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A Trio of Jokers

The Wichita Beacon of last Thursday has a reminiscent story from an ex-citizen of Medicine Lodge now living in Guthrie, recalling a joke in which three well known former old-timers were the principals. This story was printed many years ago but will bear repeating:

Scattered throughout the length and breadth of Oklahoma are men who lived once at Medicine Lodge, Kan. And all of them are proud of it. In fact, they think that Medicine Lodge receives daily the close attention of Providence. When these former citizens of Medicine Lodge get together in a reminiscent way, all other parts of the United States become a desert, with Medicine Lodge shining green and umbrageous in the sand.

"Medicine Lodge had more practical jokers than any other town in Kansas in the early days," said one of its former inhabitants lately. "I laugh every time I think of the trick 'Tom' Doran and Ryan Stark played on 'Tom' McNeal when the three went to Kansas City to spend some of their 'short grass' money. The three were panoplied in all the beautiful garments known to the dandies of Medicine Lodge, and were soaring serenely along the streets touching ground occasionally to assuage thirst and gratify curiosity.

"Doran and Stark conspired against McNeal, and decided that they would complain to the first policeman they met that McNeal was a confidence man that was trying to fasten himself upon them by saying that he lived at Medicine Lodge and knew them, at least by reputation. They had tried to rid themselves of him, but without success, and felt sure that he meant finally to rob them. They knew, of course, that McNeal would protest and try to laugh off their trick as a joke, whereupon they would assure the policeman that this was positive evidence of his guilt, as he was a total stranger to them.

"Soon they met a policeman and Doran and Stark began to squawk. They were strangers from the country, unaccustomed to the ways of the city, and demanded that the bunco man be taken down to the station and locked up. McNeal grinned when the policeman took hold of his arm, and said: 'Now, you fellows think you are smart, don't you? We all live together in the same town, down at Medicine Lodge, officer, and they are trying to make some fun with me.' 'What a liar,' exclaimed the conspirators. 'Officer, that man is a crook. We knew he would make this kind of a talk, and we won't stand for it. We want him arrested and taken down to the station.'

"The more McNeal protested his innocence the more convinced became the policeman that he had pinched a crook. As he led McNeal down the street McNeal roared like a mountain lion in a Texas panhandle. He denounced Doran and Stark in every imaginable term, and swore vengeance when he got loose. Doran and Stark walked at some distance in the rear, wild with delight at the success of their scheme. McNeal was taken to the station, where he had little difficulty in proving that he was a law abiding citizen of Medicine Lodge, and had been mistreated. He was so glad to go free, however, that he was ready to forgive Doran and Stark when he met them and, like a true son of Medicine Lodge, he stood the gaff, and lay in wait until he could find victims for his own wiles."

In Juvenile Court

Fred Robertson, the 12-year-old son of W. H. Robertson, who is implicated with his father in the theft of a gasoline engine belonging to Wm. Garland at Kiowa, was brought before Judge Garrison in the juvenile court yesterday at the instance of County Attorney Field. After hearing the evidence in the case the boy was committed to the industrial school at Topeka. The father is still in jail, in default of bond, awaiting trial in the district court.

Wm. Garland of Kiowa was a witness in juvenile court in the Robertson case in the probate judge's office yesterday.

Suit For Medical Services

A suit between Dr. Donovan and Charley Detriech was tried in Justice Collins' court last Thursday, which developed a few close legal propositions. Dr. Donovan attended the defendant while he had the small pox in the county pest house, charging him with 19 trips at \$2 a trip. At the time, Dr. Donovan was county health officer and attended to enforcing quarantine regulations, and it is claimed by Detriech and his Attorney, Samuel Griffin, that Dr. Donovan was obliged to treat inmates in the pest house, as county health officer, and that individuals so treated are not liable. Dr. Donovan and his attorney, J. N. Tinscher, hold that his duties as health officer begin and end at attending to enforcing the quarantine laws, and that patients who accept his treatment are liable for payment for services rendered, unless it is shown that the patient was a pauper unable to perform labor.

Judge Collins found for Dr. Donovan in the sum of \$38 and costs and Detriech gave notice of an appeal to the district court.

A suit of a similar character was brought by Dr. Donovan against Frank Foss. In this case a change of venue was taken to Justice Tedrow.

The statute in regard to this matter is not complete and there is room for construction as to what the whole duty of a county health officer is, and if it should finally be held that he must treat all contagious diseases in the county, whether the patients are paupers or not, for the small salary of \$10 per month, or whatever the contract price happens to be, there will either be no health officer or else the salary will have to be raised to something like the \$2000 mark.

A Boquet From Coburn

Secretary Coburn of the State Board of Agriculture compliments County Clerk Ireland very highly on his statistical abstract for Barber county. The Index received a few days ago, from the state agricultural department, a copy of a letter written by Secretary Coburn to our county clerk and it is such a good "send-off" for Barber county and Mr. Ireland that we take the liberty of publishing it without asking the consent of anybody:

June 1, 1909.
Mr. S. W. Ireland, County Clerk,
Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

My Dear Sir:—Your abstract of agricultural and population returns for the year 1909 is at hand, and upon examination I find, with the exception of column 4, the footings are correct.

I am pleased to note the substantial increases in acreages of winter wheat, corn, barley, sorghum for forage or grain and alfalfa; the pounds of butter made in families; value of poultry and eggs sold and animals slaughtered or sold for slaughter; and the larger numbers of horses, mules and asses, milch cows, other cattle and swine on hand.

The increase of 17 per cent in the county's population is very gratifying.

The abstracts you sent to this office in 1907 and 1908 were both neat and attractive, but your 1909 returns show up even better. It is a pleasure to me to acknowledge an abstract as fine appearing as the one just received from you and one which shows such painstaking. It's one of the best!

I congratulate you and the people of Barber on the excellent showing you make for the county.

Very cordially yours,
F. D. Coburn,
Secretary.

Cherokee Won It

The base ball game between Cherokee and Medicine Lodge, played at Cherokee Sunday, resulted in victory for Cherokee, 6 to 5. Up to the time Jack Trice was hurt the Medicine Lodge team had the game won but the taking out of Jack, who is one of the strong men, and the lack of enthusiasm which followed, gave Cherokee the victory. Jack was hurt in the seventh inning.

The base runner who hurt Jack intended to kick him on the arm instead of the face but it is "rotten" ball nevertheless. Outside of this instance, however, the Cherokee boys played decently. But for this uncalculated accident, it was one of the best games played by the League this season.

J. F. TRICE BADLY HURT

Kicked on Face by Base Runner in Ball Game at Cherokee, Producing Concussion of Brain. Taken to Hospital

J. F. Trice is in a critical condition in St. Francis hospital, Wichita, as a result of an accident in the Cherokee-Medicine Lodge base ball game at Cherokee on Sunday. He was hurt on first base by a Cherokee base runner. The runner, in returning to his base, to save himself, made a leap and kicked Mr. Trice on the face, striking him with his shoe on the cheek bone near the eye. The blow rendered Mr. Trice unconscious and he went into spasms several times. Dr. Gilbert of this city who was on the ball grounds, administered stimulants and revived him temporarily and he rallied for an hour or two but when he was put on the train to come home he became much worse and at Kiowa his condition became very critical. His heart action was impeded and it was feared that he would not recover. Heroic treatment, however, renewed good heart action after it had stopped several minutes.

On Monday morning he was taken to Wichita by Dr. Gilbert, H. D. Fair and his father, T. H. Trice, and up to this hour there is no report of a change for the better.

A thorough examination at the hospital revealed an injury in the head and a more serious internal injury in the side. A phone message late Monday night stated that he had gotten worse and that nothing would be undertaken until the following day when a surgical operation on the side would be performed.

At noon yesterday Guilford Davis phoned that Jack improved very much during the night and it was then thought that an operation may not be necessary which was better news than expected.

Those who saw the accident say that the base runner attempted to strike Jack on the arm in the hope of knocking the ball out of his hand but kicked him in the face instead. If this is true, it is indefensible and the Cherokee man should be prosecuted. A base ball player who purposely attempts to injure another player should not be permitted to enter a game.

Mr. Trice's friends sincerely hope for his recovery.

County Graduating Exercises

The graduating exercises of the common schools of Barber county will be held in this city next Monday evening, June 14th. There are 83 graduates this year. The program:

Musical Selections
Medicine Lodge Orchestra
Invocation.....Rev. Imboden
Song....."Revel of the Leaves" (Vearle)
Medicine Lodge Choral Union
Vocal Solo.....Selected
Harry Terry
Reading....."A Picture of the Revolutionary War"
Mrs. J. E. Thomas
Musical Selections
Medicine Lodge Orchestra
Vocal Solo.....Selected
Miss Frances Young
Cornet Solo.....Selected
Wendall Hoos
Song....."The Cat and the Fiddle" (Vining)
Medicine Lodge Choral Union
Vocal Solo.....Selected
Harry Terry
Piano Solo.....Selected
Miss Alice Rudolph
Vocal Trio....."The Miller"
Aime Palmer, Ailie Murphy, Blanche Johnson
Vocal Solo.....Selected
Miss Grace Williams
Class address and Presentation of Diplomas...
Pres. J. H. Hill of Emporia State Normal
Musical Selections
Medicine Lodge Orchestra

A. H. T. A. Picnic

The Anti-Horse Thief Association will have a picnic in the Cottonwood valley July 3rd. Complete arrangements have not yet been made but it is certain that there will be plenty of entertainment for all who attend. The program will be out soon.

How's this for quick freight service? We shipped a printer's roller to Kansas City May 11th and it was returned to us June 8th. It required the greater part of this time for the roller to go from here to Wichita. It is probable that freight service under the new schedule will be better. We hope so, at least.

Jesse-Stockstill

On Wednesday evening, June 2, 1909, occurred the marriage of Miss Edna Stockstill of Lyons, Kansas, to Prof. Carl A. Jesse, of Clifton, Texas, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. B. E. Thompson. Promptly at 8 o'clock, just preceding the ceremony, Miss Grace Williams, of Medicine Lodge, a former schoolmate of the bride, sang the pathetic love ballad "O Promise Me," which was rendered even more beautiful by the exquisite voice of the singer, after which she played Schumann's Traumerl to which the bridal party, led by Prof. A. W. Meyer, president of St. Johns College, of Winfield, Kansas, who performed the ceremony, marched down the stairs and into the spacious parlor, in one corner of which was a beautiful bower of palms, smilax and pink and white carnations. During the ceremony Miss Williams played softly "Melody of Love."

The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin, made empire, en train with white slippers and gloves. Her bridal veil was worn in graceful folds, caught up with white roses and falling to the train of her lovely gown, and she carried a bouquet of white roses. The groom was dressed in black.

Miss Clyde Cooley, of Douglas, who did honor to the occasion as bridesmaid, was dressed in a simple white gown of suisine silk. She is also an old schoolmate of the bride. Mr. Albert Smith, of Medicine Lodge, a former schoolmate of the groom, acted as best man.

After the ceremony a delicious three course supper was served by Mrs. Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Lew Welch.

This wedding was the result of a romance begun while the young people were attending school in Winfield, Kan., where they were both very popular. The bride is a beautiful young lady, and is as kind and good as she is fair, to which a host of her friends will testify, for she is loved by all who know her.

The groom is a promising young business man of Clifton, Texas, who owns a large music store and is the Director of the College of Music and Oratory in that place. He is a noble young man in every respect and his friends number a legion.

Many beautiful presents were received from their many friends who join in wishing them a happy journey through life. The young couple left Thursday morning for Clifton, Texas, which will be their future home.—Lyons Republican.

The bride is a daughter of T. B. Stockstill who is one of the early settlers in Barber county, residing near Sharon.

Sturm-Rule

Dr. Walter Sturm and Miss Florence Rule of Sharon were married at Anthony, Kansas, last Thursday June 3, 1909. They are both well known at Sharon and in this city.

The groom has been a practicing physician in Sharon the past two years and has built up an extensive practice in that city and vicinity.

The bride, popularly known among her young friends as Miss Floy Rule, is a daughter of M. C. Rule and wife of Sharon. Mr. Rule is engaged in a large mercantile business. Miss Rule attended the county high school in this city during the term just closed and gained many friendships while temporarily residing among us. She is a young lady of many rare accomplishments and is a favorite socially among all who know her. In vocal and instrumental music she excels and in disposition, beauty and kindred attributes she is most happily endowed.

That Dr. and Mrs. Sturm may always find life "one grand sweet song" is the sincere hope of their friends.

Second Baptist Church

C. W. Kidd has secured the contract to build the Second Baptist church and work is being pushed very rapidly. If nothing unforeseen happens the church will be ready for worship at an early date.

We appreciate the good will of our friends and hope to merit their kindly support in the future.

Thos. Carter, Deacon and Trustee.
I. H. Hughes, Pastor.

Medicine Lodge Man Saved Him

We have just been reading the romantic story of the rise of the blind senator from Oklahoma, Thomas Gore. Gore was born in poverty down south and lost the sight of both eyes in boyhood. With this handicap he became possessed of an ambition to be a United States senator. He was gifted with a singular power of oratory but we judge has never shown much ability to make money. At any rate if the story that is written about him is true he started his race for the nomination for senator in the deepest poverty. His two opponents were rich and they were letting go of their money as if it were made of leaves and they the owners of a boundless forest. We talked with one of the managers of one of the senatorial candidates and he informed us that his candidate would spend not less than \$60,000 before his campaign was ended. Incidentally we might remark that the \$60,000 didn't win him the nomination.

Gore managed to mortgage his property in Lawton, for \$1,000. On this small amount he had to live and pay his campaign expenses. It is said that he subsisted on a single meal a day during a good part of that campaign and frequently sat up all night in order to save the expense of a bed. In spite of his rigid economy however, his money was gone before the campaign ended. He had to put up \$350 to get his name on the primary ballot and he lacked the money. As a last desperate resort he put up his check, although he hadn't the money to back it and as the story goes a man by the name of Young stood good for it. This was, we think, a young lawyer by the name of John Young, who was raised in the town of Medicine Lodge, of republican parentage but who became a democrat after going to Oklahoma.

But John Young wasn't the only Medicine Lodge angel that came to the blind man's relief. "One day when his money was gone, when it appeared that after all his desperate struggle and self deprivation he would have to give up, he was standing on the streets of Lawton wondering what he could do, when he felt some one touch him and slip a roll of money into his hand and as the girl whispered in his ear, "pay this back when you can." The good angel was Tom Dunn, a republican banker, formerly a lumberman at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. The generous gift of the political opponent saved Gore and enabled him to continue his race for the senate.

We have no doubt that Gore will agree with the words of Garfield that the fairest flowers that grow in friendship's garden are those that clamber over the dividing walls of partisan politics. And we are glad that it was a Medicine Lodge republican who gave the money.—T. A. McNeal in Mail and Breeze.

H. W. Stevens Marshal

Harry W. Stevens was appointed city marshal at the meeting of the mayor and city council Monday night. His salary was fixed at \$50 per month. Harry was sworn in yesterday morning and now wears the star.

An ordinance was passed raising the dog tax. Dogs are taxed at \$2.50 per year and bitches \$5 per year.

A contract was made with Joseph Myers to do the cement crossing work for the city during the year, at 14 cents per square foot for crossings, 9 cents for approaches and 7 cents for flanges, the contractor to make cuts and fills at his expense.

A concrete bridge was ordered built across the ditch north of G. M. Martin's residence which is on the main road line from the west—a direct road to Main street.

The city ordinances will be revised and re-published and also published in book form. The contract was awarded to the Cresset without competitive bids. J. N. Tinscher was employed to attend to the legal work connected with it.

The monthly bills aggregating \$763 were allowed.

Laundry woman wanted. Good wages. Apply at once. Grand Hotel.

Good pure Shumach cane seed for sale. B. E. Wadsworth.

I. O. Sherrod of Lake City was in the city between trains Monday.

We carry the Wolf Banquet Hams. The best on the market. Cole & Son.

The best place in Barber county to buy shoes is at J. K. Richardson's, Gerlane.

Lost. A gold bracelet with the initial "E" engraved on it. Finder please leave at this office.

Miss Fannie Seig of Greensburg arrived Monday to visit with Dr. L. L. Osborn and wife.

Discharge of firearms in the night time is getting to be a favorite pastime these days. It is doubtless fine sport for the man behind the gun but it isn't so funny to the fellow who has to dodge the bullets. Cut it out, boys.

Senator Glenn of Tribune, Kansas was here in conference with the republican leaders of Barber county last Wednesday. He was one of the conspicuous members of the late legislative fizzle and has his lightning rod up for something more remunerative.

Mrs. Moore's new residence is now ready for occupancy. It is 28x32, one story. It would be hard to plan a nicer little home and the workmanship is ideal in all respects. Jeff Montgomery, who had this contract, has a right to feel proud of this job. They can't do any nicer or better work anywhere.

J. C. Davis has purchased H. H. McCoy's building south of the Peoples bank and will occupy it with The J. N. Davis Mercantile stock, beginning the first of next year. A new modern plate front will be put in and new flooring and shelving will be provided. The purchase price of the building and lot was \$1500 and it is a bargain.

Mrs. T. A. McCleary and daughter, Mrs. Cora Sanborn, arrived Monday to visit their son and brother, Emmett McCleary, and family and other friends in the city. They expect to remain a week and may prolong the visit few days longer. Mrs. McCleary's home is in Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Sanborn lives in Porto Rico. It has been a number of years since they have visited their old home town.

Rev. W. E. Kelly, wife and little daughter, of Shambaugh, Iowa, arrived last Wednesday to visit with Mrs. Kelly's parents, T. J. McGuire and wife, of Sharon township. Rev. Kelly, a few years ago, was a minister at the Church of God between this city and Sharon, but now has a charge in the city before mentioned. He departed for his home the early part of this week, but Mrs. Kelly and the baby will visit among relatives and friends a few weeks.

A. A. Marchel of Orienta, Ok., sold a quarter section of Barber county land last week to W. L. Johnson, one of his Oklahoma neighbors. It is located in the Lonker neighborhood southwest of this city. He bought the land three months ago and turned it at an increase of nearly 100 per cent. Mr. Johnson expects to move here with his family to live. This leaves A. A. with only 80 acres of Barber land but he expects to buy again. He buys and sells real estate on commission and covers a large scope of country in both Kansas and Oklahoma.

Mrs. Kate Risser and son, Aaron Risser, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Emma Herr of Abilene, Kansas, visited last Wednesday with U. C. Herr and family. Mrs. Risser is our aunt and the other two are our cousins. It was the first trip west for Mrs. Risser and son and they were very much surprised to find conditions in southern Kansas and northern Oklahoma as good as they are. We left the old Keystone state in our boyhood days over 23 years ago and have never been that far east since, so that a visit from relatives from our native state is very enjoyable. We regret that they could not stay longer, but they have relatives and friends scattered all over Kansas and Oklahoma and can not give much time to one place.