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For economical shoppers and careful money spenders our big store will be full of splendid offerings during this week. Every department is a bargain bazaar unsurpassed in the southwest. Our fall and winter goods must be moved to give room for the spring trade which is not far distant. Come and see us.

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PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT.
VINITA, I. T.

LOCAL NOTES.

There is not a barrel of salt in town for sale.

Tom Thompson has a new phone at his residence.

It is said Vinita is to have another drug store soon.

Dock Denny is a familiar figure around the court room.

An \$8 collar was stolen from the Ratcliffe store Monday.

J. M. Trolinger is working for A. J. Green, in the drug store.

Several new boarding students entered the college last week.

A. D. Davis, of Ringo, was here attending court, but got away for home Tuesday.

Dalrymple Comedy Co., will be here on the 22nd of this month and remain one week.

Attorney H. J. Collins is here from Tulsa attending to business in Judge Gill's court.

David Vann, of Fairland, is in town attending court in the capacity of a grand juror.

Ladies who take pride in beautiful clear white clothes, should use Red Cross Ball Blue.

Charles H. Sawyer, assistant prosecuting attorney, is in attendance upon the court.

If you would have your clothes that delicate, clear white, so desirable, use Red Cross Ball Blue.

Aunt Polly Lee, an aged colored woman, died of dropsy at Lum McNaughton's on the east side last week.

Judge McClure and Zack Humphrey left Monday for Fort Worth, Texas, to attend the cattlemen's convention.

Teo Chambers was excused from service on the grand jury, having served on the last Wagoner grand jury.

Attorney M. M. Edmiston left Tuesday night for Washington, D. C., on a business trip. He will be gone several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Halsey left last Monday for Fort Worth, where Mr. Halsey will attend the cattlemen's convention.

August Schillecker returned Monday from a two weeks visit with relatives and friends at St. Louis and Cape Girardeau.

Doc Clawson left Monday night for Booneville, Mo., to see his mother who is very ill. He was accompanied by his son Claude.

Chief T. M. Huntington left Sunday night for Washington, D. C., where he has business before the secretary of the interior.

A letter from Prof. Bishop, who is now in Texas, states that he is much better and will be able to take charge of his duties in the school room next week.

Lee Dudley went to Wagoner last Sunday where he will probably remain. He has a position in a drug store at that place.

C. A. Davidson, the new clerk of the court for the Northern district, came up from Muskogee Sunday and is attending court.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular, and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. Sold by Chapman & Briggs.

George W. Thornton was down Monday from his home near Eagle to buy lumber for extending his crib room—a sign of a good farmer.

Someone managed to slip a small file into the jail yesterday to one of the prisoners but it was discovered and a jail delivery prevented.

W. M. Mellett's big black driving horse died Sunday with an unknown disease. About a week ago Mr. Mellett lost a cow with a similar disease.

Strayed—A liberal reward is offered for a light speckled mule cow, with red ears, no mark or brand, with young calf. Edwin Cheateau, Vinita.

Rev. Roberts of the Christian church has arranged for regular preaching service at the opera house at 11 o'clock every third Sabbath in each month.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard desire to extend their thanks to the community for assistance and sympathy during the sickness and at the death of their little daughter.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Sold by Chapman & Briggs.

Al Berger returned from Neosho Monday. The story that he has lately fallen heir to a fortune and gotten married, he regrets to say was in both particulars in error.

W. T. Whitaker has returned from Washington where he has been to urge an appropriation for Whitaker's Orphanage at Pryor Creek. He spent yesterday in Vinita on business.

The drill at the artesian well struck additional water Monday morning and the water is flowing perceptibly freer. The taste and appearance of sulphur seems to be increasing also.

Mr. Carrico, from Carlsbad, is moving to the Raymond place, west of town. The termination of leases and good weather is causing a good deal of moving throughout the country just now.

He Got No Goose.
Last Friday Mr. Rice, of this office, went to Rock Creek, determined to kill a wild goose before he returned. Last evening he came back but with him no goose. He killed plenty of small game and enjoyed the outing.

The Smallpox on Grand River.
Dr. Owen returned from east of Grand river Monday, where he has been in the employ of the board of health. He reports about forty cases of smallpox of a very mild form, two deaths and perhaps one hundred exposures.

With the Journey.
Bert McGee, one of T. J. McGee's enterprising sons, who is serving on the jury, called Tuesday to state how he thought The Daily Chieftain all right and that he had gone to town, six miles, twice a week all winter after it.

Married.
Ed Gwartney and Mrs. Susie Harris of Pryor Creek, were married Friday afternoon by Rev. M. L. Butler, at the Green hotel.

Died at Miles.
Nathan Miles, the grandson of Mrs. Keys, who lives in the northwest part of town, died Tuesday at his home at Miles and was buried Thursday at the Keys graveyard five miles northwest of town.

Runaway Team.
Gus Nichols' delivery team, in which a colt had been hitched up, ran away Monday. The driver, one of the Riddle boys, was thrown out and the team finally broke loose from the vehicle.

Didn't Respond.
Jeff Dick, Bill Woods and George Mayes were three names called on the grand jury list at the court house Monday. Jeff Dick was reported dead of smallpox and the other two sick with it.

Looks Incredible.
However much we may all regret it, it is nevertheless a fact that the assessor's return will not show so many people in Vinita as last year. It seems incredible that our population has diminished.

A Costly Blaze.
Mr. Denham, a tenant on the Elliot place, south-east of Big Cabin, sustained a severe loss last Friday night by the burning of his barn, containing eleven horses, one cow, several hogs, 1900 bushels of corn and all his farming implements. About sixty tons of hay stacked near by was also consumed.

A Good Record.
Deputy Grand Master Workman Homsber, of the A. O. U. W., is coming to Vinita Friday to arrange for vacating the charter of the lodge at this place and transferring the membership to the members at large roll. This order has a membership of over 387,000 and has paid to the families of deceased members over ninety-six million dollars and has never defaulted.

Died.
Mrs. Charles Dubois died at her home on Grand river, fifteen miles southeast of this city, last week, after an illness of several months' duration. The circumstances of her death were peculiarly sad; she was only about 17 years of age and was a bright and winsome young woman, and had endeared herself to a large circle of friends who deeply mourn her untimely departure.

Witnesses Were Dismissed.
The case of Fred Martin was called Tuesday in Judge Gill's court and among the witnesses assembled was Cate Bengue, of the Grand river smallpox country. The prosecuting attorney discovered this and after questioning Mr. Bengue for a few minutes the case was continued and the witnesses dismissed, with positive instructions not to again present themselves until so ordered.

Promptly Locked Up.
John B. Edwards came in from Lynch's prairie again Monday evening, after having been warned by the board of health and the city marshal to stay away from town and was promptly arrested and locked up. Mr. Edwards and his family are reported to have had the smallpox, and for that reason were asked to stay away till the danger of contagion had passed. He will answer to the mayor for his conduct.

Erysipelas Settling In.
Robert Crone, the Nowata stockman who was shot by Wm. Greathouse in a row over a stalk field, is beginning to fail and the chances are that he will die. Erysipelas has set in and his face is swelling. On account of the peculiarity of the case from a surgical standpoint the case has attracted a great deal of attention. A portion of Crone's brain was shot away and how he has lived at all has puzzled the surgeons and every one else.

A Too Interesting Letter.
One of our prominent attorneys got a long letter Monday from a client explaining his case in detail. The legal gentleman waded through the missive with much patience and was rewarded in the last sentence, which explained that the writer could not come to court because they had smallpox where he lived and he was under quarantine. That letter was filed carefully away in the stove, very quickly and the attorney felt as though he had let a bird go, and was not sorry.

Wanted To Be Shown.
Wm. Hartshorn entered a plea of guilty in Judge Gill's court Tuesday on the charge of selling liquor at Tulsa. The court was disposed to be lenient with him and made his punishment as light as it could be under the law, \$10 fine and one month in jail. When requested by Hartshorn's attorney to suspend sentence, his honor wanted to be shown the law under which the court could impose a sentence and then turn round and nullify it by suspending it. The attorney failed to produce the statute for such procedure and the sentence will stand.

Pensacola Items.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Martin were in Adair Friday, shopping.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLaughlin have been visiting near Afton.
E. C. Ghormly and family attended quarterly meeting Saturday.

The smallpox scare is all the talk, but think it is only the itch instead. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cumming, of Hart, Mo., spent a week recently with their niece, Mrs. R. L. Martin.

R. Lee Martin moved his household goods from Pawhuska last week. He asks there is no place like the Cherokee country.

The many friends of Miss Victoria Cole are glad to know she is slowly improving after a four weeks seige of typhoid fever.

Dr. Hollingsworth, who has been practicing in and around Pensacola since last July left Friday to attend Barnes' medical school at St. Louis. He will return and assume his duties in April.

JUDGE GILL'S COURT.

Board of Health Decide no Danger From Smallpox—the Grand Jury.

Monday.
Judge Joseph A. Gill, opened his first term of court in the Northern district this morning at ten o'clock. M. O. Gabbert, and Wm. Coverdale, were appointed court bailiffs.

The Judge announced that the Vinita board of health desired to make a report with reference to the prevalence of smallpox. Dr. Fortner for the board then stated that the board had availed itself of every possible means of information relative to the existence of smallpox in the country, and were of the opinion that the court might proceed without any great risk. That while the disease existed in many parts of the country changes in the docket had been very kindly made by the prosecuting attorney so as to lessen the danger of the contagion.

The grand jury was then called, sworn and instructed by his honor in a plain, sensible, unembellished, though forcible manner. The difference between the big Kansan and some other judges who have presided was quite marked. There is nothing of the spectacular about Judge Gill, no "band stand play," no pyrotechnics, no scintillating oratory, but just plain, every day simplicity, which is satisfying and commendable. Judge Gill instructed the grand jury as to the difference between a felony and a misdemeanor and told them that owing to the crowded condition of the docket that no indictments for misdemeanors should be returned, but such offenses should be left to the various commissioners as they had jurisdiction over all such crimes.

The following gentlemen constitute the grand jury:
L. P. Isbell—Foreman.
John Hardy,
B. S. Landrum,
Sam Vann,
F. W. Strout,
F. L. Choutau,
W. T. Davis,
J. S. Anderson,
J. P. Butler,
W. A. Crawford,
J. H. Freeman,
Lee Howe,
Dave Vann,
J. H. Nall,
T. F. Thompson.

The dates of the terms of court in the Northern district are changed as follows:

Muskogee, 1st Monday in Sept., 4th Monday in Jan; Tahlequah, 1st Monday after 2d Tuesday in October, 4th Monday in April; Wewoka, 1st Monday in November, 1st Monday after 1st Tuesday in April; Wagoner, 2d Monday in November, 1st Monday in March; Vinita, 1st Monday in Dec., 2d Monday in May.

Tuesday.
United States court opened at 9 this morning and is running along smoothly and the criminal business is being disposed of rapidly. Three pleas of guilty were heard this morning. All were on the charge of selling liquor. Wm. Hartshorn got \$10 fine and costs of prosecution and 30 days in jail. Cy Johnson got \$5.00 fine and 30 days jail sentence and Tim Walker got \$10 fine and 30 days jail sentence.

Twenty-five prisoners were brought up from Muskogee this morning and lodged in the hold-over and will plead before the court this afternoon and tomorrow morning. All the prisoners were thoroughly fumigated before leaving the jail and there is no danger of contagion.

Judge Gill seems to be perfectly at home on the bench, and his quiet manner and his evident knowledge of the law, and of the conditions confronting his court give assurances of success in the difficult place he occupies. Gill is a strong man and will be popular with the better element of Indian Territory people.

Walter Fears is in his accustomed place at the stenographer's desk. He is now Chief Pleasant Porter's stenographer but during the chief's absence in Washington was able to come up and serve Judge Gill. Mr. Fears is a very efficient court reporter.

Wednesday.
Judge Gill's court is moving along smoothly, only two jury trials have been had to the present time, though a large number of pleas of guilty and arraignments have occupied the attention of the court. The grand jury is dispensing with business rapidly and reporting bills every morning as soon as court is convened. A large number of criminal cases will go over till next term as the docket is very much crowded and it is therefore comparatively easy to get a continuance. At the present rate of dispensing business the criminal docket will soon be reduced so

as to insure a speedy hearing in all cases docketed.

There is a vast amount of civil business pressing upon the court for attention, and as soon as the criminal business is sufficiently in hand so the end can be compassed, the civil docket will be set.

It is a pleasure to sit in Judge Gill's court on account of the very pleasant relations that seem to exist between court and members of the bar and the utmost courtesy shown every one. The worst feature is the extremely bad air in the room; on account of the lack of ventilation, the condition of the atmosphere is almost unbearable.

A Life and Death Fight.
Mr. W. A. Hines, of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure all throat, chest and lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at A. W. Foreman's and People's drug store.

Escape of Edwards.
John B. Edwards, the irrepressible, has again left town and joined the quarantine east of Grand river. He broke out of the calaboose Tuesday and made good his escape and the city authorities are not over anxious about his recapture and detention. Edwards came to town night before last and as the doctor said he and his family had smallpox, and he had been forbidden to come to town till the danger of communicating the disease was passed, he was arrested and confined in the holdover. He escaped during the night by some one breaking down the door.

He Fooled The Surgeons.
All doctors told Benck Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 15 months from rectal fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica salve, the surest pile cure on earth, and the best salve in the world. 25c a box. Sold by A. W. Foreman's and People's drug stores.

Admitted to the Bar.
Sandige Hill passed a creditable examination and was admitted to the bar in Judge Gill's court Monday. Mr. Hill is a bright young man and a student, and stands a good chance to get to the front. He is a son of Dr. G. R. Hill, of this city, and has grown up from boyhood here. He will establish himself at Bartlesville.

The Orange Judd Farmer and Almanac and The Weekly Chieftain, one year, for \$1.25.

LADIES' FINE.....SHOES

Every manufacturer will tell you that shoes are higher than they were last season, and it is the truth too, but we are offering better values for the same price than ever before. This week we are making some remarkably low prices on ladies' fine shoes.

Lot 1—Twelve pairs of welts and turns. Anchor brand, made by the Brown Shoe Company, St. Louis, all stylish toes, button and lace, regular \$3.00 sellers; We will close the lot this week at 2.25 per pair. **\$2.25**

Lot 2—Eighteen pairs ladies' tan shoes, kid and vesting tops, made by Pingree & Smith to sell for \$3 and 3.50, all sizes, our price for one week is..... **\$2.50**

Lot 3—Twenty-four pair ladies' dress shoes, button and lace, all sizes, some of the neatest lasts produced; regular price 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00; we will close the lot this week at..... **\$2.00**

Lot 4—Twenty-four pair button shoes, fine quality, formerly sold for 2.00 and 2.50 per pair, for this week we will sell them at the remarkably low price..... **\$1.00**

This is the only chance you will have to buy fine shoes at the price of cheap shoes.

Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Ratcliffe Merc. Co.
We sell "ORIENTAL" SILK Dress Linings

SMALLPOX AT WAGONER.

The Disease in That Place Causes no Alarm.

Wagoner, Jan. 15, 1900.

Editor Chieftain:—There has been much talk about the smallpox in Wagoner. The facts in the case are these: Mr. E. E. Weldons' family was afflicted with what is supposed to be smallpox in a mild form. The family have all recovered and I have seen some of them on the street and no one can tell that they have had smallpox, not a mark on them. A young doctor in delicate health went there during the time of their sickness and was confined to the place and died there either from his own doctoring or the disease. This is all the white people that have been in any way afflicted here; several negroes have been down with this same complaint but did not suffer much from it; recovered in a few days, all but two, one of them was an old negro preacher.

It was supposed that he had about recovered. He sent up to the mayor for eggs a short time before he died while sitting in his chair. The other negro was a physical wreck before he was taken down. This is a true history of the smallpox here. We have had seven cases of pneumonia buried in the Wagoner cemetery since the smallpox scare and it don't seem to cause any alarm.

Respectfully,
WM. JACKSON.

The Endorsement that Counts.
The receipt Tuesday of \$17.50 on subscription unsolicited, by The Chieftain office, leads us to believe the paper still has caste and standing with those who have money to pay for their reading matter.

If Half the People

Took Orloff's Russian Grippe, Cough and Cold Cure as soon as they feel the first symptoms of an attack, there'd be fewer deaths from colds working into consumption, catarrh, pneumonia, pleurisy and similar diseases. It is the one proprietary remedy used by physicians in their families.

From a Physician.
Ottawa, Kan., March 26, 1897.
It is not often that a physician will recommend a proprietary medicine, but Orloff's Russian Grippe, Cough and Cold Cure, is so much superior to any other that I will say that I have used it for two years with astonishingly favorable results and with no failure.

100 DOSES FOR 50 CENTS.
Sold by People's Drug Store,
The Always Reliable Dispensary

BUTLER-BYRD.

Our Popular Postmaster Takes unto Himself a Bride.

Quiet, but beautiful as could be, was the home wedding at 4 o'clock last evening, of two of our most popular young people, Miss Fan Byrd, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Byrd, and Mr. J. H. Butler. The parlors were darkened and lighted, and were beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations, and smilax. Palms and ferns were also used with excellent effect. The piano was banked with flowers and evergreens which added beauty to the scene. Just before the bridal party entered Miss Laura Chouteau sang "O, Promise Me," after which the wedding march, Miss Graper at the instrument, announced the arrival of the wedding party. Tom Byrd, brother of the bride, came first, followed by the bride and groom. Rev. Patterson awaited them and said the words which united our two young friends for life.

The bride is one of the most popular and well known young ladies of Vinita, and enjoys the highest esteem of all who are so fortunate as to know her. She was elegantly attired in a traveling suit of castor broad cloth, handsomely trimmed in Persian velvet and she carried a bouquet of beautiful Bride roses.

The groom is our efficient postmaster, and is a rising young man. He has been a resident of the town for many years, and possesses the confidence of all his associates.

After the ceremony delicious cake and ices were served, and the guests availed themselves of the opportunity to tender congratulations to the groom and wish the bride much happiness. The gifts were dainty and costly. On account of the illness of the bride's father, the most intimate friends only were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler left evening on the M. K. & T. for St. Louis, Cairo, Ill., and other points. They will return in two or three weeks, after which time they will be at home to their friends at the Western hotel.

PREACHER IN TROUBLE.

Steals Buggy and Harness—Woman in the Case.

Rev. J. L. Calaway is in jail on the charge of stealing a buggy and harness from J. M. Rix, of Adair. Capt. White went down Tuesday and made the arrest, bringing the prisoner back on the midnight train. Calaway is a Methodist preacher and used to preach at Adair, and has been in this country about eleven years. His home is on the Verdigris. Last Friday night he was seen about five miles southwest of Adair riding one horse and leading another, and when Mr. Rix's buggy and harness were missing next morning, suspicion was diverted to Calaway and on going to his place the buggy and harness were found in his possession. It is said he will plead guilty. There is a woman in the case.

Dr. Jenkins Acquitted.
The trial of Dr. Jenkins, of Blue-jacket, on the charge of selling bitters containing alcohol, occupied the attention of the court Tuesday afternoon. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. W. H. Konegay defended Jenkins.

Smallpox Suspect Liberated.
A fellow suspected of having smallpox was arrested and locked in jail at Pryor Creek Tuesday by the city authorities. Subsequently he was liberated by the mayor and now the mayor is threatened with impeachment.

Bought 100 Cows.
Will Miller bought a hundred Texas cows Monday from W. J. Morrison at \$25. They are good cows and when the buyer will have a lot of white faced calves for sale—and a contract to take \$10 will be cheerfully entered into, if desired.

PREPARED Paints

Why put your good money in to a painter's hands to buy material for painting your house when you can get the product of years of experience for less money?

The old system of preparing paint from the raw material as it is used has long gone into practical disuse. Without the appliances it is next to impossible to secure the same shade in two separate lots of paint, to say nothing of the quality. This trouble can be avoided by using prepared paints handled by us.

P. G. Browning,
PHONE 20.