter."

That the Cheyenne and Arapahoe's of Oklahoma may be gradually made self-supporting would be a blessing, not alone to the Indians themselves, but to the white settlers living among them, who under present conditions are called upon to bear many extra burdens. Live stock raising in connection with farming seems to offer the best solution of the question of self-support for them.—D.A. Sanford

## **Local and Personal Items**

Died on Wednesday, December 28 (sic), Carroll H. Price, at his home on Dead Indian.

There was a very pleasant social gathering at the home of Dr. Miller on Tuesday night, and the young folks report having a splendid time.

A party at the Cheyenne hotel Wednesday night attracted a large number of young folks who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Madden Miller and Earnest Beaty have come home from college to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Gober, Mrs. Kirkman, Miss Georgie Kirkman and Urban Kirkman spent Christmas here with the family of Dr. Miller.



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The justice court had considerable business to transact with a number of citizens who became too much enthused Christmas day.

The Christmas tree attracted a large number of folks Monday night and a good time was had.

Miss Sallie Taylor is visiting Mrs. Slane this week.

Miss Rebecca Wilson is visiting the family of W.W. Anderson.

On Wednesday night of last week Mr. Kirk directed a lot of horses to be fed from some shelled corn which had accidently become mixed with castor beans. The horses belonged to his son Frank. They were in the stables at the fairgrounds. On Tuesday (sic) a number of the horses became sick and on Saturday and Sunday nine died. These horses were worth \$35 each, so that the loss is serious one.—*Enid Democrat*

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