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Chas. Summers & Sons  
THE QUALITY STORE

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## NEW SPRING GOODS

Our buyers are back from the eastern market, and as usual, we are in a position to show you the largest assortment of QUALITY MERCHANDISE in this GREAT SOUTH-WESTERN COUNTRY.

We would like to call your attention to every department in our store, but we haven't the space. But, remember, whether it's DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, SHOES OR MILLINERY.

'YOU'RE MORE APT TO GET IT AT SUMMERS.'

35 years successful merchandising.

### OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Again we're "Johnny on the spot", in our Millinery Department. We're going to show you some nifty styles for Spring and Summer. Nothing but new, up-to-the-minute hats.

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LIBERAL, KANSAS.  
GUYMON, OKLA.  
DALHART, TEXAS

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### Local and Personal

D. E. Reeves of route 1 was in Saturday and boosted his subscription another year.

F. D. Erwin of Lorena was in Friday and boosted his subscription up a couple of years.

Bob Robinson has returned from Wichita where he has been managing the broom corn warehouse.

D. F. Ross of the northwest part of the county was a business visitor in Liberal a few days this week.

Classic item from the Dresden Sunflower: "One of the Freshmen was translating the Latin sentence, 'Hae in Gallia est importantus,' and he made it 'Hike into Gual it's important.'"

Chas Taylor was in Hutchinson last week attending a two days' session of the Rexall drug store men's convention.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaskill and Miss Cora Gaskill of Ottawa, are making a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaskill of this city.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a food sale, also apron and Easter novelty March 22, at the Star grocery.

L. W. Stevenson and wife are down in New Mexico this week for an outing. They are in the Pecos river valley. Their stay is indefinite.

A man and woman were arrested Friday, up stairs in the George building. They are now being held at the jail. They will perhaps be tried before the justice of the peace soon. They were both charged with lewdness.

Mrs. F. A. McCoy and baby of Hugoton were over visiting with her mother, Mrs. J. F. Funk, the latter part of last week and this week.

Miss Golda Nelson of Liberal visited friends here last week.—Hugoton Hermes.

John Lahey, the Stevens county auctioneer, sent in the cash Monday and asked that his name be again placed on our subscription list. We are receiving many new subscribers and only a few of the delinquents have failed to pay up.

At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church members Monday of \$2,500.00, perhaps a trifle paragonage. The structure and the site will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,500.00, perhaps a trifle more. A committee has been assigned the work of selecting a site, and upon the architecture. As soon as this committee has reported we will give more authentic details of this building.

## A NEW STORE

Will be opened in the building formerly occupied by L. A. Fields SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 10:00 a.m.

A new firm, new goods. All useful articles you need every day.

A 14-quart dish pan for ten cents, one to a family, for this opening day only.

The Liberal Variety Store  
COMPANY

### THINKS WHAT'S HIS BELONGS TO HIM

A search and seizure warrant was issued out of the justice court Saturday. The officers went to the Waters Feed yard, south of the track and, tucked snugly away in a stall, were three big juicy gallons of booze. And now tucked snugly away in a stall—a steel stall—is a man.

Yes, he even went so far as to get strangely angry and lament with walls woeful that the county had swiped his booze. He thinks the world of justice is topsy turvy. "Swipe a man's property, and then arrest him and perhaps send him to the penitentiary for it." The very idea. "Just like running over a man with an automobile, then getting out and kick him a couple of cracks on the pants for getting in the way. 'Crool World!'"

He did not know the idiosyncrasies of the law; he did not know when he indignantly claimed the booze, that the law states that liquor loses its value as private property when stored in a public place of business, not in connection with a private residence. This same old law also decides with unfeeling calmness that it is prima facie (meaning, pretty darn good) evidence that such liquor is being used and kept for unlawful purposes. All you who are heavy laden, remember this bit of law.

### ONE ROBBER CAUGHT ---GOODS RESTORED

Last Saturday night the Scandrett & Fuest hardware store was robbed. The thieves entered a little side window, high up against the ceiling. They climbed on to the Eldson harness shop and entered from that roof, using the shelving in the Scandrett & Fuest store as a ladder. They gutted the knife case of several hundred knives of various prices. They took eight revolvers, thirty-six razors and all of the German money on display in one of the show cases, this money being samples Mr. Fuest had but lately brought from Germany. They did not touch the silverware, nor the cash register, nor the safe. There were several other things among the signs of the litter the next morning that led Mr. Eldson, the sheriff, and Mr. Long, the secret service man for the Rock Island to believe that it was a boy, or boys who committed the deed. Messages were immediately sent out in all directions describing the goods, and cautioning all officials to notify every one in this country about the goods.

With the telephone, the telegraph, and men who have studied criminology so thoroughly that they read other men's minds, it is very hard to get away with a "Swag" these days. Although, to the common citizen, the case looked hopeless Sunday morning it did not take very long to get track of the goods and the criminals either.

Two weeks ago two boys, aged fifteen and fourteen respectively, met in Oklahoma City and struck up an acquaintance. Young "boomers" were they, out seeing the world. They heard about Liberal, Kansas; heard that it was a live town. They decided that this was the place for them. They came. The job they had had in mind did not materialize as they had expected, so for over a week they had been cooking, sweeping and washing dishes over at the McDermott rooming house for their board. Soon they were out of money. One suggested to the other that they break into some store, get some stuff, take it to another town and sell it.

At eleven-thirty Saturday night they arose from their warm bed, went to the hardware store which they had spotted during the afternoon, and entered as above described. Using knives they cut the bottoms of their pockets in their coats so that the space between the lining and the goods could be filled with plunder. In this manner they carried all or the stuff to the depot, and boarded No. 33 at two o'clock a.m. They got off at Guymon, and tried to get a wooden box quickly, so that they might pack the stuff and ship it. They did not get a box but bought an old valise, for a dollar, and packed the stuff. Shortly a cop accosted them and became very inquisitive about what they had in the grip, thinking of course that it was booze.

One of the boys, the youngest, hiked from the town then and there and has not been heard of since. The other talked the cop out of his inquisitive spell temporarily, but became so frightened that he skipped from the town and carried the grip which weighed 48 pounds, to Goodwell, a distance of about ten miles. There he expressed it to Ardmore. He boarded the train to Dalhart. All might have been well, but he being such an awful desperado, had to carry a gun. An officer in Dalhart saw the bump and arrested him, searched him and found a gun. Things might not have been so bad even then, but the unlucky boy had a strange coin on his person. Not one of the coins belonging to Mr. Fuest; one from Hawaii. But it aroused suspicions, for messages whispering of strange coins and guns had just been coming over the wires. Dalhart wired to Liberal. Sid Long went down, and talked to the boy. The coin was no proof, and the gun wasn't a good one, but Mr. Long noticed that the express receipt was not signed by Mr. Yocum or by Mr. Payton. He then took a long shot for his money and told the boy that the game was all up. That the stuff had been shipped from Goodwell and that they had intercepted it at Dalhart, and had all of the stuff in their possession so that he just as well come through with the truth. This was a staggering blow and the young man broke down and confessed the whole thing. Practically all of the goods are recovered except the money which is in possession of the other boy who has not been caught.

The reward was given to the Dalhart official we understand. The case was turned over to Judge Campbell, as it has to be tried in the Juvenile court. He perhaps will be sent to the reform school at Hutchinson. The name of the boy is being withheld for certain altruistic reasons.

### TURNED OUT TO STARVE

Tuesday a little boy about thirteen years old came trudging into town. His feet were wet and swollen. His face was tear stained and dirty. He had walked many miles from the place he had called home; the house of his step-father, a man by the name of Congrove. He was a pitiful little spectacle, and his childish heart was broken because his own mother had gruffly yelled at him, to clear out and that there was nothing for him to eat at that place. Wouldn't that break a growing boy's heart; a boy who had been born and brought up among the people of the west especially?

According to the little fellow's story he did not attend school the first two months of this term, at all, but worked. When he started to school, he could ride on days when his sister went to school. Monday, both brother and sister went to school. Tuesday sister didn't want to go to school, so Clarence was told to get a move on and hoof it to school. He demurred against the long walk through the snow, and at that time he was told to clear out, and "nothing more to eat at this place."

He cleared! He walked to town. The County found him and took him in charge. The last we saw of him he was trying to work arithmetic problems and cry at the same time, in the office of the County Superintendent.

When asked which he would rather do: "Go back home or go to the reform school?" He said he would rather go to the reform school, because he would get a beating if he went back. It has not been decided yet what will be done with the little lad. Perhaps his story is exaggerated by self sympathy.

### MIGHT INCONVENIENCE

The head of the post office department has sent out letters to all of the carriers who have to drive over country roads, asking them a set of questions. These questions are in regard to the roads over which the carriers are compelled to travel. This question was discussed at Wichita week before last, at the Post Masters Convention and we believe the government means to see that some of the terrible roads over which mail has to be drawn, are fixed or they will stop hauling mail over that route.

The three miles south on Kansas Avenue and three-quarter east on the state line is again in bad shape, but if the big drag was put on now before it dries up so much, it would be fine, and with much less work than if it is let go until it must need several hundred dollars worth of work done upon it.

### KATZANJAMMER STUNTS DON'T GO

Han's unt Fritz unt Gus unt a couple of more of dose kind of Caucasians—life of dem in all vas very scairt Tuesday, ven dey vas beckoned before der Justice of der Peace, and toldt that dem Katzanjammer businesses is copyrighted by dose funny papers. They were also toldt that it would be best for them, to "get wise" to the fact, (even though young) that it is no use to try to jolly the Law.

For some time it has been very evident that the peaceful little city of Liberal held some boys; school boys, who were very mischievous. Strange isn't it! Who would think that LIBERAL would have any bad boys?

For about the same length of time that it has been apparent that Liberal was the home of some naughty, mean boys, it has been noticed that little things disappeared from here and there. Also it was noted that certain persons were acting with much disregard for public property. They were "spotted". They were watched. They were reprehended, but all to no avail. They went a little too far, however, when they went out to the fair grounds, wherein the citizens of Liberal have spent thousands of dollars, and there they got disgustingly gay. They shot into the buildings; shooting one door entirely off, we understand. They built a large fire close to a building and then went away and left it.

Five white-faced and sincere "kids" signed a little agreement, with the County Attorney, something as follows, Tuesday afternoon:

First: I will not use tobacco in any form, nor violate that law, except in the privacy of my home and by consent of my parents.

Second: I will not accept any intoxicating liquor, except from my parents and in my home. I will not purchase any from anyone.

Third: I will not commit any depredations on property, or build dangerous fires. All of these are to be abided by for one year.

If they are caught breaking any part of this agreement they are to go to the reformatory without any ado, and Mr. Commons says that they sure will go if caught.

They will report to the proper officials every once in a while.

Remember! It is no use to try to jolly the Law.

Ed Smith dropped into the office for a little chat Tuesday and while here sent his subscription up a couple of years. We welcome all visitors, but Oh! how we love this kind.

## Citizens State Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$48,000.00

### MONEY TALKS

I AM YOUR BEST FRIEND  
HERE'S ANOTHER MONEY TALK. IF YOU PUT YOUR MONEY in the BANK YOU WILL HAVE IT WHEN YOU NEED IT. you keep your horse in a good stable, why not keep your money in a bank where fire nor burglars cannot harm it.

DEPOSITS GUARANTEED BY THE DEPOSITORS GUARANTEE LAW OF THE STATE OF KANSAS.