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## Bootleggers at Kiowa

The city of Kiowa is well represented at the county boarding house this week. On Sunday Marshal Bunton of that city phoned Sheriff Mathews and County Attorney Field that he made a "catch" and asked them to drive down and get the bunch.

County Attorney Field went down in his car and Zeal Johnson took the sheriff in his. When they arrived there Marshal Bunton had five men and one woman under arrest—Frank Baker, John F. Stephenson, Roy Brannan, George Rickman and John Wilhite and wife. A third automobile and driver were engaged—Luther Benton and his car—and the party brought the prisoners to the county jail, on a commitment issued by Justice Buchanan of Kiowa.

Each prisoner is charged separately. Some are charged with selling intoxicating liquor while others are additionally charged with maintaining a nuisance.

The marshal raided a house or "shack" near the depot when he made the arrests. He got some whiskey and beer and fixtures, and also located some "blind tiger" attachments and it is thought the evidence is complete. The goods, it seems, were dispensed through a hole in the wall and the purchaser could not see the seller. The house was fixed up on latest prohibitory-evading plans and specifications.

One man—Stephenson—is about 75 years of age. He lives at Hazelton. He claims that he is not identified with the gang—that he merely dropped in to get a drink when the marshal and his deputies made the raid. The officers are inclined to give some credit to his story and if he does the square thing in his testimony it may not go hard with him.

Mrs. Wilhite was not put in jail. She has a babe in arms and Sheriff Mathews is keeping her in his residence.

It is claimed that this "bunch" has been doing business for some time and their reputation is quite notorious, not only on the matter of "booze" dealing but in extending aid and comfort to other criminals, and Kiowa says it has gone on long enough.

The preliminary hearing of the prisoners will be held before Judge Buchanan at Kiowa today.

## Richardson-Richardson

John K. Richardson, of Gerlane, and Mrs. Martha A. Richardson, of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. W. T. Danner at the M. E. parsonage at 8:30 Wednesday evening.

Neither groom nor bride needs any formal introduction to our readers in this city and the surrounding country. Mr. Richardson made his home for several years with his ill brother and family in this city and before and after the death of Dr. Richardson devoted much of his time and means to the comfort of Mrs. Richardson and her daughters.

Since he has engaged in the mercantile business at Gerlane he met with uncommon success in a business way and all that was lacking for his happiness was a congenial helpmate, to share his love and respect and his prosperity. Mrs. Richardson is an accomplished lady. She is a fine musician and has many other accomplishments to make a home beautiful and happy.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have the well-wishes of a host of friends in this city and elsewhere on their matrimonial union. Their home will be at Gerlane.—Kiowa News-Review.

## Seed Wheat

Fine Harkoff seed wheat for sale. Perfectly pure. \$1.25 per bushel. Mary Best, Medicine Lodge, Ks.

## The Lincoln Penny

The new Lincoln penny, which has been promised by the government treasury officials, is out. A few have already reached this city but they came from private parties who have friends here. We do not think any of the coins have yet reached our postoffices or banks for circulation.

The National Tribune of last week has this interesting article concerning the new coin:

The new Lincoln penny is out, and it is a beauty. It is of bright copper, and bears a dignified and fine likeness of Abraham Lincoln. Above his head is the motto "In God We Trust" and if those simple words ever belonged to any one man before another they certainly belonged to Abraham Lincoln. His trust in an almighty power was almost childlike. Over the right shoulder is the word "Liberty," and in front of Lincoln is the date 1909. On the opposite side of the coin are two sheaves of wheat, with the words, "One cent, United States of America." In the center and on the upper edge the motto "E Pluribus Unum" is placed. It is entirely unique for a cheap coin. It is the first change that has been made in our penny in 25 years, the old Indian head having served for that length of time. The specific law does not permit a change oftener than once in a quarter of a century. The new coin had the approval of President Roosevelt.

On the first day that the new Lincoln cent appeared (last Tuesday) the rumor was firm that they were to be recalled because of the fact that the initials of the artist who made the design, Victor D. Brunner, were put on the coin. The initials are beneath the wheat sheaves on the reverse side. It was thought at first that this was an error, but such is not the case. The initials were placed on the coin in accordance with the established plan of the Mint to give credit to the artists who design our coins. On the silver and gold coins of the latter issues the initials of the artists who designed them are somewhere near the coin edges, but in microscopic letters. As a consequence of this false rumor about 5,000 people were in line at the Treasury cash room on Wednesday from about 11 o'clock until closing time, at 2, to get some of the new coins. Each person was limited to 50 coins, and 80,000, or \$800 worth, were dealt out.

While the coins will not be recalled, Secretary MacVeagh decided that the initials of the artist are too prominent, and that the dies must be changed so as to reduce the size of the inscription. He gave orders to cease coining the pennies until the dies are changed. This will be done.

He subsequently said that the only objection to the initials were that they were too prominent and gave the coin an advertising, commercial aspect which he did not approve. There was no objection, he said, to the initial "B" appearing somewhere on the coin, but he would not permit the three initials to continue in raised letters.

Secretary MacVeagh's order will soon put the pennies that have been minted at a small premium, it is thought, although probably a million of them have already been placed with subtreasuries throughout the country and issued to an eager public.

The Treasury officials say they have never before seen such a rush for new money, although each new issue of coins of any kind creates a little flurry at the beginning of their distribution. The newsboys and street gamins reaped quite a harvest by selling the pennies to people on the street at from three for five cents to five cents each.

The Cole-Reeves school land contest brought Eagle township to the county seat en masse yesterday. Competent judges say the land is hardly worth the per diem, mileage and lawyers' fees.

Mrs. G. R. Taylor is moving from her farm into the city this week. She will live in Mrs. Higgins's property on Washington avenue east. Mrs. Taylor is keeping Allen Herr's children and comes to town to give them the advantages offered by our splendid schools.

## The Robber Umpire

Every baseball fan can read this from the Junction City Sentinel with a lot of profit. This is a season of the year when that great American institution, the umpire, is getting his, and take it from any follower of the national game, it is coming to him. Only a few weeks ago the editor of the Sentinel overheard a conversation between one of the most noted baseball managers of the West and an ambitious young umpire. The young umpire was desirous that the manager boost him for a job in faster company. "I am a good umpire," he said. The manager looked at him in disgust for a moment and then replied: "There are no good umpires. I have been in baseball twenty years and I never saw a good umpire." That remark forcibly illustrates the attitude of both players and public toward the arbitrator of the game. Baseball crowds may tolerate an umpire when the home team is winning, but the country over, home crowds invariably view the umpire as rotten when the home team is losing. And this rule applies not only to the grown-ups, but to the boys on the lots as well, as is shown by the following story which the writer one time heard told by Webb McNall, the distinguished Smith county man who is well known the state over. McNall has several sons. One Saturday forenoon they notified their father that their ball club was to play a game at a neighboring town in the afternoon and asked his permission to go along. The permission was granted. The boys returned home in the evening, just before supper time. The family sat down to the table and started to eating supper. The boys said absolutely nothing of the ball game. Supper finished, Webb and the boys were doing chores about the barn. Finally Webb said: "Well, the umpire robbed you, didn't he?" "Yes, he did," responded the boys in indignant chorus, "He is a rotten robber."

## New Townsite Opened Near Kiowa

The townsite of Hardtner, ten miles west of Kiowa which has just been started, is now open for development, and the owner of the tract of land on which the town is starting, Jacob Achenbach, will in a day or two turn over all the lots except a few that he reserved for his own use, to the Kiowa, Hardtner and Pacific Railroad company, of which he is vice-president. Already a number of lots have been contracted for by men who will build business houses on them, and a number of residence lots have also been chosen and the work of construction will begin as soon as the material can be placed on the ground. An elevator, one or two lumber and coal yards and a bank are already assured. The Kiowa, Hardtner and Pacific railroad will be extended to the new town at once, the grading contracts having been let, and the company will build stock yards as soon as the line is completed.

Frank Illingworth was considerably perplexed on his trip to Colorado, according to word recently sent back. Some place along the road a dealer sold him coal oil instead of gasoline and of course his car refused to go. Frank and those who were on the trip with him "tinkered" on the machine a half day before they discovered that they had been "dosed" with coal oil. We would have trembled to have been that dealer when Frank discovered the real cause of all his trouble.

For Sale—Richardson's Messages and Papers of the Presidents in 10 Vols. Indispensable to lawyers and other public men. May E. Hoss.

## "Col.," "General," Etc., Tabooed

Commander H. M. Nevius of the National G. A. R., in his report before the National Encampment held at Salt Lake City two weeks ago, raps the custom of giving army titles to ex-veterans. He says there is no authority for it and he wants it stopped. Hereafter, therefore, it will be your duty to address your friends as plain John, Bill, Jack or Jim as the case may be, instead of "Col.," "Capt.," "Major" or "General."

Commander Nevius says: I have received many letters during my administration from various Departments, inquiring as to what was the proper title for a Department Commander, or a Post Commander, or other officers in the Grand Army of the Republic, as to whether it should be General, Colonel, Major or Captain. And I speak of this now because I have been confused many times by receiving letters from distinguished persons and comrades addressing me as General, and have been very much embarrassed at different times in different places by being introduced as General.

There is no military rank attached to any member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The titles of General, Colonel, Major, etc., are titles which belong to men in military service. The Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic wisely provide that the rank or distinction so necessary in active service is laid aside in the Grand Army of the Republic, and that all are comrades; that the distinction of names applied to comrades holding office is distinctly set forth, namely, the Commander-in-Chief shall be called the Commander-in-Chief; the Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief shall be called Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; comrades commanding a Department, Department Commander, and Senior and Junior Vice Department Commander. Comrades commanding Posts are rightly named Post Commander, Senior and Junior Post Commander.

If we would all pay attention to the Rules and Regulations in this respect, it would save much embarrassment and confusion.

I earnestly hope that hereafter all comrades will observe the proper names to be given to the comrades in accordance with positions they hold in the Grand Army of the Republic. Generals as well as drummer boys in active service have been Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Cole Merc. Co. have the stock and are making the prices.

C. E. Thompson and wife and son, Melvin, and W. H. Thompson returned on Monday from their visit in Salt Lake City. The trip was a pleasant one and the short vacation was appreciated by them.

Dr. J. Harry Gay, the eye specialist, will be in Kiowa, September 10th and 11th, and at Medicine Lodge, Monday and Tuesday, September 13th and 14th, at Lake City, September 15th, and at Sharon September 16th. Bring your eyes.

The Kansas Mail and Breeze complains that the anti-cigarette and tobacco law is not being enforced, and concludes that the law was passed without any intention of enforcing it. The fact remains, nevertheless, that more boys and young men are ruined by cigarettes than all other vices combined. The "coffin nail" cigarette is far more destructive to boyhood and young manhood than the open saloon.

U. S. Landis and family returned from the Yellowstone Park and the exposition at Seattle Saturday. They were in company of W. H. Harris and family going out and all had a fine trip. Mr. Landis met T. V. Brown and family at Seattle and reports them enjoying their vacation very much. Mr. Brown has not fully decided where to locate permanently, but he likes Seattle very much and it is probable that he will settle down there after seeing more of the coast country.—Kiowa News-Review.

## School Land Contest

The first contest over school land in Barber county, under the new law, occupied the attention of Judge Garrison yesterday. Ernest Cole and Asa Reeves of Eagle township are contending for the same quarter. Each has made his improvements and each had his witnesses in court to prove his side of the case.

The contest was still on when this paper went on the press and there is no telling where it will end but it is safe to predict that it will go to higher courts regardless of Judge Garrison's decision. It will be found when it is all over, also, that Judge Garrison's decision will stand, for in matters coming before his court he is as well or better posted than even your supreme judges.

Mr. Cole is represented by Attorneys S. I. Field and Samuel Griffin. Mr. Reeves is represented by G. M. Martin.

The land in controversy may be worth the price of the litigation but it is doubtful.

## Stole A Watch

Ray Foster, a young man who has been working this summer for B. E. Wadsworth west of this city, was arrested yesterday morning charged with stealing Mrs. Wadsworth's gold watch. He is also accused of having stolen some gloves belonging to Mr. Wadsworth and another pair belonging to another hired man. He is now in jail awaiting trial.

Some time ago young Foster claimed he was robbed in the night time at Mr. Wadsworth's home and his story was given credit and a diligent search was made for the thief, but it is now thought that the alarm given by him at that time was a fake and that he was merely crying "stop thief" to cover his own tracks.

The evidence so far is only circumstantial but it is very strong. He was caught in rooms and other places without explaining his presence, and those are the places from which the articles disappeared. His preliminary hearing has not yet been set.

Your dollars go farthest at Cole's.

Let the Badger at Gerlane figure your lumber bill. Right stuff at the right price.

The last half of Prof. Pickett's hypnotic entertainments last week "winked out" on account of lack of subjects. The professor seemed to have such a power that one strong look at the boys, large and small, made them faint of heart. There is one young man in town who was afraid to venture out of his room after dark while the Professor was in town.

The city water supply has been severely taxed during the past several weeks. One source of lowering the supply is at the Santa Fe depot and the city officers are considering the advisability of putting in a large meter there. Under the present contract the company is supposed to supply only three engines daily but most of the time it has been supplying from five to twelve and therefore paying too little. If a meter is installed the company will be obliged to pay for all the water it uses and the resident consumers will be better protected. Many lawns and trees in the city are suffering very much on account of insufficient water.

Every person who has made up his mind that there is going to be no corn in this vicinity this year is invited to come to the Index office and see some samples brought in by George Stewart who farms the old H. M. Stone place southeast of this city. This corn is fully matured and the ears are from nine inches to a foot long. The stalks measure from ten to twelve feet. If this corn has been cut short on account of the dry weather, and we suppose it has, we can not imagine what it would have been in a good season. Mr. Stewart says he has about 60 acres of this kind of corn. It is better than most fields in that neighborhood because it is on an exceptionally good piece of soil and it also was well farmed. Mr. Stewart counted the grains on one of the largest ears he has so far found and there were 996 grains on it, only four grains less than what is considered an extraordinarily large ear. Don't lose courage too soon. Barber county is still at the top.

New remnants every day—at Cole's.

Dwight Mills sells paints, varnishes and oils that can't be excelled.

Come to the Badger at Gerlane for lumber and all kinds of building material.

Waldron Chase is expected to "drive in" with his car from his Colorado trip any day or hour this week.

For Sale: New five-room house on N. Main street. Call on or address, E. L. Taber, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

For sale cheap: Piano, kitchen cabinet, side-board, book-case, mantel, large heater, wheat drill and wagon. Mrs. Hoss.

Mrs. Chas. Owen and children of Wellington are visiting Mr. Owen's parents, J. H. Owen and wife, in this city. They arrived Monday.

O. Mills, Wm. Ward and Robert Burgin, school land appraisers, were called in from the northwest country yesterday as witnesses in the Cole-Reeves contest case.

Here is a small injustice that should be brought to the attention of the Railroad Commissioners: It costs \$1.74 more to go from Medicine Lodge to Wichita, leaving at 6:20 a. m., than it does leaving at 3:30 p. m.

Misses Mabel Chance and Fannie DeWitt treated their Sunday school classes of the Baptist church to a delightful picnic in the Elm creek grove on the southeastern edge of the city last Wednesday afternoon. A dainty little supper was served after the little folks had enjoyed the freedom of the grove, and just before dark they had a hay-rack ride around town. They had a jolly good time and every one of them has lavish praise for their Sunday school teachers.

It is not the purpose of the Index to get into an extended argument about the injustice done to the city's baseball team by the Cresset. We are not a baseball enthusiast but we believe in justice and we have published the facts at the request not only of the members of the team but also of many citizens and business men who felt keenly the injury done them by the Cresset in publishing them as a gang of ruffians and thieves. The article has had the effect to bring out an apology to the ball players and we think in time the paper will apologize to the umpire. It is known, of course, that the "roast" on Umpire Gano is really directed against Insurance Agent Gano.

The Topeka Capital last Wednesday published a list of all cities in Kansas having a population of over 1000. There are 132 cities in the list. Kansas City is first with a population of 81,952; Wichita, second, with 52,313, and Topeka third with 45,143. The Index gets a little satisfaction out of this list as published by the Capital. In the spring when we published the population of the different cities and townships of Barber county, we were very harshly criticised by the Kiowa Journal for publishing Kiowa's population at only 1,455. The Capital publishes the same figures and we suppose it is now in order for the Journal to take a fall-out with that paper.

Geo. Chestnut of Waynoka, Oklahoma, visited a few days last week with his wife's parents, R. M. Smith and wife, in this city. Probably our readers will be better acquainted with the name, if, instead of Geo. Chestnut, we say "Red Houser," which is his old cowboy name. In the earlier days of Barber county and the Indian Territory he was one of the most widely known cowmen extant and while nearly 30 years have come and gone since he first rode our prairies he does not look much the worse for wear. He now owns a valuable farm at Waynoka, has it well stocked and is possessed of much of this world's goods. He and George Horney of the Grand Hotel used to do range work together and they are built pretty much on the same plan. Mr. Chestnut's visit here afforded him great pleasure. He was accompanied on the visit by his daughter.