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January 1, 1897

Free Homes

The Free Home League of Oklahoma will meet in Guthrie January 12th, 1897. Each county in the territory is entitled to seven delegates. For the purpose of electing these delegates a meeting will be held in Cheyenne on Saturday, January 2nd, 1897, and it is hoped that all who are interested in free homes will participate. All political parties are asked to be present.

Both, the first and last payments on lands in this territory fall due this year. If we don't get free homes we must have another extension of time.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on January 29, 1897, viz: Benjamin E. Whiteley, HE No. 13017, for the E½ SE ¼ SE ¼ NE ¼ and NW ¼ SE1/4 Sec 6, Twp 14 R 23. Witnesses: Andrew Young, Dick A. Cann, Cam Wilson, Frank Pollock, all of Red Moon, O.T.—EG Spillman, Register.

Local and Personal Items

Mr. Bauman lost a fine horse and saddle in town Christmas night. A large reward is offered for the recovery and conviction of the thief.

I handle the Charter Oak stoves and ranges. Call and get prices.—LL Collins.

The home of Oscar Caudill was burned last week. Mrs. Caudill had left her baby in the house while she was out looking after her chickens. Noticing smoke issuing from the house she rushed back just in time to save her child whose hair was singed by the flames that surrounded it.

Thurmond Bros have just received the nicest and completest line of boots and shoes, and will sell at prices to suit the times.

Mr. Hammon, the farmer at Red Moon Indian agency left for Darlington last Sunday. We understand that another farmer has been put in his place and that Mr. Hammon will go to the Choctaw nation.

Tinware of all kinds at the Cheyenne tin shop at bottom prices.

Mr. Moffitt won the contest case in which he was recently engaged for a quarter section of land in the Sweetwater neighborhood.

Jno D. Taylor's dugout fell in during the rain Wednesday. Luckily but little damage was done.

With the new year we will discontinue the use of a day book and will issue coupons to our customers. Persons wishing to do credit business will please call for a coupon book.—Thurmond Bros.

The ball at the school house Wednesday evening attracted quite a large number of pleasure seekers notwithstanding the fact that the rain poured down all night. Everything is said to have passed off satisfactorily.

The Cheyenne public free school opens Monday. See that your youngsters are promptly on hand.

No, there's nothing the matter with this weather, but if it keeps up, there is going to be a shortage in next summer's supply.

WW Duke left Monday morning for Clayton, New Mexico, to look after some property interests he has there.

Don't forget the free homes meeting tomorrow. If you don't ask for what you want you are liable to go without.

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If the free homes measure fails and we have to pay for these lands, justice certainly demands that the homestead rights of our citizens should not be taken from them.

The young folks have had a good time lately. Last Friday they had a party at WW Anderson's, Saturday at Mr. Hunt's, and Monday at the residence of Elder WC Morris.

We have received a very handsome calendar issued by the Stock Exchange bank of Canadian, Texas. If you wish a really artistic piece of work with which to decorate your office or home you should send for a copy.

Dr. Miller was called on Wednesday morning to attend Miss Pearl Cunningham who we are sorry to learn is seriously ill.

Notice

Those owing us are requested to call at once and settle, by cash or note as we wish to close all old accounts by the first day of January. Thanking you for your patronage given during 1986 and hoping for a continuance of same, we remain, respectfully—Thurmond Bros.

Notice

Commencing with the new year we propose doing business on a strictly cash basis except where special arrangements for credit are made. Our customers will get the benefit of this rule in lower prices. Respectfully—Hodges & Bradford

University of Oklahoma

Second Semester begins February 1st, 1897. Review classes will be formed in arithmetic, grammar, sentential analysis, US history, book keeping, and natural philosophy.

Classes will be formed beginning with the following subjects: algebra, geometry, trigonometry and surveying, calculus, civil government, college American history, college English, college rhetoric, psychology,

quantitative, chemistry, botany, vocal music, elocution, and oratory.

Two music classes will be formed, beginning and advanced; chorus class and college glee club; piano and organ.

In addition to the classes mentioned above, there are five classes in Latin, two in Greek, two in German, also, classes in laboratory physics, general history, preparatory rhetoric, American classics, pharmacy, etc. These subjects were begun at the first semester and will continue during the year. Students properly prepared may enter any of these classes under the advice of the faculty.

At this time there are many young men and women who came to Oklahoma at a time in their school life when they were masters of the merest rudiments of knowledge and on account of the arduous labors and privations of making a new home have been unable to attend school or to study. They now find themselves grown to young manhood and womanhood with the school attainments of children. To these we say come to the university, we will give you work suited to your abilities and you will find sympathy and encouragement both from the instructors and associates.

Devotional exercises are held in the chapel every morning conducted by the faculty every member of which participates.

A strong society of Young Men's Christian Association is an active operation conducted by the students.

The following churches are organized and cordially invite the students to their worship and services: Protestant Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal (South), Presbyterian, Cumberland Presbyterian, Baptist, Disciples of Christ, and Roman Catholic.

Tuition free. Incidental fee, only \$3 for nineteen weeks.

Table board \$2 per week. Good board in clubs, \$1.50 per week. Furnished rooms 50c to 75c per week.

For further information address: David R. Boyd, President Norman, Okla.

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Cheyenne Sunbeam

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Colburn & Stahl, Prop Cheyenne, O.T.

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Deaf & Dumb Barbershop

John D. Taylor, Prop Chevenne, O.T. ****

Canadian Valley Bank

R. Moody, Pres. DJ Young, Cashier TF Moody, Asst. Cashier Canadian, Tx

Stock Exchange Bank

JF Johnson, Pres. RE Wood, Cashier Canadian, Tx ****

Chevenne Hotel

GW Baker, Prop Chevenne, O.T. ****

Peter Egan

Boot and Shoe Maker Berry Block Canadian, Tx. ****

J.P. Miller, M. D.

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON

Cheyenne, O.T. ****

JW McMurtry, Attorney

Cheyenne, O.T.

January 8, 1897

The Cimarron Irrigation & Power Company has been organized in Woodward with a capital stock of \$5000, and are at work along the Cimarron River in the northeastern part of this county, constructing a large irrigation ditch. They will furnish water for irrigation to a large area of country, and there are yet many quarters of untaken government land within reach of the ditch.

A stranger walked into a restaurant in Shawnee last week and asked permission to warm at the stove. He sat by the fire a few minutes and then suddenly fell to the floor in a

congestive chill, from the effects of which he died in a few hours. He said his name was Clembmonts, from Texas, but nothing further could be learned of him and he was buried by charity.

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A little daughter of Cloud Thunder, a Chevenne chief, was drowned on Christmas day in the Washita River. The body was recovered and the funeral was held Sunday. hundred members of the tribe participated in the strange funeral service.

A fight between the officers and Jim Hearn, an escaped prisoner, occurred in Beaver County recently, and several men are reported wounded. Hearn, who is an ex-sheriff, was some time ago convicted of cattle stealing and sentenced to the penitentiary, together with Ed Pollock. As the sheriff started to the penitentiary with his prisoners they made an attempt to escape and Pollock was killed. Hearn escaped, although wounded. He has been hiding in New Mexico since, and makes occasional visits home. The day before Christmas he was at his mother's when the house was surrounded by officers. In the fight which followed Hearn escaped, after wounding several officers.

The South Canadian River near Norman is higher than it has been for three years, and the saloon between Purcell and Lexington on the sand bar was washed out Sunday, one man losing his life.

In the Woodward County district court, WB Cowen was convicted of stealing a cow and Pat Johnson of assault with intent to kill, and each was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

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At the gathering in the home of Elder WC Morris, recorded in our last, we are requested to state that there was no dancing. The young folks simply had a good time in a sociable manner.

Prof Hadlock spent the holidays with home folks at Arapahoe. He says the snow storm was not as severe there as here.

JB Pullen, the jovial Doxey merchant, was in town Wednesday.

Our public school opened Monday morning with a fair attendance considering the inclemency of the weather.

A meeting was held here Wednesday for the purpose of electing delegates to the Territorial Free Homes convention which meets in Guthrie next week. Seven delegates were appointed, and we understand that their proxies will be sent by the chairman of the meeting, JH Parrish.

Mr. Slane, one of our substantial stockmen, will build a residence in town.

Cub Roberts is going to Kansas after a car load of full blood Herefords for his ranch.

A heavy snow storm visited this section last Saturday, and there's some of it here yet.

Mr. Henderson is here from Kansas visiting his sister, Mrs. McMurtry.

January 15, 1897

Washington, Jan. 9—The Senate yesterday passed the bill providing for the entry of lands in Greer County, Ok. The bill now goes to the president. The bill was called up by Senator Berry and passed with little debate.

At the recent term of commissioners court in Day County held for the purpose of inducting the newly elected citizens into office, old Dame Nature took a part that somewhat interfered with business. Day County is cut in two by the Canadian River, and this river has no regard for officers or common folks. When it gets ready to go on a bender, it goes, regardless of whether court keeps or not. It so happened that some of the newly elected officers resided on this side of the stream and the court sits on the other, and at the time of the meeting the river being full which about New Year's was perhaps excusable—said officers, not wanting to take water in theirs were unable to be present at said court. Perhaps no better lesson could have been given at the present time whilst the agitation for a division of Day County is before the people. The river constitutes a natural boundary, and when we ignore it we simply add to the burden of the tax payers by making necessary extra sessions in court, as was the case in the above, that body having to adjourn till February next in the hope that the holiday fever of the raging Canadian would have abated and that Day County folks could get to their county town without danger of drowning.

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

Monday, January 4, 1897

Board of County Commissions met. Present: SR Richerson, WA Bright, and JH Parrish, Sheriff WB Johnson and Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had to wit: SR Richerson elected to chairman for ensuing year.

Reports for quarter ending December 31, 1896, were submitted by County Attorney, Sheriff, Probate Judge, Register of Deeds, County Clerk, County Superintendent and Clerk of Timber Creek township and same were approved.

Official bonds of Zach Miller, sheriff; HC Harris, county superintendent; John B. Harrison, county attorney; John E. Leary, probate judge; AL Thurmond, county treasurer;

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AG Gray, county clerk and register of deeds; William T. Peace, county surveyor; Perry S. Taylor, trustee and assessor of Cheyenne township; GW Graves, justice of the peace of Cheyenne township, Ed Bright and Lafayette Anderson, constables of Chevenne township, submitted and approved, and the oath of office administered to Zack T. Miller, HC Harris, AL Thurmond, John B. Harrison, John E. Leary, AG Gray, Perry S. Taylor, GW Graves and Lafayette Anderson.

The sum of \$22.17 paid by AC Young as school tax, refunded; the board finding the clerk of school district No. 12 had erroneously listed said AC Young as a tax payer of said school district.

Rebate given LA and HC Anderson of all tax for the year 1896 upon a valuation greater than \$755, the board finding that the assessor of Chevenne township had failed to make reduction in assessment as ordered by township equalization board.

Assessment of JB Pior with 125 head of cattle, valued at \$1365.00 for the year 1896, declared erroneous and the sum of \$17.24, same being the amount of first half of tax upon said assessment, ordered refunded.

Ordered that the county treasurer pay to Arch Anderson the sum of \$18.33 out of contingent fund, amount of sheriff's cost in case of Arch Anderson vs WB Johnson, said costs having been paid by said Arch Anderson, and being properly chargeable to county.

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, January 5, 1897.

AG Gray, Co. Clerk

Tuesday, January 5, 1897

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: SR Richerson, WA Bright, and JH Parrish, Sheriff WB Johnson and Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had to wit:

GW Hodges' county treasurer's report submitted and said GW Hodges having made exhibit of the money and vouchers relating to same, said report was approved.

Brands filed by Butler Bros., Cherry Bros., SF Maddux, Albert Isles, Sam Jones, MD Eakins, W Hunter, SA Bunta, JB Pior, Hazlewood & Colburn, FO Leach, CG Miller, WA Beaty and JH Parrish, were compared with those on record, and the board finding that they did not conflict, ordered same recorded.

Upon the recommendation of the county superintendent the board hereby appoints EE Tracy and Jno B. Harrison county examiners for the two years ensuing.

Board petition of GW Graves et al asking for the vacation of a certain section line, submitted and granted.

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

Claims submitted and allowed as follows

Jno B. Harrison, salary \$100.00

AG Gray, salary \$119.00

AG Gray, 1896 tax rolls \$50.00

AG Gray, expenses, \$24.85

EE Tracy, salary, expenses, \$61.00

HC Harris, services, \$5.00

GW Hodges, expenses, \$3.50

Hodges & Bradford, supplies, \$1.60

Jno E. Leary, court costs, \$21.91

Jno E. Leary, expenses, \$1.56

GW Holden, fees, \$7.50

WS Lard, fees, \$7.50

Walter Bell, fees. \$3.00

WG Morris, publishing, \$123.65

DW Davies, fees & rent, \$11.00

LA Medlin, fees, \$7.50

WB Johnson, boarding prisoners, \$1.80

SR Richerson, services, \$15.00

WW Anderson, services, \$8.20

WP Francis, services, \$18.00

James Calvert, bailiff fees, \$7.50

Fleming McGinnis, jury fees, \$6.20

FD Sutton, jury fees, \$8.50

SJ Wiley, jury fees, \$6.30

JM Vanderpool, jury fees, \$6.30

George Diedrich, jury fees, \$9.00

CB Thompson, jury fees, \$2.50

Christian Pvetgen, jury fees, \$3.60

WB Johnson, services, \$256.13

JH Stilwell, cord wood, \$10.00

Guthrie Leader, supplies, \$42.30

WW Duke, in lieu of warrant, \$3.20

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A claim of Cheyenne Sunbeam for \$25.00, balance due, submitted and not allowed.

Board adjourned to meet January 6, 1897. AG Gray, Co. Clerk

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as yesterday.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:

The appointment by the sheriff of CB Munson as a deputy sheriff was approved.

Unexplained balance of \$10.50 transferred to contingent fund.

The sum of \$8.80 now on hand in advertising account transferred to contingent fund.

Proposition of GW Hodges to receive the sum of \$7.53 for full payment on warrant No. 286 of series 1896, issued on general fund, accepted.

Assessed valuation of lot 4, in block 75, in the town of Cheyenne, for the year 1896, reduced from \$53 to \$10, and a rebate given WA Beaty of all 1896 tax paid on the aforesaid lot on a valuation over and above the said sum of \$10.

The following claims were submitted and allowed:

WB Johnson, services, \$21.85 Jas Hensley, bailiff fees, \$4.50 Calvin M. Rosser, bailiff fees, \$7.50 Frederick Tunnard, jury fees, \$6.50 SR Richerson, services, \$10.00 JH Parrish, services, \$7.50 WA Bright, services, \$8.50

All claims for election expenses laid on the table.

A road petition of Calvin Rosser et al submitted and granted.

The order of the commissioners court, made December 31, 1896, relating to the county treasurer, and the place where said county treasurer shall keep the county funds, is hereby rescinded.

A claim of AR Sollers for \$7.20 jury fees allowed.

Official bond of MH Denniston, J.P., approved, and oath of office administered to said MH Denniston.

TJ Holden appointed a justice of the peace.

Official bond of TJ Holden, J.P., approved, and oath of office administered to said TJ Holden.

Board adjourned SR Richerson, WA Bright, JH Parrish,

County Commissioners

AG Gray, County Clerk

Local and Personal Items

Miss Lou McAdams arrived last Sunday for Palo Pinto County, Texas. She is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. Caudill.

Mr. and Mrs. LC Shufeldt were visiting here Tuesday.

EE Tracy has taken a trip to the old folks back in the states.

Mr. CA Taylor, writing to his parents here from Liberty, New Mexico, says that country has just had the worst snow storm known in years.

Another dwelling house will be commenced in the city shortly. Mr. Collins, our flourishing hardware merchant having decided to build.

JW McMurtry has been appointed assistant clerk in the council. This is the first piece of pie secured by the west end.

A meeting was called at the school house last Saturday for the purpose of considering the question of changing the boundary lines of our county. Considerable interest was manifested and there was quite a large attendance. Resolutions were passed favoring the division of Day County between Roger Mills and Woodward counties and a committee appointed to confer with the merchants of Woodward and to enlist their help in making the proper representations to our legislators.

Khlebe Thurmond left Monday morning for Panhandle City, Texas, to meet his sister, Miss Florence, who has been attending school at Fort Worth. They returned last night.

Mrs. Warren received word Wednesday of the death of his father, a resident of Texas.

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The dwellings of AG Gray and Al Thurmond are nearly completed and add considerably to the appearance of the west end of town.

Mr. Bradford dropped in to see us Wednesday, admired our eagle, asked us a question, and got the laugh on us. Ask him about the particulars.

Mr. Bauman has recovered his horse, but the saddle, bridle and overcoat are still missing.

A herd of donkeys were driven into town yesterday, just as the school turned out and the youngsters had a picnic.

Notice to Teachers

On January 29th and 30th the examining board will meet at Cheyenne, O.T., for the purpose of examining applicants to teach in the public schools of the county.

HC Harris, Co. Supt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Couzens, living in Cloud Chief, broke last year's record for Oklahoma by becoming the parents of three boys on December 31st.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. DJ Cox, on January 7th, a ten pound boy. As this is the first boy in the family after a married life of thirteen years the parents as well as the grandparents are highly elated.

As a stockman, Mr. AO Miller, is entitled to the cake. About a week ago one of his five-year-old Jerseys presented him with a fine pair of calves. Yesterday, the mother of the Jersey, probably having heard of the above and not wishing to be outdone by her progeny, also went into the twins business and dropped two beauties. A peculiar feature of the case is that each cow is the mother of one white and one red calf, and one male and one female. Unluckily for Mr. Miller he had disposed of the oldest animal but had not delivered her, but it was lucky for us because she is ours.

Edward Claunch, who has a large ranch in the southern part of Woodward County, has purchased 7000 head of stock cattle in Knox County, Texas, and will drive them to his ranch this month.

January 22, 1897

With the south half of Day County added to Roger Mills, taxation would be reduced to \$1 or \$1.50 on the \$100.

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A petition is being circulated in Day County asking our legislatures to divide that county between Roger Mills and Woodward counties. There are some seventy voters in Day County who live on this side of the Canadian river, and sixty-three of these have signed the petition. Two or three have not yet been seen. Two refused to sign, and those two were office holders. That looks like the citizens of Day County appreciate the efforts being made to lower taxation in this part of the territory.

If Day County is to continue under its present boundaries, we would suggest the laying of a telephone line across the Canadian so that court could sit when necessary. It would look comical no doubt to see half the court on one side of the river and half on the other, sitting around camp fires and conducting their business by telephone, but that would beat no business at all. Such an arrangement would no doubt be highly appreciated by prisoners during terms of district court, especially when the sheriff was on the opposite side to them.

Local and Personal Items

There will be no spring term of court held here this year.

Another heavy snow storm visited this section Tuesday.

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Milo Burlingame, of Canadian, came in Tuesday, bringing the news that Jim Harbolt had escaped from jail Monday night, by cutting the bars of his cell window and lowering himself to the ground by a rope made from a blanket.

At a meeting of citizens held Monday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. Hodges, it was decided to have our annual races on February 25th, 26th and 27th. Messrs Colburn and Morris were elected as a finance committee, and Messrs Reed, Johnson and Anderson as a committee on general arrangements. Sufficient subscriptions have already been given to make a success, and it is hoped that a large attendance will result.

Horses in the Sandstone neighborhood are reported to be dying from a disease which closely resembles the glanders. Great care should be exercised in handling sick stock. All dead animals should be burned.

Last Sunday evening about sundown George Shahan saw some parties driving thirty head of Jesse Lorance's cattle in a northerly direction, and went out to see who it was, but the parties saw him and quit the cattle. The stock men up in that neighborhood are considerably worked up over the matter and from present indications there is likely to be a speedy trial by Judge Lynch if the parties can be caught.—Arapahoe Argus.

January 29, 1897

On Thursday last a meeting of citizens was called here to hear the report of Mr. Guernsey who was canvassed the south half of Day County for the purpose of finding out what the people living there think of the proposal to attach them to Roger Mills. His report was very favorable, showing that eighty-four were not only willing but anxious for the change. As Day County only polled 103 votes at the last election the above shows that so far as the south

half of the county is concerned the people of Day are unanimous in their desire to become citizens of our county. No report having been received from the north half of Day, Mr. Guernsey was appointed to go to Woodward for the purpose of consulting with the people there and to start a canvas of the north side. Should a favorable petition be gotten there the question would be practically settled as our legislators could not refuse to grant relief where the people so strongly desire it.

Jim Harbolt, the man charged with the killing of Sheriff McGee, and whose escape from the Canadian jail we reported last week, surrendered to the authorities last Sunday. The blizzard which was raging at the time of his escape was too much for him and nearly did as good a job as the hangman is expected to do.

Correspondence

Sandstone, Jan. 26th, 1897 Editor Sunbeam:

The storm that came last Saturday night as caused the stock to look bad.

Mr. Baker has bought out Mr. Johnson at Berlin and is now doing business at that place.

The debate was a success last Saturday night, the attendance being large. The speakers were Willie Rosser, Seth Millington, Miss Eppie Rosser, Miss Cora Bright, David Bright, Norman Newman, for the cow. Walter Bell, Autry Baker, Miss Nettie Rosser, Miss Edna Nelson, Miss Ruth Pullen, of the horse. Then there were several recitations, "The Prairie on Fire," by Miss Cora Bright, "What I Live For," by Miss Ruth Nelson, "Guilty or Not Guilty," by Miss Lydia Bright, "Betsy and I Are Out," by Walter Bell. They were all good pieces and well rendered. They will meet again tomorrow night. Everybody is invited to come out.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on March 20, 1897, viz: David M, McLemore, for the E½ NE ¼ Sec 11 and W ½ NW ¼ Sec 12,

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Twp 10 R 21 west. Witnesses: Whig G. Bevins, Robert Banks, James Banks, all of Ural, Roger Mills Co., OT.—BM Dilley, register.

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Local and Personal Items

AG Gray has moved his family into his new residence in the city.

Sheriff Miller is having an addition built to his town residence.

Mr. CW Cole, living near Snakey Bend, has 200 bushels of cotton seed which he will exchange for corn.

We understand that Mr. Parrish has appealed to the district court against the decision of the commissioners' court in reducing the printing bill presented by JW Putman.

Married—On Sunday last, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. AL Thurmond and Miss T Hunt. Soon after the ceremony the young folks left for their home in this city where every preparation had been made for housekeeping.

The past week has been hard on stock which was driven in here too late to fatten before cold weather set in.

We understand that some very bold work has been done in our county recently in the brand burning line.

In speaking of stock feeding, Ed Hill, an old time stockman who has been familiar with this neighborhood for the past twenty-five years, said that there were five kinds of kaffir corn, four of which simply furnish seed, the fifth, or short red kind, not only furnished seed, but stock readily eat seeds, stalks and all.

Sickness is very prevalent here mostly caused by the bad weather.

Freighters have been having a hard time lately.

There is to be a masked ball here during the races.

Two deaths are reported in the Elk creek neighborhood during the past week. Mrs. Crabtree, an old lady who had been sick some time died about a week ago and her death was followed by that of a young man named Williams. The latter case is said to have been one of pneumonia.

Notice to Teachers

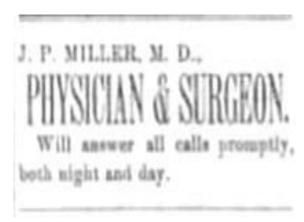
On January 29th and 30th the examining board will meet at Cheyenne, O.T., for the purpose of examining applicants to teach in the public schools of the county.—HC Harris, Co. Supt.

February 5, 1897

There is a movement on foot to create a new county by detaching a portion of Wood, Woodward, D and Custer and making a county there-from. Such an act would be a great injustice to the people of the western part of our territory, as it is already burdened by too many office holders. Is stead of creating extra burdens for the taxpayers to bear an effort should be made on the line of economy.

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Having invested in a fine set of instruments necessary to test the eyesight, Dr. JP Miller is now prepared to furnish patients whose sight in failing with glasses suitable to them.



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Mr. Guernsey was not successful in his trip to Woodward. Whilst the people there are perfectly willing to have their county enlarged and taxes reduced, they feel that the citizens of Day, who would be the greatest beneficiaries from the change, should take the necessary action.

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Local and Personal Items

Since the year 1895 we have never experienced such bad weather as this winter has furnished us. It has been rain, snow and mud all the time, with no promise yet of abatement. We have heard less complaint however from stockmen that was to be expected, and it is hoped that cattle losses will be light.

There will be a meeting here tomorrow (Saturday) night to consider further action in the Day county matter. Everybody should feel interested enough to attend. So far all the work and expenses have been borne by a few, whilst the object sought would benefit all taxpayers in both counties.

Mr. Nichols came in from Elk creek last Saturday suffering with a very bad hand. When the weather becomes more favorable he will have to undergo a surgical operation.

On Monday last about 7 o'clock p.m., Editor JW Maddox of the Western Oklahoman, published in Taloga, shot at ex-County Attorney Springstun through the post office window while the latter was distributing the mail. The ball entered the jaw, making a bad wound. Maddox is in jail. The alleged cause of the shooting is the refusal of Springstun to supply Maddox with opium.



Mr. and Mrs. Beau Jones were in town early in the week.

There was quite a rush for town lots in Mangum, Greer County, when the news reached there that President Cleveland had signed the Free Home bill.

County Assessor Taylor commenced rounding up the boys early in the week, to find out how much they were worth for purposes of taxation.

Mr. Van Tassel, living in Amarillo, Texas, started his two little boys with a wagon twenty miles away to haul wood. The younger, 8 years old, returned frozen to insensibility. Under treatment he has gained consciousness, but it is thought he will die.

JR Allen and Will Lock, stockmen of Jester, were in town last night and report disease among their cattle which is taking them off at a pretty high rate. It is the fat natives which seem to be affected and they generally die in a few hours. They can't locate the trouble.—*Mangum Star*.

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We heard a great deal about the rush of immigration which is to strike us when the free homes bills passes. Judging by the experience of our Greer county neighbors we are led to believe that the "rush" business is over in Oklahoma. For our part we prefer the steady, solid growth which prevails at present, as our county is not adapted for settlement by too many families with small means and large responsibilities.

Burglars raided the post office Monday night, at Martha, Greer County, and stole all the cash and stamps and carried part of the mail and a

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wagon load of goods from the general store, kept by the postmaster.

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Mr. Bradford is building another house on his residence lots.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. Bussell of Canadian, on Feb. 5th, a daughter.

The Cheyenne post office has been moved into the building formerly occupied by Mr. Stahl as a butcher shop.

Mrs. BF Rosser has been visiting her son here this week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Cosmos Faulkner, on Feb. 3rd, an 11 pound daughter.

The Thurmond Bros. are making extensive improvements in their business house.

Miss Pearl Cunningham, one of the bright young teachers of our county, has been visiting friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. TL Keen of Doxey were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hefferman were in town Monday.

At El Reno last Saturday Judge Tarsney sentenced Alfred Son to the penitentiary for life for the murder of Fred Hoffman, county treasurer of D county.

Some of the stockmen are complaining of losses among their calf crop from blackleg. As the disease arises from a surplus of fat, it is very unusual this late in the winter. A careful examination of those which have died leads to the conclusion that it is blackleg. We are afraid however, that later on the main loss will be from a lack of fat if the present weather keeps up.

Republican Meeting

The Republicans of Roger Mills County are hereby notified to attend a meeting at the Collins tinshop in Cheyenne on Wednesday next, February 19th, for the transaction of important business.—Jacob Beard, Chairman.

Some time ago, the Hutton Bros., living in Custer Bend, imported three "blue quail" from Mexico and turned them loose. They are much tamer than the native or Virginia quail, and are larger, but their flesh is not considered good. They are very handsome in appearance and have proved so prolific here that instead of three the Hutton's now have over 100 located on their ranch. They feed them with the chickens and are almost as tame.

For Sale or Rent

The dwelling and wagon yard now occupied by me in Cheyenne. Also will sell one sulky and two walking plows.—F Tunnard.

County Superintendant Harris has received the first semi-annual apportionment of territorial school fund, amounting to \$399, or 60 cents per capita of school children, and will distribute same among several districts.

There will be an entertainment at the school house on Monday evening next, February 5th, in commemoration of St. Valentine. Everybody invited.—Mrs. AE Kirkman

Notice

All parties are hereby notified that the school warrant No. 42, issued by district 7 in favor of Miss L Moore for the sum of \$40, has been lost, and that application has been made for a duplicate. Said warrant was issued December 26th, 1896.

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Redmoon, Feb 9th, 1897

Nice weather since the storm.

The sawmill is doing a land office business and lumber is on object.

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WG Beaty is visiting the old folks in "Tenn." this week.

WN Nations has just received 15 fine Hereford bulls from Kansas.

A literary society has been organized at the Croton school house.

Elmer Whiteley happened to quite a serious accident a few days ago, which came near causing him to lose a hand. He was cutting sawlogs when his had got caught between two logs, holding him fast for over an hour until assistance came.

Our school will be out the 18th. Just in time a school is most beneficial. Why can't we extend the time a month or two?

Shufeldt Bros. put up a fine quantity of ice the last cold spell.

Don't fail to hear The School Marm, a comedy in 4 acts, will be played at the Day county school house Friday night, February 19th. Everybody is invited. Come and enjoy a good laugh. Characters: Prof Hadlock, Miss Whitlach, Mr. and Mrs. FW Pollock, Mr. Elmer Whiteley, Miss Orpha and Ruby Pollock, Mr. Joe and Lee Dudney, Johnnie Pollock and Maggie Barr.—J. McWhack.

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Again, complaint is being made because of a lack of direct mail communication between Cheyenne and the eastern portion of Oklahoma. At the present time there is a daily line from Arapahoe, some 45 miles east of here. From Arapahoe there is a twice-a-week mail to Samsville, the latter point being only 20 miles from east of us. What is now wanted is the filling up of this 20 mile gap by the letting of a daily mail contract and the changing of the twice-a-week route from Arapahoe to Samsville into a daily service.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature providing for the care of the blind of the territory. It provides for the attachment of a school to the normal at Edmond.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on March 30,1897, viz: George J. Coburn, Administrator of estate of Albert B. Coburn, deceased, for the NW ¼ Section 21, Twnshp 11N, R 26 west. Witnesses: George Puryear, Frank Bradley, LB Henderson, Jenkins Williams, all of Sweetwater, Oklahoma.—BM Dilley, Register

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on April 10, 1897, viz: Penn Nixon, HE 13189 for the NW ¼, Sec 24, tp 14N, R23W. Witnesses: Oscar Thurmond, William B. Brown, Henry E. Thompson, FF Leach, all of Cheyenne, O.T.—EG Spillman, Register.

Local and Personal Items

Married—On Sunday last at the home of the bride's parents just west of town, J Cauble and Miss Emma Parrish, Judge Leary officiating.

Dr. Miller has performed a very successful operation on the hand of Nichols of Elk creek.

Born—On Tuesday last to Prof Hutton and wife, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Hank Conner, a son.

In addition to the purse races on February 25, 26 and 27, there is to be a matched race between Gray Puzzle and Rhyneck for \$100 on the side, which will be ran February 24. It is expected that a great deal of money will change hands on this race.

There will be some game fowls brought here from Woodward to give exhibitions of their prowess.

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There will be the finest ball ever given in Cheyenne at the school house on Friday night, February 26th, under the management of JA Colburn and JS Gober. A committee of three selected from different parts of the county will see that everyone is made acquainted and furnished with partners. Professor Warren's string band, of Woodward, the best in the territory, will furnish the music. Supper at Anderson's restaurant.

Jim Harbolt, one of the murderers of Sheriff McGee, was tried at Clarendon last week and sentenced to the penitentiary for ninety-nine years.

Republicans Organize

Pursuant to a call made by the chairman of the republican central committee of Roger Mills county the republicans met on Wednesday last, and transacted the following business:

A motion was put before the convention and carried dissolving the present county organization.

A new organization was effected by the election of Jacob Beard, chairman; JP Johnson, secretary; John M. Vanderpool, Charles Miller, LL Collins, members of county central committee.

Judge Alcorn, of Ioland, is in the city on business.

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El Reno, Ok. February 22—John Peterson and WN Hubbell returned last night from the Wichita Mountains, bringing many specimens of ore, among them a nugget of fine gold weighing seventy-six grains. They will return in a few days. The prospectors are getting so numerous they say that it is no longer possible for the troop s to keep them out.

Oklahoma City, O.T., Feb. 22—Two brothers, John and Bert Shaw, aged 25 and 20 years, were killed today by a runaway team while driving from this city to their home three mile in the country. They were highly respected farmer boys.

Guthrie, O.T. Feb 25—At a wedding at Ingram last night a sensational episode occurred. Everyone was on hand except the bride, Miss Minnie Doyle. The audience, the minister, and the bridegroom were waiting. The wedding march was played twice, and after impatient waiting the bridegroom, Henry Towers, marched out of the edifice to find that his intended bride had gone with another man. Miss Doyle had flown with Will Beattie, a railroad man.

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Local and Personal Items

Sickness has prevented us from furnishing much local news this week. We have experienced considerable difficulty in getting out any kind of paper.

The weather of the past week has been the most pleasant of the winter.

Cub Roberts has purchased seventeen head of pedigreed cattle, paying as high as \$300 for one of them. The bunch cost \$1875.

Deputy Marshall Gene Hall arrested a man named Lucky wanted on a charge of horse stealing.

WORKERS INSTITUTE Program

The following is the program of the Workers Institute of the Washita County Missionary Baptist Association to convene with the Kiowa church, seven miles above the Red Moon agency, at 10 o'clock a.m., Friday before the 5th Sunday in May, A.D. 1897

1st. Introductory sermon—JR Nigh.

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- 2nd. Does the Scripture Teach that the Church and Kingdom are Identical?—TH Gold, JC Meler.
- 3rd. What is the Design of the Lord's Supper, and who have the Right to Participate in It?—AJ McMillan, TJ McReynolds.
- 4th. Are Children who die in Infancy Lost or Saved?—Walter, Pruet, Jno Standerfer.
- 5th. What are the Evidences of a Divine Call to the Ministry?—RE Smith, TJ Cook.
- 6th. What is the Object of Christians Praying in Public?—JI Hollis, JT Maddox.
- 7th. What is the Duty of Christians in Religiously Training their Children? JR Nigh, WH Giles.
- 8th. Can Christians Preserve their Christian Influence and Engage in Social Parties and Dances?—Sallie Maddox, Mollie McClearyen.
- 9th. Missionary Sermon Sunday at 11 a.m.— TH Gold, Walter Pruet, Alt.
- 10th. The executive board will meet at the same place and time with the Institute.

TH Gold, JC Meler, TJ McReynolds, Committee

Cheyenne Race Results

Feb. 25th, 26, and 27th

The matched race between Roberts' and Bozeman's horses for \$100 resulted in favor of Bozeman.

- 1st Day—300 yards Cow Pony (Purse \$25): This race was divided into two, and resulted in Calwell's horse and Bud Power's horse taking first prizes and G county mare and Bud Power's Broom Tail second prizes.
- 2nd Day—Quarter race (Purse \$40): Gober's horse Blue Coon took first money, with Fred Bozeman's gray mare second.
- 3rd Day—600 yards (Purse \$50): Fred Bozeman's gray mare took first money and Cub Robert's horse second.

A Shooting in Washita County

(Cloud Chief Herald-Sentinel)

Last Thursday night about eleven o'clock Bode Cummings came in from Combs with the report that IR Baker had been shot.

Sheriff Morrison being away, Deputy Grant started at once for the scene of action. We were unable to get anything like a correct report of the affair until the first of this week. It seems that some trouble had been brewing in the neighborhood over the burning of the school house, and that some parties by the name of Elzie had been, or thought they had been, accused of firing the building, and the old gentleman Elzie and his son together with a man named Houston, went down town to have a settlement with one Cecil who had been teaching school in the house in question. It seems that Mr. Cecil would not come out of the house he was in to fuss with the trio, and then they repaired to Sewel's store, in which was kept the post office by Mr. Baker. The question was asked Mr. Baker if he had accused them of burning the school house, whereupon he replied that he had accused no one in particular of the crime, but believed it was caused by the opposition to the school, whereupon the elder Elzie struck at Baker with a heavy club but Baker warded off the blow, and at the same time drawing a pistol he fired at Elzie, but just as he pulled the trigger he was caught by Houston, so his shot did no damage. It is also claimed that while Houston and Baker clinched, and while Houston was bearing him to the floor that the elder Elzie struck him over the head with the club, and as he fell to the floor young Elzie shot him in the hip.

All this took place in the post office, Mr. Baker being the postmaster at that place.

All three of the parties were immediately arrested and placed under bond, ranging from \$12,000 down.

The wound which Mr. Baker received is proving to be more serious than was at first expected. The ball struck in the upper part of the right hip, entering from behind and ranging downward and inward, and did not come out. Two doctors have been in attendance upon him, and on Tuesday night about 11 o'clock WH Combs came in with the report that blood poisoning had set in and that there was no hope of his recovery. He was also after the sheriff to go out and re-arrest the parties. Morrison was

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in the saddle and off in a very few minutes for the scene of action.

The case is taking on a more serious phase. The forgoing report, which we have gleaned from every possible reliable source, seems to be about correct; and if it is that way, and Mr. Baker dies, it seems that the perpetrators will have a very serious charge to answer.

Mr. Baker has lived at Combs since the opening. He has many friends, and like all men in public life he has his enemies. He was a candidate two years ago on the democratic ticket for the office of probate judge, and he ran last fall for county attorney on the populist ticket, in both cases he was defeated. He has been post master at Combs for about three years past. We trust, however, the he may yet pass the danger point and recover.

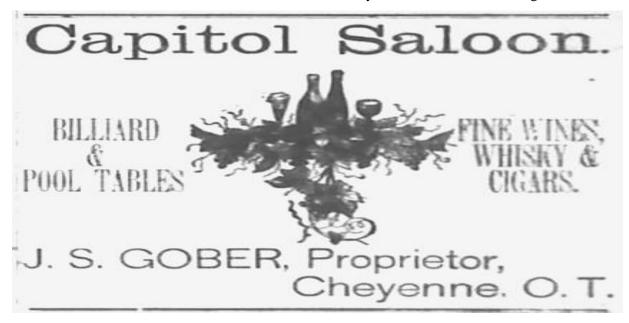
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A bill has been introduced in the legislature which, if passed, will make two counties of Greer. A little experience under Oklahoma laws will soon convince the taxpayers of Greer County that their county is none too large; they will learn that if any change is necessary it would be to enlarge boundaries. Office seekers

and townsite speculators may make money by cutting the western counties up, and that everybody would be losing. A part of the above bill provides for the location of the county seat at Altus, and the citizens of that place are probably responsible for the introduction of the bill.

An effort is being made to collect a fund for the purpose of erecting a church building at this place. Every good citizen should help the movement. That our town, the county seat of one of the most prosperous counties in the territory, has no church building in it does not speak well to strangers who have lived in communities where such matters have received due consideration. In fact we doubt if there is another town as large as ours in the country that has not one or more church buildings. This does not speak well for either our intelligence or religion and should be remedied at once. We know that an appeal to our people for funds will be promptly and liberally responded to. The cause of our neglect in this respect lies mainly in the fact that no organized effort has been made.

The horseless carriage will soon be introduced in Oklahoma to carry the mail. Henry Merrifield, who runs a stage line from El



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Reno to Cloud Chief, in Washita County, a distance of fifty miles, will begin March 15 to run motor carriages for mail and passengers. The road is level and straight. At the present price of horses, we consider the saving by motor power to be very doubtful.

Local and Personal Items

Died—On Tuesday last, the two-week old child of Prof Hutton and wife.

Mrs. SJ Wiley left yesterday for Ennis, Texas, to visit relatives.

A petition is being circulated asking the department to establish a mail line from Cheyenne to Mangum in Greer County.

Cub Roberts has just left for home with a wagon load of new household furniture.

House painters have been doing a land office business in town lately fixing us up in the latest spring styles.

The Rev. TH Kinser has been circulating among our citizens the past few days asking for subscriptions toward building an M E Church South edifice in our city. He has met with such success as will insure the erection of a commodious building within the next few months.

Walter Bell is studying law in the office of Judge Davies. He has many friends who wish him success.

One hen is equal to an acre of land, according to the calculations of a Central Branch, Kansas, farmer, who figures that whereas the ground produces in a year 20 bushels of corn, worth \$2, the hen, which costs less to take care of, lays ten dozen eggs worth \$1.50.



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The sporting fever has left our town and business settled back to its normal condition.

No, there's not much the matter with the weather now, but the people are suffering badly with a mixture of grip and spring fever, and work in retarded.

Mr. Bigear is having a residence built near his place of business in the city.

JR Baker, the man who was shot recently in Washita County, over a schoolhouse quarrel, died last week, and WF Ellzey, Sr., WF Ellzey, Jr., and JF Houston have been committed without bail to answer to the district court for his death.

Presiding Elder Avery of the M. E. Church south preached here Sunday evening last to a large audience.

The season being at hand for planting gardens, citizens who have hogs and other troublesome animals loose in town should take them up. Nothing is more annoying than to have \$50 worth of property destroyed by a \$1 animal that should have been kept up by its owner.

Lost—one black bald face horse, six years old, about 14 ½ hands high, branded A on left thigh. Liberal reward paid for information leading to it recovery.—EL Mosely, Cheyenne.



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County Schools

Of the Territorial appropriative and county funds the following are the amounts belonging to each school district:

District #1	\$113.35
District #2	\$25.60
District #3	\$31.40
District #4	\$41.65
District #5	\$25.60
District #6	\$97.20
District #7	\$61.35
District #8	\$46.25
District #9	\$22.00
District #10	\$48.60
District #11	\$13.95
District #12	\$37.10
District #14	\$39.40
District #15	\$5.55

I would advise all district clerks to report all children in scholastic age residing in their districts on the 15th of January. Said district clerks will be expected to make all reports required by law. It will give me pleasure to assist them at any time. Call on me for any blanks wanted. I will furnish district officers copies of the school laws free.

Let us work together and elevate higher and higher the standard of education in our county.

JC Harris, Co. Supt.

Burglary

On Monday morning last the Thurmond Brothers discovered that their store had been

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entered during the night and a quantity of goods removed. An investigation led to the discovery that a pane of glass in one of the windows at the back end of the store had been removed and entrance effected through the aperture. Officers were called and it was soon discovered that tracks had been made in the mud near the window. These tracks were easily followed to the residence of Mr. Sam Caudle across the river about a mile from town. On reaching this place the officers arrested a young man, aged about 20 years, named Gollipher, who has been working for Mr. Caudle. On being accused, Gollipher immediately pleaded guilty and told the officers that he had secreted the goods in a haystack nearby. They were recovered, and showed a general assortment as the following list will show:

One suit of clothes, va	lued at	\$14.00
Two pair pants		\$10.00
One pair of boots		\$7.50
Six sacks of tobacco		.50
One knife		\$2.00
One knife		\$1.75
One knife		\$1.00
Two harps		.50
Cigarette papers		.10
,	Total:	\$35.85

The prisoner is a big strong young man who has spent a great deal of time hanging around town instead of being a work, and it appears to us that if there should have been exceptions made to the retirement of the cat-of-nine-tails as a means of punishment, just such cases should have been one of them.

Just as we go to press Sheriff Morrison and posse came in with Robert Sloat, who is wanted for murder in Cleveland County. He is three-fourths Shawnee Indian and one-fourth white. He is a bad man. Full particulars next week.—Cloud Chief Herald

Local and Personal Items

A petition asking the department to grant a daily mail route from Arapahoe to this town is being circulated and largely signed. The citizens of Arapahoe are equally interested with us in this matter and should help push it along.

There is to be a wedding in the neighborhood next Sunday, two of our young society folks having tired of single blessedness.

Mr. S Curby has a cow which brought a calf weighing only twenty pounds and so small that the cow will have to like down to suckle it.

The Cheyenne hotel has been moved into the business part of town.

On Wednesday evening last there was a gathering at the school house for the purpose of organizing a debating society. The meeting was a success, a permanent organization being affected with GW Hodges as chairman and Mrs. Kirkman secretary. There will be another meeting tomorrow (Saturday) night, and it is hoped that sufficient interest will be manifested to make it and future gatherings a success. Such societies, properly conducted, are great helps to the young folks and should receive the hearty endorsement of citizens generally. The question for debate for Saturday night will be: Affirmed, that the love of woman exerts more influence over man than money.

It might be a good idea in future when building in town to put your house on wheels. Such a course would save expense when you moved around over town.

Mr. Winslett has completed his building at Berlin and will move this week.

Quite a sharp frost visited this section last night.

A prairie fire burned off the country southwest of us a few days ago.

Green grass is beginning to show on the prairies and peach trees indicate that they will be in bloom in a few days.

The debate at the Rosser school house last Saturday night was a success there being a large attendance.

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Six bills of indictment were returned by the Day County court last week.

Mr. and Mrs. ND Wheeler were in from their Sandstone ranch Monday.

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Governor Renfrow vetoed the school land bill.

The lease law passed by the legislature doesn't amount to much. It satisfies neither the free grass men nor those in favor of the herd law. In the first place lawyers claim that it conflicts with the federal law; secondly the provision that all school lands shall be leased before the law becomes operative is liable to be a serious stumbling block, and lastly the people of the county have it in their power to knock it on the head if they so desire. And the last clause leaves the whole matter where it has always been and always should be.

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Referring to the proposed daily mail route between Cheyenne and Arapahoe, the Arapahoe Just why the post office Argus says: department has refused to establish a mail route from here to Cheyenne is a mystery that we have been unable to understand, although several experts have been trying to solve the mystery for several years. It is about forty miles from here to Cheyenne and a letter mailed to that place from here has to go to El Reno, 62 miles east, from there it goes to Wellington, Kansas, over the Rock Island. At Wellington, it changes and takes the Santa Fe to Kiowa, Kansas, at Kiowa it takes the Southern Kansas of Texas (Ry...) and goes to Canadian, Texas. From Canadian it comes back to Chevenne, fifty miles in this direction, overland, travelling about 1000 miles to get a distance of 40 miles. The citizens of Cheyenne, in order to get to the

capital of the territory, are forced to travel through two states before getting there.

A petition has been circulating among our citizens of late asking for a mail route between Mangum and Cheyenne. The route is much needed and should be granted for now mail is carried around hundreds of miles when its objective point is only a few miles away. Some citizens on the proposed route now live as much as 20 miles from an office.—Mangum Star

Local and Personal Items

The town cows are beginning to patronize the shady side of business houses in hopes of escaping the heel flies.

Gardening is being pushed, with every prospect of an abundant yield the ground being in much better condition than usual.

Prepare for storms. A wet winter is generally followed by a stormy spring.

There is no let up to the improvements around town, mechanics being busy all the time.

WB Johnson has added another room to hid dwelling.

John Stahl is raising a couple of wild cats. They are only a few weeks old but larger than the domestic animal.

Mr. Beaty has an incubator in operation and expects to have 200 chickens hatch out next week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Brown, on Thursday, March 11, a daughter.

Married—On Sunday last, Mr. L Anderson and Miss E Morris.

It is reported that there was a wedding on Sandstone yesterday.

JS Gober returned last evening from a trip to the Lone Star state.

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Five prairie schooners passed here yesterday journeying from the Creek nation to Arizona.

A shower fell in this neighborhood Tuesday, after which the lark's song could be heard foretelling the advent of fine weather.

Notice

The road across my place is now closed and I positively will prosecute the first person that goes though.—Calvin M. Rosser

The debate at the school house last Saturday evening drew out a large audience and gave general satisfaction. Of course woman triumphed over the debate. The question for discussion tomorrow (Saturday) evening will be: Affirmed that there is more pleasure in possession than in pursuit. CM Rosser and JE Leary for affirmative, and Oscar Thurmond and Penn Nixon negative. There will also be an interesting dialogue between Miss Georgia Kirkman, Miss Maud McMurtry, Miss Carrie Thurmond and Miss Slane. This will be followed by a recitation by Miss Arey Dewey.

Died—On Thursday, March 11th, Judge Shannon H. McCray, after an illness of just one week. Deceased served terms as probate judge of Day County, and at the time of his death was probate judge of Woodward County.

To The Teachers of Roger Mills Co.

Efforts are being made to have Roger Mills and Greer counties unite their forces and hold an institute during the summer. The best instructors in the territory will be employed. Institute will probably be held at Mangum and will last three weeks or longer.

I had hoped to have Greer County divide distance with us, but our institute fund is so small that they can't afford to come this way.

I would like to know, as soon as possible, the number of teachers of this county who would like to attend. If a sufficient number will attend we will unite our forces. Otherwise, we will hold our funds if we can legally, and have an institute at home in 1898.

What do you say teachers?

Please let me hear from you on the subject.— Respectfully, HC Harris, Co. Supt.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College

The spring term of the Agricultural College at Stillwater will open March 29, closing June 9. No fees are required. The work in the preparatory department will be especially suited for those wishing to review in preparation for the college classes or for teaching. Students fairly advanced can profitably take up the work of the freshman class. Teachers may select special courses. Eleven instructors are regularly engaged, representing several high class universities. The college is especially well prepared to teach English, mathematics, and science. Several thousands of dollars have been expended for addition to library and apparatus during the year.

To Auntie, in Heaven

(Written for the Sunbeam)

A tribute of love to the memory of our aunt, Mrs. Mary Helm, who died March 1st, 1897 at Birdstone, Texas, in her seventy-fifth year.

There are golden harps, and starry Crowns

In the mansions above, at the Kings command,

For those who walk in the royal path
That leads from earth to the heavenly
land.

Dear auntie, 'tis a solace of grief, Comfort sublime,

To know that a harp and a crown are thine.

If the golden harps are tuned to accord

With kind words said to the weary and wan.

With counsel and prayer that lessened the load

Of wayside toilers as you journeyed along.

Oh, auntie, how blissful the music must be

Which comes from the harps played by thee.

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If on the crowns there's a sparkling Gem

For every act in charity given,
For deeds on trustful love for Him
Who was your beacon light to
heaven,

Then, auntie, your crown is so wondrously

'Tis a glittering mass of jewels rate, If the pictures adorning the mansions above

Are reflections of your brightness some Lives have shed,

Heart aches forgotten, strife changing to love,

Homeless ones sheltered, hungry ones fed,

Oh, auntie, how radiant your mansion, I know

No artist but Christ could picture one so.

If pleasures in heaven are meted to those

Who faithfully, humbly do their Best

In bearing life's crosses and murmuring not,

Patiently wait for the promised rest.

Dear auntie, we miss you, but would not say, come

Away from such bliss in your beautiful home.

When o'er the river the boatman came

To row her o'er the darksome tide, Her life work ended, she was waiting to cross,

To join the angels on the other side.

Oh help us, our Father, her loved ones below,

To be willing and ready with the boatman to go. --Ella Hodges.

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The president has sent the names of James Kelley, as receiver, and HD Knight, as register of the Mangum land office to the senate for confirmation.

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Our citizens are to be congratulated on their liberal response for funds with which to build a church in this town. Already nearly \$550 has been subscribed, and this amount will probably be added to in a substantial manner by the M. E. church which meets in annual conference next month.

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It is with pleasure we notice that Sheriff Miller has determined to suppress the pistol carrying habit in this county. It has been altogether too common for young men to go around at all times with deadly weapons concealed on their persons. There is no excuse for this. Pistols are not only dangerous to those carrying them, but they are a continual source of danger to the public generally, and we hope that rigorous measures will be taken against all offenders until the habit is forever stamped out.

Local and Personal Items

Mr. GW Hodges left early in the week for the eastern markets where he will purchase a full line of general merchandise for his store.

John D Taylor has spent much time and capital in fitting his barber shop up in first class style and now has everything arranged in an artistic manner for the convenience of his customers.

Walter Bell has received his commission from Governor Renfrow and is now a full-fledged notary public.

Dr. Standifer, from Tulia, Swisher County, Texas, was here Tuesday looking around for a location. He was accompanied by Mr. Faulkner, who wishes to find an opening in the mercantile line.

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At a meeting of the board having in charge the construction of a Methodist Episcopal church building at this place, on Tuesday last, JW Thurmond was elected chairman, Dr. JP Miller, treasurer, and EF Stephens, secretary. A location was decided on and the secretary ordered to negotiate for purchase of the necessary lots.

A polite request to the hog owners in town having failed to abate the nuisance, a number of citizens have decided to enforce the law by penning all hogs found running loose in town on Tuesday next. They will be penned in Thurmond Bros. corral, and can be taken therefrom only on payment of damages. Everybody invited to participate in the round-up.

Mr. Warren has moved his family out to the ranch for the summer, much to the regret of their many friends here.

Mr. Slane has built a dwelling on the head of East Croton and moved his family out Saturday. They made many friends during their residence in town.

Mr. Parker, the contractor having in charge the construction of the Indian school building at the Red Moon agency, was in town Wednesday. He says the work is nearly finished and that it is the largest structure in western Oklahoma.

Correspondents should not make their communications over a column in length. We are always pleased to publish articles of general interest or benefit, especially those of an educational character, but our space being limited we would be obliged to have the above suggestion complied with.

An effort is being made to start a subscription school here.

JR Richerson of Doxie and some of his brother stockmen have had an unpleasant experience in the dehorning business. They dehorned a number of their stock but took no precautions against screw-worms; consequently some of the grown animals are badly affected and are giving considerable trouble. The worms have worked into the head making cattle crazy. Care should be exercised in using strong liniments or ointments, as there is a danger in them both to the brain and eyes of the animals. Cotton smeared with tar should be applied to the wound immediately after the operation of dehorning, thus preventing trouble of the above kind.

The many friends of Joe Casady will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering.

Notice of Dissolution

The partnership heretofore existing under the name of Hodges & Bradford is this 30th day of March, A.D. 1897, dissolved by mutual consent. GW Hodges will continue the business, making all collections and assuming all liabilities.

GW Hodges, HB Bradford Cheyenne, O.T. March 30, 1897

Card of Thanks

We sincerely thank the many friends who, during the sickness of our beloved little daughter, Ruth, have shown their sympathy and been of such help to us. In the dark hour of our affliction such kindness has been a great consolation and will always be remembered with feelings of gratitude.

Walter G. Morris Georgia Morris

Notice

From this date the law against carrying concealed weapons will be strictly enforced in this county. I give the public notice so that all may understand.—Z. Miller, Sheriff

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For Sale

One gentle Jersey cow, good milker, with two calves (twins) for \$50; also on long yearling heifer, good milk stock, for \$13.50. Apply at office of this paper.

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Cassius Barnes is to be governor of Oklahoma, to succeed Governor Renfrow.

The late legislature increased our burden of taxation here in Roger Mills County about \$2000 per annum. Those of our citizens who voted for the party of retrenchment and reform can now amuse themselves by getting a magnifying glass and hunting for signs of "retrenchment" in the new laws.

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Gold is said to be plentiful in the Wichita Mountains, but we have yet to see or hear of anyone becoming rich by hunting for wealth there. Roger Mills County is now full of gold

hunters who succeed every day in the race for wealth. Down in those mountains the miners dig and delve and sweat and get—dirt. Here the stockman turn loose their cows and the cows thrive and multiply by cropping the nutritious grasses and their increase brings gold.

Do As You Would Be Done By

Considerable complaint is being made because of the enclosing of large bodies of land in the county without due regard of the interests and rights of the general public. There should be no objections raised against stockmen who recognize the rights of their neighbors and respect them when enclosing pastures, but where one man attempts to crush out another or ignores the rights of the public generally, there

is liable to be created a feeling that will eventually lead to loss of all. This is preeminently a stock country, and stockmen should receive fair and liberal treatment, but they in return should be very particular not to raise antagonism by unjust acts. Whilst by law every section line is a public highway, there is no likelihood of the enforcement of the law where it is not necessary and where it does not work hardships, but stockmen should always respect traveled roads by at least putting in gates, and should recognize their neighbors right to public water by leaving some of it outside their pastures. Such a course is the only safe one. Don't be greedy. It won't pay.

Local and Personal Items

We are pleased to note that the hog nuisance has been abated and we hope that from now on the law will be strictly enforced.

Corn planting is now in full blast and there are indications of a much larger acreage than last year.

Those who planted early gardens are pleased with the result so far.

Judging from the number of plows brought to town lately for repairs, a heap big lot of plowing is being done.

Friend Bradford will shortly forsake the humdrum ways of the merchant to participate in the joys which are strewn in the path of the stock-farmer. He will locate as near as possible to town.

GW Hodges returned last night from his trip east, where he has been purchasing goods.

The weather has been good, bad and indifferent this week, but mostly good.

To Stockmen

There will be a meeting of stockmen in Cheyenne on Saturday, April 17th, for the purpose of arranging for round-ups, chuck

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wagon, etc. All stockmen are invited to be on hand as business of importance to them will be brought forward.

Fire was discovered by Mr. Jacob Beard early yesterday morning in the vicinity of Mr. Cox's mill. An investigation showed that a quantity of sawdust was burning and that a horse power which had been left nearby had caught the flames and been destroyed. Had much more time elapsed before the fire was discovered, the chances are that the mill would have been burned. Mrs. Cox had been making soap the evening before, and it is supposed that she left out some embers which were fanned into flames by the heavy wind which prevailed all night.

AL Thurmond has built an addition to his house during the week.

At the meeting of the Chevenne literary society on Saturday evening there was the usual large attendance. In the absence of the chairman, EF Stephens was called upon to preside. The election of officers being the first business, the following was selected: EF Stephens, president; Walter Bell, vicepresident; Mrs. Kirkman, secretary. subject for discussion was Capital Punishment, in which Prof HC Harris and MH Denniston gave the Cheyenne boys a lively fight, and won The subject for tomorrow the debate. (Saturday) evening will be: Resolved that fire has been more destructive to the human family that water.

A few weeks ago the prospects looked gloomy for cattle which had been brought here late in the fall in a poor condition. The recent fair weather, with the unusually early appearance of grass, has changed the outlook, however, and there is at present every indication of a low rate of loss even among imported stock whilst the natives are daily improving and have passed the danger mark.

Wanted—At once, good black-smith. Apply at J Begier, Cheyenne.

A number of shade and fruit trees have been set out in town the past week. They will add greatly to the beauty of our town, which is now one of the prettiest in Oklahoma.

JS Gober purchased fifty-nine head of cattle in Greer County last week which he will put on his ranch here. They were mostly one and two year old heifers.

Sunday School Picnic

The Cheyenne Sunday school having decided to have a Sunday school picnic on the first Saturday in May appointed a committee on arrangements, who, after extending a cordial invitation to everybody to come and bring their baskets, and a special invitation to all Sunday schools in the country who can conveniently do so to come and participate in the enjoyment of the occasion, they formulated the following:

Program

- 1. Song by Sunday school, followed with prayer by Rev TH Kinser.
- 2. Song by school, followed with short address by superintendent.
- 3. Four recitations in succession.
- 4. Song by school.
- 5. Song by infant class. After which dinner will be served in regular picnic order.

Committee: Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Bradford, Miss Lizzie Jennings, Miss Florence Thurmond, Miss Lela Blanton, Mr. Chas Miller, Mr. Luther Turnbough, and Mr. DH Arnold.

Last Sunday while Mr. JK Smith was chopping wood the ax flew off the handle and cut off two of the toes of Clarence Hamilton, who was standing nearby—Day County Tribune

Notice to Teachers

The examining board will meet at Cheyenne on April 23rd-24th to examine applicants to teach in the public schools of the county.—HC Harris, County Supt.

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

Monday, April 5th, 1897

Board of county commissioners met. Present, Commissioners SR Richerson, WA Bright, and JH Parrish; Sheriff Zack Miller and Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had, to wit: Appointment of Anson Hazlewood, undersheriff approved.

\$8.74 of James Clark's tax for the year 1895 declared off.

It appearing to the board that at the regular meeting in January, 1897, an error had been committed in allowing certain mileage fees to WB Johnson to the amount of \$14.50, the court now authorizes the county treasurer to receive the sum of \$14.50 back and to credit same to fund upon which same was drawn.

The county treasurer hereby authorized to receive the sum of \$60.68 as full payment of tax against JH Anderson for the year 1895.

The court declares off all tax for the 1895 against James Cauble, Dick Cann, CC and WT Roberts/

Order that upon the payment of 1895 tax on one and one half miles of wire fence valued at \$50.00 and included in the assessment of WS Lard, that the said wire fence be released from all further tax assessed against said WS Lard for the year 1895.

The board finds that the assessment of Ben Anderson for the year 1895 was in excess to the amount of \$638.00, and that the tax and penalty paid on the said excessive assessment amounts to the sum of \$29.28, which said sum of \$29.28 the board now orders refunded to the said Ben Anderson.

WW Duke is hereby appointed treasurer of Cheyenne township.

Road petition of EG Thurmond et al, submitted, not granted.

Petition of Ott Casady et al., for a county road, submitted, granted and viewers appointed.

Reports of fees received during quarter by county clerk and register of deeds, submitted and approved.

Quarterly report of George W. Graves, justice of the peace in and for Cheyenne township, submitted and approved.

Report of probate judge for the quarter ending March 31st, 1897, submitted and approved.

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 6th, 1897, at 9 a.m.

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Tuesday, April 6th, 1897

Board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, same present as yesterday, and proceeded as follows, to wit:

The board hereby recommends that the county treasurer take up and cancel any county bonds of the 1894 issue when same are offered for redemption and the county treasurer has the funds on hand.

Report of the county treasurer for quarter ending March 31st, submitted and approved.

Road petition of AL Thurmond et. al., submitted and not granted.

Official bond of WW Duke, treasurer of Cheyenne township, submitted and approved.

Sheriff's report of fees received during quarter submitted and approved.

The following claims submitted and allowed: For election expenses:

EF Stephens	\$3.
AA Hitchcock	\$3.
DT Silence	\$3.
DW Davies	\$3.
JP Johnson	\$3.
WG Morris	\$3.
JN Arnold	\$2.
J Beard	\$2.
HB Bradford	\$2.
Wm Dewey	\$3.
TB Cree	\$3.
Wm Hunt	\$3.
Joe Dudney	\$3.
JA Kinsey	\$3.
PJ Ross	\$2.
Lester Hunt	\$2.
DH Collier	\$2.

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JM Johnson	\$3.
JH Butler	\$3.
JH Sloan	\$3.
TJ Duke	\$3.
ML Shellenbergher	\$2.
Gus Hunt	\$2.
GW Curby	\$2.
WW Duke	\$2.
JO Kelly	\$6
FM Choat	\$3.
JB Pior	\$3.
TL Keen	\$6
WB Stovall	\$3.
F Hill	\$3.
WT Lauderdale	\$3.
Charlie Boren	\$2.
AJ Winslett	\$2.
JQ McCorkle	\$2.
AJ Rayfield	\$10.
SJ Margraves	\$2.
LA Utley	\$2.
Wm Sutton	\$2.
Wm McAnerny	\$2.
WE Church	\$2.
TW Walker	\$2.
Frank Banks	\$2.
Sampson Curby	\$3.

JD Hutton, examining teachers-\$5; GW Graves, justice & constable fees-\$6.85; HC Harris, services-\$65; Guthrie Daily Leader, supplies-\$16.93; Thurmond Bros., supplies-\$9.20; FM Cunningham, supplies-\$10; JB Harrison, salary-\$190; AG Gray, expenses-\$4.88; AG Gray, salary-\$121.30; HC Harris, expenses \$1; AL Thurmond, expenses-\$2; AL Thurmond, salary-\$125; Zack Miller, services-\$45.45; Zack Miller, expenses-\$4.20; JE Leary, fees \$24.71; DW Davies, rent, \$9; WG Morris, publishing-\$22.75;

A claim of Zack Miller for \$100, services as janitor, submitted and allowed. Commissioners SR Richerson and JH Parrish voting to allow same, Commissioner WA Bright against the allowance of same.

Brands filed for record by M McAdams, WJ McAdams, Nora Johnson, CA Wood, SM McKinney, Autry Baker, and JD Cross, ordered recorded.

Board adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 7th, at 9 a.m.

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Local and Personal Items

The following it the program of the literary club which meets here tomorrow evening, April 17th: Music by Miss Lela Blanton and Miss Carrie Thurmond. Question for debate: Resolved, that a poll tax is unjust. Affirmative, JB Harrison, HC Harris; negative, GW Hodges, WB Stovall. Recitations: Volena Miller, Mary McMurtry, Docia Osbourn, Miss Pearl Cunningham, Mr. Fayette Osbourne.

Parties indebted to the firm of Hodges & Bradford are respectfully requested to make a prompt settlement as the books have been closed and it is necessary for me to have the cash in my business of quick sales and small profits.—Respectfully, GW Hodges

The Sandstone folks have started a Sunday school at the Rosser school house, with Seth Millington superintendent, and Miss Eppie Rosser and Mr. Baker teachers. The school was started on Sunday last.

The debating society which has been holding forth at the Rosser school house on Sandstone will meet in future in Berlin, the first meeting being set for tomorrow evening. Mr. Pullen will furnish the music.

Mr. HD Cox, our enterprising mill man, is now dealing in lumber by car load lots. He imported the first lumber brought to Cheyenne.

Thurmond Bros. are agents for Casady Bros. Commission Company of Kansas City, Mo., and will make loans on cattle to be entrusted to them for shipment. Consignments respectfully solicited.—Thurmond Bros.

Miss Palmer came in from her home on the upper Washita Saturday evening, to visit the family of Judge Harrison.

There is a tough yarn out on one of our Timber Creek citizens. It is said that a few days

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ago he felt a centipede crawling down his back. Yelling lustily for his wife to come to his aid he commenced divesting himself of his clothing. The wife was putting a stick of fire-wood in the stove when she heard the cries for help, and rushed to the scene with the stick in hand. On learning the nature of the trouble she made several desperate attempts to kill that centipede by forcible but misdirected blows. When she quit pounding and the excitement had somewhat abated, it was discovered that the centipede had escaped, uninjured, the man had two broken ribs, and the stove-wood was frazzled to chips.

Having purchased the interest of HB Bradford in the firm of Hodges and Bradford, I take this opportunity of thanking the patrons of the firm for past favors and respectfully ask for a continuance of same for myself. Having visited the markets in person and purchased a large stock for cash I am now better prepared than ever to give customers' satisfaction.—GW Hodges

The debate at the Denniston school house last Friday evening was well attended, and the participants had a very pleasant time. Walter Bell, the only Cheyennite present, exclaimed at the close of the meeting, "Veni, vidi, vici," which shows that Walter is keeping track of things political as well as literary.

Born—On Thursday, April 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. Strong, a son.

There was a jail break recently in Washita or Greer County, we don't know which. The Cloud Chief Herald says it occurred at that place whilst the Mangum Star is equally positive that Mangum was the scene of operation. There is no doubt however, but that three prisoners escaped from jail at one of those places, with probabilities in favor of Mangum.

Mr. Carnes, a Texas stockman who was here some two months ago looking for a location, arrived last Saturday with 100 head of cattle.

Road Notice

Notice is hereby given that at a session of the board of commissioners of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory, held on the 5th day of April, 1897, a petition signed by Ott Casady and others of Cheyenne township, asking for a survey for the purpose of locating a certain road, described as follows: county Commencing at the place where the present road from Cheyenne to Canadian, Texas, crosses Salt canyon, thence to SE corner DJ Cox's homestead, thence on section line to SW corner of DJ Cox's homestead, thence passing to west side of the homestead of BA Winn and John Anderson to the SE corner of Ben Anderson's homestead, thence following old Canadian road to county line was presented, and furthermore that the present Chevenne and Canadian road be vacated from the point where it crosses Salt canyon to west county line, and L Boyd, Ben Anderson and John Anderson, viewers, and WT Peace county surveyor, will meet at the place of beginning of said road, on the 29th April, 1897, at 8 o'clock a.m. of said day, and proceed to view and survey said road and give all parties a hearing.

Done by order of the board of commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T.—AG Gray, County Clerk and Clerk of said board.

April 23, 1897

The time is rapidly approaching in this, if not already here, when stockmen will have to provide water on the uplands or run the risk of losing cattle from an insufficient supply during the hot weather. This is comparatively well watered section of country; at the same time there it is not sufficient water to run all the stock which can find feed on a large portion of our county. Windmills and tanks, which can be provided at small cost, will have to be used if the increase of the herds continues at the present ratio. We have no lands here which cannot be profitably utilized be stockmen in this manner.

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The board of equalization of this county met in town Monday and finished its work Tuesday. It is the privilege of all citizens to see that no injustice has been done them by mistakes and the time for looking the matter up is the present. Don't wait a year or two and then kick when the tax collector gets after you. Neglect on the part of taxpayers in this regard causes much trouble and expense, and it is to be hoped that the county commissioners will in future refuse to help those who neglect to protect themselves. No rebate should be allowed when complaints have not been filed before final action is taken by the court in levying taxes for next year. Such a rule is absolutely necessary for the protection of those who do attend to the matter before it is too late and for the protection of the court itself, which has to base its estimates on the figures furnished by the assessor.

Pryor & Hume, who have fifty sections of school land leased in the northwestern portion of Oklahoma, recently transferred their lease to JM Day of Ashland, Kansas, CT Herring and WH Carter of Woodward.

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Stockman's Meeting

The cattlemen of Roger Mills and vicinity met at the school house in Cheyenne on Saturday last for the purpose of arranging for round-ups, etc. EG Thurmond was chosen as chairman and AG Hall secretary. Suggestions were then made by Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Herring, Mr. Caudle and others, after which it was moved and seconded that the chair appoints a committee on arrangements. The committee was composed of the following: Mr. Duke, Mr. Herring, Mr. Jones, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Slane and Mr. Roberts, who reported as follows:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we meet at Red Moon post office the night of the 23rd inst. to start east, and then we work from day to day as deemed advisable until all country east and south is worked back to the Texas line on the west.

After the adoption of the above report the meeting adjourned.

Local and Personal Items

Program for tomorrow night's literary: Music by CM Rosser and E Beaty. Question for debate: Resolved, that the president and vice-president should be elected by popular vote. Recitations by Misses N Alexander, M Wallace, D Osbourn, P Cunningham, J Miller.

Hail stones as large as baseball fell here yesterday wrecking windows and breaking shingles. The town looks like mud had been sprinkled on it through a hose.

Assessor Taylor estimates the total value of the assessable property in our county at \$50,000 more than last year.

Stone Taylor had a claim surveyed on Croton Creek last week.

The question for debate at the lower Sandstone literary meeting tomorrow night will be: Resolved, that the gold standard should be maintained.

Dr. Miller called in this morning to announce that a brand new boy arrived in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caudill last night.

HB Bradford has taken a claim on Dead Indian Creek.

Mr. Bingham, of Custer County, was in the city Saturday. He contemplates moving to our county.

Some Christian paid a visit to our sanctum yesterday during our absence and swept the floor. Luckily a heavy gale prevailed at the time thus preventing a blockade of the street.

The Strickland family was up from their home in Greer County on Saturday last and entertained the citizens of Berlin with some choice music.

Born—On Thursday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Joyce, a son.

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The first round-up of the season passed through town yesterday.

Mr. J Curtain of Hardeman County, Texas, has settled on Kiowa Creek. He has a nice bunch of cows.

Last fall one of our citizens bought fifty head of New Mexico cattle, paying \$13 for a cow and calf. The animals were in poor condition when purchased, but have been liberally fed on hay during the winter, and are now in fair condition. The calves sold recently at \$15 each, which shows in a marked manner that nothing pays better than well tended cattle. Had they been turned loose to rustle in a strange range some would have probably died whilst all would have shrunk in weight.

Mr. Johnson of Hardeman County, Texas, was in the eastern portion of our county this week looking for a location.

Dentist

Dr. R Larkin Nix is now making headquarters at the Cheyenne hotel prepared to serve the public with first-class dentistry. The doctor comes well recommended as a skilled workman and will guarantee good work. He uses the painless method in extracting, and extracts with ease and caution the most difficult teeth. Come and see him at once as he is here but a short time.

We enjoyed a mess of asparagus Wednesday grown in our garden. This vegetable is easily raised here and should receive more attention than it does from our gardeners. Ours has been neglected in every way, but it persists in doing better each year without attention. Rhubarb, or pie plant, should find a place in every garden, maturing early and giving a good crop until late fall. For persons subject to spring fever these vegetables are especially adapted. They can be set out in the fall and will last for years without spring work.

Mr. GW Walker, who has taken a claim on Dugout draw on the head of Big Elk, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Cub Roberts of Quartermaster was here Monday on business.

Judge FM Patton and MC Hughes of Elk Creek were in town Friday.

County Surveyor Peace is kept busy locating new settlers and straightening lines for old ones.

The air ship has not been seen by any of our citizens, which goes to prove that they are of a more sober turn than the general run of men.

Mrs. Etta English has taken a claim on the head of Starvation Creek.

The church building committee expects to hear within the next two weeks of the action taken by the M.E. conference regarding a donation. Whatever the result may be the church will be built as sufficient funds have been secured by local contributions to put up a fairly commodious house.

FE Herring, whose brand appears in this issue, gave us a pleasant call Saturday. He has large interests in this county and is a very pleasant man.

Miss Alexander celebrated her eighth birthday last Saturday by entertaining thirteen of her playmates at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges. The young folks had a grand time and didn't forget the printer when the delicacies were handed round. The Sunbeam wishes the young lady many happy returns of the day.

When you need a cistern or well dug at reasonable rates call on BJ Fitzgerald. He not only thoroughly understands the business but is the champion digger in these parts, doing more and better work than anyone.

John Stahl returned from Canadian Monday, and says that he is glad to be back where there

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is some rush, where the sound of the hammer and saw continually breaks on the ear, and the screech of the engine is unknown.

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The quarantine line will have to be respected. It is the only protection we have against serious loss from Texas fever, and the officers are determined to enforce it.

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The farmers are getting hard rubs from every side. The politicians are hitting them on one side with a protection club and the elements are battering what's left with hail, flood and cyclone.

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Down in the territory near Eufaula the Canadian River rose twenty feet in less than one hour. Houses, wagons, etc., were seen floating past and fears are expressed that the loss of life has been great.

Mr. Callahan has introduced a bill to enable the people of Oklahoma and the Indian Territories to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of the two said territories into the Union as one state. The bill was referred to the committee on territories.

Local and Personal Items

As a gully washer and trash mover the rain storm Tuesday was a decided success.

Day County is to have a 20x40 court house, the cost not to exceed \$400.

Owing to the storm preventing the meeting of the literary society last Saturday the program as advertised will be carried out tomorrow evening.

Johnie Vannoy, at Canadian, will repair your clocks, watches and jewelry for you. Give him

a trial. Prices reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

WJ Miller spent several days in town lately gossiping with old friends. He reported the Sweetwater country as in good shape.

A government quarantine inspector was here early in the week looking after a bunch of cattle reported to have been driven across the line.

The hail storm of last week has left several roofs in town in a leaky condition, the heavy hail having punched clean through the shingles. Some stock was killed, and nearly every window in town having an eastern exposure was broken.

Saturdays are getting to be popular as the shopping day for our country cousins. Cheyenne has been crowded lately on that day and large bills of goods have been sold by our merchants.

The rain storm which flooded the town Saturday evening developed into a cyclone about four miles north of us, tearing down nearly all the timber on the head of Sourdough Creek and carrying timber from the canyon on to the divide. Wire fences were also destroyed, the posts being torn from the ground and the wire carried away. The same storm visited the upper Washita, where some damage was done by hail.

Dr. Standifer, who was here some time ago looking for a location, arrived with his family from Tulia, Swisher County, Texas, Wednesday evening and is living in Mr. Warren's house.

Several peddlers have been plying their trade in the community lately. Before dealing with these men citizens should take into consideration the fact that Cheyenne merchants are now selling goods at as low a figure as a legitimate business cans stand. Our merchants are here to stay, they help pay for county government, they contribute liberally to all public enterprises, and they can't afford to sell you shoddy goods at any price because their reputation would suffer, whilst if you are beaten

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in a trade by a stranger you have to grin and bear it.

Ed Woods is out again after being confined to the house with rheumatism for the past eight weeks.

The Sunday school picnic will be held at the school house tomorrow.

A search was made yesterday for the body of a dead man which Elder Morris and family say they saw floating down Plumb Creek during the late rise. Up to the present no discovery has been made.

JM McGrath, of Woodward, has been appointed quarantine inspector for this the third district of Oklahoma, with headquarters at Arapahoe.

Last week Dora, the little five-year-old daughter of Sam Dipert, wandered from her home in Woodward County, in search of her papa, she said, who had gone that day to Woods County. After searching for the little one all day, Mrs. Dipert alarmed the neighbors, who turned out to aid in finding the little wanderer. They scoured the hills and canyons all night and until sundown next day, when Jack Innis discovered her asleep in a cow path on the prairie, with her dog standing guard over her. She had been without food or water for two days, but was apparently none for the worse for her jaunt when her hunger had been satisfied.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of March, 1897, BF Morris of the SE ½ section 30, T 13, R 22, took up the following estray, to wit: One yellow cow, long horns, branded VV on left shoulder and KIK on left side, value \$12.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23rd day of April, 1897.—AG Gray, County Clerk

On the fifth anniversary of the opening, held in Cloud Chief last week, Sheriff Morrison

went to arrest John Richardson for being disorderly. Richardson resisted arrest and a general fight ensued, about sixty shots being fired on Main Street. Sheriff Morrison was shot through the back, the ball entering about the center and just to the right of the backbone, and coming out on the right side just above the nipple. The ball passed through the right lung, and is considered a very dangerous although not necessarily fatal wound. Richardson received three shots through the bowels. He lived till the next night when he died. A man named Keys received a fall through his clothing, which, had it not been for a book in his breast pocket, would probably have proved fatal. A horse hitched to a rack near the fight, was killed. Richardson has been having trouble for some time with the officers of Washita County, having had to answer for several cases of theft. Tom Keys, it is claimed, shot Sheriff Morrison, and he is now in jail under a heavy guard.

Files Missing for all of May Issues

June 4, 1897

Old timers are fond of recounting how that in the good old times gold was plentiful and in the possession of everybody. If you listen closely and draw them out, they will also tell how, with pockets full of gold, with larders filled exclusively with home raised provisions, these same old timers breasted the storms hatless, shoeless and weary with their heavy work. Their houses of the roughest make, with no sewing machine to help the housewife, no piano for the daughter, no riding plow or threshing machine for the old man, no education for the boys—nothing but plain food, poor clothes and hard work every day in the year, with the fear of being scalped ever hanging over them. Surrounded today with every modern comfort, they still sigh over memories of the "good old day" when gold was plentiful.

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Local and Personal Items

Professor Bellamy arrived Tuesday and will open school on Monday next. Parents desiring to enter their children should make the necessary arrangements and have them promptly on hand. The professor is one of the best educators in the country and should be liberally patronized.

Preparations are being made for a fitting celebration of the Fourth of July at this place.

The farmers of Greer County are overstocked with millet seed and the Mangum Star is trying to find a market for it.

Stockmen who find it necessary to round up and drive cattle belonging to themselves and neighbors should be careful not to molest the stock of settlers. Driving milk cows out of their range is unjustifiable, as it entails considerable worry on their owners and suffering on the animals.

Al Jones brought in the first load of Irish potatoes last Tuesday.

Capt. Woodson, the Indian Agent, is anxious to have a daily mail line from Arapahoe to Cheyenne. For years the citizens of our county have endeavored to get this line without success. We are therefore pleased to hear that the captain thinks it is for the best interests of the Indians that the line be established.

A telephone line between Canadian and Cheyenne is now being talked of. It would pay.—Canadian Record

There is no better investment than the above. It would add much to the trade of both places; would be a great public convenience, and would pay its projectors.

Gus Jones sowed an acre of land to alfalfa last year and is so well pleased with the result that he will largely increase the acreage.

Dr. Standifer is making arrangements to build here.

Prof Deavours' singing class meets on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Those wishing to join should see him at once.

JB Freeman, one of our prosperous stockmen for the Timber Creek neighborhoods, reports that he will gather a large crop of delicious peaches from his orchard this season.

J Richerson is building a commodious dwelling on his Timber Creek ranch.

Children's Day

The Sunday school scholars of this community met on Sunday last to celebrate Children's Day. Usually these exercises are given on the first Sunday in May, but owing to the inclemency of the weather it was found to be impracticable at that time, and last Sunday afforded the first opportunity since. There was a large gathering of friends present, who evidently enjoyed the treat given them. Where all did so well special mention would be out of place. Following is the program:

Opening song, "What a Gathering."

Prayer.

Song, "We are Singing On the Way."

Recitation, by Master Jodie Thurmond.

Recitation, by Master Clebe Wallace.

Recitation, by Hattie Osborn.

Recitation, by Maggie Osborn.

Song, "I Must Tell Jesus."

"Our Offerings," by Emma Wallace, Volina Miller, Millie Wallace, Nene Alexander, Nettie Thurmond, Neva Thurmond, Willie Beaty.

Concert reading;

Song;

Recitation by Mary McMurtry, Emma Wallace, Volina Miller, Millie Wallace and Nene Alexander.

Address, by Superintendent.

Song and forty questions.

Recitation by Miss Carrie Thurmond.

Reading by Ernest Beaty.

Song.

Essay on Epworth League, by Miss Lela Blanton.

Reading, by Maddin Miller

Closing Song.

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The Kiowa Meeting

On Sunday last, by courtesy of GW Hodges, we had the pleasure of attending the Workers Institute held on Kiowa Creek under the auspices of the Baptist Church.

The drive down was a treat, our road carrying us through a section with which we had no previous acquaintance, and we were surprised at the beauty of the country and its thrifty appearance.

On every hand was to be seen park like spots which made us think of old times when we gamboled as a boy under the shade of mighty oaks and dabbled in streams of running water, listening to the song of birds and watched the sleek looking cattle lazily wandering over the green sward.

Nature has certainly done her part bountifully, but man has but commenced his, although many were the spots which showed a determination on the part of the latter to do his best.

Up to three years ago there were no settlers on Kiowa, but now there are quite a number of homes scattered along the banks of the creek, and there is evidence of the building of a prosperous community in the near future.

The streams are lined with all kinds of trees, but the oak seems to preponderate. As our road was often shaded by these trees we could not refrain from wishing that their area extended further homeward.

The meeting itself has been a success. The attendance was so large that the school house, although provided in front with a large arbor, was inadequate to accommodate the crowd.

The morning services comprised songs and a missionary sermon, the latter being listened to by an interested congregation.

About noon the good folks began bringing forth refreshments which were loaded on to a table in the open air. An abundance of green peas, young potatoes, onions, turnips, radishes, etc., showed that the gardens in that neighborhood are doing well, and afforded a treat to us town dwellers.

After the inner man had been satisfied the meeting again proceeded, the main feature of the afternoon service being of an "experience" character, after which the institute closed.

The citizens down there are to be congratulated on the aim and success of their first public effort. It showed that though the settlers are comparatively few they are of the right kind and are starting to build on a rock.

Files Missing for June 11th, 18th and 25th.

July 2, 1897

The county assessor's returns for 1897 show the following number of animals in Oklahoma: hogs, 198,671; horses, 181,006; mules, 32,789; cattle, 505,024; sheep, 44,568. This is a large increase of the rendition for 1896.

A heavy wind, rain and hail storm visited Beaver June 25th, damaging nearly every house in town. The court house suffered the worst. The upper story was entirely demolished and most of it blown away, and the entire building was virtually a wreck. Luckily but little damage was done to any of the records.

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News was brought to town yesterday of a shooting scrape with probably fatal results which occurred some 16 miles east of town in Custer County last Tuesday. Particulars are meager, but it appears that a cowboy named Warren Howard who has been working for Mr. Herring, got into a dispute with George Williams, a stockman, about driving cattle off a certain range. Howard was found with a bullet wound in his stomach, another in his breast and a third in his arm. Williams was not injured.

Local and Personal Items

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Charles Miller received notice of his appointment as postmaster at this place Monday.

On Saturday, July 17th, the citizens of Timber and adjacent creeks will meet in Berlin for the purpose of selling the rights for lemonade stand, dancing platform, etc., and to accept bids for supplying cattle to be barbecued in Berlin on the fourth day of August, when it is proposed to have a jolly good time. Everybody is invited.

GW Hodges returned Monday from his trip to Quanah.

Miss Florence Thurmond left Sunday for Mobeetie, Texas, where she will spend the Fourth with old friends.

"Scottie" Rickard has gone to Scotland to receive a fortune said to have been left by his mother.

It having been reported that I have said the Oscar Caudill had a pen full of motherless calves whilst I was working for him; I wish to publicly deny having said anything of the kind.—FG Bright

A case attracting considerable interest throughout our county was on trial here last Saturday. It was a case in which Web McAdams, who was recently bound over to answer for stealing a calf, sought to get possession of the animal from Mr. Evans, who claims that the calf is his. After being out till midnight without reaching a verdict the jury was discharged and a new hearing set for Thursday, when another jury took the evidence under consideration, and after about two hours deliberation, returned a verdict in favor of Mr. Evans.

Mr. J Osborn, son of Rev SC Osborn, arrived in Parker County, Texas, Wednesday. He will probably locate with us.

Jim Calvert says that he has five acres of cotton on his farm that looks better than any he ever saw. It was planted late, but has fairly

jumped up, being about four feet high as this time.

Ed Woods and family will start for Hot Springs next week.

On Saturday evening last, Ira Hensley, or "Doodlebug" as he is commonly called by his associates, had the misfortune to fall whilst playing with a pet dog. It was at first thought that his arm was broken but medical examination showed that only a severe sprain of the wrist had been sustained.

Born—On Wednesday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Newman, a son.

There will be an election of school officers for this district on Tuesday, July 13, to fill vacancies caused by expiration of the terms of treasurer and clerk.



To Whom It May Concern

It has been reported that Gerlach Bros. own an interest in my Lumber Yard and that I have to consult with them on every sale I make. I take this method of denying every word of it and asserting that neither Gerlach Bros. or anyone else own any part of my lumber business, and those who are circulating the report are doing it for the purpose of juring me.

If you want lumber cheap come to the old stand and I will treat you right and sell you lumber at the very lowest prices.

Respectfully, JR Wright

Notice for Publication

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

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July 26, 1897, viz: Felix Green, for the SE ¼ sec. 19, TP 10 N, R 26 W. Witnesses: Frank Bradley, Alfred H. Smith, James Kelley, Joseph Hughes, all of Sweetwater P.O., O.T.—BM Dilley, Register

File Missing for July 9, 1897

July 16, 1897

Notice

The citizens of Cheyenne and vicinity are respectfully asked to meet at the school house in Cheyenne on Saturday, July 24th, at 2 o'clock, p.m. for the purpose of organizing a cemetery association and taking steps toward securing a permanent burying ground.—David W Davies.



Notice

Complaint having been entered at this office by John H Atkin against Samuel Lucas, for abandoning his homestead entry No. 9768, dated December, 2, 1892, upon the SE ¼, sec 35, township 14 N, R 24, in Roger Mills County, O.T.—EG Spillman, register.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that at the regular July term of the commissioners' court of Roger Mills County, O.T., on the 7th day of July, 1897, the board of said county commissioners made the following estimate of the necessary

expenses of said Roger Mills County for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1897, to wit:

For salary fund	\$3659.33
For court fund	\$1139.01
For supply fund	\$337.25
For contingent fur	nd \$707.42
For sinking fund	\$668.86
For school fund	<u>\$334.43</u>
	\$6846.43

The board found the assessed valuation of Roger Mills County for the 1897 to be \$334,433.

And after deducting the amounts on hand and the amounts estimated to be derived for delinquent taxes and other sources in each of the funds from the estimate above set forth, it is determined by the board that the levy necessary to be made to raise the required amounts in each of the funds to be as follows, to wit:

For salary fund, 10 mills on the dollar, \$3344.33.

For court fund, $2 \frac{1}{2}$ mills on the dollar, \$836.08.

For supply fund, 1 mill on the dollar, \$334.43. For contingent fund, 1 ½ mills on the dollar, \$501.64.

For county sinking fund, 2 mills on the dollar, \$668.86

For county school fund, 1 mill on the dollar, \$334.43

Total 18 mills on the dollar, \$6019.77.

And further notice is hereby given that on Friday, July 16, 1897, the board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T., will meet at the county seat of said county to make the levies set forth above and also for territorial township and school purposes, as required by law.

Witness may hand and official seal this 7th day of July, 1897.—AG Gray, County Clerk

Road Notice

Notice is hereby given that as a session of the Board of Commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T., held on the 5th day of July, 1897, a petition signed by JH Potter, et al, of Cheyenne township, asking for a view and

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survey for the purpose of locating a certain county road, described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of section 21, township 14, range 21, thence southwest as near as practicable to the northeast corner of section 12, township 11, range 23, thence west on section line to Chevenne and Timber creek road, was, presented, and the JM Johnson, JM Farmer, and DC McReynolds viewers, and WT Peace, county surveyor, will meet at the place of beginning of said road, on the 26th day of July, 1897, and proceed to view and survey said road and give all parties a hearing.

Done by order of the Board of Commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T.—AG Gray, County Clerk

CHURCH NOTICES

The Baptist will hold services here on the third Sunday in each month, with SC Osborn pastor.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South will hold services here on the fourth Sunday in each month, with TH Kinser pastor.

Local and Personal Items

The Methodist Protestant church organized a branch at the White Shield arbor during the protracted meeting. The Methodist church already had an organization at the arbor.

Professor Jones of Greer County has a class of 36 in vocal music at the White Shield arbor, which will be in session three weeks.

Messrs Lane, Potter, Chilton and Johnson, of Sandstone, had their claims surveyed last week.

John E. Pullen has taken a claim on the head of Timber Creek. John intends to farm some.

Mrs. Cates, living on White Shield Creek, in the eastern part of the county, happened to a serious accident last week. Whilst helping her husband build a fence the wire broke and caught her about her limbs, cutting them seriously. She is not doing well, and fears are expressed that amputation may be necessary. John Gober was bitten on the shoulder last Tuesday by an insect, supposed to be a spider, whilst gathering plums. John was quite sick for a time, but soon recovered.

Mr. Humphrey, who is representing the Mutual Life Insurance Company here, reports doing a good business the past week, which shows that our people are beginning to appreciate the benefits of insurance.

At the school election for this district held on Tuesday JW McMurtry was elected clerk, and Rev SC Osborn treasurer. The new board has decided to commence a five month's term of school on the first Monday in September.

Mr. and Mrs. JH Stilwell passed through town yesterday on their way home from the lower country.

Born—Wednesday, July 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. JA Anderson, a daughter.

Born—Tuesday, July 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross, daughter.

CA Woods, the sheep man, started yesterday for Gage with a bunch of muttons for shipment.

Died—Friday, July 9th, Jessie Parrish, aged 28 years.

Rain is needed, and there is a fair chance for it.

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

Monday, July 5, 1897

The Board of County Commissions met. Present, Commissioners: SR Richerson, WA Bright, and JH Parrish, Sheriff WB Johnson and Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had to wit: Fee reports of: Probate Judge, Sheriff, County Treasurer, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and County Attorney, submitted and approved.

Brands filed for record by James Banks, John Jackson, Wm Banks, IH Thomas, John Curtin, DL Curtin, Josh Render, WW Lockhart, George

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Shufeldt, GW Cooper, DW Morris, Wm Nation, JM Evans, MJ Calvert, HP Goodwin and Em Herring, ordered recorded.

Two brands filed by FE Herring ordered recorded and one ordered not recorded.

Ordered the FM Patton's assessment for the year 1897 be divided as follows, to wit: 1/3 to school district #14 and 2/3 to school district #7.

Ordered that ½ of RG Sutton's assessment for the year 1897 be placed in school district #10, and ¼ in school district #9.

Report of county surveyor and road viewers on Cheyenne and Canadian road submitted, approved and adopted.

The board rescinds that part of order granting roads petition of Ott Casady, et al, made April 5, 1897, so far as order related to the abandonment of Cheyenne and Canadian road then in use.

Road petition of JH Potter et al granted and viewers appointed.

Road petition of John D. Taylor et al submitted and not granted.

Road petition of JH Stilwell et al submitted and not granted.

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, July 6th, 1897, 8 a.m.—AG Gray, County Clerk

Tuesday, July 6th, 1897

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Same present as yesterday. Proceeded as follows:

Monday, July 5th, 1897, having been a legal holiday, the board hereby reconsiders all orders passed on said day, and it is now ordered that all matters acted upon on said July 5, 1897, stand as ordered.

Order of July 5th, 1897, not granting road petition of John D Taylor et al reconsidered and petition granted.

The following claims submitted and allowed, to wit:

Joe Beasley election expenses, \$4.00 EF Stephens court expenses, \$7.50 W Bowman, election expenses, \$2.00 WR Batey, election expenses, \$2.00 GW Holden, election expenses, \$2.00 FA Preston, election expenses, \$3.00 JM Moffeitt, election expenses, \$3.00

WG Morris, publishing, \$23.25 State Capitol, supplies, \$14.10 AJ Odom, cutting wood, \$2.00 Ben Anderson, road viewing, \$2.00 SR Richerson, salary, \$31.25 WA Bright, salary, \$31.25 JH Parrish, salary,\$31.25 JB Harrison, examining teachers, \$5.00 JB Harrison, salary, \$125.00 JH Anderson, road viewing, \$2.00 WG Morris, supplies,\$39.50 WG Morris, publishing, \$8.50 WT Peace, surveying, \$9.60 A Hazlewood, mileage, \$17.50 allowed, \$8.75 JA Colburn, mileage, \$15.00 allowed, \$7.50 LJ Turnbough, desk, \$5.00 HD Cox. lumber.\$1.90 JE Leary, fees P.B. Ct., \$62.46 allowed \$62.17 JE Leary, postage/express, \$2.00 JR Casady, washing for prisoner, \$3.25 PS Taylor, services assessor, \$160.10 allowed \$150.00 HC Harris, postage/express, \$2.25 District Court costs, \$80.00 AL Thurmond, salary, \$172.00 AL Thurmond, postage, \$2.00 CB Munson, sheriff's fees, \$12.60 AG Gray, salary, \$105.00 AG Gray, express, \$7.00 AG Gray, transcript, \$1.12 AG Gray, postage, \$3.10

Wednesday, July 7th 1897

JA Calvert, court fees, \$2.50

Zack Miller, mileage, \$15.00 GW Curby, constable fees, \$2.00

JR Casady, repairs to jail, \$2.00 David W. Davies, office rent, \$9.00

EE Tracy, examining teachers, \$5.00

The following claims not allowed to wit:

Board adjourned, to meet July 7th, 9 a.m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Same present as yesterday. Proceeded as follows:

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Order of July 6, 1897, allowing \$6.50 on claim of CB Munson for \$12.60 reconsidered, and said claim disallowed.

Claims allowed as follows, to wit:

A Hazlewood, sheriff's fee, \$30.00,

allowed \$25.00

Zack Miller, guarding prisoner, \$90.00

allowed \$68.00

Zack Miller, salary, \$100.00

Zack Miller, boarding prisoner, \$36.00

Ordered by the court that all township and school district treasurers make report of all warrants against their respective townships and districts and transmit same, to county treasurer, in compliance with article 6, chapter 12 of session laws 1897.

Pursuant to law the board makes an estimate of the necessary expenses of the county for the ensuing year, and it is ordered that on Friday, July 16th,1897, the board meet and make the necessary levy.

Appointments of sheriff of the following deputies approved to wit:

William T. Peace

JL Warren

FD Sutton

James A Colburn

Samuel D Rude

JF Wafford

Jno E Pullen

Board adjourned.SR Richerson, JH Parrish, WG Bright, County Commissioners.

AG Gray, County Clerk

Notice of Contest

United States Land Office Oklahoma, Territory July 3, 1897

Complaint having been entered at this office by Thomas H. Sutton against Willie E. Jackson, who made homestead entry No. 5178, dated August 12th, 1892, upon the NW ¼ of sec 12, tp 10 N., range 23 W., I.M., alleging "that the said Willie E. Jackson has wholly abandoned said tract, that she has changed her residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by

law, and has not been on the land embraced in said entry for more than two years last passed."

With a view to the cancellation of said entry said parties are hereby summoned to appear before John E. Leary, Probate Judge of Roger Mills County, O.T., on the 16th day of August, 1897, at 9 o'clock, a.m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said allegations. Said parties are hereby notified that the hearing in said cause will be had under Rule 35 of the Rules of Practice, and that the 26th day of August, 1897, is set as the date on which the decision of the Register and Receiver will be rendered at the US Land Office, O.T., upon the testimony so taken before said probate judge.—BM Dilley, Register

July 23, 1897

The assessment of Day County shows property values at \$222,483.00, which is just about two-thirds of the amount rendered by Roger Mills County. Had the "scheme of annexing one-half of Day County to Roger Mills, worked taxes in our county would be one-third less than they are at present, and those citizens living in the south half of Day County would have had to pay 12 mills on the dollar instead of 37 ½ mills. In other words the taxpavers of Roger Mills County would have saved in round numbers \$2000, whilst those in the southern half of Day would have saved nearly \$3000. As there are only about 70 taxpayers in the southern half, this would have been a saving of nearly \$43 per head in taxes to our Day County friends.

Roger Mills County

The elevation of Roger Mills County above sea level runs from 2500 feet on the west line to 2000 feet on the east line. Malaria can't be bred here, and soon dies out of the human system when imported.

Pauperism can't thrive here. We have some lazy folks, but they have managed to live without public help and Roger Mills has yet to see its first pauper.

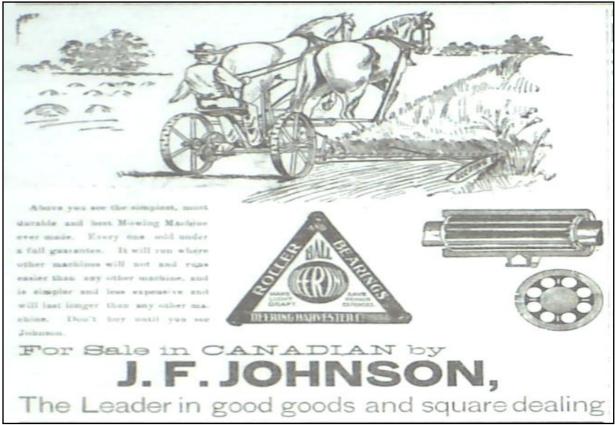
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Although our county supports two doctors their chief revenues comes from an increasing rather than from an unhealthy population.

Some folks claim that our taxes are too high, and we agree with them. But the fact is that with high taxation in Roger Mills County the stockman still has the advantage over those in any other state or territory. Take Texas, for

It takes grit, management and work to succeed and where in legitimate business, but we believe that the person have the above qualifications, combined with some knowledge of stock raising and farming, can do better in Roger Mills County than anywhere else in this or any other country. We know of several industrious young men who came here at the opening with no other capital than their health



instance, and when you figure the cost of running stock there and compare it with our expenses the balance will be in our favor without reckoning the fact that cattle raised here will mature more rapidly, weigh more and bring a better price on the market. Another feature which should not be overlooked is that an abundance of feed can always be raised here whilst in most other portions of our country droughts will come and depopulate whole districts. At the present time hundreds of acres of native grasses are being cut, the yield being fully two tons per acre.

and strength who today are in a position to take life ease and will be rich in two or three years. They started by working for wages, invested their savings in cattle, and are now able to devote all their time to their herds which have increased in numbers and value with each succeeding year.

We know of no county offering better inducements to stock raisers. Our grasses are of various kinds and their quality is such as to keep stock fat enough for the butcher all the year round. Our water supply is of the best, there being over thirty streams with their tributaries rising in our county. All these

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streams are well timbered, offering shade and shelter and furnishing wood for all purposes.

The assessors returns for the year 1893 show 142 persons in Roger Mills County subject to poll tax; in 1894, 179; 1895, 280; 1896, 320; and in 1897, 400. These figures give a fair indication of the increase in population.

The same returns show that in 1893 the total assessable property in the county was valued at \$186,369.84 and that in 1897 the values had increased to \$334,433.00.

The above figures prove a steady growth in population and wealth during the most depressing period known in the history of our country.

Local and Personal Items

Married—On Sunday last, on Timber Creek, Simon Potter and Miss L Johnson.

Born—On Sunday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm, a daughter.

Married—On Sunday last, in Cheyenne, JA Colburn and Miss R Holder.

Married—On Sunday last in Cheyenne, Chas Robinson and Miss B Curby.

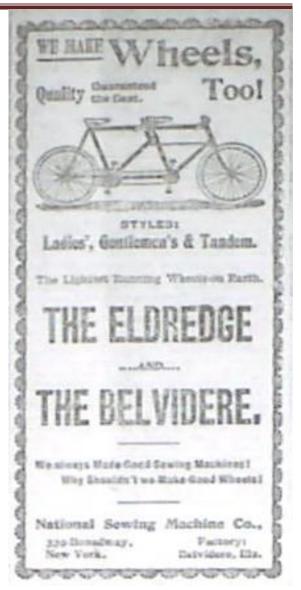
Ed Holder has gone to Hood County, Texas, for a bunch of cattle which he will bring here as soon as the quarantine is raised.

The Custer Bend folks, in meeting assembled, decided to impose a district school tax of 2 ½ mills. They also elected John Caffee treasurer of their district and decided to tear down the old school house and erect a larger one in its place.

We failed last week to record the fact the Mr. and Mrs. Dick Howerton were rejoicing over the arrival of a brand new girl at their home.

And now the oldest inhabitant is read to swear that he never saw such a prospect for corn before.

Uncle Johnnie Richerson brought in an ear of corn Wednesday that made him look bowlegged to carry.



The camp meeting season is now in full blast. The one on Timber Creek created considerable interest last week, whilst one on Croton has



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been largely attended this week. Several conversions are reported.

The county levies of this and adjoining counties are as follows: Greer, 17 1/10 mills; Custer, 27 mills; Day, 37 ½ mills; Woodward, 29 ½ mills.

Miss Mabel Taylor, of Clarendon, is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Begier.

As a result of a mad dog running loose through the section of country surrounding Newkirk several weeks ago, a number of animals have since developed hydrophobia. A fine horse and blooded cow belonging to George Palmer, both went mad and had to be killed. A cat of Timothy Hinson's went mad and bit a boy named Johnson, and it is feared the will die.

The Berlin Picnic

At a meeting held in Berlin on the 17th day of July for the purpose of arranging for a picnic on the 4th of August, 1897. Ben Rosser was elected chairman and Oscar Caudill secretary.

The following committee was appointed to act on picnic grounds: Ben Rosser and Gus Jones, and CM Davis and Levy Leonard were appointed to arrange arbor.

The following were appointed assistant committeemen: FD Sutton, Jim Richerson, Timber Creek; EK Thurmond, GW Hodges, LA Beaty, Cheyenne; Jim Moffeitt, George Coburn, Sweetwater; Lewis Medlin, Frank Banks, Elk Creek; DC McReynolds, Dry Creek; Wm Dewey, Jim Wilson, Red Moon; WT Peace, White Shield; Charles Wood, Starvation,



JH Johnson, LF Sutton, Indian Creek; Charley Neil, Long Creek; Sampson Kirby, John Caffey, Custer Bend; Jeff Davis, Nine Mile Creek; Lilly Armstrong, Kiowa Creek.

The welcome address will be delivered by Prof WB Stovall.

Declaration of Independence to be read by JL Henson.

Speaking by several prominent citizens.

Ball opens Tuesday night, closes Thursday morning. Jim Evans floor manager.

Refreshments, lemonade, ice cream and soda will be furnished by Oscar Caudill.

Everyone is invited to attend the Berlin picnic August 4, 1897.

July 30, 1897

Flour is selling in Alaska at \$12 per 100 lbs. Here in Oklahoma is sells for \$2.50.

Our county taxes are lower than any adjoining county. Greer County comes next to us, but all the rest are away ahead.

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Gus Hargraves of D County was in the Kiowa community looking after the school last Saturday, but the voters of that district voted but 1 ½ mills, and are unable to have a school.

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Prof Jones, who is teaching a vocal class at the White Shield arbor, will sing Friday, today, at the Indian college at Hammon, this being the closing day.

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Rev Thomas Bingham is building a nice house on his claim on Oak Creek. Mr. John Gather is also building on the school section at the head of Oak Creek. These two substantial stock farmers came up from Custer County recently to live in Roger Mills.

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School Entertainment

Last evening the citizens of Cheyenne were given a treat by Professor Bellamy and his scholars to mark the close of the summer term of school. Owing to inadequate room at the school house, a platform was erected in front of Mr. Wallace's residence, the weather permitting an outdoor exhibition.

The program was as follows:

- Dialogue—The New Scholar
- Dialogue—The Donation Party
- Recitation by Beulah Tolbert
- The Broom Drill
- The Backwoods School
- Getting a photograph
- Recitation by Miss Georgia Kirkman
- The Family not to Pattern After
- Tableau—Guardian Angels
- Fancy Dress Drill
- Recitation by Miss Watkins

Another act not on the program was given just before the last piece, the chief actors being Prof Bellamy and Miss Pearl Cunningham, who were made one by Rev Kinser. One of the largest crowds ever gathered here was present, and everybody appeared to be highly pleased. The youngsters showed in all their parts a careful preparation which reflected credit on their teacher, especially was this the case in the

recitations.

Local and Personal Items

Miss M Phillips, of Warrensburg, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. HD Cox.

CB Capps, ex-sheriff of Day County, was arrested near the Antelope hills last Monday by the sheriff of Armstrong County on a charge of cattle stealing. He had the stolen cattle, about thirty head, in his possession when arrested—Canadian Record

Professor Dulaney, the gentleman who is to be principle of the Cheyenne school the coming year, has gone to El Reno for lumber with which to build a residence in our town.

Miss Cora Protsman, of Clarendon, Texas, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Stanton.

There was a partial eclipse of the sun observable at the place yesterday morning between 7 and 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray, or Greer County, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wallace.

Mr. Jacob Beard has purchased the town residence of DW Davies.

George Williams, the man who shot Warren



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Howard two weeks ago on Quartermaster Creek, passed through town Saturday. He had been to Grand to give himself up to the officers. His bond was fixed at \$750. The wounded man, Howard, must be made of rubber. Although shot through the breast, bowels and arm, he refused to go to bed, and treated his case lightly as most folks would an attack of toothache, leaving for his home in Greer County two days after the shooting.

The first watermelons of the season were brought here last week.

John Reed's new livery barn is nearing completion.

Major Woodson is advertising for bids for the construction of a water works plant at the Red Moon agency.

Mr. Dewey brought some specimens of wheat, rye, oats and alfalfa to town Saturday to show what he has been doing in the farming line. All were remarkably fine, but the oats were pronounced to be better that any ever seen before by the oldest of granger friends, who estimated the probable yield per acre at over one hundred bushels. The stalks were about six feet long with a ten inch head of heavy grain.

The Rosser school house on the head of Sandstone was burned to the ground last Friday. As no one had any business there at that time the fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert, who have been visiting here with Mrs. Tolbert's mother, Mrs. Gober, will leave for their home in Cook County, Texas, Monday.

Files Missing for August 6th and 13th

August 20, 1897

Settlers who from any cause have not secured their full 160 acres of land as a homestead, may under a recent ruling of the department, make an additional entry of public land so at to make a full quota of 160 acres.

Local and Personal Items

Married—On Sunday last, Jeff Colburn and Miss May Anderson.

Married—On Friday last, D Cunningham and Miss Stella Guernsey.

Rev Whatley closed his meeting at this place when eighteen converts to the Baptist faith were publicly baptized. The Methodist also baptized an additional member. There was a very large concourse of citizens gathered in Mr. Rosser's pasture to witness the ceremony, which was performed in an impressive manner.

Mr. Gus Jones left a fine melon Monday for Ted, which was duly appreciated. Ted has a finely developed appetite, especially for melons.

Those were cold rains Monday and Tuesday mornings, and heavy ones too, but it didn't take long for the sun to thaw us out.

An effort is being made to establish another school district in the western portion of the county.

By adding more territory on the south, the city of Berlin is to be made the center of a school district.

JW Dunn was in town Monday figuring on the prospects for feeding a number of cattle in our county next winter.

For sale, eight full blood Berkshire pigs.—F Tunnard, Cheyenne

We received on Saturday last some specimens of corn and millet grown by Mr. CL Boyd of Red Moon. The millet was from 5½ to 6 inches long, and was estimated to yield 3 tons per acre, although not fully matured. The corn was also

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fine, and Mr. Boyd says that he is experimenting with eight varieties this year and will give results later on.

We had two fine melons presented to us on Saturday last, one by GE Shufeldt and another by Judge Leary.

A county board has been appointed by the superintendant of public instruction for the purpose of appraising the different school houses and their furnishings in the county, with AJ Hitchcock as chairman.

Messrs Turnbough & Casady have Prof. Dulaney's house well under way.

Masons are now working on the foundation for the M.E. church.

There will be a G A R reunion September 9th thru 11, in the grove on the Washita south of Arapahoe. The committee on arrangements will leave nothing undone to make this the 4th reunion of Custer County, a grand success. There will be a commissary at the camp where rations, such as bread, beef, onions, potatoes, etc., can be secured at cost.

Uncle John Richerson brought some Johnson grass to town Wednesday that measured 7 feet 10 ½ inches, although the seed head had only just commenced to form.

AH Saunders, the photographer, has returned and will make photographs in Cheyenne for a short time.

We understand that Mr. HD Cox, our lumber man and contractor, has secured the contract to build Dr. Standifer's residence. It is to be one of the noblest residences in Cheyenne when complete.

The Baptist met at this place last Wednesday evening and organized the Cheyenne Baptist church, with Rev Osborn as moderator pro tem. An effort is to be made to induce Rev Whatley to locate here permanently.

Mr. Calvert says he believes that his five acre field of cotton will yield and average of one bale per acre. He planted in rows 3 ½ feet apart. The branches now meet in the center and there are over 100 bolls and squares to the stalk. It is the best cotton we ever saw although his home has always been in a cotton country.

We received from Mrs. England whose claim is on Beaver Creek, some four miles from town, a sample of vegetables finer than we ever saw during our nineteen years we have resided in the southwest. Mrs. England has the thanks of the Sunbeam.

Several animals were killed in this neighborhood by lightning during the storm mentioned in our last.

Khlebe Thurmond returned from his eastern trip Tuesday.

Mr. Hodges is improving the road in front of his business house.

On September 20th, at Samsville, there will be commenced a six day's friendly religious discussion between HC Harris and W Pruitt. It is expected that a large number of visitors will be present who will be camped on the ground.

A family living near Blackwell had the wire springs of their bedstead melted by lightning last week. The occupants of the bed were uninjured, but three girls sleeping on the floor of an adjoining room were severely burned.

Notice by Publication

Lillie Johnson, plaintiff vs Charles Johnson, Defendant.

The above named defendant, Charles Johnson, will take notice that he has been sued for divorce by the above named plaintiff, and that he must answer the petition on or before the 25th day of September, 1897, or said petition will be taken as true, and judgment for divorce and for the custody of the minor child will be rendered accordingly.

JH Warren, Clerk Dist Court, Roger Mills County, O.T.,

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Alias Notice of Contest

United States Land Office Oklahoma, Territory August 16, 1897

Complaint having been entered at this office by Thomas L Graham against George F Niems who made homestead entry No. 5647, dated October 6, 1892, upon the SE ¼ of section 34, twp11 N, range 26 W, in Roger Mills County O.T. alleging "that the said George Niems has wholly abandoned said tract of land for more than two years past."

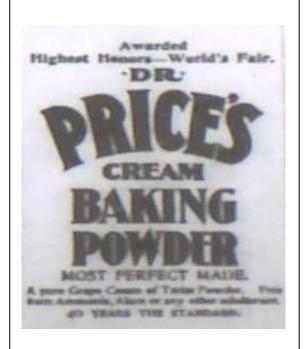
Said parties are hereby summoned to appear before John E Leary, Probate Judge of Roger Mills County, on the 21st day of September, 1897, at 9 o'clock a.m. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.—BM Dilley, Register

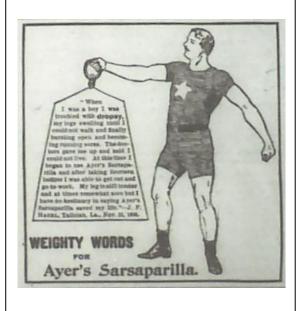


United States Land Office Oklahoma, Territory August 16, 1897

Complaint having been entered at this office by Charles E. Jordan against Charles Johnson who made homestead entry No. 4657, dated June 14th 1892, involving the SW ¼ of section 12, twp 10 N, range 21 west, I.M., alleging "that the said Charles Johnson has wholly abandoned said tract; that he has changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law."

Said parties are hereby summoned to appear before this office on the 6th day of September, 1897, at 9 o'clock a.m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said allegations.—BM Dilley, Register





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Who Did It?

Day County Tribune

Ex-Sheriff CB Capps who is now in jail at Claude, Texas for cattle stealing, has made a confession in which he admits that he with others burned the Grand court house.

One of the parties implicated is now dead, the others are prominent citizens of Day County.

It is due to these parties that a full and thorough investigation be had, and the present term of our district court will be a good time to have it.

We will have and excellent grand jury and the people of the county should attend court "en masse" and demand an investigation. Not only as to the burning of the court house, but the accounts of all officers who handle public money, should be looked into. It is the opinion of many that there is a balance due to the county from our former treasurer. If this is so the people of the county who pay the taxes should know it.

It was promised before last election that this should all be known by January, but so far as we are aware the people know no more now than they did then. The events of the last few days would indicate that this whole business is in a fair way to be developed. The commissioners should be called together and this investigation put in the hands of competent parties and a complete investigation of this whole matter had

While the evidence of CB Capps uncorroborated is worthless and cannot be depended upon, it is a clue and starting point which if properly managed will most likely develop the whole matter.

Notice by Publication

Petition for Divorce

Etta English, plaintiff vs Henry English, Defendant.

To Henry English: you are hereby notified that a petition has this day been filed in the

district court by Etta English, plaintiff, asking for a divorce. Now unless you answer the petition filed herein on or before the 27th day of September 1897, the facts therein stated will be taken as true and a decree entered against you.

Given this 19th day of August, 1897.—JH Warren, Clerk.

Harrison & McMurtry, Attorneys for plaintiff

Local and Personal Items

A dwelling house for rent.—WC Morris, Cheyenne

The public school opens September 6th, with Prof Dulaney in charge. The professor comes from Custer County, where he is highly spoken of as a man qualified in every respect to conduct a first-class school.

Dr. McGee, a Texan, has been looking around our neighborhood the past week with a view to locating. He has secured a suitable ranch site and now wishes to get a town log on which to build a residence.



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Senator Houston of Woodward passed through town Wednesday on his way to Mangum, where he is interested in a quarantine case.

The territorial law provides for the raising of the quarantine line on the 15th day of November. Large numbers of cattle will be brought here after that date.

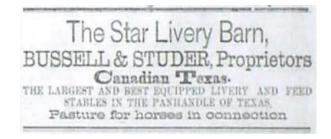
Mr. JL Warren's mother and brother are visiting him.

Bob and Oscar Thurmond started to market Tuesday with a bunch of beeves.

The city of Cheyenne is on the boom. Dwelling houses are going up in every direction but yet there is going to be a shortage as soon as school commences. Work is being pushed on the foundation of the new church building, and in a few weeks another building will be erected in which Prof Bellamy will conduct a private school. There are going to be more pupils here than can be properly managed in the public school with its limited revenue, and the starting o f a private school under such a proficient leader as Prof Bellamy will be an attraction that will give our town an upward turn which will lead to its being noted far and wide as a center of learning and culture. Let the good work go on. The Sunbeam hopes that inside of two years there will be pupils enough for a dozen good schools.

John S. Gober has sold his stock cattle to a dealer from New Mexico.

The Baptist meeting on Elk Creek is said by those who attended from here to have been a very successful affair. The attendance was large, order perfect, and every provision made for comfort of visitors.



Some enterprising citizen could make a good investment by erecting a dozen neat houses on town for renting.

There was a sheriff's sale of mortgaged stock in town Tuesday, at which tip top prices were Sheriff Miller took charge of the cattle and had them confined in a lot in town Sunday night. Monday morning one of the animals was missing. A thorough search by the officers failed to discover the whereabouts of the animal Monday, but on Tuesday it was found tied to a tree in O Caudill's pasture, which is situated some twelve miles from town. It was brought in and sold the same day.

BF Dudney is building a residence on his claim near Red Moon.

Rev Whatley will preach here the second Sunday in September.

Dr. Shelton and wife of Samsville are visiting with Mrs. Shelton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WW Anderson.

Watonga, in Blaine County, is to have two, seventy-saw, cotton gins erected; Cloud Chief, in Washita County, will also have a cotton gin; Custer County already has two and will have another in few weeks. Looks like Roger Mills ought to rustle one.

Now is your chance for a bargain. I will sell at auction every Saturday my stock of general merchandise. Call early.—WC Morris

Arthur Roberts is having a dwelling house built on his ranch on Quartermaster Creek. They say it will be plenty large enough for two when completed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Turnbough of Greer County are here visiting their son.

WW Anderson has purchased the town residence of HB Bradford and will move his family here in time to attend school. HB will build on his ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins and Grandma Beard will leave for Ohio next week on an extended visit.

Mr. Slane has rented the Beard residence for the next school term.

The folks on Sandstone now have a sawmill in operation.

Fire destroyed nearly half the town of Alva Tuesday, entailing a \$25,000 loss. A brisk wind was blowing and hard work was required to prevent a holocaust. Many business houses and dwellings were consumed, including the militia armory with all it supplies, worth \$3,000.

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The Thurmond Bros had an unpleasant and expensive experience in shipping cattle last week. On arriving at Gage, the shipping point, it became necessary to telegraph for an inspector, all cattle have to be inspected before they can be shipped. After a long delay, the inspector arrived, examined the cattle and declared that they must be quarantined because he found a tick on one the cows. This cow was raised in Roger Mills County, has mixed freely

with some of the best imported stock in the country, and no harm has come therefrom. There must certainly be some mistake about this tick business. We have been familiar with Texas fever for nearly twenty years, and there is only one hypothesis upon which grounds for believing that ticks transmit the fever can be based logically. That is: that the tick carries the blood of one animal to another, inoculating by injection. The tick itself is no evidence of danger, but where the tick has filled up on blood from a cow raised in south Texas and then finds lodgment on an animal raised above the quarantine line, we can readily understand the danger. But if a tick can thus carry disease, flies and other blood sucking insects may do the same. However, before shipping it may be will for our stockmen to look over their animals and kill off any ticks which may be found. The inspectors don't appear to know the difference between ticks raised on prime healthy blood and those from the malaria laden southerner.

Local and Personal Items

The district court officers have received orders to draw 16 grand jurors and 18 petit jurors.

Walter Lyons, the energetic officer of the Texas Live Stock associates was in town this morning. He had rounded up a bunch of stolen cattle on the Canadian River.

The fire at Alva was not as destructive as a first reported, the loss amounting to less than \$2,500.

Ed Woods and family have returned from Hot Springs, much improved in health.

Prof Bellamy's school will open Monday, Sept. 13th, in the Wallace dwelling.

Miss Florence Thurmond left on Wednesday last for Fort Worth, where she will attend college.

Lewis Medlin was in from Elk Creek Tuesday. He reports everybody happy down his way.

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Mack Beeson was in town Wednesday with a load of fine peaches.

Born—On Monday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Turnbough, a daughter.

LL Collins, our tin and hardware merchant, will leave for the east tomorrow for a thirty days' trip. He will select a stock of stoves and tin ware and will be better prepared than ever to supply all wants in his line.

Prof Stovall opened school at the Lower Sandstone schoolhouse Monday. This makes the fourth term the professor has been engaged at that place, which speaks well of his qualifications.

There was a very enjoyable gathering at the residence of Beau Jones on Sandstone last Friday evening. A number of folks went out from town and report having had a splendid time.

Mr. GB Taylor, from McCullough county, Texas, is here visiting his son JD, and his daughter, Mrs. CM Rosser.

Mr. Humphrey, the insurance agent, has made a successful business trip to the Eller Flat neighborhood.

Married—On Sunday last, Mr. Seth Millington and Miss Cora Bright, Rev Kinser officiating.

Prof Dulaney and family arrived Saturday and the public school will open promptly next Monday morning. Those having children to send should make arrangements to have them on hand the first day so that the school may be organized on a solid basis from the start.

Barbeque and Picnic

There will be a singing convention at the Kiowa school house Saturday, September 11th. Exercises will commence at 10 a.m., and continue with singing and recitations during the day and evening. There will be plenty of beef furnished and all will bring well filled baskets of bread, cake, pies, etc.

There will be classes present from Greer and Washita Counties.

Prof Jones of Greer County will conduct the exercises. Everybody invited.

A Killing in Greer County

On Friday last Smith Kellum, a stockman well known in this and adjoining counties, was in Cheyenne after medicine for his sick wife. He had buried his first and only child a few days before. The next day, Saturday, he was himself a corpse.

It appears that for some time there has been a bad feeling between Kellum and a man named Dave Cullins. On Saturday evening they met in a wagon yard in Mangum, Greer County. From the accounts received here Kellum, on seeing Cullins, drew his gun, at the same time remarking; "Now I have got you." Cullins ran, jumped a fence and got into stall, with Kellum at his heels. Unable to go further, Cullins drew his gun and faced his pursuer. Two shots rang out and Kellum fell dead.

There are conflicting rumors as to the name of the man who did the killing. Some say his name was Will Fullerton, but Cullins is probably correct, as a man by that name is known to live in Mangum.

Later—Fullerton is the name of the man who did the killing.

Bob Wilson Killed

Bob Wilson was killed on his farm on Barnitz Creek, ten miles northwest of Arapahoe, yesterday afternoon, by ZR Hall.

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Hall went to where Wilson was mowing hay, and asked him what he cut his rope for. Wilson denied cutting the rope. The lie was passed, and both drew their guns and fired. Bob Wilson was shot in the left side just under the arm and in the small of the back near the kidneys, and died before his father could get him to the house.

Bob Wilson was among the first settlers of Custer County. He leaves a wife and an infant child only a few days old. His father and mother recently moved here to reside.

ZR Hall is a sheep owner and came to this country last June from Cookville, Texas.

Bob Wilson was a cattleman and the two had trouble over the range.

Hall refused to make a statement to a representative of the Bee and referred us to his attorney, JC McKnight, when seen this morning.

Squire Knox held an inquest and ordered the sheriff to take charge of Hall. The preliminary hearing is set for tomorrow.—Arapahoe Bee

There is a report here to the effect that the man Hall had been ordered to leave the country by a notice posted on his house during his absence. He also missed a rope. Suspecting Wilson of having posted the notice he rode over to see him and discovered his rope there. Hot words led to shooting, with the above result.

Hall has given a \$6,000 bond.

The Cheyenne Sunbeam, a rattling good paper by the way, is bragging of the agriculture products of Mills County. That's right; Keep it up!—Woodward Bulletin

September 10, 1897

Mr. George Carmichael, special agent of the department of the interior, is in Mangum, Greer County, for the purpose of investigating complaints made against cattlemen for intimidating settlers and refusing to allow them to settle in their pastures. Mr. Carmichael has set September 22, 1897, to meet the cattlemen and all parties interested in conference at the land office in Mangum to the end that justice

may be done to all parties concerned. Mr. Carmichael gave out that he only desires a just and equitable solution of the matter, and hopes at this conference all things will be adjusted in the interest of all parties.

Notice

United States Land Office Kingfisher, Oklahoma Territory August 26, 1897

Complaint having been entered at this office by William Dewey against John S Thurmond, for abandoning his homestead entry No. 8789, dated July 21, 1892, upon the NW 1/4, sect 33, twp 14 N, range 24 W, in Roger Mills County, O.T. Said parties are hereby summoned to appear before the Probate Judge, Roger Mills County, at his office in Cheyenne, O.T., on the 12th day of October, 1897, at 9 o'clock a.m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment—EG Spillman, Register

Another Killing in Greer County

Perry Stout and Columbus Guffin of Aaron community came into town early this morning with the news of one of the saddest occurrences in the history of our county. As a result, Bob Guffin is a corpse at his home, killed by his own hands, and Crumby Thaggard, a groom of only a few hours, and son-in-law of Bob Guffin, is dangerously wounded with a pistol shot through his arm ranging into his body. The ball passed through his right lung and when our informants left it had not been found by Hardin and Fowler, the attending physicians. Guffin himself is the perpetrator of the deed and it is thought that in a fit of insanity he determined upon the killing of his new sonin-law, and his own suicide. Young Thaggard was in town Monday and obtained license to marry Miss Addie, the nineteen year old daughter of the deceased. Without the consent of Mr. Guffin, the couple left the home of the bride yesterday evening and was married but a short while after. Mr. Guffin, upon finding them gone, started to hunt them up. He found them shortly before night and seemed in no way

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angry but extended to them a cordial invitation to his home. Upon separating, the newly married couple started to a camp meeting at Aaron and Mr. Guffin is supposed to have gone home where he procured pistol, returning to Squire WT Thaggard's place where the couple were expected to return. When within one hundred vards of the house, Guffin stepped up to the wagon in which were Squire Thaggard's family, and his daughter and new son-in-law, whereupon he deliberately shot the new husband as above stated and without a moment's warning turned the pistol against his own head and sent a bullet crashing through the temple. The whole community is thrown into a state of grief at the awful calamity and the sincerest sympathy of all is extended to the young bride and orphan children.—Mangum Star.

Local and Personal Items

Born—On Friday, September 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. JB Hall, a son.

Charley Hall met with a severe accident last

week. Whilst riding after stock his horse ran under a tree limb of which struck Hall on the head, cutting a severe gash that had to be sewed up by the doctor.

For Sale—A claim within 6 miles of town; plenty of water; 75 acres in cultivation; small orchard; three room house; also, adjoining claim with 15 acres broken. Good outlet for stock; two wells, and 275 acres under fence. Inquire at this office.

There have been several persons bitten lately by spiders in this neighborhood. Judge Davies had one of his ears bitten and that member has developed wonderfully under the stimulating influence of the insects poison.

JA Anderson of Red Moon proposes to bleed some of his calves to prevent blackleg. This will undoubtedly help them as the disease is caused by the animals becoming too fat. We expect to hear of lots of dead calves this fall if something is not done to reduce their flesh.



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Mr. Hodges left for the east Monday to select a fall stock of goods.

Dr. Standifer has moved temporarily into the Stephens residence.

Bory Jones has leased section 16, in township13, range 22W, in this county, for the past two years from the Territory of Oklahoma. Another stockman has now leased the same section from the Indian department. There is a mistake somewhere which will no doubt be promptly straightened out on a presentation of the facts to the proper authorities.

All roads leading to Oklahoma are said to be full of people moving here. A large number from Texas are stopping in Greer County at present, but we get a few of them and the indications are that in a short time there will be a regular rush into our county.

Judge Patton was in town yesterday. He reported still another killing in Greer County. A sheep man down there had been annoyed by his neighbor's dogs, and shot one of them. The owner of the dog, a boy, armed himself and killed the sheep man.

Buildings are going up so fast in town that it's hard to keep track of them. An addition to our townsite will soon be called for if the present rush continues.

Rev Whatley of Canadian will preach here Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. Owens, father of Mrs. Turnbough, is here from Greer County.

Mr. Bullard from the Chickasaw country is visiting his son Jack on the Washita. He has decided to sell out down below and will locate here.

Mr. Wallace has gone to Greer County after his family who has been visiting down there.

Mr. Warren has moved his family to town to give the children the benefit of schooling.

RB Masterson, the Panhandle stockman, was in town Wednesday.

Sheriff Boyd of Canadian was in town Wednesday. He was said to be hunting a thief who had stolen a horse and saddle from George Puryear.

A light rain fell last night, cooling the atmosphere and laying the dust.

Some ten indictments were found by the Day County grand jury this week. County Treasurer Downing and County Clerk Walck were placed under a \$3000 bond to answer for burning the county court house. Alex Roberts brought this news in last evening. He also reported that court had adjourned.

We understand the Mr. Cree will build a residence in town shortly.

Mr. Oscar Old Horse and Miss Grace Throwingwater, Cheyenne Indians, were married by Probate Judge Hatcheet Friday in Cloud Chief.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on October 28, 1897, viz: Lizzie Jennings, for the NE ¼, section 18, township 13N, range 23 W. Witnesses: William A. Beaty, John P. Miller, Oscar Nelson, Jasper N. Arnold, all of Cheyenne, O.T.—BM Dilley, Register

September 17, 1897

Prof Dulaney received word Tuesday from a friend in Arapahoe that the Kingfisher bank had failed and that the Custer County funds had been lost. The same day we received the following:

Guthrie, O.T., September 10.—Bank Examiner Pugh has just completed his examination of the forty-nine territorial banks in Oklahoma, finding them in good condition

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with \$1,499,149.69 on deposit and \$96,470.36 in loans and discounts. This does not include the five national banks, which have \$483,236.06 deposits and \$267,250.77 loans and discounts. We are at a loss to understand the two reports.

Local and Personal Items

Mr. Hodges returned Tuesday from the east, where he has been on business.

They had a jail breaking down at Cloud Chief last week.

Great praise is given the managers of the Kiowa barbeque by those who attended from here. It was said to have been the best affair of the kind held in our county. Notwithstanding the size of the gathering such perfect order was maintained and such good will expressed has made everyone happy. Professor Jones, the musical conductor, came in for a large share of commendation, his class having surprised visitors by their proficiency.

The school land leasing board, at their meeting Wednesday, took up the question of the failure of the cattlemen holding lands in Oklahoma west of range 14 W to lease the school lands as they agreed in order to induce the last legislature to pass the law making all of Oklahoma lying west of that line free range. The board, after full consideration of the matter, ordered the attorney general to forthwith proceed against every person violating the provisions of the law and either collect rental for the lands used during the current year 1897 from each person who has occupied them, or enforce the penalty against him. Accordingly Attorney General Cunningham starts for Watonga tomorrow and will visit all of the counties west of the line before his return. Mr. Cunningham says he anticipates no trouble whatever in this matter, as his experience has shown him that whenever the attention of the cattlemen has been called to a neglect of duty on their part they have always promptly rectified the wrong and he has no doubt but what they will do so in the present instance.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Gene Hall captured two horse thieve in Kansas last week and brought them back to Oklahoma.

Mr. Joyce has secured two large corps of millet from the same piece of land this year, enough seed falling from the first crop to bring on another. He also has a second crop of sorghum.

On Monday last a fire broke out in the Winslett drug store building in Canadian during business hours. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue in the back portion of the The old bank building formerly house. occupied by Mr. Hamburg also caught on fire and both were totally destroyed. Only a few show cases were saved by Messrs Hood & Co., the present owners of the drug store, and Messrs Baker & Hoover, lawyers, saved their library from the bank building. We understand that there was an insurance amounting to \$2,500.

Mr. GM Kidwell and family of Decatur, Texas, are visiting Mr. A Hall, father of Mrs. Kidwell. They are well pleased with our country.

More Shooting in Greer County

The town was thrown into a riffle of excitement last Sunday about noon by the sudden appearance of Tom Cox upon the streets with a big six-shooter in his hands. He seemed to be anxiously needing the sheriff and when a deputy was shown him he lost no time in giving up his pistol and applying for a berth in the county jail. He hastily explained that he had just had a scrap with his father-in-law, Mr. Keithley, but would not say whether Mr. Keithley was hurt or not. It was very evident that he was not wounded. Inquiry and investigation elicited the fact that the two men, Keithley, on horseback and Cox in a wagon, had met some 12 miles east of Mangum and Cox demanded an interview concerning the whereabouts of his wife, Mr. Keithley's

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daughter, who had but recently left him with the set determination of not returning. Mr. Keithley would have no words with Cox and so told him, whereupon Cox reached into the wagon and Mr. Keithley divining his purpose wheeled his horse and ran off, Cox shooting five times at him. Cox, not knowing whether or not he had hit his father-in-law, came in and gave up.—Mangum Star

September 24, 1897

District Court

Court commences at this place next Monday and will be held in the public school building.

Grand Jury—AL Thurmond, JV Lacey, James Anderson, Oscar Caudill, WW Lockhart, JE Taylor, J Kimsey, GW Vanderpool, BF Rosser, R Carter, Jas Beasley, BL Bright, W Fishburn, FJ Duke, Mac Beeson, GE Shufeldt.

Petit Jury—EF Stephens, JB Freeman, John L McDaniel, Charles Neal, Sampson Curby, JE Crabtree, C Young, FD Sutton, WJ Colburn, RL Hunt, WW Richerson, GA Diedrich, TH Jackson, RJ Ross, GW Holden, AA Hitchcock, F Hill, JM Vanderpool.

To The Public

From Saunders, the Photographer.

I will leave Cheyenne Oct. 4th, for Arapahoe. Will stop at Hammon a short time. This will be my last opportunity to work in Cheyenne this year. Call at once if you want photos or picture frames. If you can't possibly come now, preserve your face till I come again. Thanking you for a very liberal patronage. I am, Yours Respectfully, Saunders.

P.S. Will be at Hammon, Oct. 7th.

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Texas fever has broken out among the cattle of Jackson County, Kansas, and a number of animals are said to be dying.

HB Greer, of Woodward, offers \$100 for the arrest of his 17 year old boy. He is about 5 feet 4 inches in height, light complected, blue eyes, weighs about 110 pounds, and wears a light grey suit of clothes, coat cut square, and a black hat.

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To Whom it may Concern

Notice is hereby given that Colburn and Stahl have made application to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors at Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, O. T. Any person desiring to make objection to the issuance of license to the above named applicants will file same in writing in the office of the County Clerk, in the city of Cheyenne, before 10 o'clock a.m. on the 13th day of October, 1897, otherwise the license will be issued.—AG Gray, County Clerk

Local and Personal Items

Lottie Kersher, an eighteen year old girl, was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year by Judge Tarsney at Watonga last week on a charge of cattle stealing.

Mr. Turnbough moved into his new residence on the south side last Monday.

CB Capps, ex-sheriff of Day County, has been sent to the Texas penitentiary for a term of four years for stealing cattle.

Everybody will be in town next week attending court. The Sunbeam office will be open to all comers and its editor expects to do considerable business with delinquent subscribers. Don't be backward in coming forward.

Mr. W Owens of Canadian is here in the interest of the telephone company who propose building a line from Canadian to this place. He is soliciting subscriptions to the enterprise, and the terms offered are such as should bring forth a liberal response from our business and stockmen. To those who never anticipate using it, the project offers a good investment for spare cash, whilst to those needing the line in their business there could be no better investment. It is an enterprise that properly conducted, will

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help develop the resources of our county and lead to our recognition as a business center of importance. Be liberal and you will be happy. The names of the Canadian gentlemen backing the enterprise are a guarantee of good faith and square dealing.

A calf stealing case has created some excitement in justice court here this week. A cow belonging to Mr. Herring of Navajoe was killed on or about the 8th of August, and its calf was later on found in Mr. Duke's pasture. Stoney Duke claimed the calf and proved to the satisfaction of the court that he had come by it from a young man well known here, from whom he got a bill of sale which was produced in court.

A man named Mabry was arrested here Tuesday on papers sent from Pottawatomie County. Parties living here who have known the prisoner for a number of years think there is a mistake as to identity.

Sheriff Miller returned yesterday from the Chickasaw nation to which place he had trailed a horse thief named Bob Terrill. He captured his man, but the authorities down there needed him so badly for various crimes that they refused to let him return with Miller. It is claimed that Terrill is a member of a well known gang of desperadoes who have operated some time down there. Recently two of his companions were arrested, and another of the gang is the man who got away with the deputy sheriff's dog in Day County a few days ago.

Miss Texie Bowen, who has been teaching school on Indian Creek, was visiting Mrs. Hodges this week.



Notice

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned on Saturday, October 2nd, 1897, at 1 o'clock p.m., to furnish school district No. 1 with 12 cords of two foot wood, to be all hard wood, one-half to be dry, to be paid for in school warrants on said district.

JR Casady, Director JW McMurtry, Clerk

A young man wanted here on a charge of horse theft played a joke on the officers the other day which they will be apt to remember. The thief was arrested in Day County by a constable from Roger Mills, who took him to the home of a deputy sheriff in Day County for safe keeping over night. The prisoner was confined in a room with another young man and a fine hound belonging to the deputy sheriff was kept up and the prisoner was informed that it would be useless to attempt to escape as the hound could be depended on to follow his trail should he attempt to get away. morning both, the prisoner and the hound dog had disappeared.

Card of Thanks

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

Mr. and Mrs. HD Cox

Mr. Oldham purchased a bunch of Cashmere goats Wednesday from George Nichols.

Clarence Thurmond will leave in a few days to take a course of instruction in Hill's Business College at Waco, Texas.

Married—On Wednesday last, at the residence of the bride's parents near Red Moon, Miss Hattie Anderson and Mr. Author Roberts, Judge Leary officiating. After the ceremony the young folks adjourned to the residence of Alex Roberts on Quartermaster Creek, where dancing was indulged in and a general good time had.

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George Nichols, an old time Panhandler, passed through town Wednesday on his way to eastern Oklahoma.

Mr. Cox has secured the contract for building a parsonage, a dwelling and a business house in Canadian, Texas.

AG Cunningham, who once upon a time was a citizen of Cheyenne, is now in Guthrie working his political strings. He wants to be district judge.

Mr. Calvert brought in a beet last Saturday which weighed sixteen pounds.

Died—On Saturday last, Mr. GW Cox, aged 79 years.

Sheriff Miller captured a horse last Saturday which had been stolen near Wichita Falls, Texas, and traded off here.

Mr. John Sing and Mr. Monroe, the latter EE Tracy's father-in-law, from the Chickasaw country, took up and filed on Dead Indian Creek this week. This makes eight filings on that creek this month.

It is said that a large body of Quakers will settle shortly in the Buffalo Creek neighborhood, and that they will occupy six miles square of that country, bringing with them merchants, professional men, etc.

Ed Downing the ex-treasurer of Day County, against whom a bill was found charging him with burning the Day County court house, failed to give bond and was taken to Woodward for safe keeping.

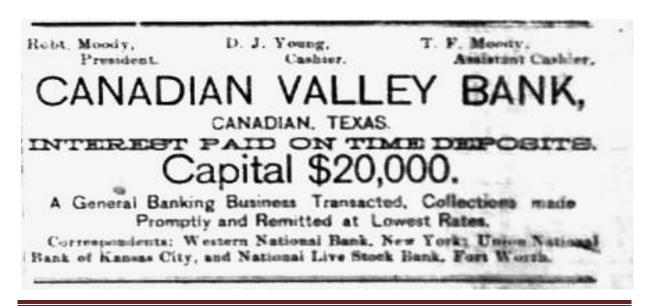
Mrs. Farmer stepped on a rattlesnake last week, at her home near Francis, Greer County. The snake bit her on the thigh and she died the next day.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on October 30, 1897, viz: James M Moffitt, for the nw ½, section 27, township 11, range 26 w. He names the following witnesses: George J Coburn, Joseph Hughes, Alfred Moffitt, Frank Bradley, all of Sweetwater, O.T.—BM Dilley, Register

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on October 30, 1897, viz: Alfred Moffitt, for the e ½, se ¼, section 21, and w ½, sw ¼, section 22, township 11, range 26W. He names the following witnesses: Joseph Hughes, JO Kelley, James M Moffitt, Frank Bradley, all of Sweetwater, O.T.—BM Dilley, Register



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If the people of Arapahoe are only half as mean as the *Bee* charges they are, that town must be a very undesirable place in which to raise a family.

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The President of the Washita County Fair association notifies us that they will be unable to carry out their arrangements, and declares the fair off.

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The stockmen of Greer County met in convention last week and passed a number of resolutions which are to be submitted to the government agent who is now investigating charges brought by settlers against the cattle

men. The latter claim that they are the heaviest taxpayers, admit that they have public lands enclosed without authority of law, and say that the country is unfit for agriculturalists, being subject to drought.

Pistol Carrying

By the courtesy of the stenographer, we give the substance of Judge Tarsney's talk to a prisoner charged with using a dangerous weapon, as follows:

This assault was committed in violation of the law while a court of justice was in session for the vindication of the law, and in the presence of officers of the court whose sworn duty it is to administer and enforce the law. Your offense was multifarious. Except for the technical fact that the court had taken a temporary recess or adjournment, and was not in actual session, you would have been guilty, under the statutes of this territory, of a serious contempt of court, for I can conceive of no more serious contempt of court than a public violation of the law in the presence of those who are administering it. Leaving out the actual injury done, it was not an edifying spectacle to see men on a public

street forcing their violation of the law upon the immediate attention of the officers whose sworn duty it was to enforce the observance of the law, and at a time when the minds of the people were being drawn to the necessity of securing those safeguards which the law throws around every person. I had the facts of this transaction forced upon my personal observation. I saw two men engage in what I at first thought was a frolic; I then saw it degenerate into something much more serious; I saw that one of those men was stronger than the other and get him in a position where he could not resist; and then I saw you, whose duty it was as citizen to separate these men—who did not have any other interest or part in this quarrel—come up and, with this deadly weapon in your hand, commit this murderous, brutal, cruel and cowardly assault; not upon the man who was stronger than the other, but upon he who was in such a position as to be defenseless and powerless to resist. The law denominates that a felony subject to punishment by a term in the penitentiary. It is not due to yourself that you are not standing here at this moment to answer with your life to the crime of murder. It happened through the merest accident, and through no purpose or intention of yours, that the deadly weapon which you wielded did not strike a fatal spot upon the head of one of those men. Every element of the crime of murder was in your heart that day, and that is the serious character of the offense under which you stand charged here. But the court takes into consideration, and must take into consideration, what is continuously dinned into his ears; that these things are common, almost an everyday occurrence, and excite but brief comment in this country; that it is not unusual and matters but little, that men are sent home to their families and little ones maimed and disfigured for life and that anxious wives and young children should suffer in consequence and so, in spite of the fact that there was no humanity in your heart to prevent your striking those murderous blows, the court will show some leniency. But the mercy which the court now shows you is not on account of anything in

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your heart or disposition, but because of your education and environment; because you have been taught that there is no law or that the arm of the law was powerless to vindicate itself. Had you been convicted by a jury of the offense charged, the court would have sentenced you to the penitentiary for a period of years. Did you know of the risk you ran when you committed that crime; that your absolute disregard for the life of another may easily have sent you hundreds of feet underground to dig coal for years with the stripes of a convict upon you? And when you came out of there the stripes would have remained with you. They would have been indelibly impressed upon your person during the rest of your miserable life. The time is coming when men guilty of such a crime as this will stand out as pariahs, because the law abiding sentiment of these people is going to assert itself. Such crimes, far from being popular, will not be tolerated, and such leniency as is showing you now can be practiced no longer.

The court then sentenced the defendant to pay a fine of \$300 and to stand committed until paid.

Local and Personal Items

Judge Tarsney ordered all officers in attendance on district court to take off their guns.

Mr. and JB Edwards of Arapahoe were here Saturday making arrangements for the board of their daughter, who will attend our public school.

The boy Greer, who recently disappeared from Woodward, and for whose arrest a reward of \$100 is offered, passed through here last Monday week. He told Mr. Woods that he was on his way to Texas to a place south of Fort Worth.

The Arapahoe Bee denies the report of the failure of Kingfisher Bank and loss of funds by Custer County. That paper also states the "the report originated in Arapahoe, in the diseased

mind in which the depraved wish was father of the thought and mother of slander."

The hound taken by the criminal who escaped from Day County's deputy sheriff has been recovered, and it is thought that the capture of the thief will follow in a few days.

Messrs Gerlach and Young, of Canadian, who were here several days this week in the interest of the proposed telephone line from here to Canadian, are well satisfied with the result of their work. Before leaving they expressed the opinion that it would be but a short time before we are in direct communication with the outside world through the medium of a telephone line. This is good news, and its importance to Cheyenne can hardly be overestimated.

A number of our county folks brought their families with them to town during court.

A lamp exploded Monday evening in the office of Davis and McMurtry. Luckily passersby noticed the flames in time to put them out by throwing blankets over the burning table.

District Court

Court adjourned yesterday and left for Arapahoe.

In his charge to the grand jury Judge Tarsney dwelt forcibly on the crimes of perjury and compounding of felonies.

Work opened early Monday morning and was pushed vigorously day and night until the bulk of the business was disposed of.

There were a number of visiting attorneys present, among whom we noticed: Temple Houston, Senator Marum, Woodward; EM Maurer, El Reno; EM Bamford, JF Stone, Roy V. Hoffman, Guthrie; HE Hoover, R Ewing, Canadian; AR Garret, JR Bowers, Mangum; JB Diggs, Perry.

The following is a list of the cases disposed of:

Territory of Oklahoma vs. John Mosby; larceny of cattle; dismissed.

Territory vs. Otis D Jones; murder; dismissed.

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Territory vs. James Mauldin; malicious mischief; dismissed.

Territory vs. J Aikens; disturbing the peace; fined \$5.

Territory vs. Tom Cooley; disturbing the peace; fined \$5.

Territory vs. Orville Gollipher; grand larceny; sentenced for one year and four months in the Lansing penitentiary.

Territory vs. Bud Powers; assault with dangerous weapon; fined \$300 and committed to jail until fine is paid.

CC Roberts vs ZT Miller, as sheriff; restraining order; judgment for plaintiff.

Hall Lithographic Co. vs. Board of County Com.; suit on county warrants; change of venue to Canadian County.

Sat Rowden vs. Board of County Com.; suit on county warrants; change of venue to Canadian County.

WJ McAdams vs. J Evans; appeal from probate court; judgment for defendant.

H & W Saner vs. County Commissioners; suit on warrants; judgment for plaintiff for amount of warrants and accrued interest.

Lillie D. Johnson vs. Chas Johnson; divorce; decree granted.

AP Rider vs. County Commissioners; suit on warrants; continued.

HH Beaty vs. County Commissioners; suit on warrants; continued.

Territory vs. TJ Benderman; forfeiture of bond; continued.

Canadian Valley Bank vs. Roger Mills County, suit on warrants; continued.

George Gerlach vs. Roger Mills County; suit on warrants; continued.

JH Parrish vs. Roger Mills County; appeal from commissioners court; dismissed.

Etta English vs. Henry English; divorce; petition granted.

Grand Jury Report:

We the grand jury duly empanelled and sworn to inquire into offenses that have been committed in our county be leave to make this our final report. That we have faithfully and diligently inquired into and examined all matters which have come before our body for examination, and a true presentment made of the same. We have examined the county jail and found the same upon our investigation and upon statements made by the prisoners kept therein that said jail is and has been kept in good condition. Also, we have examined the county books and records as fully as our limited time has enabled us to do, and have found same to be in neat and satisfactory as far as we have been able to examine.

Wherefore, thanking the court for all favors and courtesies shown us we ask that this report be received and our jury discharged.—Wiley Walker, Foreman.

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The season is now at hand when extra precaution will be necessary to guard against loss by fire. Individual effort may accomplish something in this direction, but what is needed is a concerted action on the part of all. A liberal provision at this time may prevent disaster, overtaking every business man in town next winter. Our city has grown wonderfully since last winter, business houses are now located close enough together to give full sweep to the flames should they once break out, and the chance are that without united effort a fire once started would take every business house in town.

Whilst Judge Tarsney's talk last week on the pistol case is calculated to do some good in restraining those who think it is the proper thing to carry arms, we cannot in justice to our community pass all his remarks without protest, as they are calculated to do us harm in the eyes of those looking for a home in a peaceable and law abiding community. We refer to the charge made by the court that such cases are frequent—almost of daily occurrence. All who have resided here know that such crimes are not common. We have taxed our memory and have made diligent enquiry and we find that but four pistol "plays" have been made during the past five years. We readily admit that there should

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not have been one, and hope there may never be another, but facts are facts, and a misstatement by such high authority as the district judge does our people an injustice. We believe that a very large majority of our citizens are desirous of improving their condition morally otherwise, and they fully realize that to build up a community on a solid basis, the suppression of all kinds of lawlessness is necessary and they thank the court for helping in the good work. The citizens of Cheyenne are now taking considerable pride in their schools, knowing that by building them up the future of their town is assured. For this reason it is but just that we complain of the remarks made in court to the effect that disturbances of the peace are of daily occurrence.

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Notice

All persons interested in the Cheyenne Cemetery are requested to meet at the office of Davies & McMurtry on Saturday, October 9th at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of organizing a Cemetery association and transacting any other business which may come before the meeting.

JH Parrish, David W Davies

Notice

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 19th, an election will be held in the town of Berlin, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, for the purpose of incorporating said town of Berlin. Done by the order of the Board of County Commissioners this 5th day of October, 1897.—AG Gray, County Clerk

Local and Personal Items

Mr. Lee, of the Sandstone neighborhood, has cotton bearing 135 matured bolls to the talk. Where can such a yield be beaten?

A large herd of cattle belonging to Ellison Carroll passed through here Monday on the way to market. Mr. AO Miller has had an offer for his residence property in Amarillo, Texas, and has gone up to close the deal.

Five masked men held up a Rock Island train last Friday near Chickasha, I.T. The leader of the gang was recognized as Al Jennings, brother of Ed Jennings of Woodward, who was shot by Temple Houston about a year ago.

Mr. Hodges is having a well dug in his garden. He will have a windmill erected and irrigate his garden, if necessary.

Prof Dulaney has had a cistern put in at his residence. Mr. Bigear is also have one dug.

Mr. Kirkham, of Tarrant County, Texas, after looking around here a few, has decided to locate.

Mr. Sollers who left us over a year ago to seek a fortune in the gold fields of Colorado, returned Wednesday, having decided that gold is easier accumulated here than there.

Mr. Ake, the hotel man, met with a very serious accident yesterday morning. He stepped on a nail which penetrated through his shoe into his foot, inducing tetanus, or lockjaw, in a few hours. He was in critical condition for a time, but is up again this morning.

Mr. Dudney had to leave for Arapahoe this morning to testify before the grand jury of Custer County.

The quarter section of land on which the public cemetery is located has been filed on and awarded to Mr. Fishburn. By public contribution a sufficient sum has be raised to purchase ten acres of this land to be held in trust for the people. A meeting is called in this for the purpose of electing trustees and making provisions for fencing, etc.

CM Rosser is having a new residence erected on his claim adjoining town.

Mr. Fitzgerald has moved into his new house near Court House square.

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Dr. Standifer and family now occupy their fine residence on Broadway.

Washita County has quite a heavy docket for district court. There are 28 criminal cases, and 21 civil cases. Among the latter are 8 divorce suits, one of which is entitled Singing Pipe vs Howling Man.

Calvin M Rosser invites his friends and the public generally to call upon him at GW Hodges' mercantile establishment, where they can have their wants supplied at remarkably low prices.

Notice

There will be an examination of teachers held by the examining board in Cheyenne on Friday and Saturday, October 29th and 30th. Those desiring to be examined for certificates should be promptly on hand.—H C Harris, County Supt.

Cattle for Sale

I have one of the best bunches of stock cattle in Roger Mills County which I desire to sell at once. There are 185 head, and they are all well bred acclimated stock. No old cattle among them.

ND Wheeler Cheyenne, O.T.

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

Monday, October 4, 1897

Board of County Commissions met. Present: SR Richerson, WA Bright, and JH Parrish, Sheriff Zack Miller and Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had to wit: All tax against HJ Hamilton for the year 1896 declared off.

Fee reports of Probate Judge, Sheriff, County Attorney, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and County Treasurer, submitted and approved.

Brands filed by CTC Hennings, WS Green, Thos A Nelson, Annie Eveans, WA Welch, LD Davis and TA Cherry, ordered recorded. Brand filed by FI Doane was found to conflict with brand previously on record, and ordered not recorded.

Road petition of Wm McAnerny et al submitted, approved and viewer appointed.

Road petition of Frank Turner et al submitted and granted.

County Treasurer's quarterly report submitted and approved.

Assessment of Wm Dewey for the year 1897 adjusted as follows: \$779.00 of said assessment to be included in the assessed valuation of school district No. 2, and the remainder to be declared outside of all school districts.

The following claims submitted and allowed:

AG Gray, supplies, \$1.65

SR Richerson, salary, \$31.25

JA Parrish, supplies, \$1.25

WG Morris, publishing, \$63.85

WB Morris, supplies, \$1.25

AG Gray, salary, \$118.60

AG Gray, making tax roll, \$50.

AL Thurmond, salary, \$168.25

JB Harrison, salary, \$125.00

State Capitol Printing Co., \$42.10

WT Peace, survey, \$10.60

Quarterly report of GW Graves, JP, submitted and approved.

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, October 5th, 1897, at 9 a.m.

Tuesday, October 5th, 1897, at 9 a.m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as yesterday.

Application for incorporation of the town of Berlin, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, together with plat and census of said town, filed

Application granted, and Tuesday, October 19th, 1897, set as day upon which to hold election in said town of Berlin, for the purpose of incorporating said town.

Claims allowed as follows, to wit:

DW Davies, rent, \$9.00

JB Overton, sheriffs fees \$3.45

JE Leary, judge's fees, \$13.36

Frank Turner, making arrest, \$6.00

PS Taylor, assessor services, \$12.00

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AG Gray, postage, \$2.56

AG Gray, transcripts, \$21.66

JE Leary, expenses, \$2.80

Zack Miller, court attendance, \$13.50

Zack Miller, boarding prisoner, \$44.00

Zack Miller, guarding prisoner, \$90.00

JH Parish, salary, \$31.25

GJ Coburn, election clerk fees, \$300

Al Thurmond, postage, \$2.00

HC Harris, expenses, \$2.15

Stone & Hoffman, legal service, \$100.00

WA Bright, salary, \$31.25

Thurmond Bros., supplies, \$17.75

WR Fishburn, repairs on jail, \$1.50

HC Harris, per diem, County Supt. \$60

JM Johnson, witness fees, \$3.25

Em Herring, witness fees, \$3.50

Ed Goodwin, witness fees, \$3.25

Sid Martin, witness fees, \$3.25

Wm Lehne, witness fees, \$3.25

Gus Jones, witness fees, \$3.25

Wm Maberry, witness fees, \$3.25

John McCollough, witness fees, \$1.00

AS McKinney, witness fees, \$1.00

Alex Roberts, witness fees, \$3.00

F Turner, witness fees, \$1.00

Zack Miller, mileage, \$9.00

JH Potter, road viewing, \$3.00

Zack Miller, salary, \$100.00

Zack Miller, serving subpoenas, summons, etc.

claimed, #335.20, allowed, \$167,60

Claim of Zack Miller for \$31.75, sheriff expenses, laid on table.

John E Leary, Jno B Harrison and Dr. JP Miller, appointed as a board of insanity commissioners.

Road petition of JW Cooper et al submitted and granted.

Assessment of Byrd & Hawkins for the year 1897 divided as follows to wit:

\$3401 to school district No 15

\$3400 to school district No 8

\$3400 to school district No 9

Board adjourned.

SR Richerson, Commissioner WA Bright, Commissioner JH Parrish, Commissioner AG Gray, County Clerk October 15, 1897

Road Notice

Notice is hereby given that at a session of the Board of Commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T., held on the 4th day of October, 1897, a petition signed by William McAnerny et al, asking for a view and survey for the purpose of locating a certain county road, described as follows: Commencing at the north west corner of section 17, thence east 80 rods. thence south and east by the most practicable route to the North Fork of the Red River, was presented, and that CM Boren, Fayette Sutton, and James Hensley, viewers, and WT Peace, County Surveyor, will meet at the place of beginning of said road, on the 29th day of October, 1897, at 8 o'clock a.m. of said day proceed to view and survey said road and give all parties a hearing.

Done by order of the board of commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T.—AG Gray, County Clerk and Clerk of said board.

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The yellow fever has extended to Texas, there being several cases in Galveston, Houston and San Antonio.

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Dentist

Dr. R Larkin Nix will be in Cheyenne about the 25th of October, 1897, prepared to serve the public in the line of Dentistry. The Doctor will remain in Cheyenne but a short time and those wishing his services will do well to see him at once.

Very Respectfully, R Larkin Nix, Dentist

To Sportsmen

I hereby give notice that no hunting will be allowed on my place.—JM Vanderpool

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The Custer Bend school will open next Monday with Prof JH Osborn as principal.

The contract to furnish wood for our public school was awarded Monday. The lowest and successful bid was \$2.95 per cord, the next lowest being \$2.99.

If you want a fine tailor made suit of clothes, call on GW Hodges who will take your measure and guarantee a fit.

Those who promised to help build the M E church at this place by giving labor in construction of same should come forward promptly and keep their word. At the present rate the building will take years to complete.

Just received fresh car of Lumber, Doors, Sash and Moulding, at bedrock prices.—HD Cox

Mr. F. Wofford, a stockman on Buffalo Creek, has purchased Mr. N D Wheeler's cattle.

Mrs. WW Anderson has gone on a visit to her parents in Throckmorton County, Texas. She will bring her father back with her.

We have an experienced harness and saddle maker with us now and will do all kinds of repair work on saddles and harness. Satisfaction guaranteed. The Gerlach Bros. Mercantile Co., Canadian, Texas.

Messrs JR Kirkman, Will Walker, and John Walker, of Tarrant County, Texas, have located on the head of Big Elk.

Prof Osborn is expected here from Weatherford, Texas, tomorrow.

JS Gober will have a residence built on his claim shortly.

The cotton raised here this year will average fully half a bale per acre and is of the very best quality.

I have received, and am receiving, one of the best lines of fall and winter clothing, hats,

boots, shoes, and general merchandise ever brought here, which I will sell at astonishingly low prices for cash.—GW Hodges

LL Collins has returned and is now chuck full of business.

Dr. McGee started from Purcell on the 8th with his family, household goods, and 200 head of cattle. He will locate here.

Captain Price has been arrested at Elm, Greer County on the charge of being implicated in the burning of the court house at Grand. Last spring the captain passed through Cheyenne trying to sell a recipe for making bitters and representing himself as agent of a publishing syndicate.

Clothing doesn't make the man but it keeps out cold, and Calvin M Rosser invites all his friends to call on him at GW Hodges' store and fit themselves out with good warm winter clothing.

AG Gray left Sunday for Panhandle and returned Wednesday with Mrs. Gray.

Some of our business men have purchased fire extinguishers for their stores, which no doubt will be handy in case of small fires.

Sam Cupps of Woodward has been here all week trying to buy cattle.

I will pay \$5 to anyone delivering to me one bay mare with black suckling mare mule colt, branded T-on left thigh.—WG Morris

The wind dust and flies have been making life a burden to the average citizen the past few days.

October 22, 1897

The grand jury at Arapahoe indicted D M Hadlock, county treasurer for burning the county court house on the 9th of November last.

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George Roberts was sent to the penitentiary for two years for burglary and Dick Shriver was fine \$50 and ten days in jail for contempt of court.

The recent rain was very opportune for those who have just secured cisterns.

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The cotton crop of Washita County is estimated at 6000 bales. The gin at Cloud Chief runs both day and night.

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on December 7, 1897, viz: Joseph W Miller, of Cheyenne, O.T., for the NW ¼, Section eight, Twp 13 N, R23 W I.M. He names the following witnesses: Alfred G Gray, Jasper N Arnold, Oscar Thurmond, and John K Reed, all of Cheyenne, O.T.—Seymour S Price, Register

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on December 7, 1897, viz: Arthur G Hall, for the NE 1/4, Section 17, Twp 12 N, R 22 W. He names the following witnesses: Charles Hackett, Dee H Arnold, John Jackson, Edwin Goodwin, all of Cheyenne, O.T.—Seymour S Price, Register

Notice for Publication

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, on December 7, 1897, viz: Nathan D Wheeler, for the NW ¼, Section 17, Twp 12 N, R 22 W. I.M. He names the following witnesses: James M Johnson, Charles Hackett, Joseph Evans, James Evans, all of Cheyenne, O.T. O.T.—Seymour S Price, Register

Local and Personal Items

Mr. Warren is training some dogs to be of service in trailing lost cattle.

Mrs. Hodges will leave early next week on a visit to relatives down in Texas.

Mr. Slane, one of our prosperous stockmen, will have a residence built in town shortly.

JP Hooper who has been farming WB Johnson's place up on the Washita, is proud of this corn crop. Generally speaking 120 ears of corn constitutes a bushel, but Mr. Hooper brought some to town the other day which by actual weight will yield a bushel to every fifty-three ears, the latter averaging 1 ½ pounds each and containing 1080 grains.

Jockey Tom Bradshaw, who is well known her, had a narrow escape from death last week during the fair at Guthrie. He was trying to make Sleepy Dick take a hurdle when the horse fell, throwing Tom over his head, and injuring him severely.

Married—On Thursday last, Oct 21st, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. JP Miller, Mr. JS Gober and Miss Lela Blanton, Elder Avery officiating. A large number of the friends of the popular couple were present at the ceremony. The Sunbeam extends hearty congratulations and best wishes for future happiness and prosperity.

Lee Rucker and Marvin Saunders and wife came in from Mobeetie yesterday.

Mrs. WA Bright and Mrs. Jones were in from Sandstone Wednesday.

LL Collins is having an addition built to his business house.

A man named Marlett was driving a hack over a bridge on East Elk last week when one of his mules became frightened and dumped the outfit into the creek, some ten or fifteen feet below. Mr. Marlett escaped injury, but the hack and team were badly damaged.

School Exercises

Program of Friday evening exercises at the Cheyenne private school October 22nd:

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Select reading by Corinne Conway Recitation by Irma Wallace Select reading by Kate Wallace Recitation by Nene Alexander Recitation by Carrie Tnd Recitation by Ernest Beaty Select reading by Georgia Kirkman Recitation by O R Bellamy

Tax Sale

Notice is hereby giving that I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the court house door in Cheyenne, O.T., on Monday, November 15th, 1897, the following lots situated in Cheyenne and in Roger Mills Count, O.T., which have been levied on for unpaid taxes of the year 1896. Sale to commence at 9 o'clock a.m., and to be continued from day to day until all are disposed of.—AL Thurmond, Co. treas.

Block 19, Lots 9-13, HD DJ Cox, .41 per lot

Block 20, Lot 11, Reed & Locke, .51

Block 37, Lot 3, James A Colburn, .66

Block 37, Lot 8 & 9, JH Jones\$1.23 per lot

Block 39, Lot 8 JN Arnold, .66

Block 46, Lot 2, Fred Tunnard, \$2.86

Block 46, Lot 3, Tom S Jones, \$1.23

Block 47, Lot 4, Davies & McMurtry \$2.98

Block 49, Lot 3, John N Janes, 48

Block 49, Lot 4,5 & 8, SM McKinney, .48 each

Block 49, Lot 6 & 7, Geo C Newton, .48 each

Block 65, Lot 11-12, J Thompson, \$1.11 each

Block 70, Lot 1-12, CA Galbraith, .30 per lot

Block 75, Lot 4, LA Beaty, .27

Block 75, Lot 5-11, LA Beaty, .29 per lot

Block 77, Lot 1-12, HF Holstein, .42 per lot

Block 82, Lot 1, WC Morris, .27

Block 87, Lot 1, WC Morris, .27

Block 87, Lot 5, WC Morris, 28

Block 89, Lot 7-11, Nellie McMurtry, .22 each

Block 89, Lot 12, Nellie McMurtry, .24

File Missing for October 29 & November 5

November 12, 1897

The quarantine line opens next Monday and hundreds of cattle will then be brought in by settlers who have selected homes here during the summer but have been prevented from bringing in their cattle. Lots of these folks will have to buy feed for those animals which have been driven long distances, which will tend to raise values on feed stuffs.

The great profit made by our farmers is due to the fact that they find ready sale at their homes for their surplus crops. Corn is now selling at forty-two cents per bushel in Cheyenne, while in neighboring counties where a continual strife is going on between stockmen and farmers, the price is less than half that amount. This shows the advantage of all classes living peaceably side by side each giving the other all the liberty possible.

Local and Personal Items

There is to be an old-time spelling bee at the school house this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Taylor who had been in town some time with a sick child, returned to their home Tuesday.

For Sale or Trade

Five barrels of molasses.—apply to TB Cree, Cheyenne

OL Johnson says that the boy baby who arrived at his home last week was too large to be weighed by ordinary family scales. A tape measure however showed that its head was of the Daniel Webster style, measuring 15 ½ inches in circumference.

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Mr. Lee now holds the championship for melon raising in this neck of the woods. On Saturday last he brought us one which measured 5 ft. 11 inches in circumference, and we have added it to our collection for an eye-opener to strangers who may visit here during the winter months.

Mr. Milligan is in the lead this week with sample corn which weighs 1 pound 8 ounces to the ear, or 42 ears to the bushel. It is white corn well adapted for meal making and was planted late in May. Call in and see it.

Mrs. Turnbough has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Greer County.

The trade of Cheyenne is increasing so rapidly that freighters can hardly keep the town supplied.

Mr. Higgins, a son-in-law of Rev Osborn, is here from Parker County, Texas, and has decided to stay.

SG Martin has sold his bunch of cattle to Messrs Richerson and Freeman at \$19 per head.

Whilst shipping from Woodward, Mr. Guernsey lost five head of cattle from the stock pens. This is a common experience at that point and shippers should be watchful.

Strayed—Two black horses, about 15 hands, 7 or 8 years old, one of them has bald face and stocking legs both branded W on left shoulder. Also one sorrel pacing horse, 16 hands high, bald face, with stocking hind legs, branded D on left shoulder. Liberal reward offered.—Mr. Humphrey, Cheyenne

Charlie Clifton, alias "Dynamite Jack," a notorious outlaw, was killed Saturday at the house of Sid Williams, fifteen miles west of Checotah, I.T., by Deputy Marshals Lawson and Bussie. He was shot after he had opened fire upon the officers.

A nine year old boy named Berry was dragged to death recently by a cow which

became frightened whilst the lad was leading it to water.

November 19, 1897

Guthrie, Ok., Nov. 15—Near Wanamaker, Sunday, three claim contestants, John Hicks, George Malone and William Roberts, engaged in a general fight and shooting affair, in which Hicks was killed and the other two badly wounded, but both are now in jail.

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From the Oklahoma Sanitary Bulletin we learn that typhoid fever threatens to become a constant menace to our people. The Bulletin says, "Of all the causes of this disease, a large portion of cases can be traced to impure, contaminated wells. The water-bearing strata that supplies quite a per cent of the wells of Oklahoma is found just above the first strata of sandstone. Here is collected in this sandy loam or gravel the water that has, in some cases, drained through hog pens, vaults of night soil, and general accumulations of vegetable garbage from the house. In many cases the soil has not even acted as a filter, for contaminated surface water has poured directly into the wells, having been conveyed by ground squirrel, rat or gopher holes. Hence it is apparent that all wells should be located as far as possible away from all source of contamination, and the soil around such wells be kept free from any animal or vegetable deposit."

Local and Personal Items

Four head of Mr. Duke's bulls have been found, leaving only one still missing.

The Sunbeam has moved into new quarters on Main Street.

Uncle John Richerson brought us three ears of corn last Saturday to be added to our collection. They were of the "bloody butcher' variety and weighed 3 ¾ lbs. Uncle John says that from a

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single acre of land he has gathered 65 bushels of corn.

AO Miller's large corn crop is averaging 40 bushels per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gober were visiting relatives in Woodward early in the week.

Clarence Thurmond is making rapid progress with his studies at Waco. The principal of the college says Clarence is one of his brightest scholars.

Mr. Guernsey has purchased 1000 head of 2 and 3 year old steers which he will winter here and market next spring. Owing to the fact that this is not a droughty county he was able to purchase from his neighbors feed sufficient to winter them on.

The ladies of Cheyenne have decided to give a Thanksgiving supper in the new church, the proceeds to go toward finishing the building. Everybody should turn out and aid in making a success of the undertaking.

More lumber has been brought here during the past six months than during the previous six years.

Mr. Butler presented us with a turnip yesterday which weighted five pounds and eleven ounces.

Mr. Beaty is having commodious sheds built on his farm for the protection of stock.

Work on the church building is being pushed and will be completed in a few days.

Make up your mind to attend the supper at the church Thanksgiving.

CM Rosser has sold his stock cattle to Walter Richerson at \$20 per head.

Mr. AO Miller has gone to Canadian after lumber with which to improve his residence.

The young folks had a very pleasant gathering at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Standifer last Friday evening.

The Sunday school children are making arrangements for a Christmas tree.

November 26, 1897

The Oklahoma Press association, which met at Hennessey last week, passed resolutions favoring the immediate creation of a state from Oklahoma territory, with such boundaries as congress may determine.

Local and Personal Items

The public supper which was to have been held last evening did not come off. People from long distances, with their families, faced the bitter cold north wind to come here and give a helping hand to further the Christian undertaking of raising means to build and furnish a church in Cheyenne. When they arrived at the school house, which has always been used for public purposes, including shows by burlesque snake charmers and tramp magic lantern fakes, they were informed by the school board that the building could not be used for the proposed supper. Prof Bellamy immediately offered his building and some of the children were taken there and protected from the weather, but the house was not large enough to accommodate all and the supper had to be abandoned. It will be held in the new church building this evening, and it is to be hoped that it will be a success.

On Wednesday evening, November 17th, the committee on arrangements concerning the Christmas tree met at the school house and the following business was transacted: Prof Osborn was elected president and OR Bellamy was appointed secretary. The following committees were selected: On general arrangements, Prof Osborn, JS Gober and EF Stephens; on dressing the tree, Mrs. AE Kirkman and Mrs. JP Miller; to get the tree,

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WT Brown and William Amis; to furnish the names of the children, Cm Rosser, OR Bellamy, Miss Flossie Rice; The purchasing committee, Mrs. Pearl C Bellamy, Mrs. AE Kirkman and Mrs. JS Gober; On preparing the program, OR Bellamy, Mrs. Kirkman, Dr. Standifer; On soliciting, Carrabelle Thurmond, Eppie M. Rosser, Georgia Kirkman, Annie Anderson, Kate G. Wallace, Flossie Rice, Donna M. Arnold, May Slane, Lady Belle Waters, Annie Huff, Leah Huff, and Maud McMurtry.

CA Taylor, who has been in New Mexico the past twelve months, is back and making arrangements to stay.

Born—On Saturday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Silevan, a son.

DH Collier will build a residence in town to give his children the benefit of schooling.

Marshal Thompson has appointed a deputy for the El Reno district to take the place of Wm Banks.

Uncle John Richerson was in again this week and had Dr. Nix to take out three more of his teeth. He says that if the doctor doesn't leave right away he believes he will lose all his teeth, it's such a pleasure to have a good workman operate on him.

Alfred Son, charged with the murder of Fred Hoffman, county treasurer of D County, was acquitted by and El Reno jury last week.

Fredrick Horn, a 16 year old boy, received a life sentence last week for the murder of an old man named Tripp, in Washita County about a year ago.

December 3, 1897

The subject of statehood for Oklahoma is again agitating the politicians of the territory. It has been decided by the leaders among them to

all a non-partisan meeting to petition congress for speedy action.

A report is going the rounds of the press to the effect that serious trouble exists between the stockmen and farmers in Roger Mills and other western counties of Oklahoma. So far as the county is concerned the report has no foundation in fact. Prosperity sheds it benignant rays over all here, and peace and contentment reigns supreme.

Local and Personal Items

A regular blizzard prevailed here yesterday and last night accompanied by a light snow.

A full line of Watches and Jewelry just received at JA Parrish's drug store.

Constable Sutton brought John Brothers to town yesterday and locked him in the calaboose to answer an indictment for horse stealing.

If you want a fine tailor made suit of clothes, call on GW Hodges who will take your measure and guarantee a fit.

There are to be three public dances in the Cheyenne school house during the coming holidays, one on Christmas Eve, on December 27th and on New Year's Eve.

The ladies who organized the supper for the benefit of the M E church are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. They had a very enjoyable time and cleared over \$35, which, considering the fact that our citizens had already contributed liberally toward the erection of the building, was very satisfactory. The whole town turned out and gave a helping hand.

Lamps of all kinds at LA Beaty's.

For Sale

Forty head of native stock cattle at \$20 per head. Inquire at Cheyenne Post Office.

Rev Henson of Berlin preached here Sunday and made a very favorable impression. He will

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leave in a few weeks and attend a course in the Ft Worth Polytechnic College.

Best school supplies are to be found at City Drug Store.—JA Parrish

John Taylor didn't work at his barber shop on Saturday last on account of his being sick. He says he hates to see the boys disappointed.

We have an experienced harness and saddle maker with us now and will do all kinds of repair work saddles and harness. on Satisfaction guaranteed. The Gerlach Bros Mercantile Co., Canadian, Texas.

Rube Hutton, the stalwart sheriff of Roberts County, Texas, was visiting friends here Monday. He was trying to buy a bunch of extra good cows.

The wood chopping season being now in full blast more men can by seen carrying their hands in slings than ever before.

I have made a ten per cent cut on all clothing, and will sell a good mackintosh overcoat below bed-rock prices.—GW Hodges

Mrs. Wm Nations came up from WH Hopkins ranch Monday with her little two-year old girl, who was severely bitten in the throat that morning by a cross dog. Dr Newman dressed the wound, and she is getting along well as could be expected.—Canadian Record

At AJ Parrish's drug store will be found an excellent assortment of Lamps, Toilet Articles and Stationary.



Sam Balch, who is charged with stealing a bunch of IA Wilson's cattle a year or so ago and shipping them to Kansas City for sale, was arrested down near Ardmore, I.T., by an inspector of the cattle raiser's association, who brought him to Washburn and turned him over to Inspector Lyon. Mr. Lyon brought him to Canadian yesterday morning and he is now in iail here.—Record

Just received, a full line of Millinery, Trimmings, Ladies Underwear, Capes, Coats and Headwear. Also, an excellent assortment of notions.—LA Beaty

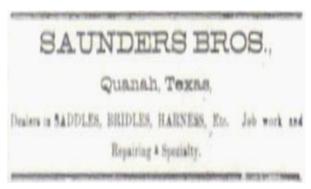
Pots containing thousands of dollars are said to have been dug up lately in a field near Terrell, Texas. All over Roger Mills County our farmers and stockmen have been picking up dollars for the past five years.

Wanted

5000 to 6000 pounds of good white corn at once at the Cheyenne mill. Will pay 70 cents per cwt cash.—HD Cox

Farmers should make more use of the Experiment Station at Stillwater. **Inquiries** relating to subjects connected with farming receive prompt and careful attention from the station officers.

I have received, and am receiving, one of the best lines of fall and winter clothing, hats, boots, shoes and general merchandise ever brought here, which I will sell at astonishingly low prices for cash.—GW Hodges



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Deaths from football continue to happen, but there is not room enough in all the daily papers to record the deaths of those who die for want of healthful exercise.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day November, 1897, one JJ Joyce, whose residence is on the sw ¹/₄, section 8, twp 12 n range 22 w I.M., took up the following described estrays, valued at \$30., to wit:

One cow, colored red and white, red on head and neck, body white, dehorned, about ten years old, branded on left shoulder, marked under slope the right, underbit and overbit the left, and one bull calf, red and white spotted, six months old, branded on left shoulder.

Witness my hand and official seal the 29th day of November, 1897.—AG Gray, County Clerk

A Card

As a member of the school board I desire to state the reasons for not allowing the school house to be opened for a supper. In the first place we had never been asked to do so, nor had either of the teachers, whose duty it is to take care of the school house, and who sweep it out. There was to be school the next morning, and no arrangements had been made or afforded to place things back in shape and clean it out, and which the teachers refused to do properly. It has been a standing rule for a long time that the house should not be used during the school week for anything that would disarrange the furniture and thereby disturb the school the next day, and the present board simply enforced the old order against all. The school is run at an expense of about \$6.00 per day, and it would have simply thrown the next day's school away, as any practical teacher will testify. The board has refused to let the house for dances during such times. The dance spoken of was on Friday night, the lantern show on Saturday evening. While we regret that many were disappointed vet the blame belongs to the parties who presumed to give such notice without making satisfactory arrangements, which could have been easily done by clearing up the usual mess that always follows a public supper in time to

not disturb school. The board has never refused the use of the house under the above rule, nor will it. The present term of school will run the five months public term to be followed by a subscription school under the direction of Prof Dulaney and Miss Rice.

> Respectfully, JW McMurtry, Clerk School Board

December 10, 1897

The fourth annual convention of the Oklahoma Livestock association will be held at Woodward February 8th and 9th.

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Hundreds of hogs are being taken out of Roger Mills County and sold. Next spring and summer thousands of dollars will go out of the county to pay for imported bacon. Why not do the killing and packing at home.

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Local and Personal Items

The cold dry weather of the past two months has been very favorable to stockmen, curing the uncut grass finely, but if it doesn't rain soon there will be lots of dry cisterns in.

The mail cart running between this place and Canadian, Texas, broke down Monday and only a portion of the mail arrived here that evening. The people pay for efficient service on that line, but do they get it?

Mr. Guernsey has had all his steers dehorned. Mr. Dunn also had about 500 steers dehorned and has put them on feed.

During the blizzard last week the thermometer registered 1 ½ degrees below zero.

Mr. Arnold has furnished us the following data of the amount of precipitation in this neighborhood during the first eight months of the present year:

January, snow 17 inches February, snow, 1 inch

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March, none April, rain, 5 1/2 inches May, rain, 5 inches June, rain, 1 ¾ inches July, rain, 2 ½ inches August, rain, 2 ½ inches

A beautiful assortment of Christmas goods has just been opened at JA Parrish's drug store.

There are a shortage of eggs and butter in the Cheyenne market. Our farmers should send in all they can spare as the demand will increase as Christmas draws nearer.

Stoney Duke has rented the Morris house on Main Street and will move his family in.

The road workers have been busy this week working on Broadway.

From and after this date no money order business will be transacted at the Cheyenne postoffice after 6 o'clock p.m.—CG Miller

Mr. GB Taylor, father of John D. Taylor and Mrs. CM Rosser, has decided to make his home here. He has filed on a claim on Sandstone near the Timber Creek road.

The cow and calf strayed last week in the Sunbeam was claimed on Tuesday by Mr. Hunt, who proved up and took possession.

We are under obligations to WB Johnson for a toothsome addition to our larder. The law forbids our being too explicit, but if anybody else wants to throw quail at us let 'em trot up.

Over a thousand dollars have gone from Cheyenne during the week to help fill Uncle Sam's coffers.

Horse racing has created some interest during the week. A traveling horseman who thought he had a fast horse learnt something and paid for it.

Seven filings were made here Monday and three final proofs on Tuesday. The land business is booming.

Judge Leary issued a marriage license Wednesday to Mr. Tobe Guthrie and Miss Margaret Brooks, both of Elk Creek.

The cotton sent from this county is said to be the best in the market.

Blind staggers is said to be killing the farmers' horses in Garfield County.

A young man was kicked in the face by a mule Monday, and another was thrown from his horse this morning and stamped on. In both cases the most serious part of the affair was the loss of beauty.

Alec Clapp has let the contract for a dwelling to be erected on his claim.

Mathew Patterson living east of Arapahoe, set fire to the grass in his yard and a wind springing up spread the fire, burning his home, barns, feed, etc.

Professional singers are now using the phonograph as a help in securing engagements, by sending a sample of their ability as songsters to distant managers of concert and opera.

December 17, 1897

If our farmers would, laying their plans for next year's work, first consider what they will need at home in the way of grain, meat, fruit, vegetables, etc., and make an effort to raise all these before figuring on corps to be sold, they will be on the right track. A farmer should never buy lard, meat, eggs, butter, meal or fruit, but should rather have a surplus of all these to sell.

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The Canadian Valley bank has increased its capital from \$20,000 to \$25,000. This bank is closely connected with our county by business ties and we are glad to know that it is prospering. It is popular to decry banks and bankers, but the Sunbeam is not a calamity

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howler. We believe in banks and recognize their worth as the mainstays of our country's integrity and business development.

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Local and Personal Items

Clarence Thurmond and Miss Florence returned Monday from Texas where they have been attending school. Clarence will remain but his sister will return after the holidays.

Two small Shetland ponies attracted considerable attention in town Tuesday. They were some larger than jackrabbits.

The wind Monday and Tuesday was a decided success as a trash mover.

A farmer was fined \$300 and given a term in jail at Enid last week for selling meat from hogs which had died of cholera.

Dame Rumor has it that three weddings will occur in this neighborhood during the holidays.

Mr. Ake is having a dwelling built on his claim.

Burt Atchison, under conviction for killings August Coots in Custer County, broke jail last week in El Reno.

Gober & Johnson have sold their interest in the Blue Front saloon to Anson Hazlewood.

Owing to the long and serious illness of his wife, WB Johnson will leave shortly with his family for Hot Springs, where he is in hopes of finding a relief for her. Their many friends here certainly hope their trip may be successful.

Notice to Taxpayers

All taxes not paid before January 15th become delinquent, and a penalty of 18 per cent per annum attaches to same.

AL Thurmond, County Treasurer

December 24, 1897

The Times-Journal says: The Choctaw railway officials passed through the city this morning enroute to home from El Reno and an overland trip 65 miles westward into the Arapahoe country. They do not hesitate to praise the country west of El Reno, and express great surprise at the development. While not giving out any definite information as to building, it is known that the officials who made the inspection tour will report to the full directory in favor of building at once; The extension will be built to the west line of Custer County, where the road will build a great cattle shipping town on the banks of the Washita. The terminus will be 90 miles from the Southern Kansas road on the north, 80 miles to the Rock Island on the east; 110 miles to the Denver & Gulf road on the south, and 75 to 100 miles from the projected line of the St Louis & Oklahoma City road. The country surrounding the proposed terminus is not a treeless plain covered with white buffalo grass, but is on the contrary, a beautifully diversified region, about one-third of the country being covered with timber; the valleys are broad and the Washita is bordered with a wide belt of fine timber, and the open prairie is over grown with heavy blue stem and bunch grass. The country is already quite well settled, and all crops have done well, cotton being an exceptionally good crop. The town at the terminus would rival Dodge City during the palmist days, for the great cattle industry was never in a more flourishing condition. The town lot sales would pay for the road outside of the iron.

Local and Personal Items

The Christmas tree was brought to town Tuesday by WT Brown and has been put up in the church building. All the youngsters are anxious to learn what Santa Claus is going to bring them.

The board of health has ordered the Custer Bend school closed for a few weeks owing to a case of scarlet fever having developed in that neighborhood.

John Gober says he intends to develop into a full-fledged granger next spring. This remark

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of his has brought so many incredulous grins into the faces of his friends that John is indignant and invites all doubters to all on him April 1st, next when he proposes to show what he can do with a plow and a pair of rollicky broncos.

The appraisers appointed to fix the value of public school property in Oklahoma, upon which a tax will be levied to provide a school property insurance fund, have made their report to the territorial auditor. Roger Mills County shows \$3,239.40 as the value of its school property, and will have to contribute \$161.98 to the insurance fund.

ND Wheeler has purchased a bunch of cattle to eat up his feed and to give him something to do this winter.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Sam Gates of Washita County and Miss Della Rayfield of Elk Creek, the wedding to take place last evening.

Dr. Miller has sold his bunch of native cattle and will buy some full-bloods.

The number of Christmas presents sold in town lately we should judge that the youngsters are participating in the general prosperity which has hit our county.

Dr. Standifer returned Wednesday from the Panhandle, accompanied by Mr. Humphrey.

The national debt is now \$13.41 for each individual. In 1867 it was \$69.26.

Fred Horn, the boy who murdered old man Tripp in Washita County was sentenced by Judge Tarsney last Monday to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. HP Croft, who some time ago violated the quarantine law by running a bunch of cattle over the line, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and costs.

December 31, 1897

The elevation of Roger Mills County above sea level runs from 2500 feet on the west line to 2000 feet on the east line. Malaria can/t be bred here, and soon dies out of the human system when imported.

Pauperism can't thrive here. We have some lazy folks, but they have managed to live without public help and Roger Mills has yet to see its first pauper.

Although our county supports two doctors their chief revenues comes from an increasing rather than from an unhealthy population.

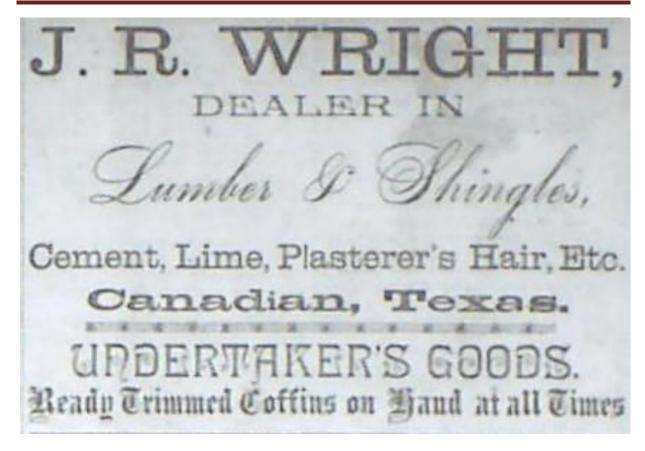
Some folks claim that our taxes are too high, and we agree with them. But the fact is that with high taxation in Roger Mills County the stockman still has the advantage over those in any other state or territory. Take Texas, for instance, and when you figure the cost of running stock there and compare it with our expenses the balance will be in our favor without reckoning the fact that cattle raised here will mature more rapidly, weigh more and bring a better price on the market. Another feature which should not be overlooked is that an abundance of feed can always be raised here whilst in most other portions of our country droughts will come and depopulate whole districts. At the present time hundreds of acres of native grasses are being cut, the yield being fully two tons per acre.

It takes grit, management and work to succeed and where in legitimate business, but we believe that the person have the above qualifications, combined with some knowledge of stock raising and farming, can do better in Roger Mills County than anywhere else in this or any other country. We know of several industrious young men who came here at the opening with no other capital than their health and strength who today are in a position to take life ease and will be rich in two or three years. They started by working for wages, invested their savings in cattle, and are now able to devote all their time to their herds which have increased in numbers and value with each succeeding year.

We know of no county offering better inducements to stock raisers. Our grasses are of

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various kinds and their quality is such as to keep stock fat enough for the butcher all the year round. Our water supply is of the best, there being over thirty streams with their tributaries rising in our county. All these streams are well timbered, offering shade and shelter and furnishing wood for all purposes.

The assessors returns for the year 1893 show 142 persons in Roger Mills County subject to poll tax; in 1894, 179; 1895, 280; 1896, 320; and in 1897, 400. These figures give a fair indication of the increase in population.

The same returns show that in 1893 the total assessable property in the county was valued at \$186,369.84 and that in 1897 the values had increased to \$334,433.00.

The above figures prove a steady growth in population and wealth during the most depressing period known in the history of our country.

Local and Personal Items

The Christmas tree, as expected, brought out a large crowd who enjoyed the occasion

immensely. The exercises consisted of music, recitations and an address by the Sunday school superintendant after which Santa Claus made his way through one on the windows of the building and the work of distributing the presents commenced. This took quite a long time, the large tree being crowded with every imaginable kind of present suitable for young and old. Everything went off nicely, the youngsters having an especially good time.

A sad accident happened to Mr. FM Cunningham and family Christmas Eve. They attended the Christmas tree and were on the way home when their wagon turned over in a draw about a mile from here. The children escaped serious injury, but Mrs. Brazel, Mr. Cunningham's sister, had her arm broken. Mr. Cunningham immediately started back afoot for

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medical aid. When in town he borrowed an unsaddled horse to return on, had just started when a fire cracker thrown by boys startled his horse and made him pitch Mr. Cunningham off. The unfortunate man fell on his face, knocking out his front teeth, cutting his lips nearly off and bruising his body badly. He is a hard working man and has the sympathy of many friends.

DF Nichols, accompanied by TL White, has started for the deaf and dumb asylum at Guthrie, where Mr. Nichols will leave his son.

Christmas passed off very quietly here. The beautiful weather was favorable to outdoor exercise in the day time, while the nights were cool enough to make indoor gatherings enjoyable.

Married—On Saturday last, on Kiowa creek, Mr. Albert Fuchs and Miss Mary E. Hungate.

The following mail contracts, to take effect July 1st, 1898, have been awarded by the Washington authorities:

Cheyenne to Canadian and return, daily, to FE Means, Windsor, Mo., for \$1140.

Cheyenne to Wood and return, tri-weekly, FE Means, Windsor, Mo., for \$385.

Cheyenne to Arapahoe and return, triweekly, WH Franklin, Sedalia, Mo., \$438.

Cheyenne to Sweetwater and return, weekly, JT Anglin, Martinsville, Va., \$67.

The above prices are ridiculously low and will prevent anything like efficient service. Of course the speculators to whom the contracts have been awarded never intended doing personal service; they depend on catching a sucker willing to work for even less and to turn their job over to him. No one living here should sub these contracts for less than double the above amounts.

Temple Houston was fined \$300 and costs for the shooting of Jenkins in Woodward some two years ago.

John L Sullivan, in disguise, was in the city last evening. After taking a few stimulants he

proceeded to manufacture fire-works for some of the boys. He is now resting in the calaboose.

John Gober has gone to Washita County after a hundred head of cattle which he recently purchased.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have increased the population of Kiowa Creek the past week, a brand new boy having arrived.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, on February 5th, 1898, viz: Margaret England, formerly Hall, for the s ½, nw ¼, and w ½, sw ¼, section 19, twp 13n, r 22 w. She names the following witnesses: Joseph W Evans, Arthur G. Hall, Calvin M Rosser and Jasper N Jackson, all of Cheyenne, O.T.—Seymour S Price, Register

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