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Equalization Meeting

The board of equalization completed its labors last Wednesday, also disposing of a few miscellaneous matters as a board of commissioners before adjournment.

There were numerous small alterations in assessments throughout the county, but excepting in a few cases, no large increases or decreases in valuations were made.

In Lake City and Hazelton townships the assessments of stock cattle did not average with the other townships, Lake City being high and Hazelton low. The board reduced the former 20 per cent and raised the latter 20 per cent, which equalized them. The order does not affect fat cattle.

A personal valuation of \$16,000 assessed to H. W. Skinner was transferred from Medicine Lodge to Lake City township. The valuation relates to cattle which were brought from Lake City January 1st, full-fed here and shipped to market from this point, Mr. Skinner residing here.

A new question was raised in an exceptional case. Col. MacGregor of this city sold his farm under a contract but declined to list the money price for taxation. Assessor Stout listed it and Col. MacGregor protested before the board. The matter has been submitted to the state tax commission and the board will be governed by the commission's decision.

The merchants' stocks in the different cities of the county, as adjusted by the board and county assessor, are valued as follows. These figures do not include money, fixtures and individual property, which in some cases, are listed with the stocks:

MEDICINE LODGE	
Colm Merc. Co.	\$16,000
H. D. Fair	13,500
J. N. Davis Merc. Co.	4,500
J. C. Richardson	10,500
H. T. Woodward & Co.	5,125
J. R. Young Drug Co.	5,000
L. A. Eby	4,185
Adams & Co.	3,500
M. C. Gazin	3,000
Benedict Hdw. Co.	10,250
Badger Lumber Co.	6,100
Chase Hdw. Co.	21,900
V. S. Cook	2,200
S. T. Hardy	1,000
A. B. Wilkins & Co.	2,965
Citizens State Bank	32,800
Peoples State Bank	17,200
Gem Drug Co.	4,000
B. S. Kaufman	1,000
John Lualaba	1,100
Metz Lumber Co.	14,415
W. E. Stout	1,600
R. M. Woodward & Son	1,100
KIOWA	
L. B. Hill	38,500
First National Bank	29,850
Bank of Kiowa	33,000
H. D. Records (Drugs)	5,000
Kiowa Drug Co.	6,522
Metz Merc. Co.	34,000
W. D. Mackey (Lumber)	16,415
Metz Lumber Co.	50,962
F. S. Schroeder	6,966
Skidmore & McAllister	5,559
H. O. Walter Merc. Co.	15,925
York-Key Merc. Co.	54,789
SHARON	
M. C. Rute	11,200
E. S. Rute	12,700
Schnelle & Sons	25,000
F. J. Warren Drug Co.	1,700
Sharon Valley State Bank	11,600
H. L. Hoyt	1,775
HAZELTON	
A. M. Betty	12,400
H. Carpenter & Son (Drugs)	5,500
J. H. Drake	5,000
D. O. Edwards	9,500
State Bank of Hazelton	12,500
Farmers State Bank	10,211
LAKE CITY	
J. A. Conner (Drugs)	1,000
H. F. Lake	4,000
Metz Lumber Co.	11,372
G. G. Shigley	11,285
Lake State Bank	14,600
ISABEL	
Bennett Bros.	10,255
T. M. Deal Lumber Co.	11,425
L. M. Gibson	7,500
C. H. Miller	7,154
Isabel State Bank	12,000
Runkle & Hult	8,000
Stewart & Larabee	15,952
C. D. Updegraff (Drugs)	2,200
SUN CITY	
Louis Bismant	4,474
W. S. Sears	1,940
GERLANE	
J. K. Richardson	2,250
ARTNA	
W. S. Richardson	3,350

The Farmers Co-Operative store at Forest City is valued at \$900. W. H. Drury at Deerhead pays on a valuation of \$700.

L. B. Hill at Kiowa was raised \$10,000 by County Assessor Bailey.

ley. The board took another turn and raised him \$10,000 more and he is now on an equality with other merchants.

The Badger Lumber Company of this city is awaiting its fate, pending a decision by the State Tax Commission. Manager Ewalt listed the stock at \$6,190 and County Assessor Bailey raised it to \$10,000. Both sides were heard and some questions involved a legal proposition and the tax commission's decision will be final.

Assessments of merchants stocks throughout the county show a nice aggregate increase over last year which is a fair index of the growth of the country.

We have not included stocks in this statement which are valued below \$1000. Hotels, restaurants, elevators, etc., are not included.

The railroad and telegraph valuations are not yet reported.

The total footings will be made by the county clerk between this time and July 1st.

COUNTY BUSINESS

The following business was transacted as a board of county commissioners:

Dr. A. S. Cloud was given a certificate of error on a valuation of \$375, Kiowa city, on account of error in assessment of improvements.

P. W. Flanagan was granted a certificate of error on \$360 valuation, Kiowa township, on account of error in assessing number of acres.

W. H. Haun was granted a certificate of error on a valuation of \$3,280, on account of excessive appraisal on his elevator in this city.

L. H. Bailey was granted a certificate of error for \$292 on account of double assessment of personal property in Kiowa city and Nippawalla township.

Noll Brothers of Kiowa were given a certificate of error for \$7,991 on account of error on tax roll. The next regular meeting of the Board will be July 5th.

In Police Court

City Marshal Stevens did his first work in uniform last Wednesday when he rounded up Jesse Bunch (colored) and Bill Golden. Both were brought before Police Judge Kidd on Thursday. Bunch entered a plea of guilty to a charge of shooting into Thos. Jarett's house and afterward assaulting him, and was fined \$3 and trimmings, amounting to a total of \$9.50.

Golden's offense was "plain drunk" and his entire bill was \$8.

On Friday Hank Dubois took the same degree and his entire bill was \$8. The charge against him was the same as in the case of Golden.

Out of the \$25.50 extracted out of the pockets of the three infractors of the ordinances the city got \$7 and \$18.50 was divided among three minions of the law. It pays to be good—so far as the arrestee is concerned.

Methodist Church

The usual services will be held next Sunday, beginning with Bible school at 9:45.

The pastor will preach morning and evening. The evening sermon will be a special one to base ball players and admirers of the game. Subject, "Out on first, or a home run—which shall it be?" Special seats will be reserved for the young men. All are invited to our services.

F. W. IMBODEN,
Pastor.

Ralph L. Ewing of Kingman has rented the north room of J. W. Brown's brick building—next door to Simpson's barber shop—and will put in a music store and do piano tuning in connection. He expects to be ready for business next week or the week following.

In Memory

Hallie Lenore Newton was born January 8th, 1884, at Coal Run, Washington County, Ohio. When two years old her parents moved to the state of Kansas and in the year 1891 came to Oklahoma and took up a claim northwest of Cleo where they have since resided. She was married to Isaac N. Roach at Houston, Texas, September 17th, 1907. Died May 23, 1909, and was buried in Hollywood cemetery at Houston, Texas. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. W. Story from the home at 2307 Hardy street.

Hallie Newton grew up in this community and is remembered as a bright, lovable girl. She was quick to learn, of a sunny disposition, and made friends and retained them wherever she went. During the years 1899, 1900 and 1901 she attended the Normal School at Alva with her brother Clark and always stood at the head of her classes. She taught school for two or three terms in this county and then accepted a position with a St. Louis wholesale house, where she remained until she was married.

The telegram announcing the death of Hallie Newton was a great shock to this community. Only a few days before her marriage, in the month of September, 1907, she came through here to make her parents a visit. The intervening years since her last visit had added to her beauty, grace and charm and she presented the very picture of feminine loveliness; now all "is hidden and lost in the depths of the grave." In the bloom of young womanhood, surrounded by every comfort, with every attention lavished upon her by a devoted husband, she was summoned to the Great Beyond.

Hallie was a favorite with her parents and her death comes with crushing effect upon that father and mother who have already had more sorrows than are common.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to this bereaved family, husband, father, mother, brothers and sisters.—Cleo Chieftain.

The above obituary notice was sent The Index by Ida L. Newton who now lives at Cleo, Oklahoma, with a request that it be published.

Mrs. Newton will be remembered as the mother of Clark and Morris Newton who were convicted in 1904 in this county for murdering Patrick King, and are now serving a life sentence in the Kansas penitentiary. Her daughter, whose death is noted in this article, was quite well known here, as well as the mother, and she was loved and esteemed very highly.

Mrs. Newton's letter reveals a heartbroken mother, and one can not read it without feeling a sympathy that stirs the emotions to their deepest depths, for her in her several afflictions.

There is no suffering so intense as mental anguish and none so slow to heal. Let us hope that some mystic, unseen power will come to this poor, sad, pale little woman in her great burden of heart and mind.

A. H. T. A. Picnic

Sharon sub-order No. 184 of the Anti-Horse Thief Association will give a picnic in J. H. Warren's grove, one-half mile southeast of Sharon on Saturday, July 3rd.

The national president and a state officer are expected to be present and a general good time is assured. Everybody is invited to come, and a special invitation is extended to all neighboring sub-orders.

M. J. Lane was over from Geuda Springs last week on business before the county commissioners. He and Mrs. Lane expect to spend most of the summer at Geuda. They have rented their farm for the season at Gerlane.

Still at it

We would like to bet Clayt Herr a good Stetson hat, said hat to be purchased in Kiowa, that Kiowa is larger than Medicine Lodge by over two hundred. We are making the difference small, because we need the hat badly. Our assessor only totaled up 1,541, while the county assessor in going over the totals, found some discrepancies, and they have made it 1,557. What does the Barber county Ananias think of that proposition?—Kiowa Journal.

Called! Send us "said hat" by next express. Not larger than No. 7, can wear a smaller one. Don't send us your old one, it would be much too large for us. To prove that we have won the bet, we need only refer the Journal to the statistical abstract of Barber county which is open to public inspection and which is the only competent authority on the subject. If this record shows Kiowa's population more than 1455, we'll forfeit the price of the hat. If not satisfied with that, write Secretary Coburn, Topeka, Kansas, and get his figures for it. If additional information is desired, the Journal editor might find it profitable to run up any morning and look over the tax rolls. He will be amazed to learn that there are 81 more Medicine Lodge people than Kiowa people on the personal property tax rolls. If that doesn't satisfy his appetite for wisdom he may delve farther into the official records and he will find that there are 20 more families residing in Medicine Lodge than there are residing in Kiowa, according to exemptions recorded in each town. What does the Kiowa Fumosity think of that proposition?

A. J. Modlin's Case Affirmed.

On the 12th of this month the Supreme Court of Nebraska handed down an opinion affirming a judgment rendered in the District Court at Hastings, Nebraska, in favor of A. J. Modlin in the sum of \$5000.00.

Mr. Modlin used to live in this county when a young man, and worked for several persons in the vicinity of Kiowa. During the campaign of 1902, he met Mr. Samuel Griffin of this place, while at Kiowa, but afterward drifted up to Hastings where he worked for a number of years.

In June 1906, while waiting for harvest to open up, he sought employment in a wholesale hardware house, in which was located a freight elevator. He commenced work about 10 o'clock on June 5th, and while assisting in storing away some wagons, by carrying them to the upper story, a distance of about 60 feet, on the afternoon of the same day, the elevator refused to stop when the proper ropes and brakes were applied thereto, as it reached the top floor, and it was carried by the electric power into the machinery at the top of the shaft, when it gave way and precipitated him and his companion to the bottom of the shaft. Mr. Modlin was paralyzed from his hips down and was injured for life, and lay for a number of months in a critical condition. As soon as he was able he sent for Mr. Griffin, which resulted in the bringing of the suit and the recovery of a judgment in the sum of \$5000.00, as above stated. Mr. Griffin informs us that when an appeal is taken in the state of Nebraska, the party appealing has to put up a bond in double the amount of the judgment, which was done in this case, so that there is no question about the recovery of this amount.

Mr. Modlin lives at Moreland, Oklahoma, and is not only in very poor health, but is almost destitute, and the above good news will be glad news indeed. Mr. Griffin put up the money to carry on the litigation, and we are glad that he has won, not only because it would have been a great loss to him, but a greater one to Mr. Modlin, who should be compensated for his injuries.

Fourth of July Celebration

A mass meeting was held at the court house last Thursday night to make definite arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration. The meeting was called to order by J. M. Emory who was elected permanent chairman. J. H. Minick was chosen temporary secretary and M. C. Beasley permanent secretary. On motion of Judge Garrison an executive committee of five was selected by the meeting to make all arrangements for the celebration, appoint all sub-committees and to have entire supervision of the affair. The committee consists of Mayor H. W. Skinner, J. M. Emory, Gus Palmer, J. C. Richardson and P. B. Cole. C. D. Rackley was chosen secretary to the committee and will have charge of the correspondence.

On account of the Fourth coming on Sunday this year, it was decided to hold the celebration on Saturday, the 3rd.

Orders have already been placed for large colored posters and they are expected in today's express.

The entire program will be ready for publication in a few days.

Automobiles on Tax Rolls—26

According to the returns of the different deputy assessors in Barber county there were only 26 automobiles in the county March 1st of this year. Medicine Lodge furnished 7, Kiowa 8, Valley 7, Sharon 1, Hazelton 1, Nippawalla 1, McAdoo 1. The total assessed valuation of the 26 machines is \$15,950. Since March 1st, there have been more than double the number shown on the tax rolls, received in the county and next year should show over 100.

There are 255 pianofortes on the tax rolls this year. Of this number Medicine Lodge has 72 and Kiowa 70. The others are scattered throughout the different townships and the aggregate value of the 255 instruments is \$37,370.25.

Stole \$76.00

Will Iford who works in H. H. McCoy's restaurant, was relieved of \$76 in bills and silver Friday night. Just before closing up he took the cash out of the money drawer and put it in his pocket, Mr. McCoy not being in town. He has a room at the Central hotel, and soon after locking up retired. His room is on the lower floor leading to the porch. When he awoke Saturday morning his trousers were gone but were soon found on the porch, minus the money. Mr. Iford slept soundly and did not hear the thief when he entered his room.

No arrest has yet been made but the case is receiving official attention. The party who stole the money evidently saw Mr. Iford take charge of it before closing up.

J. F. Trice has Recovered

J. F. Trice, whose critical condition was noted last week, has recovered beyond the most optimistic hopes of his friends and will be home from the hospital the latter part of this week if nothing develops to retard his progress. He left the hospital on Friday and took a room at the Carey hotel, but on Saturday he returned to the hospital upon advice of friends to continue taking treatment.

The principal cause of his trouble was a wrenched side affecting one of the kidneys. The injury on the head did not terminate at all seriously.

Mr. Trice's friends are gratified to learn that he recovered so soon. First reports were very discouraging.

G. G. Shigley brought an automobile load of Lake City people down to graduation exercises Monday. Lake City, by the way, was well represented at commencement.

Oh Joy!

Medicine Lodge won her first victory on the base ball diamond this season Monday, winning over the Wichita White Sox in a score of 2 to 0. It was a real ball game from start to finish, the first, in fact, that has been played here since the High School team disbanded two years ago. Both teams got into the game from the start and interest got up into G when the first ball was twirled, which did not abate until the finish.

The scores were made by Goddard and Wood. The "stickwork" which put them over the plate was done by Davis and Goddard. Davis pitched a magnificent game for Medicine Lodge and the White Sox twirler was not slow.

The second game was played yesterday afternoon but the result was not known at the time of printing.

The third and last game will be played this afternoon. The White Sox come here at quite an expense to our boys and the game this afternoon should be well patronized. It isn't often that such games as these are matched in Medicine Lodge.

Regardless of future defeats or victories, the Medicine Lodge boys redeemed themselves in Monday's game and are entitled to wear pearls and diamonds.

Arrested For Embezzlement

Geo. Scates, foreman of an extra gang that has been doing work on the Santa Fe between Attica and Belvidere the past several months, was arrested last Thursday on complaint of L. D. Walters, the company's secret service man, on a charge of embezzlement. The information contains five counts and \$35 is the total amount of the alleged embezzlement. Scates gave bond in the sum of \$250, for his appearance for trial at the October term of the district court. The information was filed by County Attorney Field.

The specific charges in the case are that Scates paid certain employees more money due them, requiring them to return the excess to him on a representation that the money so returned was to be used in paying certain small obligations, and that on another occasion he solicited aid from men working under him, for Mr. Keller who lost his horses in the fire at Lake City a few months ago, that 10 employees turned over \$1.25 each and that he appropriated the money to his own use, and also that his gang buried the horses killed in the fire, he drawing pay from Lake City and also allowing the time of the employees to be paid for by the company.

The charges are serious and, if established, would constitute a penitentiary offense. Mr. Scates has not yet employed counsel.

Bowman vs. Bowman

Maysel D. Bowman vs. Earl T. Bowman is the title of a divorce case recently filed in the District Court of Barber county. The parties reside at Sun City and are well known in the northwestern part of the county.

The petition recites that they were married in Pratt, Kansas, May 12, 1906, and lived together in harmony one year when trouble arose. The defendant is charged with extreme cruelty and adultery and the allegation is that he has often admitted his guilt of the latter charge.

There are no property rights to be adjudicated. The separation was agreed upon before the suit was brought and Mrs. Bowman states in her petition that she has already received her share of the property. Noble & Tinscher represent Mrs. Bowman.