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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Elder T.F. Medlin's regular appointments for preaching are as follows: First Sunday in the month—Elk Creek; Second Sunday—Sandstone school house; Services commence at 11 o'clock a.m.

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Rev EF Dycus will preach at Timber Creek the first Sunday. At Sandstone the second Sunday. At Denniston's in the morning and at Red Moon in the evening of the third Sunday. Cheyenne on the fourth Sunday in each month. Custer Bend on the evening of the fourth Sunday.

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Elder Morris will preach in Custer Bend on the first Sunday in each month; at Cheyenne on the second Sunday; and at Red Moon the fourth Sunday.

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Bro J. Price preaches at Timber Creek the second Sunday.

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Elder HC Harris will hold services in Cheyenne on the first Sunday in each month, at Custer Bend each 2nd Sunday, and at the Sandstone school house on the third Sunday.

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Elder JR Nigh's appointments are as follows: Cheyenne, third Sunday and Saturday night preceding; Timber Creek, fourth Sunday.

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County Attorney	J. B. Harrison
Sheriff	W. B. Johnson
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Register of Deeds	A. G. Gray
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JH Valentine, a prominent cattleman from the Osage reservation, says that hundreds of head of cattle and horses were drowned in the swollen streams there the past week entailing ruinous losses on many stockmen. Over the line in the Cherokee nation he says it is still worse, C Hayden alone having 400 head drowned in the Grand River, Joel Bryan 200 head, and Jack Filey 100, with scores of smaller losses, bringing the number of cattle drowned in that section in excess of 2000.

Hennessey, O.T., Jan. 1.—A big wolf drive took place near the Cherokee line, fifteen miles east of here, today. A territory of one-half of the township was driven, about 150 sportsmen taking part. Eighteen coyotes and seven grey wolves were killed. A number escaped by one line disobeying the orders in closing too quick. A cougar was routed by the dogs, but escaped. Several cattle have been mysteriously killed in that vicinity this winter and the presence of the cougar explains it. A hunt will be made for him.

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A practical test of the utility of the horseless carriage is to be made in Cleveland, O., where it is proposed to run horseless carriages on time schedules for the transportation of passengers over regular routes to different part of the city for a fare of only 2 ½ cents. The carriages to be used are noiseless gasoline motors and they are expected to be in use by June 1st. The result of the experiment will be awaited with interest, and should it prove a success other cities will not be slow to introduce it.

Local and Personal Items

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Married—on Thursday last, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Alexander Roberts and Miss Maud Turner, Judge Leary officiating.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Ray, Sunday, Dec. 22, a son. The bright spirit ushered into existence was early transplanted to a brighter clime, its little life fading away only a few hours after its birth, and its mortal remains were tenderly consigned to the tomb. Friends are informed that the mother is resting and rapidly regaining usual health and strength.—*Woodward News*

At the recent term of court in El Reno, Gene Hayes was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree.

A strange scene was witnessed in Arapahoe on Sunday, week last. While Rev. Sims, a Methodist preacher, was preaching in the court house, Perry Reynold, a Cheyenne Indian, came in accompanied by his wife carrying her papoose on her back, all being dressed in regulation Indian style, and after the close of the sermon they went forward and had the baby baptized.

The case of the Territory of Oklahoma vs Temple Houston and JE Love, came up for trial last week in Woodward, and was continued for the term. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter in first degree.

Notice

As we propose to start the new year by doing a strictly cash business only, we would be glad to have our customers settle their accounts at once. Thanking the public for past favors and soliciting a continuance of the same, we remain,

Respectfully, Hodges & Bradford

A contract has been let for putting the race tracks in good order, and Cheyenne will soon have one of the best tracks in the country.

Kuttle & Stahl are making extensive improvements to their place of business.

A Dead Desperado

Joe Beckham, formerly sheriff of Motley County, Texas, but latterly a fugitive from justice owing to his having murdered his successor in office, was shot to death by officers last week. It appears that the sheriff of Greer County received notice that the store of Al Bailey of Ronda had been robbed, and proceeded there with a posse. On his arrival he learned that two of Waggoner's cowboys had just reached town. Suspecting them as confederates they were placed under arrest and their trail followed back to their camp, where the robbers were discovered.

The thieves had taken possession of a dugout in the side of a hill, where they were firmly entrenched with solid rock on the front and sides of their retreat. The place was in the open prairie. There were twelve officers and four outlaws.

When the officers approached to within sixty or seventy-five yards of the dugout the thieves opened fire on them, and then began a fierce battle, which lasted several hours. Late in the night the firing ceased. Next morning the officers found that three of the robbers had escaped on foot, their horses having been killed in the fight, and on the floor of the dugout lay the dead body of Beckham.

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When you hear a man sneering at the local papers because they are not as big, cheap or newsy as the city papers you can safely bet that he does not squander his wealth in assisting to make them better, and that generally the papers have done more for him than he has them. The man who cannot see the benefit arising to a town from its newspaper hasn't the sense of an oyster, and is almost as much value to a town as a delinquent tax list.—*Ex.*

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\$325 REWARD

For arrest and conviction of thief who stole one light iron grey horse about 15 hands high, branded A D on left shoulder. One sorrel horse, same height and brand. Both 5 years old. Saddle marks on both.

\$25 for recovery of horses. Address: WB Johnson, Sheriff, Cheyenne, O.T.

January 10, 1896

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To Wm McAnerny, JH Parrish, and others:

You are hereby urgently requested to appoint a committee to examine the commissioners record and all the books and accounts of the county officers and find out whether there is anything wrong therein; and if you fail to make this investigation, then we will ask the public to take all reports to the contrary as malicious and false.

WP Francis,
Chairman Com. Court

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**JA Colburn, P Turner, CM Rosser, Finance
Committee**

**GW Hodges, ED Wood, John Caffey,
Classifiers**

AG Gray, Treasurer

Local and Personal Items

Mr. Winslett, better known as "Cheyenne" had his house and furniture destroyed by fire last Sunday night. His neighbors on

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Sandstone and the citizens here promptly helped him to make another start.

Died—on Thursday last, Mrs. Schiller, of the Timber Creek neighborhood.

Madam Rumor has it that one of our most popular young business men has taken a trip and a wife, but we can't vouch for the latter part of the report.

One of the horses stolen from Mr. Davis was found among those captured in the fight with Beckham and his confederates.

The People Who Make Taxes

It is the same people who make the kick when they come to pay them. To talk and write about taxes is the fashion, and he who does neither is not considered a public benefactor. *The Oklahoman* will chip in its mite of writing for it, as it has done none of the talking.

Come with me and we will show you where the taxes are made, and when you have seen the process and the men who make them, you have my consent to do with them as the vengeance in your heart shall suggest.

We are in the country, and here is a house by the roadside. Let us enter. Ah! It is a school meeting, and the question is the tax levy. What shall it be? And after a short discussion they vote the limit. Yes and the limit is always a good per cent—half, or third or fourth of all the taxes paid. Again we go forth and are in the city. That large building is the court house, and court is in session. Let us go in and let us see if there is any tax making in there. This way to the grand jury room. Oh, no! Those men would not make taxes! They are to correct the wrongs of the county. They will investigate all the county officers and hunt out the criminals. Yes, but while they are doing that they are piling up taxes mountains high. All this energy and loyalty must be paid in taxes. The men in that grand jury room know but little about what evidence it takes to make a crime, and they

scour the county by deputies in waiting to bring in witnesses. A bill is found and the jury feels that each bill shows their zeal for the public welfare. When the court will keep them no longer they reluctantly ask to be discharged. Then everyman files the number of days in attendance and the mileage to the last mile. This is all taxes. Clouds of witnesses and lawyers follow in the wake of the grand jury when the cases are tried and they all apply without hesitation for their per diem fees and mileage. Again the taxes are piled as high as the clouds. Here is the commissioners' room. These are the fellows that make the taxes. Let us see. The room is full of people. These are familiar faces—the grand jury, the witnesses, the lawyers, and the deputies are all present, pressing their bills. There are some strangers; who are they? There is the man with court house fuel bills, court house stationery bills with some necessary books thrown in. There is a man from away down in the county who has built a bridge, or fixed a road, with his bill. Physicians with theirs for attending the poor. Merchants with their bills for jail supplies, etc. They will vie with each other in pressing their claims. The commissioners look worried. They listen to urgent appeals. They consult together. There seems to be no way but to allow all these bills. Here and there they cut a little and are assailed with looks of hate, or greeted with words of scorn. No one thinks of taxes.

The scene has changed. Men are seen on the streets, in the stores, along the highway and in convention. If you listen you will hear them say "the taxes are awful; what a set of scoundrels we have for officers! Why do they make our taxes so high?" They pass great resolutions. If you look closely you will remember them, their faces are not so serene and joyous as they were when you saw them in the grand jury room as witnesses, as jurors in the court room, or when all crowded in the commissioners' room, but it is the same old crowd.

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Reader, do you see yourself in that crowd? Someone at my elbow says why don't you give these fellows hell who have piled up these taxes. I look up; and it is my old friend who was with me on the grand jury, and I answer, with a smile, "I have."—*Oklahoman*.

January 17, 1896

CORRESPONDENCE

WP Francis:

I notice in the Cheyenne Sunbeam you have used my name without my consent. In your article, as I understand, the inference is: I have asserted that the county records were erroneous. I have neither said, nor heard anyone else say, they were wrong. I have always made it a point to maintain what I say. I am anxious for the investigation to be made, and am ready to pay my part of expenses to have it done and save the county expense for same.

I say "Amen" to the article. "The people Who Make Taxes," and will add hiring lawyers to do the business for the other than the attorney who gets a salary for said service.

JH Parrish,
Taxpayer

Road Notice

Notice is hereby given that at a session of the board of commissioners of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory, held on the 7th day of January, 1896, a petition signed by IA McCollough and others of Elk Creek township, asking for a view and a survey for the purpose of locating a certain county road, described as follows: Commencing at the s.e. corner of section 13, township 13, range 21, thence due west until it intersects the road running from Cheyenne to Elk creek, was presented, and that IO McCollough, DC

McReynolds and — Peace were appointed viewers.—AG Gray, County Clerk

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

Monday, January 6, 1896,

Board of county commissioners met. Present: Commissioners WP Francis, WW Anderson, and WJ Silevan, Sheriff WB Johnson, Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had to wit: Moved and seconded the WP Francis be chairman of the commissioners' court for the year 1896. Voted on and carried.

Taxes levied against GV Lacey, Isam Thomas, and LA Wilson for year 1895 declared erroneous. Taxes collected from Henry Fry and WJ Miller for year 1894 refunded.

District school taxes for the years 1894 and 1895 collected from CB Thompson refunded, and those due in June, 1896, declared erroneous.

Reports of the county superintendent, sheriff, register of deeds and county clerk for quarter ending December 31, 1895, submitted and accepted.

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Tuesday, January 7, 1896

Reports of county attorney, probate judge, MN Hudson, clerk of Elk Creek township, Mack Beeson trustee of Elk Creek township, submitted and approved; Report of TJ Holden justice of peace, Timber Creek township, submitted and approved; The resignation of Mack Beeson, trustee of Timber Creek township submitted and accepted. Bond of Stahl & Kuttle approved; Road petition of IA McCollough et.al. submitted and viewers appointed.

The follow claims were submitted and allowed and warrants ordered to issue in payment of same:

WB Johnson, sheriff--\$368.20
Ed Bright, bailiff fees--\$7.50
James Hensley bailiff fee--\$3.00
Hermon Chillis, janitor--\$9.00
WS Lard, bailiff fees--\$7.50
CM Rosser, bailiff fees--\$7.50
George Holden, bailiff fees--\$7.50
LA Medlin, bailiff fees--\$7.50
BF Hegler, district clerk--\$78.75
JW McMurtry, legal service--\$25.
JC Baker, coroner inquest--\$5.00
JG Williams, coroner inquest--\$6.00
CM Rosser, tending jail--\$58.00

The following are claims for jury fees:

TM Cherry--\$3.00
BA Winn--\$5.40
JW Walker--\$8.00
Ed Lee--\$.50
FO Leach--\$5.20
E Crabtree--\$8.00
BF Landers--\$5.70
JH Mohr--\$5.70
Lee Hammons--\$4.50
John Hall--\$5.00
JH Parrish--\$4.50
GG Williams--\$8.50
Wm Brown--\$5.10
David Bright--\$5.50
JM Johnson--\$5.50
George Hutton--\$5.10
John Oehmen--\$5.20

(continued next week)

January 24, 1896

CORRESPONDENCE

Canadian, Texas

January 24, 1896

Editor Sunbeam:

We pen you a few lines and wish you a prosperous and happy 1896.

Our little city seems to be affected with the usual dullness after the holiday season. Our merchants are duplicating Kansas City prices, freight add. Cash trade. They are selling all roasted package coffee at 20c lb., and all other goods in proportion. It will pay you to figure with them.—John Gilmartin.

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Custer Bend

January 22, 1896

Editor Sunbeam

There was a spelling match at the school house last Saturday night.

Mr. GW Curby went to Sandstone again last Sunday. They say he is all smiles lately.

Elzie and Tonnie Davis of Nine-mile, who have been attending school here, were summoned home last week.

Mr. Hunter of Indian Creek, passed through today on his way to Nine-mile, where he expects to locate.

One of our citizens, while leaning over to pour up a pail of milk received an earthquake shock from the head of a muley cow. He has our sympathies.

In Dr. Talmage's paper The Christian Herald of January 1st, we find the compliment passed upon the south: "One of the leading clergymen of Vermont has stated that in certain mountainous portions of the state the inhabitants are rapidly sinking into a condition like that of the poor whites of the south"

From the number of drinking and gambling halls, dens of vice and prostitution, tramps

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and tenement hosts, I think the north will hardly sink fast enough to make its head swim, to get down on a level with the south!

Redmond

US Land Office
Kingfisher, O.T.
January 16, 1896

Complaint having been entered at this by Thomas W Ake against Thos W Cadenhead for abandoning his homestead entry #13095 in Roger Mills County, O.T. Both parties are hereby summoned to appear at Cheyenne, O.T., before Judge Benj. F Hegler, clerk of court on the 16th day of March, 1896.

E.G. Spillman, Register

Local and Personal Items

Elder Harris will preach in Cheyenne on the 1st Sunday in February.

Died—on Friday, January 24th, Mrs. DW Tracy. Leaves a husband and two small children.

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

(continued from last week)

D. Nichols--\$4.50
AA Hitchcock--\$5.20
Arch Anderson--\$5.20
TB Cree--\$4.90
JB Pior--\$7.00
WE Church--\$8.30
NH Christian--\$1.50
WC Burchett--\$7.30
LA Anderson--\$5.50
TF Medlin--\$4.50
WA Beaty--\$4.50
BF Dudley--\$5.20
Jno Jackson--\$5.20

WW Richerson--\$5.70
BF Rosser--\$5.50
Gus Jones--\$5.50
TA Cherry--\$1.50
MN Hudson--\$8.00
Luther Turnbough--\$4.50

Claims for other services, fees, and supplies: JC Kelly, EF Stephens, HC Harris, JF Stone, Cheyenne Sunbeam, Davies & McMurtry, WC Morris, WA Beaty, David Davies, Hodges & Bradford, GW Hodges, LA Beaty, Thurmond Bros., State Capitol Printing Co., JH Stilwell, JE Leary, AG Gray, JB Harrison, EE Tracy, AJ Rayfield, Mack Beeson, GJ Coburn, GW Holden, JF Stone and Roy V. Hoffman.

Ordered the clerk to file a claim against "G" County for board of "G" County prisoners.

Report of viewers appointed to view Sweetwater post office road submitted, and there being no legal objection to said road and the board being of the opinion that said road would be of public utility, report was approved, and plat of said road ordered recorded. Road adopted and declared a public highway.

Wednesday, January 8th, 1896

The following proceedings were had to wit: JO Kelly appointed trustee of Timber Creek township; ordered to pay stenographer fees from court fund; claims of JW Miller and AJ Rayfield allowed; claim of Canadian County \$562.82 case of Territory vs Thos O'Hare, allowed; Claim of Guthrie Leader allowed; claim of WJ Silevan allowed; and quarterly report of JE Leary, probate judge, allowed.

Brands of GV Lacey, Geo B Cooper, Anson Hazelwood, Chas Black, AW Clapp, JF Milligan, UC Milligan, Bessie M Rosser, Calvin M Rosser, Sutton Bros., and IA Waters, ordered recorded.

Thursday, January 9th, 1896

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Claims allowed as follows: WL Graves, Canadian Valley Bank, WP Francis, WW Anderson.

Ordered that the money collected as poll-tax now in the treasury be returned to the several townships from which they were collected. Board adjourned.

WP Frances, chairman com'rs ct.
WW Anderson, member
AG Gray, County Clerk

January 31, 1896

Local and Personal Items

Married—On Wednesday, January 29, at the home of the bride's parents on the Washita, Miss Nellie Graves and Mr. Fayette Anderson.

Preparations are being made for another wedding in the near future.

Uncle Jim Colburn, the most enterprising citizen we have, has bought a phonograph, and every lover of his town and county should patronize him.

A young man named Palmer is reported to have been murdered near Taloga last week.

Fred Walker, who has been teaching school in Day County, is wanted in Iowa for forgery.

Race horses are beginning to arrive and the coming meeting promises to be the best ever held here.

Born—on Sunday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sanders of Mobeetie, a ten pound boy.

The heavy rains of the past week have put a fine season in the ground without injuring cattle.

CORRESPONDENCE

Custer Bend
January 31, 1896
Editor Sunbeam

The census report will have to be changed. A new girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. HC Harris on the 31st.

Mr. Guernsey returned for Greer County on the 29th.

Those of our community, who are of a musical turn of mind, are requested to meet once a week at the school house and practice singing.

We would advice the people of this community to guard well, their chicken roosts. Will give reasons if requested.

Redmond

File missing for February 7, 1896

February 14, 1896

Public officers are entitled to the support of all good citizens, and for any man to get up and publicly declare that there is "something rotten" in county affairs in one breath and it the next admit that his investigation has been cursory and without due preparations, shows that anything he may say should have no effect until fully substantiated.

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A public meeting was held at the school house in Cheyenne last Friday for the purpose of giving some of our citizens a chance to let the world know what good material we have for the making of public officials. Whilst we may be wrong in our -----, still we cannot refrain from saying the "it's far better to bear the ills we have, than to fly to those unknown" if the so called charges against the

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present officers is the best reason to be given for their removal. The speaker (Mr. McAnerny), commenced by reciting a list of wrongs perpetrated, but, to our knowledge, he made no accusation that cannot be explained or disproven; and if he actually believes that he has a case to present to the public we offer the use of our columns to him, but would prefer that he appoint a date to appear here and meet those whom he accuses in a public debate. He said that the amount involved in the suit taken to the supreme court was \$350, when it is nearly \$20,000 in this county alone and several hundred thousand in the territory. Another charge was that our sheriff had been paid more than the law allows. We have neither time nor inclination to investigate this, but hope that it is true, believing that ninety-nine out of a hundred of our citizens would invite the commissioners to "do it some more." There is no chance for him to get half what he is worth to the county. The assertion that some \$3,500 have been collected from the taxpayers for a sinking fund contains more wind than truth, there being today a total of only \$1,736.34 in that fund, a large portion of which will go to pay interest on bonds sold. As to the intimation that citizens are using the commissioners' court for the purpose of having their land surveyed at the expense of the county, those who have petitioned for public roads will probably be able to appreciate that for what it is worth.

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Local and Personal Items

Married—at the residence of the bride's parents, on January 29th, Miss Sallie R. Tatum and Mr. JM Medlin.

Married—on January 29th, Miss Evans and Mr. TF Medlin.

Married—at the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday last, Miss Minnie Milligan and Mr. Milo Burlingame.

Leap year is all right so far. The ladies seem to appreciate the fact that it will be eight long years before leap year privileges will come again.

The weather during the past week has been delightful.

There seems to have been someone in town lately who has not that fine perception of the rights of property that good citizens have. They carried away two plows and other articles from one store without the permission of the owner, and got into the cash drawer of another business house. It is to be hoped that they will be caught and punished.

We expect to have another marriage notice for next week.

Whilst attempting to arrest an unknown man in Duncan last week, Deputy Marshal Ed Thurlow was fatally shot.

A bachelor dinner given by JA Anderson of Red Moon on Wednesday last proved to be quite a success notwithstanding the weather was so bad. The following guests were present: Mr. Joe Dudley, Miss Hattie Anderson, Miss Minnie Anderson, Mr. Jim Capehart, Miss Rena Capehart, Miss Mittie Boyd, Mr. Lee Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. WW Bradbery, Mrs. CL Boyd, and family, Mr. and Mrs. JW Saner and family.

Notice to Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given that a list of delinquent taxpayers has been placed in my hands by the county treasurer for collection. Those who desire to save themselves further costs should call on me at once and settle.

WB Johnson
Sheriff

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To Whom It May Concern

Notice is hereby given that JH Richerson has made application to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors at lot 8, block 37, Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, O.T. Any person desiring to make objections to the issuance of license to the above named applicant will file same in writing at the County Clerk's office, before 10 o'clock a.m. on the 22nd day of February, 1896, otherwise the license will be issued. This 31st day of January, 1896.

AG Gray,
Co. Clerk

The stockmen of our county should petition Governor Renfrow to use his influence in having the quarantine line restored to its original bounds so far as the territory of Oklahoma is concerned. Such a movement might save thousands of dollars.

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It is refreshing to hear of an Oklahoma court doing a sensible act, and we take pleasure in noting that the supreme court of the territory has abolished the spring term of court in Roger Mills, Day and Beaver counties, thus saving the useless expenditures of thousands of dollars.

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We are pleased to publish the call of Mr. McAnerny for a meeting of citizens. Every taxpayer has a right to enquire into the official acts of county officers, and there should be no objection so long as charges are not made in a reckless or vindictive spirit, or without giving a good chance for rebuttal. Let the charges be fairly made and met, then the people can judge for themselves.

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To the Taxpayers of Roger Mills County:

All persons interested in an economical administration of the affairs of your county are requested to meet in Cheyenne on the Fourteenth day of March, 1896, to pass resolutions instructing the commissioners what disposition to make of the enormous "sinking fund"; to appoint a committee to further investigate the county records, and to hear a committee of "One" tell what he discovered in a few hours investigation.

By request of many taxpayers.
Wm McAnerny

Arapahoe, Feb. 17—Your correspondent has secured an account of the killing of one of our citizens, WW Glover, five miles west of this place. Mr. Glover, it seems, had gotten the confidence of two notorious outlaws, James Harbolt and George Miller, who are in the vicinity and laid a trap for their capture. He came to town Friday and notified the officers that these parties were in the county, and in the early evening six officers went to the home of Mr. Glover five miles west of town and hid themselves. Mr. Glover came home just after dark accompanied by the two outlaws. Mr. Glover was in his buggy and the other men on horseback. Glover drove near where the officers were in hiding, alighted from his buggy and walked a short distance. Miller got off his horse at the same time and went to the buggy to get something out, when one of the officers ordered him to throw up his hands. The outlaw disobeyed the order, however, and immediately drew their revolvers and began firing upon Mr. Glover, killing him almost instantly, then retreated, firing upon the officers as they went. There were about thirty shots fired in all. The officers are unable to tell whether either of the desperadoes were hurt or not. Officers and

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citizens are now going in every direction and hope to be able to capture them soon. Mr. Glover's death is deplored by the citizens here, and the heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family, consisting of a wife and one little girl about five years old. Mr. Glover was formerly of Palo Pinto County, Texas.

Local and Personal Items

The weather so far this winter has been truly remarkable and unprecedented. Trees are now ready to burst into leaf, and will take on a spring like appearance in a few days—if something does not happen.

Notice

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JA Colburn will give an entertainment with his phonograph on Timber Creek next Friday.

Cheyenne is to have a public well on the corner of Broadway and Main Street. Work has commenced and will be pushed.

JA Colburn has purchased the interest of J Kuttle in the Favorite saloon.

The farmers ought to be well up with their work.

Dr. Overstreet, the dentist, will be in Cheyenne the last week in March, and will be prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. Parties having work would do well to wait for him as he does his work in a satisfactory manner and is reasonable in his charges.

Mr. John Taylor, the tonsorial artist, will commence building a shop shortly.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of one of JB Freeman's children.

Now is a good time to bring your logs to mill, there being a brisk demand for all kinds of lumber.

The town appears quite after the excitement of the races.

The diggers of the public well may be said to be having a "rocky" time.

Cheyenne is to have a saddle and harness shop in the near future—something that is badly needed.

The entertainment given by the school children of our public school at the end of the winter term was a very pleasant affair and reflected credit on those attended—probably the largest ever gathered together in this town—and all expressed themselves as well pleased.

CORRESPONDENCE

Custer Bend
February 21, 1896
Editor Sunbeam

La grippe seems to be on the wane in this community.

"They say" that Mr. Calwell is trying to rent land here and expects to live on South Front Street.

Mr. Henry Taylor was here on business (?) today.

Mr. GW Curby went to Sandstone again last Sunday. He says he has an opponent now.

A debating society has been organized here. We had a lively discussion on last Saturday night. Subject: "Resolved, that fear is a greater incentive to human action than hope."

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EE Tracy affirmative champion and HC Harris negative.

Redmond

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The Cloud Chief Herald Sentinel says: Saturday night about twelve o'clock a man called at Vail Yates' house and claimed he had a sick horse and must have some drugs. Mr. Yates arose and went out to his store, only about two hundred yards distance. After the robber procured what he called for, he said he must have some meat. About that time another small man stepped in, and as Mr. Yates went to cut the meat he found himself looking down a couple of six shooters. They then blindfolded him, seated him on a chair, and requested him to be quiet or they would chloroform him. While one guarded him, the other proceeded to take what they wanted. They only found \$12 on Mr. Yates' person. They told him he had \$75, and that they needed it to pay a debt with, and must have it. They then marched him back to his house, captured his wife and demanded the money. Mrs. Yates had suspected something and had divided the money, and only gave them a part of it. They demanded the balance at once, and

she was compelled to give it up. They got about \$75 and all the goods they wanted, and after marching Mr. and Mrs. Yates out in the yard, mounted their horses and swiftly rode away.

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From the Perry Democrat we learn that near Kintz post office is a new religious sect which calls themselves "The Church of God." They have been holding meetings almost every day since summer and have had many acquisitions to the faith. One of the principle beliefs is that of healing the sick with prayer. A woman in the neighborhood was afflicted with consumption of the lungs, and the leaders of this wonderful organization proceeded to pray for deliverance. The woman, so the story goes, got better and was assured that their prayers saved her life. Her recovery, however, was of short duration and she was soon bedfast again. These would be healers went to praying again, but the lady continued to grow worse until they gave up in despair, informing her that the reason their prayers were unavailing was that she had the devil in her and could not be cured. The natural consequence was the poor woman died, and her death no doubt was hastened by the terrible information she received.

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Mr. Bolton, editor of the Woodward Live Stock Inspector, has submitted a petition to Governor Renfrow asking that he assist in having the quarantine line changed back to its former place; and gave detailed reasons in writing stating the injury the present line does to the cattle industry of Oklahoma. The governor will forward these to Secretary Morton, and it is thought that by promising to issue a proclamation to make the trespass of the line a criminal offense, the secretary will restore the line to where it was before the change. Mr. Bolton is to be commended for his prompt action, for the continuance of the

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present line would mean the extermination of all native cattle.

CORRESPONDENCE

Red Moon

February 28, 1896

Editor Sunbeam:

A dinner given by Mr. JA Anderson today was a very successful affair. The time was spent very pleasantly, everybody enjoying the occasion till about 3 o'clock in the evening, when the guests departed for home.

The next day the same party returned and after having a good time till dark lit up the house and continued their merrymaking till midnight.

Sheriffs Sale

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a tax warrant issued by the Treasurer of Roger Mills County, O.T., in favor of Roger Mills County and against R.P. Hutton & Co., and to me directed as Sheriff of said county, I will at 1 o'clock p.m. on the 14th day of March, 1896, at the court house door in Cheyenne precinct, offer for sale at public auction the following personal property, to wit:

One five year old steer branded U on the left shoulder, marked jingle-bob each ear.

One five year old steer branded Turkey Track on left side.

Terms of sale cash in hand.

Taken on said tax warrant and levied on as the property of RP Hutton & Co.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1896

WB Johnson, Sheriff

Local and Personal Items

The bank safe has arrived and will soon be placed in position at once.

The diggers of our public well are delving downward as rapidly as possible.

Considerable building is going on in town. Mr. Collins is adding to his business premises. McMurtry & Davies are building a store to be occupied by a saddle and harness making firm, Mr. Taylor is having a barber shop built with bathroom attached, Mr. Beaty will add a 30 foot addition to his building, and Mr. Kuttle contemplates the erection of a large hall for general purposes.

Mr. Beaty made a business trip to Canadian during the week.

Married—on Sunday last, Mr. J Duke and Miss T Hunt.

A report reached us here today that a posse of officers had the desperadoes Harbough¹ and Miller surrounded in a dugout in Washita County.

A Call

All republicans are requested to meet at the court house in Cheyenne, O.T., on Saturday, March 14th, to elect delegates to the national and territorial conventions. By order of chairman central committee.—CE Guernsey

Last Wednesday about 7 o'clock p.m., three prisoners confined in the county jail succeeded in wrenching a bar loose and with it as a pry effected an escape. Two of the prisoners afterward returned to jail, but an inmate sent here from Beaver County charged with larceny is still at large. As we go to press the sheriff and his deputies are out after him and will doubtless find and bring him in with them.—*Woodward News*

John Stuber is being tried in the Oklahoma City probate court on a charge of stealing a hog from a neighbor. The case has been tried five times, and though the animal was valued

¹ I believe this to be the James Harbolt in the article copied in the February 21st issue.

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at only \$6.70 the costs to the county in the case have been \$1100.

Oliver P Jewell, the boy under sentence to be hanged at Woodward for the murder of James McGwinn and a son of Geo. Heard in November, 1894, has been granted a new trial because malice was not charged in the indictment.

An organized rabbit hunt in Beaver County resulted in the death of 2000 rabbits a few weeks ago.

A fierce prairie fire swept past town the other day, doing considerable damage west of us.

There are good indications that winter will come Marching in forcibly and that the ice crop will be sufficient after all.

Johnnie Gober has sold his interest in the Capital saloon, and has permanently retired from the liquor business. His successor, Jack Riley, is well and favorably known here and will keep up the standard of this the oldest house in his line of business in town.

March 6, 1896

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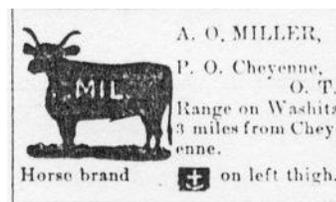
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Att'y on behalf of the taxpayers.

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CE Guernsey

The fire that swept over the Sweetwater country last week did a great deal of damage, not only in burning a vast amount pasturage, but it also burned a number of beef steers for Mr. Miller, thirteen of which were dead at the last report and twenty-five or thirty more of them in a very bad shape, some with their eyes burned out and their ears burned off. Some of them have every hair burned off of their bodies even to the bush of the tail. It also burned up about 600 tons of hay and a wagon and harness for Ed Murtaugh, only leaving him two small stacks. Several others, whose names we were unable to learn, lost their hay. Henry Fry was very lucky, as the fire burned all around him but did not get into his place. They think it was the work of incendiary.—*Canadian Record*



Washington, March 2.—the decision of the supreme court in the Greer County case, which was confidently expected would be handed down today, was not made public. This delay, however, is due to well understood causes and there is no reason to suppose that when the decision is made public that it will differ from what is generally anticipated owing to the enormous interests involved in connection with the land holdings in Greer County and also in connection with

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the rush of the settlement of this land if it were declared to belong to the government when no preparation had been made for its opening. Certain members of the supreme court several weeks ago gave the indication to those interested that it would be well in legislative and executive action was taken looking to a decision favorable to the government. This would make the passage of an act of congress suspending the operation of all law against the present owners of land in Greer County in the event of such a decision and it would also necessitate a presidential proclamation warning all would be settlers to remain off the land until the contention of ownership from the Choctaw Indians could be settled. Neither such a law has been passed nor such proclamation issued. It is understood that the supreme court has wisely withheld its decision until further preparation for its rendering shall have been made.

Local and Personal Items

Mr. DC Davis has purchased about 700 head of good yearling steers in this county recently. Prices have been fair, and the cattle are to be delivered next month.

Mr. DW Tracy has sent his two children to their grandparents in Vernon, Texas.

Kaffir corn being a sure crop here should be extensively planted.

Dr. Overstreet, the dentist, will be in Cheyenne the last week in March, and will be prepared to do all kinds of work in his line.

The weather in the early part of the week put a crimp in garden operations for a time. It is now warm and pleasant and the farmers are busy.

Jack Riley has moved his business house down to the corner of Main and Broadway.

It is reported that Jim Harbough and his companion Miller were captured recently near Oak Creek in G County. Miller is said to have received a fatal gunshot through his body. The desperadoes had driven up to the residence of a man named Picklesimon and were resting there when a posse of officers surrounded them with the above result.

On Tuesday, the 17th inst., the case of the Territory vs Alford Son, Bailey Son and Grant Pettyjohn was called. This case was brought here from Taloga on a change of venue. The defendants are charged with the murder of US Commissioner Fred Hoffman. All the circumstances in the case were published in the Globe last spring. The defendants were represented by Hon. Temple Houston, RJ Ray and Judge Marum, of Woodward, and Bush & Grigsby of this city, attorney McKnight of Arapahoe and attorney Black of Taloga assisted the county attorney of "D" County in the prosecution. The testimony is purely circumstantial and it was all in Thursday night and the arguments commenced Friday morning. Hon Robt Ray opened the argument for the defense and was followed by attorney Black for the territory, who in turn was followed by Judge Grigsby for the defense; he closed his argument at noon and Hon Temple Houston followed for defense. The court room was packed, in expectation of hearing one of his characteristic and eloquent pleas to a jury and they were in no ways disappointed; he was followed by Mr. Gillette for the prosecution, after which the case was submitted to the jury. The jury after being out three days and nights agreed to disagree. This case was, with the others, continued until the next regular term of court. We understand that the Son case was considered to the strongest by the prosecution, and as the evidence is all circumstantial and not connected, it is possible that a conviction will not be secured, if not, the case will no doubt be dismissed.—*El Reno Globe*

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CORRESPONDENCE

Custer Bend
March 12th, 1896

Editor Sunbeam:

Messrs George Hutton, CB Howerton and son, left for Colorado a few days ago. They want to be instrumental in increasing the circulation of gold.

We had a considerable fire yesterday. Some disinterested person did the mischief.

We learn that Rev Turner will preach at the school house next Sunday.

The debate last Saturday night went off pleasantly. Affirmative gained. This will be good news to those in danger of capital punishment. The society also gave us some entertaining declamations and music.

“They say” he came around and told the old man what would cure a sore throat. It is wise to get on the side of the old folks.

Redmond.



COLLAPSE OF THE POPS

Strangled by their own Imbecility

The great meeting where democracy was to be slain to pave the way for populism is a thing of the past—and so is populism in Roger Mills County. The latter strangled itself with envy, hatred and malice, administered by one of its apostles whose

ideas of truth and fair dealing are so dead that they stink.

We have listened to many men whose only claim for recognition rested on the strength of their lungs and the abnormal development of their gall, but our pop carried off the palm at the above meeting.

If county affairs were less important than they are to the taxpayers we should hardly feel justified in noticing such an exhibition of asinine stupidity mixed with venom and prompted by craving for office, but when vile charges are made against county officials without a shadow of reason and with the sole object of self interest, we deem it our duty to expose their author for the benefit of those who luckily escaped the infliction of having to listen to such rot.

Mr. Joe Miller was called to the chair and introduced Mr. McAnerny, who preceded the reading of charges by stating that their number amounted to hundreds and that he would have time only to enumerate about a twentieth part. The charges were:

- Taxing the people without their consent for road and bridge purposes
- Levying and collecting taxes and misappropriating same
- Hiring special attorneys
- Allowing county superintendent twice the amount of salary due
- Collecting three times the amount allowed by law as a sinking fund
- Ordering warrants issued in violation of law
- Not publishing proceedings in accordance with law
- Appointing road viewers contrary to law
- Appearing in court against taxpayers and in favor of bondholders
- Refusing to spend money for building purposes while allowing other exorbitant bills
- Taxing the poor man’s hog and steer while leaving untaxed county officer’s salaries

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- Making late publications of commissioners proceedings and wholly suppressing some issues of the county paper
- Allowing bills over the four percent limit
- Nullifying bill of rights and usurping legislative authority of congress and of the territorial legislature
- Hypnotizing other members of the board and all the people of the county
- Searching heaven and earth to raise taxation

Mr. McAnerny then stated that over \$8,000 had been raised for salary of county officers, and that one assessor had been paid \$220 for his services.

Mr. EE Tracy, county superintendent, was the first to refute the charge against him, and proved that not only had he not overcharged the county for services rendered but that his bills were less than the law allows.

Judge Harrison then took the stand and dealt with the charge relating to the sinking fund. In that matter he proved that the board acted with the greatest caution going to the trouble of consulting not only the county attorney but the district judge also, and it was on the latter's instruction that action was taken.

Mr. Francis, chairman of the commissioners court, was the next to puncture some of the windy fallacies advanced, and commenced by referring to the law governing the opening of public roads, which plainly provides for just such action as has been taken, and making the same mandatory. He then referred to the \$1000 fee for taking case involving \$20,000 to the supreme court, and defended the action of the commissioners in that transaction to the entire satisfaction of his audience. Attention was also drawn to several extraordinary expenses which the county has had to bear—the O'Hare case having cost not less than \$2000. He proudly compared Roger Mills' county affairs with all other counties in the territory, and referred to a remark made by

Judge Burford whilst on the bench here to the effect that Roger Mills was better officered and more economically run than any other county in his district. As to the \$8000 raised for salaries, Mr. Francis proved that assertion to be false, the records bearing him out when he stated that they amounted to but little more than \$3000. The \$220 said to have been paid to assessor was proven to be only \$56. The charge of transferring money from one fund to another was fully explained, and it was shown to have been done according to law and that a saving of from 50 to 60 per cent to the taxpayers was made by such change.

Owing to the fact that Mr. McAnerny refused to give any information as to the charges to be preferred there are some things that were not fully gone into, but the citizens are well satisfied with what has been explained, and the charge of corrupt practices has been transferred to those making them.

As to the Sunbeam suppressing issues of the paper containing official notices or proceedings, we declare that the charge is maliciously false. Maliciously, we say, because the pop making them had asked, and been accorded, the privilege of examining the file of said papers kept in this office weeks before he brought those charges. He could have gone to the post office and examined the record had he really wanted to know whether those issues had been suppressed or not.



From later reports of the killing on Oak Creek, in G County, we learn that Harbough was not in it, but that the desperadoes who killed Mr. Glover were named George Miller and Red Buck, alias Gant. Ever since the Glover murder a posse has been on the trail of the desperadoes running them to their hiding place on the Canadian river, some thirty miles north of Arapahoe, then south to the Wichita mountains, where they separated, each starting on the back trail. This movement was discovered by the officers, who tailed them to

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Elm and from there to Oak Creek at the home of the man Picklesimon, whose house was surrounded by the posse during the night. Some two hours after sunrise the next morning George Miller and Picklesimon came out and started to the lot to feed their horses. The officers called on them to surrender, when Miller went for his gun. Just then a ball struck him and he made for the dugout, call on Red Buck to come to his assistance. Red Buck appeared promptly and shot Officer Valentine in the abdomen, the ball passing out just above the hip, making a serious but not necessarily fatal wound. The firing was kept up on both sides until Red Buck was killed and Miller had retreated into the dugout. After some time Miller called to the officers to come to him as he was shot all to pieces. An examination showed that three fingers had been shot off his left hand and his right arm broken in two places. The dead and wounded were taken to Arapahoe. Both men were desperate characters and have committed many crimes in this country as well as in Texas. They were with Joe Beckham last December when he got killed in a fight with Texas Rangers, Red Buck having been wounded in the left shoulder in that fight. The posse was out nineteen days and traveled several hundred miles over some of the roughest country in the territory.



Local and Personal Items

Hodges & Bradford invite the ladies to inspect their stock of surges, flannels, Henrietta cloth, etc., and guarantee to duplicate prices of any other house, no matter where located.

Persons desiring to purchase wire, lumber, or other heavy articles will do well to see Hodges & Bradford and get their prices.

Our friends are cordially invited to call on us in our new and elegant quarters on Broadway, where we have provided every

comfort and convenience for them. Kuttle & Stahl

Dr. Overstreet, the dentist, will be in Cheyenne the last week in March, and will be prepared to do all kinds of work in his line.

Mr. JW Riley having purchased the Capital Saloon invites his friends and public generally to give him a call when needing the best of wine, liquors or cigars.

The dance at JW Miller's Friday night is said to have been the best of the season. A large crowd was present but ample preparations for their comfort and amusement had been made, and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed. Prof Kelly and Mrs. Strawn furnished the music.

Married—on Tuesday, March 10, at Canadian, Texas, Mr. JA Colburn and Miss Lula Vanderpool.

Married—on Friday, March 13, at Red Moon, Mr. JA Anderson and Miss Rena Capeheart.

Mr. Blocker, who gave the hiding place of Red Buck and Miller away, has had his range burned off. The incendiary was seen riding around trailing a burning rope.

Wild geese are said to be moving northward. We think one of them lit in town recently.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ural, Okla.,
March 7, 1896
Editor Sunbeam:

Thinking that a few lines from this part would probably not find its way to the waste basket, I will try and let you know what is going on here.

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Farmers are busy plowing for a big crop this year; stock is looking well, and the people generally are in good spirits.

By the way, we had quite a political speaking at the school house last night. It was given out in the neighborhood that Mr. Gold of Washita County, and probably other populist speakers, would address the citizens of Elk Creek on the politics of the day and organize a pop club in Roger Mills County, and the Hon WP Francis, chairman of the democratic central committee of Roger Mills County was invited to be present to defend the democratic principles. Accordingly there was a large gathering of the people of Roger Mills, also several from Washita County; in fact the house was filled to overflowing to hear the discussion of the two political parties.

Mr. Gold failed to appear, but was represented by his first lieutenant, Mr. Coleman of Washita County.

Mr. Coleman proposed to discuss which of the two platforms, the pops or democrats, was the most beneficial to the laboring class of people.

The meeting was called to order, and Mr. Sam Elliott, a pop from Washita County, was made chairman.

Mr. Coleman spoke first in favor of the populist side. He addressed the audience for about one hour, and made a splendid speech for the pop's side. But it did not seem to affect the audience or convince anyone that his side of the question was right.

Then Mr. Francis stepped forward and took the floor in defense of democracy, and held the audience spellbound with his comparisons of the pops' platform to that of the democrats', and at time the audience applauded so that he was forced to stop speaking until quiet reigned. It was a complete victory for Mr. Francis and the democratic side.

The meeting was adjourned by the populist chairman without organizing a pop club, and a great many left for home.

Then Mr. Francis called them back for the purpose of organizing a democratic club.

Mr. Hudson was called to the chair, Mr. SI Margraves was made secretary, and we now have a club of nineteen members.

So hurrah for the first gun fired in our county for democracy; let the good work go on and democrats be democrats, and the victory of 1896 for sound and honest principles will be ours.

Respectfully,
Democrat.

March 20, 1896

The addition of Greer County to the Territory of Oklahoma will cut quite a figure in reducing territorial taxes, the property of that county being assessed at \$1,250,000.



The bill providing that all actual and bona fide settlers on the public lands in Oklahoma should acquire patent after five years' residence, upon the payment of the customary fees, without the payment of the price per acre required by the existing law, passed the lower house on Tuesday last with only one dissenting vote. Should this bill receive like treatment in the senate and at the hands of President Cleveland, it will be an inestimable boon to Oklahoma.



The Greer County Case

Washington, March 16.—The case of the United States vs. the State of Texas involving the ownership of Greer County was decided in the supreme court today in favor of the United States.

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Justice Harlan handed down the opinion. The case involves 1,500,000 acres.

The case depended upon the construction of the treaty between this country and Spain made in 1819, which defined the northern and eastern lines of the Spanish possessions, which afterwards passed to Mexico and still later to the Republic, and then to the state of Texas. In this treaty a map known as Melish's map which had been made the year before was referred to and the lines fixed in accordance with the map. The Melish map did not correspond with the real facts as determined by astronomical observations in fixing the boundary lines, and it was soon ascertained that while all the territory known as Greer County was placed west of the 100th meridian the map showed it was east of it. The court held that the fact that the commissioners and surveyors were provided for in the treaty was evidence that it was not intended the lines as laid down in the map should be considered binding, and therefore accepted the fact as determined by the surveyors in preference to the showing of the map.

It was stated that Texas had in the settlement of 1850 relinquished all claims to the lands outside of her boundary to the United States, and received \$10,000,000 on this settlement. The contention of the state that Greer County had been organized since 1860; that its existence as a part of the state had been recognized by including it in the northern district of the state for judicial purposes and by the establishment of post offices as well as others were brushed aside by Justice Harlan, and a decree ordered entered declaring the county to be outside the boundaries of Texas and subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Justice Harlan intimated that Texas could appeal to congress for relief, but said the court must be controlled by the law and not by sentiment.

The president today issued a proclamation withdrawing the disposition under the

homestead law all that part of the public lands formerly known as Greer County, Texas, and reserving the land from settlement until a decision shall be reached as to the merits of the Choctaw claim to this county. Persons who settled therein prior to December 30, 1887, are not to be disturbed in the meantime.



Local and Personal Items

Red Buck has been buried in the Arapahoe cemetery and his partner Miller has had one hand taken off and four fingers from the other hand making them tolerably harmless citizens.

A number of our farmers sowed alfalfa seed last year, and now they are ready to swear that this is the best country in the world, and expect to make a fortune by raising hogs. They are right; one acre of alfalfa is worth ten of corn or any other crop.

The boys are going to form a baseball club, and challenges from other towns will soon be in order.

There is considerable spring to the weather today.

A bold attempt to steal a mule team and wagons was made in town this week. About a year ago Dave Coupland purchased six mules and two wagons from Moody & Hazelwood, giving notes in payment. These notes have never been met. Mr. Coupland sold the outfit last Tuesday, and skipped for parts unknown, leaving the friends who had done so much for him to settle his accounts. We are pleased to learn, however, that the thievish trick has miscarried.

Parties desiring to lease school lands may obtain blanks by applying at this office.

They say that some of our citizens act sheepishly when asked to render their taxes.

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Cheyenne will not go dry next summer. Private wells have been dug at nearly all the residences and two public wells will soon be ready.

Rendering property at a low figure makes the rate of taxation higher.

CE Noyes recovered his fine gold watch through the recent capture of robbers. The dead robber had it, and when Miller was wounded he crawled into the dugout and hid it. Noyes' name is still on the dial, which make the identity certain. They had traded off the chain, but Noyes is happy.—*Arapahoe Bee*

March 27, 1896

ANNOUNCEMENT

For Superintendent of Public Instruction

We are authorized to announce HC Harris as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.



For the benefit of those Texas papers which are misrepresenting this territory for selfish purposes, we state that the territorial taxes last year amounted to less than one half of one per cent on the taxable value of the territory. If Greer, or any other county, makes taxes high no one is to blame but the people themselves. The trouble with most of our counties is that they were run into debt by officials appointed by Governor Seay before the people had the privilege of voting. Still, with our present taxation, the stockman who makes his home in this county is better off than he would be in Texas paying both tax and lease. In Texas they tax a man for attempting to purchase a home. In Oklahoma a homestead is exempt from taxation until it is paid for. In Texas the stockman's cattle must keep off the state lands

unless said lands are leased. In this county free range is enjoyed. Now a little consideration of the above facts will show anyone interested enough to figure the matter out, that the man who owns say 100 head of stock in the county of Roger Mills, O.T., is better off by at least \$75 yearly than his neighbor in Texas.



The Agricultural College, at Stillwater, has an enrollment of 150 students. The senior class, graduating in June, numbers six. The spring term opens April 6. While the college makes no attempt to do the work of the normal school, the work of this term will be especially useful to teachers. Beginning classes will be organized in algebra, book-keeping, botany and rhetoric. In the preparatory department there will be classes in most of the public school studies. There are no fees.



Local and Personal Items

A cement and plaster mill is among the probabilities for Cheyenne before long.

We have not heard of the capture or killing of Harbough for several days. What's the matter?

The carpenters of our town continue to do a rushing business.

The wheat prospect throughout the territory is said to be exceptionally good.

Mr. Joyce is hauling lumber with which to build a residence in town.

Cheyenne can have a flour mill if our farmers will sow wheat enough next fall.

AH Saunders, of the firm of Saunders Bros., photographers, who was in Cheyenne one year ago, arrived today with his portable

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gallery, and on and after Tuesday next will be prepared for work. All photographs finished here from five to ten days after the negative is made. He will remain in Cheyenne 20 days. All who wish good pictures will please call early. All enlarging will be done at main gallery in Woodward, O.T.

Hog raising receiving considerable attention here, and the chances for supplying the home market with meat raised in the county are good.

Dr. Overstreet is here working on some of our citizens.

We call attention to the announcement of Mr. Harris in this issue. He is thoroughly qualified for the position and will no doubt receive a hearty support from his host of friends.

CORRESPONDENCE

Custer Bend
March 25, 1896
Editor Sunbeam:

Rev Kimser failed to meet his appointment here last Sunday evening.

Messrs C Guernsey and DF are gone to Canadian on business.

Mr. and Mrs. AO Miller, accompanied by their son Charlie, gave this community a pleasant call the first of the week.

Mr. S Curby had the misfortune to get one of his work horses badly hurt in a runaway scrape last Tuesday.

Farmers are busy preparing for a crop.

Mr. OL Johnson is having corn planted this week.

Mr. Calwell has abandoned the idea of renting land and decided to take lessons in the culinary art.

Henry Lee made a business (?) call here last Sunday.

Mr. Hardin, Wichita Falls, is spending a few days in the Bend.

Mr. Hawkins and son, of Wichita Falls, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. Walters, of Iowa Park, Texas, is here looking out a location. He is a good blacksmith.

Mr. Willis, of Wichita Falls, has taken a claim on Sunflower Flat near the Indian reservation.

"They say" that Dick Howerton is afraid to stay by himself.

That the chiming of marriage bells can almost be heard in this community.

That Messrs GW Curby and John Calwell waded the river to carry the girls to singing, and, on account of being a moment too late, were obliged to see two other young men accompany them.

That if your county paper is not your ideal it may be that it lacks your support.

Redmond.

File missing for April 3rd

April 10, 1896

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Superintendent of Public Instruction

We are authorized to announce HC Harris as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.



Chairman Francis continues to be the central object of attack by the disgruntled element at the expense of the taxpayers. During the late term of court at least a day's time was wasted by the senseless interference of Mr. Francis' personal enemies, who, with all their vigilance and venom, have accomplished no good; but, on the contrary, have increased the burdens of the taxpayers.



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

Monday, April 6, 1896

Board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County met. Present: WP Francis, WW Anderson, Sheriff WB Johnson, Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:
Reports submitted and approved as follows:
Clerk's report, fees received during quarter.
Register of deeds report, fees received during quarter.

Probate judge's report, fees received during quarter.

County attorney's report, fees received during quarter.

Sheriff's report, fees received during quarter.

A certified copy of county superintendent's report to territorial superintendent for quarter.

Board adjourned to meet at 1:30 p.m.
AG Gray, County Clerk

Monday, April 6, 1896, 1:30 p.m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as in morning.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:

Reports of probate judge for quarter, with treasurer's receipt for \$11, fines collected, submitted and approved.

Report of county treasurer for quarter submitted, and the treasurer having made exhibit of his books, accounts and money and all the vouchers relating to same to be correct, the report was approved.

In the matter of the appeals of Andrew C. Young and P. Maulding from the action of the county superintendent in attaching certain territory to school district number three on the 24th day of March, 1896, the board decided that the matter was not properly in court.

GW Curby appeared, and representing to the board that an error had been made in his tax for the year 1895, asked that error be

corrected; and the board, after due examination, finding that error had been made, ordered the correction made.

Now comes J Fletcher for Fletcher Bros., and represents that an error had been made in the assessment and tax of Fletcher Bros. for the year 1894, and asks that same be corrected; and after due consideration of the matter the board finding that the error had been made, ordered the correction asked for.

Bond of H Richerson, liquor dealer, submitted and approved.

Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 7th, 1896, at 8:30 a.m.

AG Gray, County Clerk

Tuesday, April 7, 1896

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as yesterday.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:
Brands filed by CB Thompson, EA Tunnard, J Cooper, P Maulding, and JH Parrish, ordered recorded.

In the matter of the tax assessed against CC and WT Roberts, the sheriff is ordered to suspend action as to collection until after the regular July meeting of the board.

Now comes WE Turner and represents to the board that he had been assessed and taxed for the year 1895 for property which he did not own, and asks to have tax rolls corrected; and the board, after inquiring into the matter and finding such to be the case, ordered the correction asked to be made.

The following claims were audited and allowed, to wit:

AG Gray, salary \$148.10; transcripts \$10.00; express, postage & printing \$8.35.

GW Hodges, express on territorial funds, \$1.00.

John E Leary, postage \$1.42

WB Johnson, postage \$2.25; attendance on comm'rs court \$4.50; salary as janitor \$135.00.

Davies & McMurtry, office rent \$9.00

DW Davies, services examining board \$6.00

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HL Hunnicutt, jury fees \$3.00

JA Strode, jury fees \$3.00

Robert Banks, jury fees \$3.00

Frank Banks, jury fees \$3.00

JH Waggoner, jury fees \$3.00

HC Harris, services examining board \$6.00

GW Hodges, stationary \$1.50

JR Burrows, in lieu of warrant #182, 1893 series \$41.00

EP Greer, in lieu of warrant #163, 1893 series \$156.55

A claim of Canadian County for \$39.35 for amounts expended on one Mrs. Fitzgerald, submitted but not allowed.

Board adjourned to meet at 1:30 p.m.

AG Gray, County Clerk

Tuesday, April 7, 1896, 1:30 p.m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as in morning.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:

Reports of viewers appointed January 7th, 1896, to view a road beginning at the s.e. corner of section 13 township 13, range 21, thence due west until it intersects the road from Cheyenne to Elk Creek, submitted and approved and said road declared a county road.

Claims allowed as follows:

GW Hodges, salary \$142.25

JB Harrison, salary \$125.00

Edward E Tracy, salary \$72.65

Hodges & Bradford, supplies \$.55

DC McReynolds, road viewing \$2.00

IO McCollough, road viewing \$2.00

WT Pierce, road viewing, \$2.00

WA Beaty, office rent \$9.00

Cheyenne Sunbeam, publishing \$33.00

Daily Leader, supplies \$178.45, allowed for \$176.05

Ordered by the board that Timber township, Elk township, and Cheyenne township, heretofore existing in Roger Mills County, be consolidated into one municipal township known as Cheyenne township, and that the officers of the three townships aforesaid hold their office and perform the duties thereof

until their regular term expires on the first day of 1897, after which time they shall make such reports and deliver such effects of their respective townships to the officers to be elected for said consolidated township of Cheyenne in all respects as to their regular successors in office.

Claim of John E Leary for \$4.50 for hearing an injunction submitted and not allowed.

Claim of John E Leary for \$19.25 costs in case #68, allowed for \$9.12.

Claim of John E Leary for \$7.67 judge's and sheriff's fees, Territory vs Maulding, submitted and allowed.

Now comes Wm McAnerny in behalf of the taxpayers of Roger Mills County, and gives notice of appeal in allowing claims of John E Leary for taking evidence for the grand jury and for costs in case #68, also for allowing EE Tracy, county superintendent.

A petition of Wm McAnerny and other relating to road and bridge fund was filed.

Board adjourned, to meet April 8th, 1896, at 8:30 a.m.

AG Gray, County Clerk

Wednesday, April 8, 1896

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as yesterday.

Petition of Wm McAnerny et. al. relating to road and bridge fund filed April 7th, 1896, was laid on the table until July term of court.

Now comes Wm McAnerny and notifies the court that he withdraws his notices of appeal from the action of court in allowing claims of EE Tracy and John E Leary.

It is hereby ordered by the commissioners' court that the county treasurer be authorized to take up and cancel one bond of the series issued October 1st, 1894, and one bond of the series issued October 16th, 1895, after first giving ten days notice that he will do so, to the lowest bidder.

A claim of WP Francis for \$12.50 services as commissioner, allowed.

A claim of WW Anderson for \$9.30 for services as commissioner, allowed.

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Board Adjourned.

WP Francis
WW Anderson
County Commissioners.
AG Gray, County Clerk

Mr. Medlin was in town Monday with a stolen horse which he had captured down on Elk. An officer from 'D' County arrived Thursday and took the animal back to its owner.

Local and Personal Items

A full line of the latest fashions in millinery goods just received by Mrs. LA Beaty. Call and see them.

Lee Hammons met with an accident Saturday that put him on the sick list several days. A lump of dirt fell some 35 feet in the public well and struck him on the back.

The populists of the county were notified to be in Cheyenne on Monday last. We counted two and heard of another.

Mr. Doxey received word on Saturday last that his wife was seriously ill in Lacona, Iowa. He left the next day for that place.

A pop must be doing something. One of them occupied the time of the court recently by filing notices of appeal against an account which had never been allowed. This may be fun for the pops, but it costs our county money which it can ill afford to waste.

A prairie fire in Greer County the other day did considerable damage. At one place a woman and her two children had a desperate fight for their lives, their house and a lot of penned cattle being destroyed. The fire is said to have been started in this county.

The folks are back from the Mangum races, but we have not heard of any of them getting rich by the trip.

John Gober has moved his sister and family from Amarillo to this town.

A drummer who was in the city today furnished us with a copy of three new planks which will be added to the populist platform. First: To cross a lightning bug with the honey bee, so that the honey bee can work at night. Second: To cross the centipede, with its many legs, with the hog, so that we can get a hundred hams off the same hog. Third: To bud the strawberry plant with the milkweed, so that we can get strawberries and cream off the same branch.—*Childress Index*

CORRESPONDENCE

Custer Bend

April 9, 1896

Editor Sunbeam:

Mr. George Hutton returned from the Cripple Creek gold mines a few days ago. Mr. Howerton and son are on their way back.

Mr. John Smith, the young man who attended school here last fall, came in from Amarillo last Sunday.

Elder Morris failed to fill his appointment here Sunday.

Some of the boys seemed to have a laughable time at the debate Saturday night.

The new song books for the singing class have been received.

Henry Lee of Sandstone is visiting the Bend this week.

Some of our boys seem sadly disappointed. With one eye they have a catch-me-if-can wink, while the other has a vacant stare. The little duckies (all just sweet sixteen of course) have not proposed to them, thus paying them back in their own coin. Remember, girls, it will be eight years before you get another chance.

Redmond.

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Notice to Teachers

The county examining board will publicly examine all applicants for teacher's certificates at Cheyenne, O.T., on the last Friday and Saturday of April. Applicants will come prepared with paper, pens, etc. Examination will begin 9 o'clock a.m.

EE Tracy
Co. Sup't.

Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a delinquent tax warrant issued by the county treasure of Roger Mills County, O.T., in favor of Roger Mills County and against Arch Anderson, and to me directed as sheriff of said county, I will, at 1 o'clock p.m., on the 18th day April, 1896, at Cheyenne, in Cheyenne precinct, Roger Mills County, O.T., offer for sale at public auction the following personal property, to wit:

One grey horse branded A on left shoulder and thigh; one grey horse branded BQ on left thigh; one bay mare branded BQ on left thigh; two gray horses branded Q on left thigh and ten head of stock horses all branded Q on left thigh.

Terms of sale cash I hand.

Taken on said delinquent tax warrant as the property of Arch Anderson.

Dated this 6th day of April, 1896

WB Johnson, Sheriff
By Calvin M. Rosser,
Deputy

Files missing for April 17th thru May 8th

May 15, 1896

Notice

I hereby call a mass meeting of Democrats to meet in Cheyenne on Saturday, May 23rd, 1896, for the purpose of electing fine delegates to the Territorial convention at Oklahoma City on May 26th. All who wish to

affiliate with the democracy of our county are cordially invited to be present.

The democratic central committee of the county is also hereby called to meet at the same place on the above date to transact any business which may arise.

WP Francis,
Chairman



Notice

To the Republicans of Roger Mills Co., Territory of Oklahoma

You are to meet in county convention at Cheyenne on May 23rd, 1896, at 2p.m., to elect one secretary and one chairman.

By order of secretary,
TL Keen



Canadian, Texas, is to have a reunion of old Panhandle settlers on the Fourth of July, which will doubtless attract many visitors.



Local and Personal Items

Our neighbors in Custer Bend had a very enjoyable picnic last Friday, which many of the town folks attended.

Mr. McKinney and Uncle George Matthews, two old-time Wheeler County, Texas, citizens, are here visiting friends, and may decide to locate with us.

Mr. Wiley is visiting his son on the Washita. Whilst on his way from the states he was made a victim of the "confidence" game to the tune of \$20.

Barney Gilland has given bond for his appearance at district court and is working for Mr. Keen on Timber Creek.

Fishing parties are becoming popular, some good catches being reported.

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Mr. Schuyler Richerson has been appointed by Governor Renfrow to fill the vacancy on the board of county commissioners caused by the resignation of Mr. Silevan. Mr. Richerson will undoubtedly make a good officer, and the county is to be congratulated on his appointment.

The rains of the past four weeks have put the ground in excellent condition, and fair crops are now assured.

Billy Brown had his shoulder bone broken last week by a stumbling horse.

HD Cox has purchased the corn-mill from OL Johnson, and will add a flour mill as soon as practicable.

George Boyd has sold his cattle interests in this county to Messrs Byrd & Hawkins for the sum of \$25,000.

The Timber Creek folks are making preparations for a barbecue on June 10.

What preparations are being made for the celebration of the coming Fourth of July?

At the school election in this district last Tuesday officers were elected and $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent tax voted.

The whole force of the Sunbeam—editor, devil, etc—has been sick which accounts for the non-appearance of the paper.

Come out to the meeting Saturday.

Notice

All parties wanting photographs should call at Saunders' gallery before Saturday, May 23rd. All orders taken after that date will be finished elsewhere.

Respectfully,
Saunders Bros.,
Photographers.

Files missing for May 22nd thru June 5th

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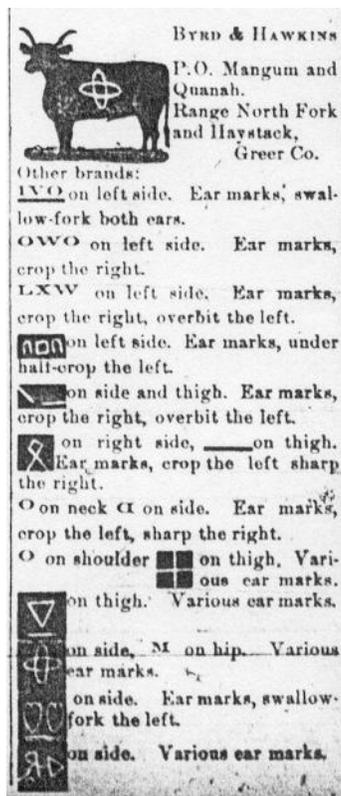
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

We are authorized to announce HC Harris as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of

² Starting with this issue, (Volume 4, Number 5) the Editor is now JW Putman. The May 15 issue, Volume 4, Number 1, still had Morris and Harrison as Proprietors' of the Sunbeam. The subscription rate has also dropped to \$1.00, or 50c for six months, and it is now published on Fridays.



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Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

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For COUNTY CLERK

We are authorized to announce AG Gray as an independent candidate for county clerk at the November election.

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For SHERIFF

We are authorized to announce Mr. Zach Miller as an independent candidate for sheriff at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Johnson as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff subject to the action of Democratic primary August 19th.

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For TREASURER

We are authorized to announce GW Hodges as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Mr. AL Thurmond as a candidate for treasurer of Roger Mills County.

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Come, let us reason together and devise ways and means to have a good school in Cheyenne.

Windmills will solve the problem of existence for stockmen in this country. To quit depending on farming alone may save the farmers.

The call for the democratic primaries on August 19th was left out of last weeks issue of *The Sunbeam* because the foreman did not understand that the committee had ordered its continued publication. By order of Chairman Francis it will be reinserted next week.

Capt. WP Francis has received a commission from Adjutant General Geo Moorman, chief of staff of Gen. John B. Gordon of the United Confederate Veterans, to organize a camp of that order in this county, and next week a call for that purpose will be published in *The Sunbeam*. This is purely a social and benevolent order, and it is to be hoped that the brave old heroes who fought so long for a cause they deemed so just, and whose lots are now cast in this county, will hold themselves in readiness to respond to this bugle call and form a live camp in this county. The date will be announced next week.

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The Sunbeam, in its capacity as representative of the best interests of the country, takes more interest in the selection of a representative in the legislature and of county commissioners, than in all other officers combined. It is time candidates for these offices were getting before the people and declaring themselves as to the courses they mean to take on the various matters to come before them. The Sunbeam has a few pointed questions to ask these kind gentlemen, and it will take no equivocal answers to them. Get before the people, gentlemen. They want to know whether you have any ideas about the duties of the offices you mean to fill and whether those ideas are the correct ones or not. If you haven't thought of a few things the territory and the county needs at the hands of the bodies to membership in which you aspire, you ought to be thinking more about running after a herd of sheep or a brindle cow than of running for these offices. The people will want some men who have thought a little about what they will try to do when elected, and they will want to know that they have thought right, and will keep thinking that way.

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About Education

The rising generation cannot provide for and superintend its own education, and one of the

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most sacred obligations of the present day it to make such provisions that the lamps of learning may be kept burning, for when once extinguished we know not whence.

“—that Promethian fire

That may their lights relume.”

Without guidance from the present generation future ones must relapse into barbarism. Every man interested in the welfare of society, whether he has children of his own or not, is interested in good schools, and no one should object to a reasonable sacrifice to support them.

Now the best way to promote the cause of education is to avoid all extravagance and abuse in the management of them. By mismanagement or bad judgment, subjects now bootless to discuss, the school districts of this county are, more or less, involved in debt—generally a great deal more. This, for the very cause of education, ought not to have been, and ought to be remedied. County Treasurer Hodges, himself always in favor of good schools, is authority for the opinion that the cause of education would have been better served had the people never depended on public money for the support of the school.

Surely no sensible man expects to promote the cause by paying teachers in depreciated or worthless scrip while the people are taxed to pay the interest on the indebtedness created by bad management in the different school districts.

Good teachers cannot be hired for poor pay, and boards of education cannot pay well, and it is not good management in anybody's financial affairs to depend on meeting current expenses with depreciated paper.

Indebtedness in the districts will kill the schools—that's a fact.

Now, the question is—not who is to blame, or whether anyone is intentionally guilty of wrong doing—but how to remedy the situation—how to have good schools this year and in the future.

Here in Cheyenne, for instance, what are we going to do? Let's look facts squarely in the

face. The district is some six hundred dollars in debt. When taxes are collected we may reasonably expect something over three hundred dollars in public money.

An approximate deficiency of three hundred dollars is not encouraging for this year's schools. But the entire indebtedness is not due this year. To get any benefit of the territorial funds at all the county must supplement it with sufficient revenue to make a three months free school.

This, with good management, the board of education may probably be able to do. But what is a three months school worth? Unless it can be supplemented by a private school of several months the money which it costs had better be devoted to charity or saved to the people.

The Sunbeam makes this suggestion: If the board sees its way clear to provide a three months school with public funds let it contract only with a teacher who has already agreed with private citizens for a term of three or four months private school.

The people should rally to the support of this system and pay for a private school which, by thus supplementing the public school, will result in some good to the children.

Abandon the idea of taxing the people to pay interest on heavy indebtedness while school teachers are paid in depreciated scrip.

If anyone has a better idea or suggestion than this, the columns of The Sunbeam are open to him.

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THE PICNIC

The Berlin People Entertain their Neighbors Royally

It was great!

It was bountiful, it was abundant, it was enjoyable.

Of course we refer to the Berlin picnic last Wednesday.

The people were there, the chuck was there, the music was there and the fun was there.

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Men brought their wives and children, children brought their appetites, young men brought their girls, and the girls brought their smiles, the occasion brought the politicians and the politicians brought their wind—and everybody brought good humor and fun, and “there was a sound of revelry by night”—also by day. People came in wagons, in buggies, on horseback, and in every way except afoot—no western man ever travels like a reptile. They came from Sandstone, from Beaver Creek, from Washita, from Elk Creek, from Long Creek, from Sweetwater, from North Fork, from Wolf Creek, from all the points on these streams from the headwaters to their mouths, and every mother, and every mother’s son and daughter of them came intent on having a good time, and they had it.

Only one mishap and that was the wreck of the flying jenny. The only damage to be lamented on that account was that three dogs, conveniently near, were not killed.

Tuesday evening people began to come in and go into camp preparatory for next day’s fetes, and early Wednesday morning every road and trail leading to the new Townsite was thronged with every kind of vehicle which could be pressed into service, and as the morning grew older the merry throng around the grounds was radiant with happy faces. The various refreshment and amusement resorts soon began to do business and continued it at a lively and profitable rate until Thursday morning, when, tired out, and sleepy, and yet without regret for the innocent fun they had enjoyed, the former revelers began to strike tents and round up horses for a return to their homes and everyday routine life. Early in the morning dancing on the platform under the spacious arbor began, and with only intermission of a couple of hours to give the speakers an inning, it continued until the small hours of the following morning.

Just before noon Major J.L. Keen, of the new town, mounted the rostrum, and in a short appropriate address, bade his guests a hearty welcome, breathing peace on earth and good

will to men generally. Then, to the music of a string band, the crowd, each member carrying a well developed appetite concealed about his or her person, marched around a long table piled with everything good to eat, while attendants with buckets of hot, strong coffee passed along dealing out generous cupfuls to all. Of course the piece de resistance was the barbecued meat, which was just done to the queen’s taste, and as abundant as the most hungry could wish. This was supplemented by a bountiful supply of all those good things which western housewives know so well how to get up. After everyone had feasted to satiety many white loaves and several brown quarters of beef, with quantities of minor delicacies, remained to be cared for and served afterwards for an elegant supper for the revelers.

Then came the speaking. Judge Garret, of Mangum, spoke first, and without referring to party issues, urged the people to unite in an effort to reduce taxation and to send only such men to the legislature as would be competent and willing to bring about some needed changes in our territorial code of laws. He was followed by Rev. J.R. Nigh, who spoke eloquently on the subject of education and morality. Judge D.W. Tracy, of Cheyenne, served as chairman, and introduced the speakers in a very happy manner. The committee from Cheyenne was accorded a few minutes in which to extend an invitation to the assembled multitude to attend our grand Fourth of July celebration, and, this done, the platform was turned over to the merry dancers, who, to the music of piano, violin and other instruments, chased the flying hours until Thursday morning and tired nature put an end to as successful and innocent a series of amusements as could have been devised.

Want of space prevents our doing justice to all concerned, but the committees, each member of which did his very best for the success of the affair, were composed as follows:

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Committee of general management—Robert Banks, JR Richerson, Will Rosser, Will Bright, Louis Medlin and Jack Freeman. Arbor committee—Beau Jones, JJ Joyce, GW Holden, SR Richerson and Mr. Crabtree. Committee on table management—AG Winsett, Jas Banks, LF Sutton and TJ Holden. Sheriff WB Johnson was chosen officer of the day, but, to the credit of the entire county, his services were not in the least needed in preserving order. Gus Jones and JM Johnson was the committee who had the responsibility of getting charge of the beef, and the way they succeeded will be testified to by everyone present.

It was a success, gentlemen. Do it again.

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Personal Items

Mr. JM Davis, one of the best and most prosperous citizens of McCullough County, accompanied by his estimable wife, is on a visit to his numerous friends and relatives in this section.

Bill Brown left this week for Greer County to bring up a herd of steers belonging to Mr. GW Hodges.

Palmer Turner left Wednesday for Arkansas with 61 head of horses which he will offer to the people with whom he comes in contact.

Urban Kirkman, the bright little news lad who sells papers on the streets, deserves liberal patronage for his energy and disposition to make his way in the world. Buy his papers.

Mr. GW Hodges, the present treasurer of this county, is announced this week as a candidate for re-election to the office he holds. Mr. Hodges is recognized as a business man of high integrity and good standing. The people of this county know

him, and will do him justice when they come to select their officers for next year.

EE Tracy, county superintendant of public instruction, returned Tuesday from a visit to the Chicasaw country.

Geo Puryear, a Sweetwater stockman, was in the city Tuesday.

AH Saunders, the pleasant and efficient photographer who has resided in our little city for several weeks, left Tuesday with his entire outfit on a trip south.

TM Cherry came in Tuesday from the Elk Creek country, and reported cattle suffering for water in some localities.

Genial Paul Hoefle, one of Canadian's most prominent business men, came down early in the week and remained over a day.

Died—Last Monday night, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall.

Sheriff Johnson has been doing some business for the county this week in the way of looking up some taxes due. He means to gather in the assets of delinquents whenever said assets are subject to the statutes made and provided in the premises. A result of his labors will be noticed in our advertising columns.

Mr. Joe Miller left Tuesday for the Chicasaw nation on a visit connected with business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. JL Keen, of Doxie, spent Saturday here as a guest of the Cheyenne hotel.

County Clerk AG Gray left for Pampa, Texas, and will return in a few days, accompanied by Mrs. Gray.

Miss Kate McReynolds, the accomplished and popular young teacher, formerly of this

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place but more recently from Elk Creek, has just finished her school there and is on a visit to Mrs. LA Beaty in this city.

Mr. AL Thurmond is announced this week as a candidate for treasurer of this county. He is a young man of splendid business qualifications and well known integrity. He has always been a true democrat, and never having before asked public favors he submits his claims to an impartial people.

Johnnie Gober, at the Capital saloon, intends to make the public comfortable. To this end he will keep ice constantly and regale his customers with iced drinks.

Mr. JE Pullen, of Berlin, desires to inform the public that in a few days he will close his store there, and will not re-open again until about the first of July, when he will be on hand with a full stock of goods.

Mr. JS Gober, the former popular proprietor of the Capital saloon, has again taken charge of the popular resort and is better prepared than ever to treat his old friends and any new ones as well.

Mr. and Mrs. JA Colburn will leave next week for a visit to the Chicasaw country.

Mrs. WC Dysart, of Bowie, accompanied by her children, is on a visit to her brother Dr. JP Miller.

Mr. WB Johnson, present sheriff of this county, offers his services in the same capacity for another term provided the democratic primary of August 19 selects him as a suitable person to make the race. Mr. Johnson is a democrat up one side and down the other, and in all kinds of weather and every day in the year. He is certainly a pleasant and courteous gentleman, and having served the people for four years in this capacity, they know him. His record is before them, and it would be presumptuous for the

new management of The Sunbeam to attempt to give the people information about a man whom they know so well and who has served them so long. His claims are submitted on his record, and the record is before the people.

Local Items

Cheyenne has a mill. By energy, pluck and industry, Mr. HD Cox has given the people an opportunity of having their corn converted into meal at home. It is just completed, and the first toot of the steam whistle will be heard this evening. Tomorrow grinding will be commenced.

Cheyenne has the best barber shop and the best barber of any town of the same size in the territory. Johnnie Taylor will give you a regular city shave and hair cut.

Hodges & Bradford invite the ladies to inspect their stock of surges, flannels, Henrietta cloth, etc., and guarantee to duplicate prices of any other house, no matter where located.

Thurmond Bros. have a few ladies' nice shirt waists that must go this month.

Parties intending to purchase mowing machines or rakes will find it to their interest to call on Thurmond Bros. for prices before buying.

Thurmond Bros. are headquarters for all kinds of groceries, and especially heavy ranch supplies.

A full line of the latest fashions in millinery goods just received by Mrs. LA Beaty. Call and examine.

If you want good sorghum molasses call on Hodges & Bradford.

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Thurmond Bros. are making special drives on clothing, hats, dry goods, boots and shoes.

In passing through Mangum stop at Gibson and Greer's corner saloon, and see how nice they will treat you.

A nice billiard table at the Capital saloon.

To the People of Roger Mills county:

Thurmond Bros. will sell you flour at the following prices:

- Cream fancy patent flour at \$2.50 per cwt.
- Sweet cake flour at \$2.40 per cwt.
- Lotta flour at \$2.25 per cwt.
- Diamond A flour at \$2.15.

In 500 lb lots 10c cheaper on the hundred. Why not buy your goods in Cheyenne when you can buy them at these prices?

The weather still continues dry, and the country is beginning to suffer for rain. The harvest of the farmers will be light indeed without an early downpour. On the range water is beginning to get scarce and in some localities considerable apprehension is felt on that subject. Where water is plentiful cattle are putting on fat rapidly, as the grass is much more nutritive now than when more sappy, but scarcity of water in some localities is causing cattle to drift to the ranges most needed for winter feed. An early rain is much needed.

Let everybody prepare to come to Cheyenne on the Fourth, listen to the reading of our great Declarations of Independence, see the banners unfurled and hear the eagle scream.

The assessors, in their statistical report recently filed, got good religious and horticultural matters a little mixed. Instead of only seventeen church members in the county, all of one demonization, there should have been nearly three hundred including membership in all denominations, and the 466 acres of raspberries, 601 acres of blackberries

and 757 acres of strawberries, meant the same number of plants instead of acres.

The Glorious Fourth will be properly attended to in Cheyenne.

The new board of education for the Cheyenne district is composed of JR Casady, director, EG Thurmond, treasurer, and JW McMurtry clerk. This district has a good school house and a scholastic population of 84. The board is handicapped by a considerable debt, but it will endeavor to run as good a school as possible for the longest possible term. Whatever can be done under the circumstances will be done by this board, and no effort will be spared to do the most good possible with the limited means on hand. It must be plain to everyone however that unless public funds are supplemented by private means that the term cannot last long enough to be of any practical benefit to the children. Those who expect a good school may expect to go down into their pockets and help pay for it.

Drop in and see our new office; bring some news—and a dollar—the latter not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Visions of strawberries and cream vanish, or grow less bright, with the correction of the assessors' statistics reducing the number of acres of berries to a corresponding number of plants.

Attention Committees

There will be a meeting of the committees on the Fourth of July celebration at the school house tomorrow (Saturday) night, to lease the privilege of a dancing platform at the picnic grounds.

Again Delayed

It is annoying to have to announce that, owing to a mistake in a shipment, of cuts for

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showing cattle brands, that the publication of the orders we have on hand will be again delayed. It takes so long to get things from a far off market here that one mistake causes much delay. We trust to be able to print all brands in the next issue.

To Our Own People

Take notice that on the fourth of next month Cheyenne is going to give the grandest barbeque picnic ever seen in this country. Now, what each and every one of us must do is to prepare a big basket full of the very best things we can get up and bring it out to supplement the abundance of barbequed meat which will be prepared. Don't neglect this.

LET THE EAGLE SCREAM!

**Cheyenne will Spread the Stars
and Stripes, and Celebrate
The Natal Day**

Tuesday night a number of representative citizens of Cheyenne met at the school house for the purpose of arranging for a proper celebration of the Fourth of July. On motion of Mr. E.G. Thurmond, Judge Davies was called to the chair and JW Putman was chosen secretary. Clebe Thurmond, for the committee on subscriptions, reported a sufficient amount of funds subscribed to insure a successful celebration and a good time generally, and this amount considerably augmented by donations from those present. JS Gober, Clebe Thurmond and WA Beaty were continued as a committee on subscriptions. EG Thurmond, JW McMurtry and JW Putman, to be assisted by Mesdames EG Thurmond, LA Beaty, AE Kirkman, CM Rosser, Dr. Miller, Joe Miller, WG Morris, HB Bradford, GW Hodges, WB Johnson, Zack Miller, WM Cheatham, AS McKinney and LL Collins, were appointed on general arrangements and preparations.

The privilege of lemonade stand was sold to JS Gober.

Messrs John Stahl, CM Rosser, GW Hodges and Zack Miller, were appointed as a committee to purchase meats and arrange for its cooking.

WB Johnson, CM Rosser, Zeke Stephens and Joe Miller were appointed as a committee to arrange details for the riding tournament.

GW Hodges, Zeke Stevens and JW Putman were appointed a committee on invitations.

It was decided to offer good prizes for the tournament, and perhaps for other contests.

Dancing will begin early at the school house and continue till the fiddler's arm drops off or the lads and lassies all get tired.

Arrangements will be made for every comfort of the people and for their complete amusement.

A big time will be had. Everybody will be here.

The committees will all meet at the school house one week from tomorrow night, and complete every detail for the grandest barbeque, picnic and patriotic celebration Cheyenne ever witnessed.

Cattle for Sale

About 1,500 head of 2 year old steers in King County, Texas, at \$14.50 per head. Cattle will be delivered at Childress or Quanah, and are all above the quarantine line. All un-merchantable cattle excluded. A rare bargain for someone.

LM Barkley,
Commission dealer in
lands and live stock
Fort Worth, Texas

Notice

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that JS Gober has made application to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors at Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory. Any person desiring to make objections to the issuance of license to the above named applicant will file same in writing at the office of County Clerk, in the City of Cheyenne, before 10 o'clock

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a.m., on the 29th day of June, 1896, and make such objection, otherwise the license will be issued.

This 12th day of June, 1896

AG Gray,
County Clerk

Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a tax warrant issued by the Treasurer of Roger Mills County, Territory of Oklahoma, in favor of Roger Mills County, and against Lawrence Polk, and to me directed as sheriff of said county, I will, at one o'clock p.m., on the 20th day of June, 1896 at the court house door in Cheyenne precinct offer for sale at public auction the following personal property to wit:

1 ¼ miles of 3 wire fence.

1 log house, 10 logs high, and all improvements on the se ¼ of sec 33, twmshp 14, R 24, in Roger Mills County, O.T.

Terms of sale: cash in hand.

Dated 8th day of June, 1896.

WB Johnson, Sheriff

June 19, 1896

The Day County Tribune does no object seriously to a dismemberment of that county, attaching a portion of it to this and the rest to Woodward County provided the present officers of Day County shall be allowed to control the enlarged county. Well, its low taxes we're after, and we'd be willing to do the fair thing about the officers.

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An extension of the stage line from this place to Hammon, 17 miles east of here, would give mail service to a great number of people who are now practically cut off from any conveniences in that way. A line runs

from Arapahoe to Hammon, and there stops. If it ran on to this point it would make direct connection between Canadian City and Arapahoe and furnish a thickly populated country with mail facilities. In no other part of the country, perhaps, would the establishment of so short a line accommodate so many people.

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The Cheyenne Sunbeam gathers from the assessors' returns that Roger Mills County has just 17 church members (all of the Methodist Church South) and 9 school houses.

Let's see! If we remember rightly Roger Mills was the only county in the territory that gave Wisby (the democratic candidate for congress at the last election) a majority.—
Arapahoe Bee

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An error has been discovered in the assessors' report, and three hundred additional church members found; and, bless the Lord, they're every one democrat!

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A free homes bill would be of little use until taxes are reduced. Under the present rate of taxation people can't afford to own real estate.

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The republicans of Oklahoma should "point with pride" to the five per cent tax rate they have given the people, and to the despairing settler who sees his little improvements and his family milk cow sold for taxes he cannot afford.

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Personal Items

JW McMurtry is on a business visit to Kansas City.

Mr. Fannie Philbrick, of Mobeetie, is down for several days visit to friends.

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Mrs. JC Hendricks, of Cloud Chief, is visiting in the family of Mr. S Curby.

Boy Beard and Uncle Jim Crow were up from the H and N ranch this week.

R Jordan, of Ural, was one of the pleasant callers at The Sunbeam office Saturday.

Capt. Joe Kuttle, one of the business men of Berlin, visited the city briefly this week.

George Little, a prosperous stockman from Grangerville, Texas, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. Chas Neal, of Long Creek, with her children, is on a visit to her parents in Greer County.

Mr. Bennett and family, of Samsville, were on a visit to friends in Custer Bend a few days since.

Chas Thompson, one of our best citizens, was in from his home on Sergeant Major last Saturday.

Frank Ragsdale is in the vicinity with a bunch of good horses, which he will carry east in a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hensley are rejoicing over the arrival of a bright bouncing fifteen-pound girl. Mother and child are doing well.

Mrs. John Caffey and children have gone to Miami for a visit of several weeks which will be spent pleasantly with relatives.

Mr. AS McKinney has returned from Kansas, where he has been engaged in putting down wells. He reports that country extremely dry.

County Clerk AG Gray has returned from the Panhandle, accompanied by Mrs. Gray, who has been on a protracted visit to relatives there.

Zack Miller left early in the week for his ranch on Sweetwater, where he had some branding to do. Mrs. Miller and the children went along for a week's outing.

LM Carson and HS Adamson were down from Canadian Monday, and report the country along the railroad distressingly dry. In many places passing locomotives have set fire to the grass and large parts of the country burned over.

Mr. WR Beaty is announced as a candidate for tax assessor of this county, subject to the will of the democrats voting in the August primaries. Mr. Beaty is a gentleman in every sense of the word qualified for the important office he seeks, and being a staunch democrat, will no doubt receive due consideration at the primary polls.

Local Items

Ladies are welcome callers at The Sunbeam office as well as gentlemen.

A good livery stable and good blacksmith shop are necessities in Cheyenne.

Mr. AA Hitchcock is being spoken of as a suitable man for commissioner from Cheyenne township.

Finish or fill up the well on Main Street. As it is, it is an ungainly sight and dangerous withal.

Mr. A Hall, four miles up the Washita, has some very fine Poland China and Berkshire pigs for sale.

Still no rain. Farmers are somewhat depressed, and stockmen by no means jubilant. A rain anyway soon, however, will save the country.

The way to build up a town is to encourage in his legitimate business, and don't be afraid to patronize your neighbor. A good livery

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stable, a good blacksmith shop and a good school ought to thrive here, and would do so.

The republican convention now in session at St Louis will nominate McKinley for president and declare for protective tariff and a gold standard.

At a great deal of expense, The Sunbeam is provided with a neat and comfortable office. Now don't hesitate to come in and give us a little cash patronage.

Let everybody come out Monday and help build the arbor for the Fourth of July celebration. Sheriff Johnson will furnish hay with which to cover it, and the work will be light if everyone will lend a hand.

The time for paying taxes before they become delinquent is past, and County Treasurer Hodges reports \$1,422.04 in Cheyenne township, \$340.87 in Timber Creek and \$1,275.56 in Elk township, unpaid and delinquent.

In small towns all the good citizens must unite on those affairs which are for the good of the commonwealth, no matter how they stand on other matters; otherwise the town will always be small, and a-gettin' smaller.

Don't pat us on the back and tell us what a good paper we are making. If you appreciate the efforts being made to furnish this country the best paper it ever had, show your appreciation by handing in a dollar for a year's subscription.

For the Fourth

Members of the various committees on Fourth of July celebration met at the school house last Saturday night to transact some business connected with the program.

Zeke Stephens was called to the chair, and business at once plunged into.

The privilege of placing a dancing platform on the picnic grounds was let to Will Rosser. Zach Miller and HB Bradford were placed on the tournament committee in places of Zeke Stephens resigned and Joe Miller absent. JJ Joyce was appointed to manage the table, with authority to select all the assistants needed. AA Hitchcock, B Jones, BF Rosser, AO Miller, TS Taylor, WW Anderson, "Cheyenne" Winslett, Will Dewey and HD Cox were added to the committee on management. JL Turnbough and JA Kimsey were appointed a committee to secure lumber and erect a table.

An adjournment was then had until next Saturday night, when all persons interested are requested to meet at the school house to further prepare details for the great celebration.

The committee on management has selected the grounds just in the southern portion of the town as the site for the festivities, and every good citizen is earnestly requested to come out next Monday morning with teams and tools to erect a spacious arbor and put the grounds in shape generally. Everyone is enthusiastic over the celebration, and a big time will undoubtedly be had. From all over the country people announce their intention to be here.

The New Town

The new town in this county about which so much has been said lately is attracting some attention and eliciting some inquiry. Always anxious to furnish the public reliable information on any subject of general interest, we will tell in this article all we know about this enterprise, and if we make the slightest error let someone correct it. Some time since, some gentlemen living south of here became desirous to live near a town, and not being willing to move to this one, concluded to move one nearer to them, or at least to make one nearer them. There is not a thing wrong in this, although Mahomet acted differently,

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for when the mountain wouldn't come to him he went to the mountain. These gentlemen said a railroad was going to be built on a line about twelve miles south of here, and assuming that a station would be established at a certain spot on the prairie, a Townsite was surveyed off and everyone who wished helped himself to a lot, with a kind of general understanding that this particular location was to be the future county seat of Roger Mills County. These gentlemen may know just what they are talking about, and a railroad may be built through this county in the near future. We certainly hope so. It may run on the line picked out for it, and it may establish a depot just where the proposed town is. Others may know this. We do not. We do not know when a railroad is to be built through the county, where it will run nor where it will establish stations. Our experience with railroads makes us doubtful of anybody else's knowledge of what they are going to do. When a road is built through the county, the best town in the county, and most probably the county seat, will go to it, if it is not already on the line, but as to the town as it is. Its name is Berlin, and it is situated on a high hill about twelve miles south of this. The first business establishment was moved there from this place some ten days ago by "Uncle Johnnie" Richerson, who is now running a well-stocked saloon there. "Uncle Johnnie" is a big-hearted man, and ought to do well anywhere. Next, Mr. Pullen, a splendid gentleman, moved a little stock of goods and his store from Doxie up there. He hasn't many goods on hand now but he intends to get in a better stock. There is a very good well of water there. And now all is said that can be said. There is not another house of any kind there. So far there is no post office there, but proper steps are being taken to get one, with Mr. Pullen as postmaster. No one here wishes the good people interested there any disappointment, no one is envious of them. May their enterprise be rewarded by prosperity.

Dentistry

Dr. Overstreet, the dentist, will be in Cheyenne one week; he will be here from the 22nd to the 27th inclusive, and will be prepared to do all kinds of work in the dental line. See him at the Cheyenne hotel.

Attention Veterans

Capt WP Francis will be on hand here July 4th, with authority to organize a camp of United Confederate Veterans, and all wearers of the gray are urged to be here and unite themselves more closely in the bonds of friendship and social ties.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

We are authorized to announce HC Harris as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

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For COUNTY CLERK

We are authorized to announce AG Gray as an independent candidate for county clerk at the November election.

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For SHERIFF

We are authorized to announce Mr. Zach Miller as an independent candidate for sheriff at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Johnson as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff subject to the action of Democratic primary August 19th.

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For TREASURER

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We are authorized to announce GW Hodges as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Mr. AL Thurmond as a candidate for treasurer of Roger Mills County.

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For ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce WR Beaty as a candidate for tax assessor of Roger Mills County, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce PS Taylor as a candidate for tax assessor of Roger Mills County.

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For PROBATE JUDGE

We are authorized to announce EE Tracy as a candidate for the office of probate judge, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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For COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce HD Cox as an independent candidate for county commissioner for District #1 at the November election.

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Payment for subscriptions and for political announcements is considered due when the order for same is made, and the considerable expense to which we have been subjected this month make it particularly desirable that our friends should not have us wait after it is convenient for them to pay.

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TO CANADIAN

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Three Pious Pilgrims Visit Our Sister City

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Sunday morning as the church bells were summoning the faithful to worship in this city a procession of three sad eyed Y.M.C.A. members listened sadly to the familiar chimes as they wended their way across the hills away from the soothing sounds in the

direction of Canadian City. They were sad because they knew that their places in the houses of worship would be vacant and because they were leaving the luxuries of city life to try the unknown resources of a Texas village. This party consisted of JS Gober, John Stahl and a representative of this great moral fashion journal, *The Cheyenne Sunbeam*, one dollar a year strictly in advance, advertising rates made known on application to the business office with proper references.

Noon found the little party near the head waters of the Washita, where, after horses were hobbled our frugal lunch was spread beneath the umbrageous trees, amid the wild plum bushes bending with their luscious red and yellow fruit. Fried chicken, lunch oysters and other solid delicacies constituted the main features of the feast, and the party composed entirely of democrats, three corkscrews were readily found with which the corks were soon drawn for the bottles of cistern water which had been duly packed around ice before leaving the city. The dinner was by no means a dull one, and after again hitting the road nothing occurred to break the monotony of prairie travel except a few stops for refreshment until the Texas line was reached. Here Johnnie Gober, after carefully examining around the ice in the back of the buggy, with serious countenance befitting the occasion, lifted up his voice and spoke thus:

“Boys, we have thirty miles of road before us and you can break me if we’ve got more than eighteen miles of beer left. Somebody has got to suffer—either us or the horses. I move it be the horses, and that we at once proceed to hit them on the legs. All in favor of the motion say aye, and those opposed keep mum. The ayes have it, the motion is carried. Proceed to hit.”

Acting on this resolution, at six o’clock we found ourselves duly welcomed at Paul Hoefle’s emporium of sundries near the depot at the thriving little city of Canadian. Here the dust of sixty miles of dry road was

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brushed off and washed down after the regulation Texas manner, and soon thereafter we found ourselves comfortably quartered at the hotel D Fay, kept in first-class style by Mr. WW Owens, formerly of this city. Here we fared sumptuously until our departure for home.

Canadian City, the county seat of Hemphill County, Texas, is a typical western town with typical big-hearted western citizens. It contains two reliable banks, three or four large and several small mercantile establishments, one good newspaper, good school and church houses, a big lumber yard, a good livery stable, the best sheriff in Texas, and Paul Hoefle. A more complete directory of the business establishments there will be found in our advertisement columns, which show the sagacity of the business men there in reaching out for the trade of the best county in the territory through the columns of the best paper in the country. All this speaks well for the business men—and for the paper. One day was too short a time to do justice to our thriving little neighboring city, but it was all we had to spare this week and so Tuesday morning, after stopping at Paul's depot for supplies, we pulled out for home. Paul thought it best not to travel in hot weather with too many luxuries, so he only put in 25 pounds of ice, one case of Schlitz's chill tonic, half of a Whitaker ham, some pickles, lunch tongue, a dozen hard-boiled eggs and a few other articles of grub, with which we managed to make a frugal meal at our old camping place on the Washita, after which we had no trouble in reaching Red Moon, when, after refreshing ourselves in company with Geo Shufeldt and Mr. Beaty, we burned our bridges behind us in the way of disposing of the remainder of our supply of beverages and pushed on into this city—home again. Thus ended a very pleasant three days outing.

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Personal Items

Mr. Hitchcock left Monday for the Greer County salt works.

Rev HC Harris has gone to Samsville to hold a two week religious meeting.

Judge Harrison is having a neat residence erected on his claim south of town.

Mr. Chas Rath, an old time citizen of Mobeetie, was in the city last Saturday.

Miss Maudie Fleeman, a belle of Greer County, visited friends in this city last week.

Fleming McGinnis was in town Monday discussing the political issues of the day.

Mr. UK Keen, from the North Fork country, was a visitor in the city a few days since.

Mr. John Bearshear, of Samsville, was visiting in the family of Mr. S Curby a few days since.

Mr. JL Warren, one of the representative citizens of Croton Creek, was in the city Saturday.

SJ Wiley has returned from his trip to Greer County, where he went after a bunch of young steers.

Bob Durrett is up from the Masterson range, where they have just finished a big job of branding.

Bob Sutton was up from Timber Creek this week and reports the range down there still very dry.

David Smith, prominent stockman from Cordell, Washita County, was here Monday visiting relatives.

Arthur Roberts came up yesterday from the ranch on Quartermaster creek, where he left everything in good shape.

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CA Woods, the prosperous sheep raiser of this county, passed through Wednesday with a fine bunch of lambs for the market.

Stoney Duke has been dispensing liquid refreshments this week to the dry portion of our population who patronize the Favorite.

Mr. JD Taylor, the popular tonsorial artist, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Monday, the occasion being Miss Susie's birthday.

Mr. John Peter Thurmond, assistant general manager of the H Y ranch, is up from the Wild Horse headquarters, and reports everything prosperous on the range.

RS Tuttle, the popular representative for Cassaday Bros. live stock commission firm, arrived last Friday and will make this his base of operation for the coming season.

Mr. WT Roberts returned yesterday from his ranch on the T and P railway in Texas where he has been engaged in branding calves. He reports Texas cattle in fine shape.

Chas Hensley has been presiding over the business end of the Capital saloon in the absence of Johnnie Gober, who started for Woodward Sunday to fetch his mother here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and their interesting family arrived from Greer County a few days since and are occupying their spacious residence in the southeast part of town.

Zack Miller and his family have returned from the ranch of Sweetwater and are again enjoying city life. Mr. Miller reports that wolves are doing considerable damage on the range.

Mr. JS Gober returned Wednesday from Woodward, bringing with him his mother, Mrs. AM Gober, who will make this her home, much to the pleasure of her children here.

Mr. ND Wheeler and family who have been to Cloud Chief on the sad mission of attending the deathbed of the aged mother of Mr. Wheeler, returned to their home on Sandstone last Monday.

Mr. PS Taylor submits to the people of this county his name to be voted for by them for tax assessor. Mr. Taylor is one of the best citizens and thoroughly qualified to perform the duties of the office he seeks.

Mr. JD Dunn, one of our best citizens and heaviest cattle owners, was in town early in the week. He reported his range badly in need of rain. Mr. Dunn came to town to obtain medical aid, having been bitten on the lip by some poisonous insect.

At the solicitation of many friends, Mr. EE Tracy offers himself as a candidate for the office of probate judge. Having already filled an official position in our county he is well known to all. Being a true democrat and feeling that he is well qualified to serve the people he places himself before them in the primary.

Mr. HD Cox is this week announced as a candidate for county commissioner from district #1. Mr. Cox is one of our best citizens, entirely familiar with the resources and needs of our county and able to impress his own correct views on anybody of which he may be a member. He is strictly in favor of avoiding county indebtedness and of a reduction in the tax rate.

Local Items

A light rain enlivened vegetation and raised the drooping spirits of our citizens last Sunday night.

CM Rosser is having a well dug on the hill near his residence. He expects to reach water in a few days.

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George Taylor, one of the murderers of the Meeks family, is said to have been seen in Taloga lately.

A protracted religious meeting has been held during the week at the Red Moon school house, with Rev. Turner in charge.

Mr. Ake bought the improvements of the Lawrence Polk place which were sold by the sheriff last Saturday.

A young man from the Timber Creek country was in town Friday. It is reported that he was in Keen quest of a marriage license.

There was a shooting scrape in the Haystack neighborhood of Greer County last week between cowboys and sheep herders. No serious damage reported.

Arrangements are being made to give our patrons a complete market report each week by wire to Canadian and thence by express here on the day of publication.

Williams Bros. and some other parties on Turkey Creek started last Monday for Woodward with a shipment of beeves amounting to fourteen or fifteen carloads.

We understand that the ladies of the town are making active preparations for supplying the wants of visitors on the Fourth with a bountiful spread of eatables.

JR Wright and son of Sweetwater, met with an accident last week. Their team ran away throwing young Wright into a wire fence and cutting several of his toes off.

LA Beaty will sell first grade salt at 75c per cwt.

Second grade 60c per cwt

Side bacon at 8c pound

Other goods in proportion

Mr. JS Gober, the former popular proprietor of the Capital saloon, has again taken charge

of that popular resort and is better prepared than ever to treat his old friends and any new ones well.

EE Tracy, county school superintendent, left Monday for Cloud Chief where he will meet the superintendent of Washita County and lay off a school district embracing a portion of both counties.

A large number of extra copies of The Sunbeam will be printed next week for distribution among the Fourth of July revelers. Parties wishing the attention of the public may make what use they please of the information.

Rev. HM Bandy, of Amarillo, will arrive in this city on the 18th of July for the purpose of holding a two weeks religious revival. Mr. Bandy is a Christian minister of much force and ability, and the prospects for an interesting time are good. Let everybody come and be instructed.

PS Doxey was in town Monday. He reports a heavy rain Sunday night in the southern part of the county, which filled all the water holes and put streams on a high lonesome, and if any on wishes to hear a good'n just ask him to give you his dentist story.

The Sunbeam representative on this trip to Canadian found that Peter Egan's boot shop is running in full blast. Dull times have no effect on his trade. That is what good work does for him. He and his man have all the fine work they can do. It will pay you to get your work done by Peter Egan.

Some of our farmers are cutting their corn stalks for fodder, the prospects for corn from early planting having dwindled with each succeeding hot dry day till they finally vanished entirely. There is some hope yet for late corn. This is but a repetition of former experience in this neck of woods. The early

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corn catches the worm and the June drought too.

Dr. Miller is entitled to the premium this season for early roasting ears, he having enjoyed that luxury the first part of the week. The corn was planted late in April and its growth has been phenomenal from the start. The doctor sent away for his seed and is well pleased with his venture having secured a variety of corn which he believes will do well here.

WA Beaty and CM Rosser made a spin down the Washita to the Indian agency Wednesday. They found the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, with the exception of old Red Moon himself, all gone off on the North Canadian to attend some kind of religious dance or festival. The government has advertised for bids for the erection of a school building to cost about \$12,000.

The post office at Red Moon has been moved from Geo Shufeldt's ranch to the store of CL Boyd half mile north of the old place. The road leading to the post office, and to Canadian, has also been changed, and parties going to either place must now, when they reach the Red Moon school house, turn directly north or directly west and go around section seven. Mr. Shufeldt is now strictly in the ranching business and doesn't wish a public road directly through his premises.

The arbor committee of the Fourth of July celebration met on Monday morning and decided to postpone the erection of the arbor till Monday next owing to the unsettled condition of the weather. Arrangements were made to have everything necessary on the grounds by that time, so that there would be no delay when the work commenced. CM Rosser, GW Hodges and Penn Nixon have volunteered to furnish the necessary material for supports and Sheriff Johnson will furnish the hay. It is proposed to have an arbor large enough to shelter all who come, and the

committee will see that it is constructed in an efficient manner.

School Indebtedness

The bonded indebtedness of the school districts of this county is as follows:

District #1, Cheyenne, \$1,300; #2, Denniston, \$200; #3, Red Moon, \$900; #7, Elk Creek, \$500; #10, Timber Creek, \$500. This indebtedness was incurred in the erection of school houses. We have so far been unable to get any satisfaction as to number of children sent, the average attendance, length of time schools have been taught, and the cost, but hope soon to be able to give the public as much information on this head as possible.

The Glorious Rain

It has come. The water holes are full, the streams are booming, the range is refreshed, crops are saved and it's still raining—not just sprinkles, but coming down in torrents. It rained hard yesterday for awhile and then last night all night, and as this is being written the streets are rushing torrents and the downpour continues. It seems to have been general with no indication of a cessation. Livestock had not suffered and were in fine condition. They will now put on fat as never before. Only the very early crops—and not all of them—were badly damaged, and this ground soaker will redeem the rest. Let the croaker cease to croak; let everybody rejoice, and come forward and subscribe for their home paper—The Sunbeam—only \$1 per annum, cash in hand, and we will rejoice with them.

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Plant some windmills and double or treble the capacity of your range.

Oklahoma will never be admitted to statehood with a five per cent tax rate.

Anybody has a right to run for office, and anybody else has a right to be for or against him without any hard feelings.

Show Us a Reason

The stock farmer and the range men never have been able to occupy the same country in peace and never will be. The free rangers, like the Indians, have always had to move on as the stock farmers come up.—*Arapahoe Bee*

All of which means that the little valleys which constitute less than five per cent of the area of the western part of this territory may be utilized to bear uncertain crops and that the grass on the hills and plains which constitutes the rest of the country, shall grow up yearly and, un-cropped by domestic animals, shall rot without benefit to anything. Yell for free homes until you are hoarse, but when anyone thinks of converting the grass of the plains into taxable wealth foam at the mouth. "Lord, bless me and my wife, brother John and his wife—just us four and no more. Amen." So prayed the pious man whose soul was too small to make what we would at the present day consider a fair sample of a Christian; and now you pray, "Great Father at Washington,

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give us these little valleys free; grant them to us, our heirs and assigns forever, with all appurtenances thereto belonging, without a single cent of cost, and do thou, great father, shoot the man who desires to use the grass in the same county with us, for it does our souls good to see it rot.”

That’s the spirit which inspires such expressions as the one quoted above.

Give us a reason why range men and stock farmers cannot live in peace in the same country. Let us understand why it is that only the valleys of this territory are to be utilized for the benefit of mankind and that the hills and plains are to remain useless as waste places upon the earth. If there is any reason for such argument except that demagogues, and papers expecting favors from them, wish to win the support of the small settlers by a pretended friendship and false professions of good will, use them for political effect, let us by all means, have them.

Now here are some reasons why stock farmers and range men should get along with the greatest amity and why their interests are identical.

The farmer is supposed to raise feed for sale, the range man buys it. The farmer has boys who wish employment during portions of the year; the range man gives it to them. There are taxes to pay in this county—yes indeed—and the more cattle there are assessed the less will be the rate on the farmers’ little improvements and few head of stock.

The farmers’ cattle strays from home just the same as the range man’s. The farmer cannot run a range wagon and keep an outfit in the field, but if he lives in peace and harmony with his neighboring range men the latter will turn the cattle, protect them and almost run them for him. There are many little ways in which the farmer can serve the range man so as to obtain a friendship which not only insures the farmer free grass but virtually free work. He can act fairly with the range man, give him information if his cattle

are doing injury somewhere or are off their accustomed range, and, above all, he can “shake” the demagogue who gives him bad advice just to please him and to get his vote. When it is known that he does this, his little bunch of milk pen cattle will be protected and driven by every cowboy on the range.

Why should the range man, like the Indian, have to move on before a class of men who are asking the government to give them—not the grass—but the earth free?

Excuse These Blushes

The Cheyenne Sunbeam, under its new publisher, Mr. Putman, has become one of the brightest, newsiest and best papers in western Oklahoma.—*Taloga Advocate*

JW Putman, the new editor of The Cheyenne Sunbeam, was in town the first of the week and made the Record a call. Mr. Putman is a ready and fluent writer and is making a first-class paper of The Sunbeam. He is perfectly acquainted with the conditions which prevail in this section of country and has a mind well stocked with ideas of a practical nature which cannot fail to benefit the country if carried out.—*Canadian Record*

Personal Items

Geo Puryear was up from Sweetwater Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. JJ Ray are the happy parents of a boy.

JW McMurtry has returned from a somewhat protracted visit in the east.

Mrs. SC Case, of Pampa, Texas, is on a visit to her sister Mrs. AG Gray.

John Reed returned yesterday from a protracted visit in the Chickasaw country.

Mr. Joe Miller has returned from an extended business trip to the Chickasaw country.

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Mr. and Mrs. MN Hudson, of Saddler Creek, rejoice over the birth of a bright baby girl.

Mr. William McAnerny of Doxie was in the city Tuesday attending to some business affairs.

Alex Roberts, of Quartermaster Creek, has spent part of the week in the city resting up from range duties.

Mr. Joe Means, of southern Texas, has been visiting friends in this vicinity, but left for home early in the week.

Mr. JE Pullen, of Berlin, has just returned from Fort Worth where he has been to purchase new goods for his store.

HD Cox returned Wednesday from Canadian city, where he went to meet his better half and accompany her home.

Mr. D Beasley a fine old gentleman from San Saba County, Texas, is a welcome guest in the family of his son Joe Beasley.

The Sunbeam is indebted to Mr. Zack Miller for a drive behind a spanking team down to the Long Creek country last Saturday.

Miss Mable Owens, a charming young lady who has been visiting Mrs. Joe Miller for some weeks, left Wednesday for her home in Canadian.

Mrs. WB Johnson has been very sick during a portion of the week but her many friends will be pleased to learn that she was much improved yesterday.

Messrs GW Curby and John Smith returned last week from Wichita County, Texas, and report crops there almost a total failure from drought.

Mrs. HD Cox, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Missouri, returned to her

home in this city Wednesday and reports an extremely pleasant visit.

Dr. JP Miller returned Wednesday from Elk Creek where he had been called in consultation in the case of Mrs. Frank Banks, who is reported very sick indeed.

Mr. WA Leonard, a very pleasant gentleman representing the Ranney-Alton Mercantile Co. of Arkansas City, spent Tuesday in this city making medicine with our merchants.

Mr. AL Taylor was up from Elk Creek Monday. He says beeves are getting fat down his way and that some will probably be gathered for shipment about the last of this month.

Mr. GW Curby, an energetic and well qualified young gentleman announces in this week's issue of The Sunbeam for tax assessor. He is a gentleman of fine qualities generally and if selected for the position will no doubt fill it to the satisfaction of the people and with credit to himself.

A large number of our citizens will note with pleasure the announcement in this week's Sunbeam of John B. Harrison for re-election to the important office of county attorney. Mr. Harrison's past administration of affairs connected with this office seems to have given entire satisfaction, although the short terms of court have not given him an opportunity to do all he had expected for the commonwealth. He hopes in the future, by counseling with the commissioners as to the best method of reducing taxation, to be of more service to the people. He even proposes, if necessary, to reduce the rate of taxation, that the already small salaries of the county officers be somewhat reduced. His claims are before the people.

Local Items

A nice billiard table at the Capital saloon.

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Ice-cold soda pop at the Favorite saloon.

Go to Thurmond Bros. for new potatoes and onions.

If you want good sorghum molasses call on Hodges & Bradford.

WA Beaty is making extensive improvements in his suburban residence.

On account of ill health, Mrs. Goodwin has leased the Cheyenne Hotel to Mr. GW Baker and will leave in a short time for some health resort. Mr. Baker knows how to set a good table and expects to merit the liberal patronage of the public.

If the candidate wishes to sleep well, rest well in his grave, or be prosperous at the polls, he should not tantalize the printer with hopes delayed about that little account. Rather let him jar loose and yield up unto the scribe somewhat of his substance that it may be well with him and his'n.

Laws which allow the fullest use of the use of the public domain for purposes to which each particular section is best suited and which protect everyone in their rights and interests are the laws which will insure the fullest development of the country, and will bring the greatest degree of prosperity to all.

The politician doesn't mean to run the stockman out of the country—that would too materially lessen the taxes upon which the politician feeds—but he would like to make the settler believe that the stockman is his (the settler's) enemy, and that he (the politician) would like to have about two cowmen for breakfast every morning.

Two long freight trains wound over the hills, through the streets and to the warehouses Tuesday. Hodges & Bradford's with HB Bradford in the cab; and Thurmond Bros' with John Salyer at the throttle. Beaty's

train, in charge of Tom Jackson, is scheduled to arrive today. They all come heavily laden with goods for the people of this great Cheyenne country.

Tax Reform Convention

All citizens and taxpayers of Roger Mills County who feel an interest in reduction of taxes and reform of county affairs are requested to meet at Cheyenne on the 7th of July for the purpose of organizing a tax reform party for the county, pass resolutions and discuss such matters of public concern as may be brought before the convention.

All persons, without regard to political affiliation, are urgently requested to attend.

Meeting to convene at 2 p.m.

Wm McAnerny

Territorial Tax Rate

The territorial board of equalization has held its session and passed upon the tax rolls of the different counties, and has approved the valuation placed upon property throughout the territory by the various county assessors. The board fixed the tax rate for general territorial purposes at three mills on the dollar, with an additional half mill for the erection and support of a territorial normal school and another half mill for the erection and support of a territorial university, making a total rate of four mills on the dollar. The county commissioners meet early in the month and make the county rate, and then the people will know definitely to what tune of taxation they must dance.

Our Fourth

Tomorrow, July 4th, our national birthday, will be properly celebrated in this little western city. Already people from distant parts of the country are beginning to arrive, our business houses are gaily decorated with the national colors, and everything begins to wear a holiday appearance. Tomorrow the throngs will arrive and everybody is expected to make merry until Sunday morning. Dancing on the platform at the arbor will

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begin tonight and the people are cordially invited out. Tomorrow as the people arrive they will repair to the shady grounds around the arbor and amuse themselves as they see fit until 10 o'clock, when the crowd will be called to order and a brief address made by some of our citizens, after which The Declaration of Independence will be read by Miss Florence Thurmond. At half past eleven the grand dinner will be spread and everyone feasted to their hearts content, after which the people will be allowed to have their own fun in their own way.

The grand tournament riding will commence at 3 o'clock, and the committee has formulated the following rules by which the contest will be governed: The distance is 200 yards and the run must be made in 15 seconds. The first prize is \$15, second \$7.50. Entrance fee 10 per cent of first money. All entries must be made by 2 o'clock. In case of a tie for first money those tying shall ride off the tie, and the man who gets second best rings in first three runs is entitled to second money. All riders are to be in uniform.

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We are authorized to announce Gus Jones as a candidate before the democratic primary for the nomination for the office of tax assessor.

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For COMMISSIONER

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We are authorized to announce WA Bright as a candidate for county commissioner of district #2, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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Notice

Notice is hereby given that at the regular July term of the commissioners court of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory, on the 7th day of July, 1896, the assessed valuation of Roger Mills county was found to be \$268,463; and in pursuance of section 3, article 2, chapter 43, of 1895, session laws of Oklahoma, the board of county commissioners of said Roger Mills County made the following estimate of the necessary expenses of said Roger Mills County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1896, to wit:

For salary fund,	
9 mills on the dollar.....	\$2416.16
For court fund,	
3 mills on the dollar.....	\$805.38
For county supply fund,	
3 mills on the dollar.....	\$268.46
For contingent fund,	
3 mills on the dollar.....	\$805.38
For county sinking fund,	
4 mills on the dollar.....	\$1073.85
For county school fund,	
1 mill on the dollar.....	\$268.46
Total:	\$5637.69

And further notice is hereby given that on Friday, July 17, 1896, the board of county commissioners of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory, will meet at the county

seat of said county to make the levies provided for in the above estimate, and also for territorial, township and school purposes, as required by law.

Witness my hand and official seal this 7th day of July, 1896.

AG Gray,
County Clerk

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

Monday, July 6, 1896

Board of county commissioners met. Present Commissioners WP Francis, WW Anderson, and SR Richerson, Sheriff WB Johnson, and Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had to wit: Reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1896, of Probate Judge, sheriff, county clerk and register of deeds, were submitted and approved.

Now comes HD Cox and makes representation to the board that he had been assessed in excess for the year 1895 to the amount of \$220, and asks the court to be released from payment of taxes on the said excessive amount. After duly examining into the matter, the court finding the assessment was in excess, it was ordered that the clerk make the necessary adjustments, and it is further ordered that HD Cox be released from all penalties that have accrued to date on said 1895 taxes.

A road petition of HD Cox et al was submitted and granted, and viewers appointed to view same.

Application of John Gober for liquor license, together with said John Gober's bond as liquor dealer, was submitted, application granted and bond approved.

A petition of Bob Mosely et al asking the JH Richerson's liquor license be transferred from Cheyenne to the town of Berlin with further cost or charges by county was submitted and granted provided said JH Richerson files bond for selling liquor at Berlin.

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A petition of Wm McAnerny et al relating to road and bridge fund submitted and not granted.

Board adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.
AG Gray, County Clerk

Monday, July 6, 1896, 2 p.m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as in the morning.

Report of county attorney for quarter ending June 30, 1896 submitted and approved.

The following claims were submitted and allowed, to wit:

JB Harrison.....	\$125.00
AG Gray	\$146.50
JE Leary	\$26.78
WB Johnson.....	\$242.95
Calvin Rosser.....	\$20.00
Davies & McMurtry	\$9.00
LJ Turnbough	\$5.00
EF Stephens	\$65.70
JO Kelly	\$42.00
Stone & Hoffman	\$100.00
HC Harris	\$6.00
JW Putman	\$7.50
WG Morris	\$18.75

It is ordered by the court that the salaries of the officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1896, be fixed as follows, to wit:

County attorney,	\$400
County treasurer,	\$500
County clerk,	\$500
County supt.,	\$250
Sheriff,	\$400
Commissioners	\$2.50

per day and mileage

A certified copy of county superintendent's report to territorial superintendent submitted and approved.

Claim of EE Tracy for \$67, services as county supt., submitted and allowed.

Board adjourned, to meet Tuesday, July 7, 1896, at 8 o'clock.

AG Gray, County Clerk

Tuesday, July 6, 1896, 9 a.m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, present Commissioners WP Francis, WW Anderson, and SR Richerson, Sheriff WB Johnson and Clerk AG Gray.

Proceeded at follows:

County attorney gave notice of appeal from the order of the board of commissioners allowing the claim of Roy V. Hoffman and Jno F. Stone for attorneys fees \$100.

Claim of AJ Rayfield, assessor, allowed \$6.00

Claim of DW Davies, county examiner, allowed \$6.00

Claim of Geo D. Barnard & Co., \$11.50 supplies, disallowed.

Requisition of JE Leary for supplies probate judge office approved.

Brands filed by Eli Graves, Oscar Caudill, Callie Caudill, Robert Caudill, JP Johnson, WW Richerson, and Bertie M. Miller, ordered recorded.

The following claims were submitted and allowed:

GW Hodges.....	\$148.00
Hodges & Bradford.....	\$3.48

Board rescinded their order of June 6th, 1896, allowing the following bills, to wit:

JE Leary, costs, Pugh vs Owens	(\$4.50)
Stone & Hoffman legal service	(\$100.)
WB Johnson, prisoner transport	(\$76.50)

The county treasurer is ordered to take up and cancel on county bond of the series issued October 1, 1894. The bond offered for the lowest amount to be purchased.

Board adjourned to meet at 2p.m.
AG Gray, County Clerk

Tuesday, July 7, 1896, 2 p.m.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, same present as in the morning.

Following proceedings were had to wit:

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Board made an estimate of the necessary expenses of county for the ensuing year and same was found to be as follows, to wit:

Assessed valuation of county	\$268,463.
For salary fund,	
9 mills on the dollar.....	\$2416.16
For court fund,	
3 mills on the dollar.....	\$805.38
For county supply fund,	
3 mills on the dollar.....	\$268.46
For contingent fund,	
3 mills on the dollar.....	\$805.38
For county sinking fund,	
4 mills on the dollar.....	\$1073.85
For county school fund,	
1 mill on the dollar.....	\$268.46
Total:	\$5637.69

The following claims were submitted and allowed, and warrants ordered to issue payment of same:

LA Beaty, supplies.....	\$1.45
WW Anderson.....	\$12.60
SR Richerson.....	\$17.00
WP Francis.....	\$19.00

Board adjourned,
WP Francis, Commissioner
WW Anderson, Commissioner
SR Richerson, Commissioner
AG Gray, County Clerk

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Local Items

District Clerk Joseph H. Warren has re-appointed David W. Davies deputy clerk for this county.

Interesting information concerning our tax rate is shut out this week but will appear in next issue.

This office is indebted to JO Kelly of Sweetwater for a Fourth of July watermelon, the first of the season.

AL and Oscar Thurmond are gathering beeves for market and will ship four or five loads from Gage about Tuesday.

There will be a joint religious debate at Samsville July 14th between Rev HC Harris, of the Christian church, and Rev TB Duncan, of the Baptist church.

Elder Bandy, who was to commence a protracted meeting here on the 18th inst, has sent word that he cannot be here until the Friday before the 4th Sunday in this month.

There will be a dance on the platform at the picnic grounds tonight. Everybody is invited, and Will Rosser will see that good music and everything else necessary for an enjoyable time are on hand.

Attention is called to the announcement of WA Bright for county commissioner. Mr. Bright is a young man of good attainments and well qualified for the important office he seeks.

Gus Jones, one of the best citizens of this county, is a candidate for tax assessor. We have only space to say that he is in every way qualified and an entirely responsible man. A vote for him will not be misplaced.

The call for the democratic primaries is printed in this issue of The Sunbeam, and it will be seen that the date is August 29th instead of August the 19th as erroneously stated by this paper in a former issue.

Our Fourth of July barbecue, like everything else Cheyenne undertakes was a complete success, the large crowd present enjoying the day immensely until the afternoon rain put a stop to the festivities. Want of space precludes a detailed account of the fun.

Mr. WB Rosser announces himself in this issue of The Sunbeam as a candidate for county clerk, submitted his claims to the

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democratic primary. Mr. Rosser is a young man of fine abilities and much strength of character, and should he be chosen by the people to fill this important office the records of the county will be in good hands.

Professor WB Stovall places his name before the democratic primaries for the office of superintendent of public instruction. He makes the business of teaching his constant occupation and has given satisfaction when he has been employed. Once holding, to the satisfaction of the citizens, the same position in Obrien County, Tennessee, he feels amply competent to do justice to the office here.

Democratic Primaries

At a meeting of the democratic central committee, held at Cheyenne on May 23rd, 1896, it was decided to hold a primary election as each voting place in the county on Saturday, the 23rd day of August, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the different county and precinct offices of this county, and that we invite all good citizens who are in favor of selecting the best citizens of our county to fill such offices irrespective of their party affiliations heretofore to come in said primary and assist us in selecting such persons, pledging their support to the nominees of said primary election.

WP Francis

GW Hodges

MH Denniston

Committee

The Old Heroes

Pursuant to a call of Capt. WP Francis, of Co. C, 29th Texas cavalry, a number of confederate veterans met at the school house in this city last Saturday and proceeded to organize a camp of United Confederate Veterans. Capt. WP Francis was unanimously elected commander of the camp, and the following members enrolled:

BF Rosser, Co. D, 23rd Texas cavalry

John Stilwell, Co. E, 1st SC rifles
Levi Leonard, Co. A, 9th Texas cavalry
RW Hunt, Co. C, Young's battalion of
cavalry

PG Hext, Co. E, Allen's regiment

AJ Anderson, Co. D, Carter's frontier
regiment

PH Hill, Co. G, Shonldwater's regiment,
Foard's Command

PS Taylor, Co. F, 6th Texas cavalry

GW Hodges, Co. D, 58th NC infantry

Allen Jones, Co. F, 8th Arkansas

WW Anderson, Co. D, frontier regiment

SD Sutton, Co. E, Shonldwater's
command

William Hunt, Co. I, 6th Texas cavalry

EG Thurmond, Co. E, 15th Texas
cavalry

A Moffitt, Wonick's company, Savage's
Tennessee regiment

After organization, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned subject to call of the commander by notice given in The Sunbeam.

Road Notice

Notice is hereby given that at a session of the board of commissioners of Roger Mills County, O.T., held on the 6th day of July, A.D. 1896, a petition signed by DJ Cox and others of Cheyenne township asking for a view and a survey for the purpose of locating a certain county road described as follows: Commencing at the corner of sections 7, 8, 17, & 18, in twp 14n range 24w, thence north between sections 7 and 8 to the corner of sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 in aforesaid twp and range. Thence west ¼ mile to n w corner of sec 6. Also, beginning at said point on line between said sections 6 and 7, thence west between sections 6 and 7 for ¼ mile. Thence west between sections 1 and 12 in twp 14, range 25, to where it intersects old original Cheyenne and Canadian road.

Also to vacate so much of the original Cheyenne and Canadian road as follows, to wit: All of said road from corner of sections

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7, 8, 17 and 18 to point where it intersects section line between sections 1 and 12 in range 25, twp 14, was presented, and that same was granted, and WS Laird, JA Anderson and George E Shufeldt were appointed viewers, and DW Davies, county surveyor, will meet at the place of beginning of said road, on the 2nd day of August A.D. 1896, at 8 o'clock a.m. of said day, and proceed to view and survey said road and give all parties a hearing.

AG Gray, County Clerk

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, Walter Granville Batey, HE No. 13508, for the e ½ n w ¼ sec 7, and sw ¼ se ¼ and se ¼ sw ¼ section 6, twp 14n, r 24w. Witnesses: Asa C Wilson, GE Shufeldt, JW Dunn, Lester C Shufeldt, all of Cheyenne.

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When neighboring counties come to know that Roger Mills County has the lowest tax rate of any county in the territory they will be glad to throw in with us and help reduce all our taxes by uniting in the support of one set of officers and one county organization.

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There is a great probability that Cheyenne will get a land office. The annexation of Greer County makes a land office in this section a necessity and here is exactly the place for its location in order that settlers in the surrounding counties shall be convenient to it. Let's go to work and locate it.

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When it costs the county \$18 to examine one little lady for a third grade certificate to teach a school in which there is not \$50 pay, there is much need of reform in our laws. That's the amount just allowed in such a case in this county. The court may have had no discretion in the matter, but certainly the law which authorizes such extravagance is at fault.

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Notice

Owners of lots in Cheyenne are hereby notified that a penalty of 5 percent per month is now accruing on unpaid taxes.

GW Hodges
Treasurer

Local Items

The Sunbeam will be enlarged next week.

Smith Kellum passed through town Monday on his way to Woodward with 400 head of beef steers.

Mr. JL Warren is building in town. He will move his family here before school opens.

The citizens of school district No. 12 have been busy this week erecting a commodious school house for the use and benefit of their children. Instead of issuing bonds, these sensible folks put their hands into their pockets and subscribed the necessary funds for material and then set to and did the work themselves, thus saving many dollars and putting themselves in a comfortable position financially. Such a start promises well for the future of the school and The Sunbeam wishes it unbounded success.

Last Monday morning there passed through Canadian, enroute to Yellow Stone Park, Wyoming, quite a menagerie in the shape of five full blood buffaloes, consisting of two big bulls, one yearling bull and one old cow. The government has purchased these animals from

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Mr. Chas Goodnight, the Panhandle cattle king, paying \$1500 per head. The animals are in charge of Mr. GL Joel, who goes on to the park with them. Mr. Goodnight has about 60 buffaloes on his Panhandle preserves, and is crossing them very successfully with polled Angus cattle.

The grand tournament which was postponed on the Fourth on account of rain was run last Friday, and resulted in JS Gober winning first money, and Stoney Duke second money. Gober got 13 rings and made the run in 13 seconds, Duke got 12 rings, time of 14 seconds; EK Thurmond 10 rings, in 13 seconds; Joe Miller 9 rings, in 13 seconds, John Reed 11 rings, in 14 seconds and Frank Hunt 10 rings, 13 seconds. A nice concourse of people gathered under the arbor to see the gallant knights shiver their lance against each other's shields, speaking very metaphorically, and after the tourney fair ladies and brave riders danced upon the platform until after the chimes of midnight had ushered in another day.

Populist County Convention

The populists of the county are requested to meet in convention at Cheyenne on Wednesday, August 5, 1896 at 2 p.m. (1) To elect two delegates to the 25th representative district convention, and two delegates to the 13th council dist. Conv., both conventions to be held in Cheyenne on the 5th and 6th of August, 1896.

Several populist speakers of national repute will be present and discuss the political issues of the day. Come and hear them tell why taxes are high and how to reduce them; why times are hard and how the republicans and democrats made them so; and how the two old

parties will make them harder for the next four years if you give them a chance.

Two hundred delegates from the ten western counties of Oklahoma will be present.

By order of county committee.

Wm McAnerny, Secretary

Our Tax Rate

The voice of the people has been heard and their persistent demand for lower taxes is having effect. The tax rate in this county this year will be materially less than last—in some of the school districts nearly fifty per cent less. The territorial authorities, by levying a tax rate of 4 mills on the dollar, reduced the tax rate throughout the territory six cents on the hundred dollars. As will be seen by the proceedings of the commissioners court published last week, that body makes estimate for a tax levy which cannot exceed for general county purposes 21 mills on the dollar. This is a reduction of 37 cents on the hundred compared with last year. But where the big savings come in is in the action of the various school districts in voting materially less taxes upon themselves than in the previous year.

Through the courtesy of our efficient county clerk, Mr. AG Gray, we are able to give the taxpayers of each school district in this county the rate which they will have to pay this year according to the estimate just made, and the rate levied cannot be higher than this estimate. It may be lower, but will most probably be just as given here. The levy will be made today. In District No. 1 the rate for all purposes is \$3.85 on the hundred. Last year it was \$5.31. In No. 2 the rate is \$3.50. Last year it was \$4.42; in No. 3 the rate is \$4.80 against \$4.89 last year. In district No. 4 the rate is \$3.50 against \$4.14 for the previous year. In No. 5 the rate is \$2.65 against \$4.19 last year. In No. 6, Cheyenne township, the rate is \$3.10 against \$3.39 last year. In No. 6, Elk township, the rate is \$2.90 against \$3.29 last year. In No. 7 the rate is \$3.05 while it

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was \$4.12 last year. No. 8 has a rate of \$3.00 and paid \$3.39 last year; No. 9 pays \$3.50 this year and paid \$4.64 last year. No. 10 pays \$2.87 ½ this year against \$4.10 last year. No. 11 has a rate of \$2.80 this year and paid \$3.44 last year. No. 12 pays \$3.70 on the hundred, No. 13 \$3.25, No. 14 \$2.72 ½ and No. 15 \$3.50.

It will be understood that the territorial and county taxes are uniform throughout the county and that the different rates in the different districts are the result of local township and district taxation.

The rates, which are very materially reduced from last year's preposterous and exorbitant levy, are in all conscience high enough yet, but the people can push the good work along by selecting only the most prudent and honest men to make their laws and manage their county affairs.

It should be noticed that the reduction this year is made in the face of a decreased valuation of some seventy odd thousand dollars.

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July 24, 1896

The democrat who thinks himself wiser or better than his party is, vulgarly speaking, too big for his breeches.

We have piped unto the candidates whose announcements we run, and some of them have not danced. Everybody dance.

If you are a democrat get in the middle of the road and whoop'em up a little for Bryan and free silver. The party has spoken.

The first contemplated improvement has been made in The Sunbeam. Its size is this

week increased by four columns of reading matter. Keep your eyes on it and you will receive another surprise some of these fine days.

Some of the populist leaders oppose the endorsement of Bryan because, with nothing to howl about, their occupation would be gone. But the leaders can't keep the honest rank and file of the party from voting for him just the same.

The Sunbeam has no time nor space to waste on the man who borrows his neighbor's paper to read every week and then stands on the street corner and predicts its failure because its editorials are not written to suit his peculiar ideas of journalism. A man who deadbeats his reading matter hasn't much right to criticize.

Steady, boys. Do not become excited in this campaign. The people are going to coolly select their officers having regard only to their peculiar fitness for their positions, and not with reference to any local prejudice that may be entertained in any part of the county. Let the best man win in this little free-for-all dash, and let us all be friends afterwards.

The Sunbeam being the only paper in the county and the only means of reaching the entire public, it would be sheer injustice to refuse the use of its columns for any legitimate purpose. Of course when people or parties expect direct benefit to themselves they must expect to pay for the space they occupy, for space is to the publisher what goods are to the merchant, his stock in trade, and neither can be given away and business conducted successfully. But in this respect everyone will be treated exactly alike and no discrimination made.

Understand Us

This is an industrial, not a partisan political paper. We have our own views as to what is

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good for our little community, and shall not hesitate to express them. One of the best developed of these views is that the interest of the entire people, regardless of business occupations, is identical, and that only untrustworthy demagogues will argue that there is or should be in reason any antagonism between men engaged in different avocations. A paper could not be run in the true interests of stockmen without at the same time being operated to the benefit of the farmer. Their interests are the same, and only the irresponsible crank will argue otherwise. We advocate the policy of the government giving absolutely to the settler the little home he is trying to improve and live upon—give it to him without money and without price, that he may become a fixed, useful and prosperous citizen here, and that the money he would have to pay the government for this land may remain in the country and in his hands to support those whom he loves and to educate the children who are to become the future citizens of this territory. Is there any hostility to stockmen in this? We advocate a policy by the government which will allow the stockman to convert the grass on the untellable hills and plains into food for the human family—into taxable values for the support of organized government and the general prosperity of the country. Is there any hostility to the farmer in this? We advocate for the farmer and stockman the lowest possible tax rate that will support our municipal organizations. Is there any hostility to either in this? But why argue in this line? We have faith in the intelligence and integrity of these people, and know there are enough of them here who endorse independent, fair dealing with every class of people, to support a paper devoted solely to the people's interest, and to them, and not to the mischief making crank who sees in everyone else's prosperity his own enemy, do we look for a constituency. For them, and not for the deadbeat who reads a borrowed paper and then abuses it, is The Sunbeam published.

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

Friday, July 17th, 1896, 1 p.m.

Board of county commissioners met. Present: Commissioners WP Frances and SR Richerson, Clerk AG Gray.

The following proceedings were had, to wit:

SW Cole appears and files certificate of assessor of Greer County and make affidavit in relation to assessment in Roger Mills County for the year 1896, and asks that said assessment by Roger Mills County be declared erroneous.

The matter was laid on the table.

The board, after determining the amounts to be appropriated to the several funds for the year commencing July 1st, 1896, made the following levy for the year 1896:

Total valuation of Roger Mills County \$266,726.00.

For territorial tax, 4 mills on the dollar, \$1066.90

For county tax:

Salary fund,

8 mills on the dollar.....\$2133.80

Court fund,

3 mills on the dollar..... \$800.18

Supply fund,

½ mill on the dollar \$133.36

Contingent fund,

3 mills on the dollar.....\$800.18

County sinking fund,

2 ¼ mills on the dollar.....\$600.13

County school fund,

1 mill on the dollar \$266.73

Total: \$4734.38

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, Stephen F. Lowdermilk, for the n ½ and se ¼ ne ¼ of sec 33, and sw ¼ nw ¼ sec 34, twp 10 n, range 26 w. Witnesses: Zack Miller, Alfred H. Smith, Frank Bradley, Felix Green, all of Cheyenne, Oklahoma.

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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, Alfred H. Smith, for the sw ¼ of sec 19, twp 10 n, r 26 w. Witnesses: Felix Green, Zack Miller, Frank Bradley, Stephen F. Lowdermilk, all of Cheyenne, O.T.

Personal Items

Mr. and Mrs. BF Rosser have been on a visit to relatives in Washita County.

Henry Fry, one of the stockmen of the Sweetwater country, was in the city Wednesday.

Smith Kellum has just returned from Woodward, from which point he has just shipped a train of very fine beeves.

JJ Joyce has gone to Canadian after a bill of lumber with which he means to build a comfortable residence on Sandstone.

Will Nations, the Red Moon stockman, passed the city this week with a bunch of cows he had bought in the Sandstone country.

Maj. TL Keen passed through Wednesday with four or five hundred very fine beeves which he will ship from Woodward as soon as he can reach there.

Mr. HB Bradford has returned from Mobeetie accompanied by Mrs. Bradford and the children, who have been visiting friends there for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson rejoice over the arrival of a fine baby boy at their house, and "Uncle Charlie" Hensley rejoices with them at being called "grandpa."

Mr. J O B Street, one of the prominent horsemen of the Panhandle, came in a few

days since with a bunch of good stock horses, and spent a day or two in the city.

Mr. EK Thurmond has gone down to his farm on Indian creek to rusticate a few days. It is rumored that he means to make considerable improvements and then—but we promised not to hint at it, and we won't.

Sheriff WB Johnson left Tuesday with Mrs. Johnson for Wichita, Kansas, where Mrs. Johnson goes for medical treatment. The many friends of this good lady sincerely hope she may soon return fully restored to health.

Mr. SB Laune, one of the leading attorneys of Woodward, passed through this city Wednesday, accompanied by a charming bride whom he has just married in Texas. Mr. Laune contemplates moving to Nebraska at once.

Local Items

Mr. GW Hodges sold this week to Robt McKay of Canadian City fifty head of one, two, and three year old Greer County cattle at \$12, \$16, and \$22.50 per head. Mr. Hodges' cattle are well bred, and he usually gets the top of the market for them.

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The Sunbeam is perhaps the only country weekly in the territory situated sixty miles from the railroad which has enterprise enough to furnish its readers a reliable market report by wire and express one day old. It costs something to do it, but our patrons are willing to pay for what they want—a good little local paper.

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The man who gets away with association cattle in the Woodward country will have to get up before day and remain up very late in the evening. The association's most trusted inspector, JM Barkley, is stationed at

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Woodward, and Jim can tell a brand a mile off and takes delight in hunting down a cow thief.

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HD Cox, the enterprising pioneer miller of the county, is not contented with being a pioneer in only one respect, and has added another pioneer feature to his business in the shape of a lumber yard. He has already received his first consignment of lumber, and will receive weekly shipments as the trade demands. This was a much needed enterprise in our city and will be of great convenience to our citizens.

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A delightful dance was given last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B Jones on Sandstone, where the gay young people of the county enjoyed themselves in the fullest degree until Aurora, blushing in the east, warned the revelers to their homes. The ladies present were Mesdames Gus Jones, -- Cooper, Jeff Duke, Charley Hackett, Harvey Potter, Bud Lee, and Misses Annie, Eliza and Rebecca Johnson, Misses Allie Leonard, Callie Milligan, Ida Hunt and Julia Jones.

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Self Explanatory

Editor Sunbeam:

It is reported that Joseph Miller stole my horses, I will say, in justice to Mr. Miller, that I did not, or do not, accuse him of taking my horses.

Respectfully,
CB Howerton

SLADE ON HIS RAMBLES

**He Takes In Kansas City and
Hobnobs with the Future President**

Again over the red hills, past the fields of darkly waving corn and billowy millet and sorghum, through the vast green ocean of

grass so rank as to rival clover fields; past fat, lazy cattle puffing contentedly by the limpid pools of water by the road side, Johnnie Gober and I, on a breezy Sunday morning, jolted and bumped along the road to the northwest. Into a shady grove, a splendid picnic dinner kindly prepared by the dainty hands of his sister, Mrs. Kirkman, and finished off with wild grapes and plums, a fragrant cigar, and again, "over the hills and far away," still bumping, up one hill and down another, disturbing drowsy cattle too lazy almost to get out of the way, away across the line into grand old Texas and on into the pleasant little city of Canadian, to the hotel Fay and comfort. But only a brief rest, and then on again, this time viewing the vast expanse of luxuriant grass and hundreds of fat cattle from the windows of the A.T. & S.F. railway cars, on to Woodward, where we spent a day pleasantly with the host of good fellows there, and of which thriving town I shall speak at length on a future occasion, and here taking leave of my pleasant traveling companion, Johnnie G., I was shipped as live freight by Bob Thurmond, who was making another shipment of fat stock. Then, in his company, on again and through thousands of acres of uncropped grass, on into Kansas—no longer poor old Kansas, but Kansas a wilderness of bending corn, and a paradise of grain and vegetables—Kansas teeming with everything the farmer has planted, past cribs half a mile long filed with last year's unsold corn crop, now worth ten cents a bushel; on pleasant little towns and prosperous farms into bustling, thundering, busy Kansas City, a place some larger than Cheyenne, and which would no doubt have made a first class city if the latter had not grown up in rivalry. The two cities now contain something like three hundred thousand population, somewhat the larger number living in Kansas City—a place where it is their boast that they bury their dead and leave none but live people to walk the streets. At present Kansas City has more improvements that Cheyenne, but we have

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room to build up and make as big a town as that, and a good broad foundation is a great thing on which to start a town. Kansas City is noted for its food products, and especially for the amount of quality of meats it puts on exhibition. The supply seemed to be all right when we got there, but I have doubts about the food resources of the city when we left for Bob and JW Dunn, whom we fell in with there, had brought their appetites along with them, and I hadn't forgotten mine, and I am rather of the opinion that there was a marked improvement in the provision market after we had been there a day or two. The next president of the United States, the eloquent and considerably enterprising Mr. Bryan, with his interesting family, met us there, and seemed very glad to see us. A very large concourse of people gathered about the Coates House to see us and the future president, and our reception was very flattering and enthusiastic indeed. It is said there is a man in Kansas City who is not going to vote for Mr. Bryan, but he was out of town during our stay there. Judging from the reception given us and Mr. Bryan, he would do well to have us with him as he takes in the picnics during the pending campaign. As the train thundered along bearing us homeward amid the down pouring of rain and pealing of thunder, the echoes still rang in our ears: "Rah for Bryan! Rah for free silver! Three cheers! Whoop, whoop, hurrah!

Slade

P.S.: Kansas City is a column or two larger than The Sunbeam, and as we have not space enough for a detailed write-up of the city and a mention of each individual business and enterprise, and do not wish to discriminate against any of them, I must forego the pleasure of a minute description of the town.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

We are authorized to announce HC Harris as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce Prof WB Stovall as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary.

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For COUNTY CLERK

We are authorized to announce AG Gray as an independent candidate for county clerk at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Rosser as a candidate for county clerk, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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For SHERIFF

We are authorized to announce Mr. Zach Miller as an independent candidate for sheriff at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Johnson as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff subject to the action of Democratic primary August 19th.

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For TREASURER

We are authorized to announce GW Hodges as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Mr. AL Thurmond as a candidate for treasurer of Roger Mills County.

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For ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce WR Beaty as a candidate for tax assessor of Roger Mills County, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce PS Taylor as a candidate for township trustee, Cheyenne township, Roger Mills County.

We are authorized to announce GW Curby as a candidate for tax assessor of Roger Mills

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We are too modest to repeat it, but it is being quite generally circulated that a paper like The Sunbeam is anything else than a drawback to the town.

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However much we may differ on other things, there can be no doubt as to the course to be taken in building up a good school in Cheyenne.

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We beg to assure the farmers of Elk Creek that if The Sunbeam remains under its present management another year, or five years, that none of them need leave the county on that account, nor need any one tear down a drift fence. We assure them further that if anyone has told them so in order to excite their prejudice and thereby gain their following, that he is unworthy of their confidence in any particular.

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The populist leaders nominated Bryan and Watson for president and vice-president. The populist masses, not having any jobs to hold and being in earnest about what they profess, will vote for Bryan and Sewell.

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The credit of this great government does not depend on the amount of gold or silver in its coffers or in our mines. It rests on the entire resources of the land; on the intelligence, industry and patriotism of the people, and is in every sense of the word gilt edge.

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Personal Items

Tobe Thompson was up from Quartermaster Monday.

Ellington Elliott of Elk Creek is gathering a bunch of fat steers for the market.

Zeke Stephens came in early in the week from a somewhat protracted stay on his farm.

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JH Stilwell brought in Tuesday some fine green corn, some of it larger than any ever grown in this country before.

MH Kellum and Wick Waters passed through Cheyenne Sunday, returning home from Chicago where they marketed a train of beeves. They had the misfortune to strike a very hard market.



Mr. NG Buchanan, of Throckmorton, Texas, father of Mrs. LA Beaty, is a welcome guest at the Beaty homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shufeldt were visitors in the city last Saturday making glad the hearts of our business men with their dealings.

Joe Hudson and Oval Keene returned Wednesday from Woodward, where they loaded out the Keene shipment of beeves last Sunday.

DH Collier, one of our most prosperous stock farmers, was in the city Saturday, and takes advantage of our brand directory to make his brand public.



Deputy United States Marshal Will Banks, now of El Reno, is expected home in a few days, and it is expected that he will remain here when he arrives.

Uncle Johnie Richerson, Mayor of Berlin, was in the city last Saturday, renewing acquaintance with his old friends here.

“Cub” Roberts, the Quartermaster stockman, was in the city Monday. He has just disposed of some of his fat steers at \$24 per head.

Prof JB Hutton, a well known educator of this territory, is in the city, and the prospects are that our school board will be fortunate to secure his services as teacher for the next session of our school.

Mr. JF Johnson, the popular business man of Canadian, received a fall a few days since which resulted in a broken collar bone. He is too energetic and full of business however, to allow a little thing like that to interfere with his affairs very seriously.

A personal letter from Sheriff WB Johnson states that Mrs. Johnson stood the trip to Wichita, Kansas, well, but that he does not know yet how long he will remain there. It contains the further cheerful intelligence that beer is only five cents a tubful, with a full supply on hand.

Charley Hensley is announced this week as a candidate for county commissioner. Mr. Hensley has always been recognized by the people among whom he lived as a square, true man, and he has plenty of sense to understand the needs of the county, and plenty of independence to stand up for what he deems best for the county.

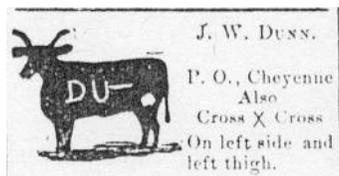
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JW Dunn, one of our most genial stockmen, came in yesterday from his ranch. He bears the news that the court house at Grand was burned last Sunday night together with all the public records of the county. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, as no one was sleeping in the building and no fire was kept there.

Local Items

Grandma Lard happened to the misfortune of breaking an arm Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lard are happy over the arrival of a fair baby daughter to brighten their household.

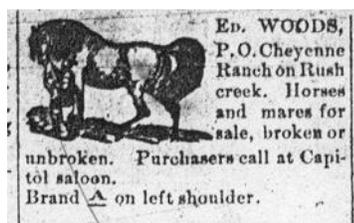
Rev HM Bandy, a Christian minister of great eloquence, has been preaching a series of sermons here during the past week, and has aroused much interest. The meetings are very largely attended, and will continue at least until Sunday night. Next Sunday services will be held at the arbor where the Fourth of July picnic was held, and dinner will be served on the grounds. A very large congregation is expected and will be well entertained.

A gentleman of the name of Wood, living on Quartermaster creek, was kicked by a horse last Tuesday and quite severely injured.

Offutt, Elmore, and Cooper wish the people of the country to understand that they desire their patronage, and speak through the columns of The Sunbeam for a share of live stock shipments. They are a first class firm in every respect.

The community unites in sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. OL Johnson over the loss of their little child which died last Sunday.

Ed Woods' A— horse brand will appear in our brand directory as soon as proper horse cuts arrive. Ed has some good horses for sale all the time, and may be found by purchasers at the Capital saloon in this city.



Mr. PS Taylor changes the announcement of his candidacy for assessor to township trustee, it appearing that there is no such office as assessor, trustee being the name given by the statutes. Other candidates for that office may have similar change made without cost.

A Sunbeam representative was fortunate enough this week to get a free ride down to Elk creek, one of the best settlements in the county. The people there have a nice stone schoolhouse, splendid crops, and are prosperous generally. There are some fifty or sixty acres of cotton in that neighborhood, which promises to make a bale per acre.

A Sad Errand

Sam Doxey returned early in the week from Iowa, where he has been in attendance upon the deathbed of his young bride. Death is always terrible, but the death of one so fair and young and with such prospects of happiness ahead, is particularly distressing. Kind words cannot heal such cruel wounds, but a host of friends extend to the bereaved husband a sincere sympathy in his great affliction.

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Our School

The school board for this district held a very important meeting last Saturday in the office of Clerk McMurtry, at which arrangements were made for a six months school, as will be seen by the subjoined address to the people. This will be good news not only to the people of this town but to a number of others who will be glad of a chance to educate their children here. The people have a chance to build up a good school and no good citizen should fail to aid the board in every way possible. Here is the address of the board: To the patrons and pupils of Cheyenne school district. At a meeting of the school board it was ordered that school should commence September 14th, 1896, and run not less than six months, and that a first-class teacher be employed to teach same.

Respectfully,
JR Casady, Director
EG Thurmond, Treasure
JW McMurtry, Clerk

A Dead Indian

Last Sunday a gentleman came in from White Shield creek in the extreme eastern part of the county and reported that the remains of a man had been found in that country. Probate Judge Leary and Deputy Sheriff Rosser at once left to investigate. They found the dead man all right, impounded a jury of inquest, summoned witnesses and elicited the following information which Mr. Rosser kindly furnished. The Sunbeam: Some two or three weeks ago Mr. WP Peace, living in the neighborhood mentioned, while riding across the prairie came upon an Indian lying down, and, upon asking what was the matter, the Indian said: "Water—heap sick." Mr. Peace directed the poor fellow to a water hole a couple of miles away and rode on to the Washita where he reported the occurrence to the agent. The Indian had told Mr. Peace that he was Apache and the agent wrote to the commandant at Fort Sill receiving the reply

that a certain Indian had left the agency with permission of several months' absence and with money to take him to Arizona. The men sent out by the agent to hunt the Indian failed to bring him back, and as the clothes found near the remains were identified by Mr. Peace as the ones wore by the sick Indian, there is hardly a doubt that the remains were those of the unfortunate man he had directed to water but who most probably never found it. The dead man had been very well dressed for an Indian, but no money was found in his clothes or any paper whatever by which his identity might be established. The jury of course found that an unknown man had met his death by unknown means. Those present gave the skeleton as decent a burial as circumstances permitted.

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Business men ought to be the last ones to create distrust in our institutions, and yet they are the very ones who scare business out of the country in their efforts to make the election go their way. "What fools these mortals be."

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This is the year to wrestle Oklahoma from republican rule under which it has groaned since its organization. By taking the legislature out of their hands a tax rate which has well nigh driven property from the territory will be reduced until the people can bear their public burdens and have something left on which to feed and clothe and educate their little ones.

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No Boycott Goes

The threat to boycott The Sunbeam because it cannot be dictated to is of little interest to the public or the management of the paper, for the paper will be conducted with such manifest fairness to every citizen of the county as to convince every fair-minded man that it is worthy the support of everyone who only has the good of the county to consider and that it is published in the interest of the entire people. The effort being made however to withdraw trade from Thurmond Bros because they have political and personal preferences of their own, is wrong in every sense of the word. They are free taxpaying citizens and have a right to their political ideas just the same as any other business man here, and any effort to injure a man's business because of his political views will be promptly condemned by this paper and by the public generally. Let Thurmond Bros., Hodges & Bradford, Mr. Morris, John Gober, Colburn & Stahl or anybody else entertain their own free ideas as to what is best for the county, and let it make no difference in their business relations. Any other course is contrary to civilized politics.

Our School

Our school board has been fortunate enough to secure the services of Prof. JD Hutton as principal of the Cheyenne school for the term commencing Sept. 14th. Prof Hutton is an educator of well known ability, and his name is a guarantee that the school will be successfully managed. The prospects are that the school will be very largely attended and an able assistant will be selected by the board. Everything points to a general awakening in school interests and to the building up of a good educational system in our city.

A FREE SILVER CLUB

Enthusiastic Gathering of Friends Of Silver A big Club Organized

A good sized audience filled the school house last Saturday in response to the call of citizens for a ratification meeting to endorse the action of the national democratic convention. The meeting was called to order and its subjects briefly explained, after which GR Graves was elected chairman and DW Tracy chosen secretary.

On motion a committee consisting of Robt Banks, WB Stovall, EE Tracy, JW Putman and PS Taylor was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting.

While the committee was out, in response to calls, Judge Jno B Harrison entertained the meeting with an eloquent speech in which he fully endorsed the action of the convention and severely criticized bolting democrats and those populists who refused to ratify the action of their convention in supporting Bryan. At the close of the judge's remarks the committee reported a set of resolutions strongly endorsing the democratic national ticket and platform. The resolutions were adopted without debate, and then it was resolved to go into the organization of a Bryan Free Silver club and a resolution was adopted requesting the democratic chairmen of the different districts to organize similar clubs in their respective districts. The organization of the club was effected by the election of JW Putman permanent president and John B Harrison secretary.

Time was given for the secretary to get a list of the names of those present who desired to become members of the club, and fifty-three members were enrolled on the spot.

On motion of John B Harrison the chair was instructed to appoint a committee of five to draft laws by which the club shall be governed in the future. The chair appointed as such committee John B Harrison, John E

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On motion of DW Tracy this committee was instructed to report to a meeting of the club to be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 13. The club then adjourned until the date named.

Personal Items

AS McKinney has returned from a protracted visit to Woodward.

HB Bradford and DW Tracy left Tuesday morning for a business visit to Canadian.

Mr. and Mrs. JA Colburn and Jeff Colburn returned Tuesday from a two months visit to their relatives in the Indian Territory. They are glad to be once more among their prosperous old friends, and say that this is the only county they have seen which is not badly off in the way of crops on account of the drought which prevails all around us.

JW McMurtry, Esq. returned yesterday from a visit to our neighboring county capital, Grand, where he has been attending to the legal affairs of a client. Judge McMurtry states that the citizens of Day County have refused to vote a tax to rebuild their destroyed court house and that there is a very strong sentiment there for a coalition with this county in order that taxation may be reduced to the lowest possible rate.

United States post office inspector Frank Babeer was in the city Saturday on a general tour of inspection. He complimented first-assistant postmaster Clarence Thurmond very heartily on the condition in which he found the affairs of his office, declaring that he had not visited another office in which the books were so neat and well kept. From here he went to Doxey, and found that postmaster JE Pullen was also deserving of high compliment on account of the accuracy and promptness which characterized his office.

Local Items

A fine shower fell Tuesday night, which enlivened the grass and greatly benefitted late crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson, on the upper Washita, are happy over the birth of a fair baby girl.

The Baptists are having an interesting protracted meeting on Kiowa conducted by Revs Smith and McClure.

At the republican county convention held here last Saturday Chas Miller and LL Collins were elected delegates to the republican council convention to be held at Grand. Joseph Dudney was elected as alternate.

Johnnie Gober distinguished himself Tuesday and displayed expert horsemanship in catching a runaway team which became frightened and made a dash. Johnnie mounted a horse which happened to be standing nearby and soon was alongside of the runaways and had them under control.

Mr. AO Miller, one of our most upright and intelligent citizens, announces this week for probate judge. Mr. Miller is too well known to the citizens of Roger Mills County to need commendation at our hands. If elected to this important office he will no doubt perform its duties conscientiously.

A social party was enjoyed by the young people of the vicinity at the pleasant residence of Mr. and Mrs. EG Thurmond last night. We much regret that want of space prevents our giving the interesting program in full, but suffice it to say that all the young people were there in their happiest frame of mind, and that an interesting and entertaining musical and literary program was carried out, nice refreshments enjoyed and everyone made happy.

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Berlin, our new and ambitious neighbor, is at present laboring under the inconvenience of having a post office named "Doxey", not harmonizing with the name of the town. Postmaster Pullen however is sending up a petition to have the name of the office changed from Doxey to Berlin, and hopes soon to have the change made and to be able to let the people know that it will not be necessary to address a letter to Doxey in order to reach Berlin.

Wm Hext passed up the trail to Woodward Wednesday with a string of some five hundred fat beeves which will be shipped to market upon their arrival at the railroad. Jeff Price is also along with something over a hundred head of prime cattle which will be shipped at the same time. Byrd & Hawkins have also gathered a good sized string of steers, and are on the trail to the shipping pens.

A Change

Ed Sunbeam:

When I made my announcement for township trustee subject to the democratic primaries, I supposed the primary would give fair expression of the people's wishes, but I now have reason to believe that the primary will not represent the sentiment of the people generally, consequently I ask that you will please change my announcement so as to make my selection subject to the voice of the people at the polls in November.

WR Beaty

Political Speaking

We are authorized to announce that the candidates before the democratic primary will speak at the following places on the dates below at 1 o'clock p.m.:

- Red Moon school house, Saturday, August 15th
- Sweetwater, Monday, August 17th

- Timber Creek school house, Wednesday, August 19th
- Indian Creek school house, Thursday, August 20th
- Elk Creek school house, Friday, August 21st
- Sandstone school house, Saturday, August 22nd
- Kiowa, Monday August 24th
- Cheyenne school house, Wednesday, August 26th

The voters of our county are cordially invited to turn out and listen to what the candidates have to say.

Wedding Bells

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Ursi Keen, of this county, and Miss Maudie Fleeman³ of Greer County, drove into the city and Mr. Keen lost no time in getting into the presence of His Honor Judge Leary and procuring a marriage license. The couple then drove to Judge Leary's residence, and, in his honor's most impressive manner, made man and wife. After which they repaired to the Cheyenne hotel where they remained till yesterday morning and returned to receive the blessing of parents. Mr. Keen is one of our promising young citizens engaged in the cattle business in the southern part of this county and his fair and accomplished bride is a daughter of one of Greer County's best citizens.

*"As half in shade and half in sun
This world along its course advance,
May that side the sun's upon
Be all that e'er shall meet their
glances."*

³ Maudie Fluman "189600010048" Roger Mills County marriage index.

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The Sunbeams School Fund

The following sums have been voluntarily subscribed for the purpose of assisting the school board in maintaining a school for six months or longer, commencing September 14th:

The Sunbeam.....	\$5
Alfred Gray.....	\$5
DW Davies.....	\$5
JL Warren.....	\$5

The list is still open. Whose name shall we add next week?

Berlin Picnic

The following, which is self explanatory, has been handed The Sunbeam for publication:

Berlin, O.T.

At a meeting of the citizens of Roger Mills county on August 1st, 1896, it was decided to have a grand barbeque and picnic at Berlin on September 16th, 1896—a grand ratification of the settlers of Roger Mills County—and the following committeemen have been selected: BF Rosser, Beau Jones, JJ Joyce, on Sandstone Creek; JR Richerson Mac Beeson, Timber Creek; Fount Sutton, Indian Creek; Robt Banks, Jordan Crabtree, Wiley Walker, Elk Creek; WJ Davis, Nine-mile Creek, NW Akins, IH Thomas, Kiowa Creek; Ms Peace, White Shield; Wm Doxey, Washita; Sam Curby, Custer Bend; LT Boyd, Red Moon; JW Putman, Cheyenne; Geo Puryear, Sweetwater.

A Trip to the Agency

The ruling spirit to roam and ramble is always so strong in me that I can never refuse a chance to go somewhere, and so Wednesday morning when I was offered a seat in the buggy by the side of Clebe Thurmond for a day's outing including a visit to the Washita Indian agency, I never once thought of

declining the invitation. A glorious shower had fallen the night before, the freshened grass sparkled in the sunlight, and a perfume as of Eden swept over the plains as we bowled over the prairie eastward.

Some twenty miles down the Washita we came upon the teepees of the Cheyennes and were soon at the residence of Mr. JH Hammon, the agent, who, with his family, has resided there nearly three years. Mr. Hammon has been very successful in the management of the Indians and has very materially improved their condition. When he came there, only five acres of land was in cultivation, and now he has three hundred and thirty-three acres under a fair state of cultivation, while some of the Indians have good sized individual farms which they are cultivating with fair success. With one or two exceptions the Indians have no cattle, and these have only five or six head. They have, however, a superabundance of ponies which are practically worthless.

There are about 175 Indians on the reservation, about forty of that number being men, and about half of whom work cheerfully under the direction of the agent, the other half being pullbacks. White Shield is now the principal chief, or at least the one of greatest influence, though there are a number of other petty chieftains with more or less following.

The government has contracted for a \$12,000 school house, the erection of which is to commence at once, and there are about sixty-five Indian children to be educated there.

The Cheyennes are just now a little ugly on account of the new regulations in the issuance of beef. Formerly the beeves were delivered alive to the Indians, who slaughtered them themselves, now however, the government has ordered the beeves to be received and weighed at Cantonement and then turned over to the agent who is to butcher them and issue the meat to the Indians dressed. The Indians flatly refuse to receive it in this fashion and Mr. Hammon firmly refuses to issue it to them

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any other way, and consequently the beeves remain in the agency pasture un-slaughtered, and the Cheyenne complain loudly that they have no "wa-ha" no "chuckaway," and are by no means in a good humor with the agent. Wednesday evening they were gathering from all quarters at Big Bear's camp for a dance and seemed altogether in a mood to make an ugly bluff. It is safe to say however that Agent Hammon will have his own way.

Quite a civilized marriage occurred at the agency last Friday. The high contracting parties were Mr. Robt Big Bear and Miss Bear Woman, daughter of White Spoon. The match had the romantic feature of being an elopement, and the wedding took place at the agent's residence. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev Edgar Simms of the Methodist Church, the bride, being given away by Agent Hammon.

A pleasant chat with the agent, a fruitless attempt to dicker with the Indians for moccasins, a lunch under a spreading elm, partially shared by a buck or two who complained of want of chuckaway in their own wigwams, and then home again.

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The republicans assertion that the democratic party is responsible for the pernicious laws of the territory is about the corkenest corker we ever saw do the corking act.

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The republican papers throughout the territory are radically opposed to a fusion of democrats and populists on the delegate to congress. We presume however that the

republicans will not be taken into the council when the question of fusion is officially considered.

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The citizens here, in conjunction with the county superintendent and the teachers throughout the country, should use their efforts to get up an interesting and profitable teachers' association to meet at Cheyenne at least once every three months. We have a number of bright teachers in the county, and also a number who are not in the profession of teaching who would gladly take part in and co-operate with the superintendent and teachers to make the association interesting and profitable and promote the cause of education. Let us see what can be done in this line.

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The dry weather of the past few weeks will have done some good if it puts people to thinking and working to mitigate its effects in the future. Those who comfort themselves with the reflection that this is the worst season for many years and not likely to be repeated for years to come are those least familiar with the history of this country. It is dry this year, and has been dry before and will be again, and the man who goes right to work now with the full determination to reduce as far as possible the loss concerned by dry weather is the one who will have least to complain of in the future. Windmills have been suggested as a means for furnishing water from below the surface for the use of stock on the high summer ranges, but there is a less expensive and equally practicable method—the construction of dams on all the small creeks and draws of our county. There is scarcely a section of land here where, by the exercise of a little judgment and labor, such dams could be built at little cost and in time that would be otherwise wasted in hunting up famished stock and feeding those which had been

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reduced by privation and want of water. On all our creeks nature has provided the rock, timber and cement necessary in this work, and if we neglect our duty in utilizing them the blame is ours and the results will be financial loss.

Personal Items

JO Kelly was in from Sweetwater Tuesday.

Mr. Howerton is making frequent visits to town of late.

Beau Jones was in from the Sandstone neighborhood Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson, from the south side, were in trading Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Wood and little son have been visiting on Rush Creek this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cree are happy over the arrival of a brand new girl in their home.

JM Johnson, one of Sandstone's substantial stock farmers, was here Monday.

Misses Johnson and Guernsey were in from Custer Bend trading Thursday.

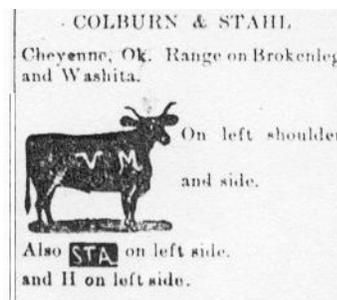
Klebe Thurmond has gone to Kansas City to purchase a fall stock of dry goods.

Mr. Ake from up the Washita has moved his family into the restaurant building in town.

Charley Thompson was in the city yesterday, comparing complexions and spinning yarns.

Ab Anderson and Henry Thompson took in the Higgins races and report having had a good time.

Jim Richerson brought in twelve head of yearling steers the other day which he had sold to Thurmond Bros.



Messrs Johnie Gober and John Stahl are on a business trip to Canadian and other points this week.

Hawkins & Smyley, PS Doxey of Timber Creek, and Taylor & Bailey from Elk, are shipping beef this week.



Mr. Cub Roberts, his mother (Mrs. Williams), and Henry Taylor, started this week for New Mexico to find a location for a ranch.

Will Bowman returned this week from a trip to the east, whither he had been with a bunch of horses. He reports short crops and dry weather where he has been—the corn crop almost a failure.

In our announcement columns will be found the name of Ed Bright who is a candidate for constable of this precinct, which really means the entire county. Mr. Bright is a prudent, conservative young man who will, if elected, perform the duties of his office without fear or favor and treat everyone with impartial justice. The Sunbeam commends him to the voters of the county.

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In this issue of The Sunbeam we announce Mr. JH Parrish as a candidate for county commissioner. Mr. Parrish is fully identified with every interest of the county, thoroughly conversant with every interest, and as county commissioner would be always prepared to serve the best interest of the county, and being a conscientious man would never consent to see the county worsted. He is in every sense of the word qualified for the office he is willing to accept at the hands of his fellow citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Cash, from the upper Washita, were in trading Wednesday. Mr. Cash is one of Day County's substantial and intelligent citizens, and is strongly in favor of annexing the south side of Day to Roger Mills County. He reports that the sentiment of annexation is almost unanimous on the south side of the Canadian river. The only objection whatever is because of high taxation in this county. Now Roger Mills has the lowest rate in the territory for this year, and under an economical administration will continue to reduce the rate in the future, the sentiment should be unanimous in favor of annexation.

Local Items

Ge-whiz, ain't it hot!

The candidates are making a tour of the country this week.

The semi-annual meeting of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association convenes in Woodward Sept. 14th.

The Taloga Advocate remarks that Cheyenne is a good convention town and that Cheyenne folks know how to treat people.

The republicans met in convention at Grand, Day County, this week and nominated Harry Smith of Washita County for councilman and

Frank Fillmore for representative. Both these gentlemen are newspaper men.

Parson Smith, of the Baptist Church, has been conducting an interesting and successful revival on East Kiowa this week. We understand that he will begin a series of meetings on Quatermaster in the latter part of this week.

At a populist meeting on Barnitz Creek last week Wm Dennis and Porter Davis agreed to disagree. Dennis now carries several ugly wounds on his head inflicted with the butt end of a pistol, whilst Davis is breathing through a terrible gash in his throat inflicted with a knife.

The candidates are having a good time down on Elk Creek where the citizens have killed a fatted calf and have given them a royal welcome. Tomorrow the good folks on Sandstone will do likewise and an equally enjoyable time is anticipated. Several spectators will go out from Cheyenne and participate in the fun.

The Bryan free silver club met at the school house at 2 o'clock on last Saturday, to receive the report and regulations. There being only two members of the committee present, JR Casady and JB Harrison, and they not desiring to take the responsibility of submitting a report without the concurrence of the other three members of the committee, asked until next Saturday, Aug. 22nd, to report. On motion of JN Arnold the committee was given until above mentioned date to report. After some short but interesting talks from Messrs JR Casady, JN Arnold, EG Thurmond and JB Harrison, the club adjourned to meet again next Saturday.

Dr. FL Overstreet, the dentist, will be in Cheyenne August 24th to 30th, and will be prepared to do all kinds of dental work. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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A Warning

Dr. JP Miller is this week in receipt of a letter from the territorial board of health urging him and the county attorney prosecute all persons, women or men, who have practiced or attempted to practice medicine in any form without first complying with the Statutes of Oklahoma regulating the practice of medicine and surgery.

Cheyenne Indian Leases

Darlington, Oklahoma

Aug. 7, 1896

To Whom It May Concern:

It having been decided to make some changes in the rules governing the leasing of Indian allotments heretofore in effect and made public through printed circulars, it is requested that the citizens interested therein will meet at the headquarters of the several farming districts of this agency, on Saturday, August 29th, 1896, for the purpose of consultation and expression of their views in regard to the terms upon which such allotments should be leased. It is the desire of this office that these terms shall be made acceptable to all parties concerned; and to this end they will be made as liberal as the interests of the allottee will justify.

Very Respectfully,
E Woodson,
Captain 5th Cavalry,
Acting Indian Agent

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Our Public Lands

Mr. RR Poe, special agent of the general land office, arrived in this city last Sunday and has spent the most of the week in this county. His mission is of considerable interest to the citizens of this county and he has spent several days making inquiries into matters pertaining to land office matters, such as the recommendation of the cancellation of entries that are held fraudulently without settlement and improvement in accordance with law, and into the matter of abandoned entries.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

We are authorized to announce HC Harris as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce Prof WB Stovall as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary.

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For COUNTY CLERK

We are authorized to announce AG Gray as an independent candidate for county clerk at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Rosser as a candidate for county clerk, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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For SHERIFF

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We are authorized to announce Mr. Zach Miller as an independent candidate for sheriff at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Johnson as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff subject to the action of Democratic primary August 19th.

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For TREASURER

We are authorized to announce GW Hodges as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Mr. AL Thurmond as a candidate for treasurer of Roger Mills County.

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For ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce PS Taylor as a candidate for tax assessor of Roger Mills County.

We are authorized to announce GW Curby as a candidate for tax assessor of Roger Mills County, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Gus Jones as a candidate before the democratic primary for the nomination for the office of tax assessor.

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For PROBATE JUDGE

We are authorized to announce EE Tracy as a candidate for the office of probate judge, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce AO Miller as a candidate for probate judge subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

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For COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce HD Cox as an independent candidate for county commissioner for District #1 at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WA Bright as a candidate for county commissioner of district #2, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce Charley Hensley as a candidate for county commissioner of district #2, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce JH Parrish as a candidate for county commissioner from district #1, subject to the will of the populist party.

We are authorized to announce Champ Davis as an independent candidate for county commissioner from district #2.

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For COUNTY ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce John B Harrison as a candidate for re-election to the office of county attorney, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

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For CONSTABLE

We are authorized to announce Ed Bright as a candidate for the office of constable of Cheyenne township, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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A man who boasts of keeping a string of race horses, who never refused a drink and whose every sentence is punctuated with profanity, ought not to be too severe on people who associate with gamblers and saloon men.

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We are much indebted to our pleasant and accommodating county attorney John B. Harrison for the very satisfactory manner in which he performed the duties of editor of The Sunbeam last week during the enforced absence of the regular editor, and our readers may thank him for the excellence of last week's issue.

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Cheyenne Needs

A good blacksmith.
A good shoemaker.
A good drug store.
Less political agitation.
More harmony in business matters.
Fewer grumblers.
A little rain.
More cash and less credit business.
Some level headed sensible people who regard the general prosperity of the county more than petty personal matters.

Party Methods

The Sunbeam has no war to make on any candidate for office in this county. Generally speaking the various candidates are among our best citizens and the county is to be congratulated that in case of success of either ticket there is little danger of bad men getting control of municipal affairs. But we unhesitatingly condemn as injurious to county interests the course of the gentleman calling himself the head of the democracy of the county in needlessly stirring up prejudice and bad feelings by unjust insinuations of dishonesty of those who fail to agree with him in party methods. His statement that there is one—emphasizing the one—honest candidate who is not running under the system provided by his committee, is a wanton and unjustifiable insult to those gentlemen who are asking for office and submitting their claims directly to the people. If he knows of any dishonest act of any candidate it is his duty in the role of guardian of the county which he seems to have assumed to make it publicly known that voters may cast their ballots intelligently for good men, and if he is not in position to make direct charges he ought to be wise enough to know that general insinuations of dishonesty unsupported by proof of any kind is not the weapons of a

brave and frank political opponent. The Sunbeam does not believe that only one of the numerous candidates running for office without his certificate of character is honest, and the people who deal daily with the other candidates on the Independent ticket will not believe that they are dishonest until some tangible proof is given them.

Again, the assertion made here last Wednesday that corrupt men will center on independent candidates is a foolish insult to the hundreds of good citizens who think they have enough to vote without direction from any set of men.

Nor does it help this county in the eyes of the world generally for the gentleman calling himself the head of the democratic party to continually prate of the dishonesty of our citizens, when the fact is there is not a more quiet, law abiding citizenship in any county in the union than Roger Mills County can boast of.

When the gentleman learns that people may differ with him as to party methods and still be honest he will be more competent to boast of being the head of the democracy of the county.

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Personal Items

Dr. FL Overstreet, the well known Canadian dentist, has been in the city this week attending to the wants of his clientage in this county.

JW Dunn, one of Day County's most prosperous and pleasant stockmen, was in the city early in the week taking a little vacation from the arduous duties of putting up hay.

Master Monte Pete Woods, oldest son of Ed Woods, is in Texas attending camp meeting. He is incidentally accompanied by his mother.

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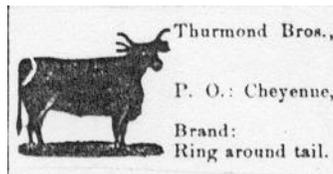
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Mr. JH Hammon, the Indian agent at the Washita agency, was in the city Tuesday renewing acquaintance with old friends. He states that the Cheyennes are still stubborn about receiving their beef unless they are allowed to butcher it themselves, and that consequently their beef rations are yet saved to the government. A few however, have expressed a willingness to accept his terms and for these he will slaughter and issue. Those who hold out against his rules will get no wa-ha.

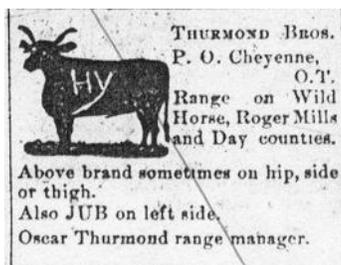
John Reed has just returned from a trip to Kansas City where he has been attending to the marketing of some cattle. He promises to remain with us in the future.

Alfred F. Smith and F. Lowdermilk, two Sweetwater citizens, were in the city early in the week proving up on their claims.

Wm Hext and Jeff Price returned Sunday from Kansas City, where they disposed of some very good cattle on a fair market.



Oscar Thurmond is gathering beeves and will ship from Gage about the first of the month.



Chas Hensley and Henry Thompson returned early in the week from Mangum, where they went to enjoy the big three day picnic.

WW Duke and Stoney are on the road to the shipping pens at Gage with some fat beeves.



Mr. JS Gober, in returning from a business trip to Canadian last Friday was overcome with heat and taken so violently ill that he had to have assistance in reaching home, where he was confined to his bed for several days. He is now however able to be about and is safely convalescent.

Sheriff and Mrs. WB Johnson returned Tuesday for Wichita, Ks. where Mrs. Johnson has been receiving medical aid. It is pleasant to note that she seems entirely restored to health, except for natural weakness resulting from treatment which will, it is confidently hoped, disappear under the ministrations of so many friendly hands. WB himself looks as hearty as could be wished and seems happy to be among his own people again.

Mr. Champ Davis, one of the best citizens of the county, is a candidate for county commissioner from district two. Mr. Davis is a prudent, intelligent and conservative business man whose services as commissioner the county will be fortunate to secure, and in whose hands all interests will be safe.

Mr. EK Thurmond left last week for Kansas City and other wholesale centers to lay in the biggest fall and winter stock of goods ever seen in Cheyenne. Thurmond Bros. mean that there shall be no excuse for anyone going from home to buy anything which can be kept in a general supply house.

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The Berlin Picnic

There will be a meeting at Berlin on the first Saturday in September for the purpose of selling the privilege of the dance platform and lemonade stand. There will be a great crowd there on the 16th of the month, and parties who desire to make a little speculation on that day will do well to attend the meeting one week from tomorrow.

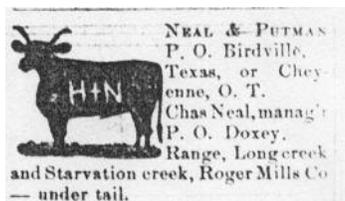
Local Items

John Salyer is the proud possessor of a pair of very finely bred pigs sent him from a friend in eastern Texas.

Chas Hensley having heard that it had been stated that he had withdrawn from the race for county commissioner, desires the report corrected and wishes his friends to understand that he is in the race to a finish.

HM Anderson came in early in the week from Gageby.

Mr. WR Beaty withdraws his announcement for township trustee and desires the public to know that he is no longer a candidate.



Neal & Putman and Kellum & Waters of the North Fork country, will roundup tomorrow for beeves for the market.



Estray Hogs

Two Poland China sows, marked overbit right, underbit left, at Fred Tunnard's place on Dead Indian Creek. Owner can have them by paying for this notice.

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A New Post Road

One of the greatest needs of this immediate section is a postal line connecting this city with the Rock Island railroad outlet, and considering the short distance over which the line would run and the number of people to be served, it is quite strange that this line has not already been established. A line connecting this place with Hammon, only twenty miles east of here over a good road, is all that is needed. From there a line connects with the eastern mails generally.

At present a letter addressed to a citizen in the eastern part of this county has to around via Canadian through Kansas, thence south to Arapahoe and then to Hammon, only twenty miles from here. In a word, the eastern part of this county is practically cut off from mail communication with the county seat. It is the intention however to remedy this state of affairs, and postmasters Thurmond of this

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place and Hammon of Hammon have agreed to interest themselves in an effort to have the department at Washington establish a route as herein indicated.

The Normal School for Oklahoma at Edmond

The Normal school for Oklahoma, situated at Edmond, on the Santa Fe RR, about midway between Guthrie and Oklahoma City, is one of the educational institutions of which this territory has just cause to be proud.

The catalogue, an unusually neat piece of work, now lies before us.

Last year about 160 students were enrolled, the session closing with about 130 in regular attendance, certainly a remarkable showing, and one that attests, in strongest terms, the ability of the faculty and the vigor and success of the management of the board of regents.

Tuition is free, as is also instruction in music—an unusual and praise-worthy feature. The faculty is full and well organized.

Two courses of study are offered; first, the “Introductory,” to which pupils from the district schools may obtain entrance; and second, the “Normal,” for older and more advanced students. The “Introductory,” it seems to us, fills the gap between our district schools and higher work in any of our territorial institutions, while the “Normal” is admirably adapted to the training of teachers. Special arrangements are made for the graduates from the public schools and for teachers who wish to obtain county certificates.

The diploma is a five-year certificate for the territory, renewable by the territorial superintendent upon evidence of satisfactory work in teaching.

Board may be obtained in private families at rates ranging from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week.

Students who rent rooms and board themselves live at an expense much lower.

The president of the school, Prof. Edmund D. Murdaugh, and the secretary of the board, Hon. J.L. Mitch, state, in the catalogue, that any further information will be furnished with pleasure.

They may be addressed at Edmond, Okla.

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**Bring in your
JOB WORK
Mr. Cassady
is in charge of the
Job Department**

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The skunk and the slanderer are somewhat similar in their methods of warfare.

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Roger Mills County should not be disgraced by attempts to bulldoze and threats of violence.

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An itinerant political teacher who boards around with the pupils is a new feature in Roger Mills County politics.

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It is hard to see how abuse and slander of a man who is not a candidate for any office and who has no candidates to elect can help win a campaign among sensible people.

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Let the people peaceably express their preferences at the polls unaided by an agitator or boss. The people can be trusted.

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Threats of personal violence will not deter The Sunbeam from pursuing the same even tenor of its independent course, treating everyone alike and working for the general good.

We are in receipt of the first number of the Woodward Star, a well edited and neatly published weekly under the management of Will Taylor. The Star has our best wishes, and is with pleasure placed upon our exchange list.

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JL Warren, one of the best citizens of the county, says that MH Denniston, another good citizen and member of the democratic central committee which ordered the recent primaries, told him (Warren) that there was an agreement between the democratic and republican central committees that the republicans should be allowed the probate judge on the democratic ticket and in return should support the rest of the ticket. This is some of the rock ribbed democracy of which we have been hearing so much about.

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Personal Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Quartermaster were in the city yesterday.

Arthur Roberts the popular young Quartermaster stockman is reported quite sick.

Mr. George Gerlach, one of Canadian's most prosperous and enterprising merchants, was in the city early in the week attending to business affairs.

Fred Caudill has returned from Texas where he was successful in refuting the charges against him in the courts and will henceforth live among the unmolested.

Mr. EK Thurmond has just returned from the eastern wholesale market and is being followed by the largest invoice of general merchandise ever brought to the county.

Cam Wilson, the Jehu who pulls the lines over this end of the Canadian stage lines, is one of the most accommodating and useful men on the road. He is always ready to carry a message or do a favor.

Mrs. Minnie Burlingame of Canadian has been in the city visiting Mrs. JA Colburn and other friends in the community. On her return to Canadian she was accompanied by her sister Mrs. Stoney Duke and also by Miss Callie Milligan, who will spend a few pleasant days in Hemphill's capital.

His Honor John E. Leary enters the field for re-election to the office of probate judge. His official career is before the people and they are competent to judge his merits. He is a pleasant gentleman and The Sunbeam is in possession of no information which should militate against his interests.

Miss Florence Thurmond leaves next week for Fort Worth, where she enters school for the coming session. She will be much missed by the society people here who will anxiously wait to welcome her return. She is accompanied by her brother Clarence, our pleasant and accommodating postmaster, who goes to his old home in Tarrant County to enjoy a well earned vacation among the friends of his childhood.

Local Items

Alex Clapp who has a quite well improved claim on Sour Dough was unfortunate a few days since in losing his barn by fire which he thinks must have been incendiary.

Parties can have the pleasure of listening to WJ Bryan's magnificent speech word for word, tone for tone, and also the speech of

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Major McKinley, reproduced on the phonograph at the Favorite saloon tomorrow.

We have been unable to get the official vote of last Saturday's primaries. The vote seems to have been light throughout the county. For most of the offices there was no contest, and of course the candidates went in without opposition. For probate judge AO Miller was successful over EE Tracy, and for county school superintendent WC Harris beat Mr. Stovall. Gus Jones is nominated for township trustee, and Ed Bright and Mr. Laird have the nomination for constable. Further information than this we have been unable to obtain.

A Correction

To the Ed. Sunbeam:

The statement having been made public that I have said that I would never vote for a church member of office, I desire to say that I have never made such a statement to anyone and that I have never entertained such sentiment.

Alfred G. Gray

Prepare for School

By calling at the post office and purchasing your books, paper, and pencils, ink and all other school supplies generally.

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School Opens

The board of education for the Cheyenne district authorizes the announcement that school will open here on Monday the 14th instant, with Prof Hutton in charge. For the first three months tuition will be charged at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per month, after which tuition will be free to all pupils living in the district.

A Teacher's Meeting

Editor Sunbeam:

I notice in your last issue an editorial suggesting a convention of the teachers of this county for the purpose of discussing those measures that pertain to their profession. I heartily endorse the suggestion and would like to confer with the teachers of the county concerning the time and place of holding the first meeting.

I cordially invite the teachers to lend their assistance in this matter and think it would result in elevating the standard of our schools.

Very Respectfully,
EE. Tracy,
Co. Supt.

A Denial

Editor Sunbeam:

It is being constantly circulated without the least proof whatever that I am brought out for sheriff by the big cattlemen; that I am against the interests of the farmers and in favor of free grass; and that I wish to take this public method of stating that such reports are absolutely false and are being circulated maliciously, for I desire to warn the public that the man or men who circulated these reports behind my back are unworthy of belief and should be looked upon as slanderous mischief making liars, and if I am elected sheriff it should be my pleasure as well as my

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duty to execute the laws without partiality towards any set of men and I shall treat all with impartial fairness.

Very Respectfully,
Zack Miller

Social and Literary

A delightful social and literary entertainment was given last Monday night at the pleasant residence of Mrs. AS McKinney in the suburbs of the city. The following interesting program kindly furnished by a fair participant was carried out much to the enjoyment of those present:

Program

1st Social Chat
2nd Music by Mr. DW Tracy
3rd Euchre playing by some of the young people.

4th Music by Miss Pearle Cunningham

5th Led by Mr. Charlie Miller and Mr. Clarence Thurmond, a few of the young couples repaired to the buggies, where some of Oklahoma's largest watermelons were neatly stored away. After partaking heartily of the watermelons the young folks climbed into the vehicles and spent pleasant conversations under the silver light of an August moon. Alas! all joys must fade. We were soon called to the house to hear the recitations.

1st We listened to a recitation by Miss Pearle Cunningham "An Order for a Picture."

2nd Recitation by Georgia Kirkman.

3rd Recitation by Miss Jessie Miller.

4th Playing on the harp by Messrs Tom Chilton, Newt Jackson and Clarence Thurmond, accompanied by Mr. DW Tracy on the organ.

After another pleasant chat we bid our hostess adieu and turned our faces homeward to dream of the hasty hours which passed so pleasantly. But, boys, don't forget to bring your girl, or some other fellow's girl, next

time. Don't let some nice girl stay at home because she has no way of coming.

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Three hundred dollars is too much for a little business like The Sunbeam to carry. Certainly, gentlemen knowing themselves indebted to this office, and being able to do so, will call and settle.

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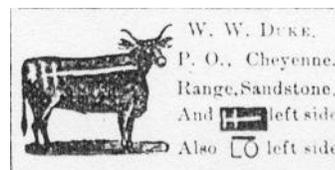
Mr. WR Hext is one of the candidates for county commissioner of Greer County. With a board consisting of such men as he, Greer's interests would be in good hands.

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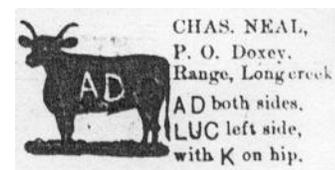
Personal Items

Mr. DA Cann came in yesterday afternoon from Day County.

AL Thurmond and WW Duke have returned from the Kansas City live stock market.



Master Glen Putman, eldest hopeful of the editor, is up from Birdville and a guest of Chas Neal.



The infant child of Mr. WR Fishburn died early in the week. The grieved parents have the sympathy of the community.

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A week's continued sickness must in part account for the shortness of this week's Sunbeam.

JW Dunn, the Day County stockman, is in from his ranch enjoying a few days of city life.

Local Items

A nice slow rain falling at this writing.

Everybody expects a big time at the Berlin picnic next week. Those people out there know how to get up entertainment and will spare no pains to make the people enjoy themselves.

JA Colburn has one of the finest phonographs ever sold. It reproduces operatic airs, speeches, songs, minstrel performances, band concerts etc., with an exactness which is wonderful indeed.

Postmaster Oscar Thurmond is enjoying a change from range to city life at present and is handling Uncle Sam's mails himself during the absence of his assistant Clarence, who is off on vacation.

Parties can have the pleasure of listening to WJ Bryant's magnificent speech word for word, tone for tone, and also the speech of Maj. McKinley, reproduced on the phonograph at the Favorite saloon tomorrow.

The live stock market has been pretty strong this week and stockmen were fortunate who shipped. Some Roger Mills County stock brought as high as three dollars per hundred weight, and all brought good strong prices.

Harry Leslie, who owned the saloon at Grand, shot and instantly killed himself last Saturday morning about five o'clock. He had attended a party in the early part of the evening and escorted a young lady home after the party was over and seemed altogether in good spirits. Returning to the saloon with

some friends he took several drinks of whiskey, called for his pistol and deliberately blew the top of his head off. He was quite well known here and generally liked by his acquaintances.

Hon Dennis Flynn spoke to a good sized audience in the school house here last Saturday, and made a very pleasant impression on most of his hearers although his arguments were open to refutation and criticism, yet he presented his claims for re-election to congress in rather an ingenious manner from a republican standpoint. He was accompanied by Mr. Vincent Murdock, the very pleasant managing editor of the Wichita Eagle.

The Sunbeams School Fund

The following sums have been voluntarily subscribed for the purpose of assisting the school board in maintaining a school for six months or longer, commencing September 14th:

The Sunbeam	\$5
Alfred Gray	\$5
DW Davies	\$5
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The list is still open. Whose name shall we add next week?

School Opens

The board of education for the Cheyenne district authorizes the announcement that school will open here on Monday the 14th instant, with Prof Hutton in charge. For the first three months tuition will be charged at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents per month, after which tuition will be free to all pupils living in the district.

WILL LOSE THEIR CLAIMS

All Entries of Men Who Are
Non-Residents to be Cancelled

A special from Perry has the following: It has been announced here that Major RR Poe,

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special agent of the general land office, with headquarters at Guthrie, will have cancelled all entries upon lands in Oklahoma whose owners live outside of the territory. For men to live in the states and hold claims in the territory is looked upon as being adverse to the interests and advancement of the people of Oklahoma.

File missing for September 18, 1896

September 25, 1896⁴

The Bible warned us against “wolves in lambs clothing”, but he got there just the same.

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“The wicked fleeth when no man pursueth.”
Everybody in Cheyenne wants to know where he went to.

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The Berlin Picnic

As usual at all social gatherings in Roger Mills County, the crowd which attended the Berlin picnic last week was large, merry and enthusiastic. The barbequed meat was done to a turn and in bountiful supply, the dancing platform was smooth, well shaded and pleasantly situated, and a general good time had. We understand that there were those present who would willingly have talked to the dear people on the issues of the day, but were prevented from doing so by the fact that the dancers occupied the platform and wanted to dance and to continue dancing from morning till night, but they didn't want to

dance in the sunshine. The speakers also having a predilection for shade, the wishes of the two conflicted and the dancers won. Thus were the hopes of a talked of candidate for representative from Greer County deferred. They say that hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but, if we are correctly informed, it wasn't the candidate who was sick. If you want to know who it was just mention “chicken” to some of the boys who didn't go to bed at regulation hours that night.

If any of the above is based on fiction, we are willing to retract or affirm as the case may be, because we were not present and have had to rely upon information obtained from those who were. It may be well enough however, to remark that some prominent young men of our city did certainly look very gaunt for a few days. There's no danger of their going into a decline, however; if you think so just ask 'em to take one and see.

Whilst all this fun was going on in our neighboring city, Cheyenne looked like Goldsmith's “Deserted Village” or a western graveyard. Nearly all our citizens had gone to the picnic, and those left were dull and lonesome, and had it not been for the foresight of one, we would have been dry also.

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Local and Personal Items

HD Cox, our enterprising mill man, had a valuable horse snake bitten a few days since.

Mr. Thomas, a stockman from Illinois, has taken a claim on Gyp Creek and will purchase cattle to stock it with.

Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Curby were trading in the city yesterday.

Mr. Bigear, a blacksmith from Clarendon, has rented Judge Davies' shop and will open up for business shortly.

⁴ WG Morris is now editing the Sunbeam again.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joyce were in from Sandstone yesterday.

Col. WH Grigsby, a lawyer, well known to many of our citizens', was married recently to a school marm at the Segar Indian agency in Washita County.

Will Rosser, the affable candidate for county clerk, gave us a pleasant call Monday.

LL Collins has just received a fine assortment of cooking and heating stoves. Call and get prices before purchasing elsewhere.

The Rocking Chair ranch in the adjoining county of Collingsworth, Texas, was recently sold at fifty cents per acre. Some 150,000 acres of land were involved in the transaction.

Uncle John Richerson, of Berlin, paid a fleeting visit to the city Monday.

Mr. Mobbly, a well known citizen of the Panhandle country, is here hunting a location for a bunch of stock cattle. It is to be hoped that he will find what he wants as there is still room here for lots of good citizens.

The Roger Mills County delegates to the democratic convention at Arapahoe left here Monday.

We are pleased to note that HB Bradford is out again after a short but sharp spell of sickness.

Deputy Postmaster Clarence Thurmond returned to the city Tuesday after spending a pleasant vacation with old friends in the Ft. Worth country.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Thurmond has been seriously unwell lately.

It may be a little late to record, but it's a fact, nevertheless, that Jeff Duke is the proud paternal relative of a fine boy.

This section has been visited lately by a good soaking rain which filled the creeks and water holes.

Henry Thompson met with an accident whilst returning from the Berlin picnic that will lay him on the shelf for several weeks. His horse fell over a dog and Henry fell over the horse, which resulted in a fracture of his collar bone.

Oscar Thurmond started yesterday for Gage with a herd of beeves, which he will ship to market.

The grand and petit jurors for the coming term of district court were drawn Wednesday and the papers placed in the hands of Sheriff Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt, from the Sweetwater country, were in the city trading Wednesday.

Mr. Beaty is having a porch built in front of his business house.

Johnie Gober is having his business house fixed up comfortably for the winter trade.

Mr. and Mrs. E Taylor welcomed a son and heir to their home Monday last.

Prof Hutton's subscription school is doing well, some forty scholars having been enrolled with others expected shortly.

Gus Jones and wife were in from their ranch Monday last.

The populist meeting advertised for this place on Saturday last did not come off, the speakers failing to put in an appearance.

CB Howerton came in from the Arapahoe convention yesterday.

Johnie Gober and Chas Hensley started last week for Quanah, where they will take in the races.

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Judge Patton shipped 371 head of fine steers from Woodward last Saturday.

Mr. Cunningham was in town Tuesday after a coffin for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maddox. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their large circle of friends in this their hour of affliction.

There was a baptizing service up the Washita Sunday, Mr. Dobbs and two daughters having joined the church.

Commercial men are finding this to be a profitable place to visit, and some six of them have interviewed our merchants during the past week.

Mr. Anderson has gone to the Indian Territory to make arrangements for bringing in a bunch of cattle as soon as the quarantine is lifted. His son took down a bunch of horses some time ago and traded them for cattle.

Mr. Ed Woods has been visiting Grandpa Anderson. The old gentleman is very sick and there is some doubt of his recovery.

Trading has been brisk in town this week and large quantities of freight have been received. Our merchants are fixing for the fall and winter trade.

JW McMurtry returned last evening from an extended visit to Illinois and other places.

The democrats in convention at Arapahoe nominated Marum of Woodward County for the council and Eckles of Greer for representative.

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For Lease

Fifty-seven and a quarter sections of land in Hemphill County, Texas, at 5 cents per acre. Good four wire fence, ranch buildings and corrals, with abundance of water.

Also, ten sections of land with two-wire fence in same county.

Apply this office.

Democratic Mass Meeting

The recent meetings called by the democratic central committee of the county for the purpose of electing delegates to the convention which has been held in Arapahoe during the past week was a harmonious and well-attended one, all parts of our county being represented.

The first business to come up after the meeting had been called to order was the selection of a chairman. WP Francis was put in nomination, and, upon vote, was unanimously elected.

Mr. Francis feelingly thanked the audience for thus honoring him, referring to his past with pride and promising to continue to mete out exact justice to all so far as he was able.

This was followed by the election of WG Morris as secretary.

The following feelingly delegates to the Arapahoe convention were put in nomination and unanimously elected: EE Stephens, WP Francis, WW Duke, MN Hudson, and CB Howerton.

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The next business being the selection of members to replace the retiring members of the county democratic central committee voting commenced with the following result: WB Stovall, JS Gober, WP Francis, CB Howerton and Gus Jones.

This completed the business of the meeting so far as the general public was concerned, but immediately following the above the newly elected central committee met and re-elected WP Francis to the position of chairman of that body for the next two years.

Notice

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that Colburn & Stahl have made application to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors at Cheyenne, Roger Mills County, O.T. Any person desiring to make objections to the issuance of license to the above named applicants, will file same in writing at the office of the county clerk in Cheyenne before 10 o'clock a.m., on the 13th day of October, 1896, otherwise the license will be issued.

This 25th day of September, 1896

AG Gray,
County Clerk

October 2, 1896

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For SUPERINTENDENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

We are authorized to announce HC Harris as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce Prof WB Stovall as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary.

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For COUNTY CLERK

We are authorized to announce AG Gray as an independent candidate for county clerk at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Rosser as a candidate for county clerk, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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For SHERIFF

We are authorized to announce Mr. Zach Miller as an independent candidate for sheriff at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WB Johnson as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff subject to the action of Democratic primary August 19th.

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For TREASURER

We are authorized to announce GW Hodges as a candidate for county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Mr. AL Thurmond as a candidate for treasurer of Roger Mills County.

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For ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce PS Taylor as a candidate for township trustee, Cheyenne township, Roger Mills County.

We are authorized to announce GW Curby as a candidate for township trustee, Cheyenne township, Roger Mills County, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Gus Jones as a candidate before the democratic primary for the nomination for the office of township trustee, Cheyenne township, Roger Mills County.

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For PROBATE JUDGE

We are authorized to announce EE Tracy as a candidate for the office of probate judge, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce AO Miller as a candidate for probate judge subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

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We are authorized to announce John E Leary as an independent candidate for probate judge.

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For COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce HD Cox as an independent candidate for county commissioner for District #1 at the November election.

We are authorized to announce WA Bright as a candidate for county commissioner of district #2, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce Charley Hensley as a candidate for county commissioner of district #2, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce JH Parrish as a candidate for county commissioner from district #1, subject to the will of the populist party.

We are authorized to announce Champ Davis as an independent candidate for county commissioner from district #2.

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For COUNTY ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce John B Harrison as a candidate for re-election to the office of county attorney, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

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For CONSTABLE

We are authorized to announce Ed Bright as a candidate for the office of constable of Cheyenne township, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

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Local and Personal Items

Judge Tarsney's wife has a populist parrot. That is, we suppose it is a populist, as they say it never knows when to stop talking.

Mr. Boyd of Redmoon has gone to Hill County, Texas, where his son is dangerously ill.

We have room in our paper for more advertisements and will be pleased to make arrangements with all our stockmen for the publication of their brands. There is no better way to prevent loss.

Anson Hazelwood returned last Saturday from Cripple Creek, Colo. He says there are a number of folks from this and adjoining country there, some doing well but most of them not.

Rev. Smith, a Baptist minister from Washita County, will commence a revival on Kiowa creek next Tuesday. At the expiration of his meeting there he will visit the Sandstone neighborhood.

Our neighbors on Elk are talking of having a barbeque on their creek in the near future. The folks in that neighborhood take a pride in doing their best on such occasions and all who want to have a rare good time should make preparations to attend.

LL Collins has just received a fine assortment of cooking and heating stoves. Call and get prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Mrs. Tarsney is here with the judge, and she is accompanied by Miss Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren and youngsters spent Saturday on their ranch.

Mrs. Milligan was in town Monday.

AG Gray took a trip to Canadian early in the week.

Jack McCrohan, a prominent citizen of Wheeler County, Texas, was here Tuesday looking around for a location to place 800 to 1000 head of cattle.

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

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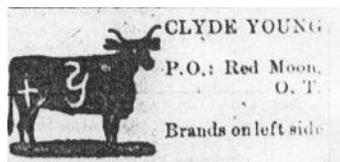
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Mr. GW Hodges has imported a thoroughbred hog which has been sent to his ranch.

Tin ware of all kinds at the Cheyenne tin shop at bottom prices.

If you are short on jokes just call on the court stenographer. If he can't give you enough, you must be a pop—never satisfied.

The business interests of Canadian are well represented here this morning by Messrs Gerlach, Johnson and Young, three of the most substantial citizens of that place.



The Rev Callahan captured Jno D. Taylor's good will by telling him that he had a deaf-mute friend. John was very much pleased to meet and converse with him.

Among the visiting attorneys in town we noticed Messrs Hoover of Canadian, Stone of Guthrie, and Bogard and Powers of Mangum.

RB Forest, a populist speaker, will be in Cheyenne on Saturday, October 17th, to address the people in the interest of Mr. Callahan.

The officers of our district court are a pleasant set of gentlemen.

Our town is full of folks, but we haven't seen any folks full.

The Joyce boys gave a dance on Sandstone Wednesday evening, and a jolly good time was had.

The coming week promises to be a busy one for our merchants and they are well prepared for the rush.

BF Dudney was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

Dave Davis, a former good citizen of our county, is here from Texas courting.

NOTICE

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District Court

The officers of the district court arrived here Wednesday evening, a day earlier than expected. This was owing to the fact that the records of Day County had been destroyed by fire, consequently but little business was to be done.

The court comprised of Judge JC Tarsney, Clerk JH Warren, US Assistant Attorney Roy Hoffman, Stenographer JP Ewen, Marshal L. Eifehoff, and Bailiffs Ed Hines and MP Behen.

Court opened this morning with the following jurors present:

Grand Jurors

SD Rude, AW Anderson, W McAnerny, JM Vanderpool, BF Dudney, WW Duke, FT Sutton, JR Davidson, SJ Wiley, F McGinnis, T Thompson, WG Beaty, WC Morris, F Tunnard.

Petit Jurors

C Pvetgen, LD Davis, JQ McCorkle, GW Saner, BA Anderson, PS Taylor, JA Anderson, JH Anderson, MH Denniston, JW Sollers, EL Mosely, DH Collier, J Beard, CB Thompson, O Caudill, LL Collins, AO Miller, JA Kinsey.

The judge's charge to the grand jury gave general satisfaction to the public. It was a plain, comprehensible presentation of the law governing their acts, and its delivery was such as to impress listeners with the idea that the scepter of justice in this judicial district is in

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competent hands. There was no special feature to the address, the condition of our county being such as to need only a general investigation.

Files missing for October 9th and 16th, 1896

October 23, 1896

All the talk that has been going on for nearly a year past reflecting on the honesty of our county officials having been proven false, let us now get down to decent business and elect the best men to office.

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No stone has been unturned to prove dishonesty on the part of our county officials, but in no single instance has anything of the kind been proven. What kind of officers would the men who have made these false and malicious charges make?

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We publish today a copy of the ballot to be used at the coming election containing the name of candidates in each party. The importance of the coming election can hardly be overestimated and every good citizen should not only turn out and vote but he should give serious consideration to the claims of the candidates and vote for those only that he considers best qualified to carry on our county government. A single vote cast without due consideration may work untold injury on not only the voter but the county generally. All the candidates are well known to the people and they should be judged on their records. Beware of reports circulated at

the last moment, and pay attention to them. Everybody has had a chance to say openly all they should on such occasion, and the man who will start reports at a time when it is impossible to investigate their truth by such act proves himself to be unworthy of credence.

Tax Sale

Cheyenne, O.T., Oct. 19th, 1896

Notice is hereby given 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 16th, 1896, lots and parcels of land situated in Cheyenne and in Roger Mills County, O.T., which have been levied on for unpaid taxes of the year A.D. 1895. Sale to commence at 9 a.m. and to be continued from day to day until all are disposed of.⁵

Notice

Hon RC Echols, democratic nominee for representative of this, the 25th representative district, will speak to the people of Elk creek on Thursday, October 29th; on Timber creek Friday, October 30th, and at Cheyenne, Saturday, October 31st. Speaking will commence at 2 p.m.

WP Francis,
Chairman Dem. Com.

Notice of Speaking

There will be speaking by the democratic nominees at the following places:

Sandstone, Monday, Oct 19th
Kiowa, Tuesday, Oct 20th
Elk creek (Rock schoolhouse) 21st
Elk creek (Taylor schoolhouse) 22nd
Indian creek, Friday Oct 23rd
Timber creek, Saturday, Oct 24th
Sweetwater, Monday, Oct 26th

⁵ There are approximately 400 lots listed for auction and one homestead of 160 acres.

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Red Moon, Wednesday, Oct 28th

Custer Bend, Thursday, Oct 29th

Cheyenne, Saturday, Oct 31th

Independent and other candidates are cordially invited to participate in these meetings and to address the people.

It is hoped that all who feel interested in our county affairs will turn out and listen to what candidates have to say.

Notice to Teachers

On the last Friday and Saturday, (30th and 31st) of this month, the county examining board will meet at Cheyenne for the purpose of examining all applicants for teacher's certificates. Those desiring certificates will please be on hand early Friday morning, as it will require two days to go through with the examinations.

EE Tracy, Co. Supt.
October 15, 1896

Local and Personal Items

TH Gold, the populist candidate for the council from this district, has withdrawn, leaving the field to Marum of Woodward (democrat) and Smith of Washita County, republican.

Mrs. Simpson, from Wheeler County, Texas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Stephens of this city.

The Mangum Star perpetrates the following on a young man well known here: "Our popular photographer, AH Saunders, is contemplating moving his gal(lery) to Childress soon."

Johnie Gober returned from a trip to the Panhandle country Monday.

LL Collins has just received a fine assortment of cooking and heating stoves. Call and get prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Ab Anderson will leave in a couple of days for Arkansas on business.

George Saunders, the old-time boss of the Z bar ranch I the Panhandle, was in town Wednesday trying to buy a bunch of yearlings.

Three young men arrived in town Wednesday on bicycles. They came from South Carolina and may continue their trip to the western coast.

Elder Bandy, the Christian minister, is expected here on Friday before the first Sunday in November. The popularity of this gentleman will doubtless bring out full congregations during his stay.

TL Keen passed through town Tuesday with a herd of beeves which he is shipping to market.

Mrs. DL Miller invited a number of friends to dinner Tuesday last, the occasion being the celebration of her thirty-sixth birthday.

We understand that the Berlin saloon has changed hands, Mr. Joe Kuttle becoming sole proprietor.

Our county is settling rapidly with small stockmen.

It has been drizzling rain here the past twelve hours.

The annual statement of the Canadian Valley bank shows that institution to be in a very prosperous and solid condition.

Mr. Cunningham has started a new industry in this part of the territory. He has gone to Quanah with a couple of loads of cotton and

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expects to gather two more loads after his return. The yield has been good notwithstanding the unfavorable season, and Mr. Cunningham is well pleased with his experiment, expecting great things in the future. It would be an easy matter for Mr. Cox to add a cotton gin to his mill and he would doubtless do it if a large acreage of cotton was planted next season. Cotton picking would afford lots of work for the youngsters and the addition of cotton-seed to our grain and fodder crops for feeding purposes would add to the general prosperity.

Maj. Lard has sold his claim on the Washita to a stockman from New Mexico.

Mr. Slane arrived here yesterday from New Mexico with 400 head of cattle. He is looking for a location.

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Custer Bend,
October 21st, 1896
Editor Sunbeam

G W C took a trip to Samsville recently. He reports that the stonemasons at Hammon are doing a fine job on the foundation of the Indian college, and expect to have it completed in about a week.

Tom Armstrong came up to help Elder HC Harris gather corn and prepare for the debate that is to take place on the second Monday in November.

JW Cooper is turning his dugout into a house.

Mr. Pitts, formerly of New Mexico arrived here the other day and is looking out a location in the Bend. He has a small bunch of cattle and a big bunch of boys.

As the moonlight is not strong I will have to close.

Green Horn

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The State Capital's Arapahoe correspondent says: John F. Stone, of Guthrie, and JW McMurtry, of Roger Mills County, had a joint debate at this place Thursday night. McMurtry got so populist on the crime of 1873 that Judge Tarsney wittily told his grand jury to investigate it next morning. McMurtry opened with an hour's speech and when he said he had finished Stone investigated the crime of 1873 in an hour's talk on sound money, tariff and Wm McKinley.

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, Lester C. Shufeldt, for the ne ¼, section 7, township 14n, range 24w. Witnesses: Asa Wilson, Andrew C. Young, George E. Shufeldt, John A. Anderson, all of Red Moon, O.T.

Files missing for October 30th and November 6th, 1896

November 13, 1896

Latest reports give McKinley 277 electoral votes, and Bryan 167, with Wyoming still in doubt.

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The corn mills in this town have kept hundreds of dollars in circulation here that would have otherwise gone to Kansas.

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Reports from all over the country indicate a revival of business. Election year is always bad on business and we're glad it's over.

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The making of good or bad times lies with the people. Let's try to make them good in Roger Mills County by helping on all legitimate enterprises and encouraging others to start.

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The republicans have captured us and we are theirs. Here's hoping they will now have confidence enough to turn loose millions which they accumulated under republican protection. But no more protection, please; or we will have to kick.

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Roger Mills County probably contains more solid, well-to-do citizens, according to population, than any other county in the Territory. Nearly all our settlers have more or less cattle and the number who has from fifty head upwards is large. This is a very satisfactory state of affairs, at the same time we want to have all our settlers prosperous, and the columns of this paper are always open for suggestions from any source likely to be of general interest and benefit. In this connection we wish to say a few words on a subject which will interest the poorer class in our county. We have lots of farmers who have been depending almost entirely on corn for a money crop, and to such we would suggest that two crops are better than one, and that during the past four years experiments have been made here with cotton as a poor man's money crop, and in each trial the result has been more satisfactory than with corn. We do not however advise the neglect of corn crops, but would simply endeavor to persuade those who have to depend on corn to add the cotton crop thereto. There will always be a good market here for corn and fodder crops, because, with the settlement of our county stock-feeding will become more general; but we all know that the man who depends entirely on the sale of those crops for money with which to purchase the necessaries of life has a hard row to hoe. What such men want is something that will bring cash any day in the week and that is not too bulky for hauling long distances. Such a crop is cotton, and right here in Cheyenne is the place to have a gin and a cotton market. Not alone is the money in the lint, but here in the heart of a great stock-feeding range the cotton-seed would be more valuable than corn as feed and

would find a ready sale. Let every one of our farmers put in all the corn they can next spring and after they have done so let each one put in a goodly sized patch of cotton.

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Wanted—At once, a wife, with light hair, blue eyes, weight not to exceed 140 pounds, not over 23 years old. Must be intelligent and from respectable family. Address JM Millspaugh, Arapahoe, O.T.

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David Coulter, a Kansas prisoner charged with murder, has invented a corn-husking machine.

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Local and Personal Items

G County will hereafter be known as Custer County, the voters at the recent election have so declared.

Clarence Hitchcock has been confined to the house for some time with a badly cut foot, inflicted whilst trying to chop wood.

The election in Day County resulted as follows: Robert Alcorn, probate judge; WR Ewing, attorney; HI Walck, clerk; WF Burnett, treasurer; JE Bull, sheriff; Miss Della Cann, superintendent, and AC Wilson, surveyor. Callahan beat Flynn 7 votes.

Johnnie Casady sustained a serious injury about a week ago by jumping from a wagon on to a corn stalk.

Mr. Beaty has been unable to attend business lately owing to throat trouble.

Married—On Monday evening last John Taylor and Miss Susie Arnold. The wedding of this couple brought together a large number of friends who celebrated the event by feasting and dancing and the passing of good wishes. Mr. Taylor is one of our bright young business men and has the best wishes of all who know him.

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Mr. GW Hodges has been rounding up a beef herd this week for shipment to market.

Cattle buyers have been in our neighborhood again this week offering fair prices for yearling steers. This helps the small stockmen out financially, saving them the expense and trouble of shipping small bunches.

HH Hadlock, of Arapahoe, has taken charge of the Red Moon school and opened up a three month's term.

John S. Gober, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Kirkman, left Tuesday morning for Gainsville, Texas, on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Joyce was taken suddenly sick in town recently and had to be taken home.

There will be a big free dance at the Cheyenne school house next Friday night. Supper will be furnished at reasonable rates. Everybody invited to attend.

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

Friday, November 6th, 1896

The board of county commissioners met as canvassing board pursuant to section 62 of chapter 33 of the Statues of Oklahoma Territory, as amended by the laws of 1895.

Present: WP Francis, SR Richerson and WW Anderson, Commissioners; DW Tracy, Deputy County Clerk, and WB Johnson, Sheriff.

The board proceeded to canvass the returns of the general election held November 3, 1896, in Roger Mills County, Oklahoma Territory. The board having canvassed said vote, it was determined that:

Dennis T. Flynn received 67 votes for Delegate to Congress

JY Callahan received 252 votes for Delegate to Congress

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David P. Marum received 174 votes for Councilman, 13th council dist.

Harry Smith received 43 votes for Councilman, 13th council dist.

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Frank Filmore received 38 votes Representative 25th dist.

Rufus C. Echols received 122 votes for Representative 25th dist.

GP Cherry received 111 votes for Representative 25th dist.

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WB Johnson received 172 votes for Sheriff
Zach T. Miller received 177 votes for Sheriff

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Gilbert W. Hodges received 164 votes for Treasurer

AL Thurmond received 174 votes for Treasurer

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WB Rosser received 130 votes for Clerk
Alfred G. Gray received 209 votes for Clerk

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AO Miller received 150 votes for Probate Judge

JE Leary received 174 votes for Probate Judge

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John B Harrison received 195 votes for County Attorney

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John R Nigh received 148 votes for County Surveyor

WT Peace received 156 votes for County Surveyor

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HC Harris received 173 votes for County Superintendent

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Charlie Hensley received 42 votes for Commissioner precinct #1

JH Parrish received 75 votes for Commissioner precinct #1

Hez D. Cox received 36 votes for Commissioner precinct #1

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WA Bright received 62 votes for
Commissioner precinct #2

Champ Davis received 59 votes for
Commissioner precinct #2

SR Richerson received 45 votes for
Commissioner precinct #2

IA McCullough received 143 votes for
Clerk of Cheyenne Twnshp

MN Hudson received 116 votes for Clerk of
Cheyenne Twnshp

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Gus Jones received 160 votes for Trustee of
Cheyenne Twnshp

Perry S. Taylor received 168 votes for
Trustee of Cheyenne Twnshp

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WW Anderson received 116 votes for
Treasurer of Cheyenne Twnshp

WC Burchett received 134 votes for
Treasurer of Cheyenne Twnshp

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TJ Holden received 127 votes for Justice of
Cheyenne Twnshp

MH Denniston received 137 votes for
Justice of Cheyenne Twnshp

GW Graves received 145 votes for Justice
of Cheyenne Twnshp

DM McLemore received 125 votes for
Justice of Cheyenne Twnshp

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Ed Bright received 137 votes for Constable
of Cheyenne Twnshp

WS Lard received 133 votes for Constable
of Cheyenne Twnshp

SD Rude received 125 votes for Constable
of Cheyenne Twnshp

LA Anderson received 140 votes for
Constable of Cheyenne Twnshp

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And it appearing that the following
candidates had received a majority or plurality
of the votes cast for the office hereinafter
mentioned, they were declared elected to said
offices, to wit:

Zach T. Miller to the office of Sheriff

AL Thurmond to the office of Treasurer

AG Gray to the office of Clerk

JE Leary to the office of Probate Judge
JB Harrison to the office of County
Attorney

WT Peace to the office of Surveyor

HC Harris to the office of Sup't

James H. Parrish to the office of
Commissioner, 1st Dist

Wm A. Bright to the office of
Commissioner, 2nd Dist

SR Richerson to the office of
Commissioner, 3rd Dist

IA McCullough to the office of Clerk,
Cheyenne Twnshp

Perry S. Taylor to the office of Trustee
Cheyenne Twnshp

Wm C. Burchett to the office of Treasurer,
Cheyenne Twnshp

MH Denniston to the office of Justice,
Cheyenne Twnshp

GW Graves to the office of Justice,
Cheyenne Twnshp

Ed Bright to the office of Constable,
Cheyenne Twnshp

LA Anderson to the office of Constable,
Cheyenne Twnshp

And the clerk is hereby ordered to issue
certificate of election to said officers elect.

Board adjourned.

WP Francis

SR Richerson

WW Anderson

AG Gray, Co. Clerk,

By DW Tracy, Deputy.

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November 27, 1896

The Cheyenne Sunbeam says: "Roger Mills
County is probably contains more solid, well-
to-do citizens according to population, than
any other county in the territory." Tut, tut,
Mr. Sunbeam. That distinction belongs to
Beaver County, the greatest stock county in
the territory. Beaver County comes first, and

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Roger Mills probably holds second place.—
Hardesty Herald

We are glad to know that you think your county is the richest in the territory, Mr. Herald, because contentment generally abides where people are proud of what they have. But “facts are facts,” and a glance at the records will show the per capita of Roger Mills amounts to \$209 and that of Beaver \$130.

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Report of the Governor of Oklahoma

We give below a few extracts from Gov. Renfrow’s annual report:

The development of the Territory in the year past has been equal to if not greater than that of other portions of the United States.

The acreage of land in cultivation has steadily increased and has very nearly reached the proper ratio of farm to land to pasture. The prospect for crops is good, and the antebellum declaration, “Cotton is King,” seems applicable to Oklahoma.

The climate is delightful, except for a short period in midsummer. The spring, fall and winter weather cannot be excelled anywhere. The atmosphere is dry, but never sultry. The population has steadily increased since the last census in 1894, when it was 212,625.

Population by counties:

Beaver	*4,778
Blaine	6,415
Canadian	12,837
Cleveland	13,000
D	2,986
Day	611
G	5,296
Garfield	*16,092
Greer	*8,500
Kay	*16,959
Kingfisher	15,346
Lincoln	16,542
Logan	19,005

Nobel	*13,409
Oklahoma	19,999
Payne	14,192
Pawnee	8,293
Pottawatomie	17,300
Roger Mills	1,267
Washita	5,404
Woods	10,805
Woodward	*7,487
Reservation	12,500

*Not yet reported. These are taken at the same figures as those reported two years ago.

Statehood—This question has been so much and so ably discussed, both by the press and in the halls of congress, that it is unnecessary for me to enter into a discussion of the question, but I beg to express my firm conviction that the best interests of the whole people will be sub-served by the early admission of Oklahoma and Indian territories into the union as one state. United they would make one strong and prosperous commonwealth; divided, two small states with double the expense of state government.

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Local and Personal Items

The pay school ends next Friday and patrons are requested to come forward promptly at that time to settle their accounts.

JD Hutton, Principal

Luther Turnbough returned from Greer County yesterday, bringing with him, as Mrs. Turnbough, one of Greer County’s fair daughters. The wedding took place on November 10th.

George Puryear has purchased 183 head of cattle from Mr. Hodges, and moved them to his Sweetwater ranch. These animals were probably the finest in the county.

JS Gober and Mrs. Kirkman returned yesterday from their visit to relatives in Texas. John reports very dull times down there.

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Notice to Taxpayers

All taxes unpaid by the third Monday in December become delinquent and a penalty will be added thereto.

GW Hodges,
Co. Treasurer

There is hardly a day passes but what we hear of some settler selling out his claim at a fair figure. In nearly all cases they sell to well-to-do stockmen who appreciate the fact that our county has just what the cattle man needs—plenty of water, grass and shelter.

Now is a good time to plow fireguards. In fact it's good for any kind of plowing, the recent rains having put the ground in excellent condition.

Persons who have real-estate should mention that fact to the treasurer when they pay their taxes; otherwise they are liable to blame the treasurer when their real-estate is advertised for sale. Personal and real-estate taxes are kept on separate rolls in this territory which leads to much confusion.

Masterson and Hamilton, the Panhandle stockmen, are having fire guards plowed

beside their drift fence in the southern portion of this county.

OL Johnson has moved his sawmill back into this country and is now located just above Red Moon on the Washita. He will locate on his claim in Custer Bend in a short time.

Mrs. McMurtry has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Illinois.

DW Tracy has gone to visit his children near Vernon, Texas. He will spend a few weeks there and then look out a location.

Someone let out a prairie fire Monday night south of the Palo Duro, burning a strip of range over a mile wide from the Texas line to near George Barnett's place. The settlers over that way, and the Pigpen outfit, fought the fire nearly all night. The range is our fortune in this country and every means should be used to protect it, and one good step in that direction would be a way to detect the parties setting out these mysterious fires.—*Hardesty Press*

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