

Meade County News.

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MEADE, KANSAS.

OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY

The Western Union has put in an uptown telegraph office in Enid.

Chickasha has a Sorosis and the club is devoting its time to a study of Dickens.

In Oakland \$45,000 was raised in one hour's time, by citizens to capitalize a bank.

One of the best pianists in the territory is Miss Eagle Feather of Cantonment.

J. H. Havighout claims to have located a fine bed of the best of coal near Guthrie.

S. P. Cornell, of Lincoln county, was shot by his son-in-law, named Lynch, in a quarrel.

In western Oklahoma, the herd law is gradually encroaching on the domain of free range.

The negroes at Kingfisher nominated a city ticket, but failed to file it within the statutory time.

The boys at the Oklahoma Agricultural college have set out 35,000 trees on the college grounds.

Pottawatomie county is free from small pox and courts will be held at regularly appointed dates.

It is expected that there will be 300 Indians secured to dance at the time of the Kough Riders' reunion.

No more proof notices will be sent out from the Enid law office until the \$4 publication fee is advanced.

The skin of a lynx thirty-five inches long and eighteen inches high has been added to the college museum at Stillwater.

Mrs. Dr. T. G. Dewey, of Oklahoma City, will soon join her husband, who is a United States surgeon in the Philippines.

Sixteen miles from Augusta is a salt plain with an area of 100 square miles. The salt deposit is from one to four inches deep. The plain is 1,320 feet above sea level.

It is now claimed the Sunday school of the Pilgrim Congregational church, of Oklahoma City, is the largest in the territory. The average attendance for the year was 149.

An examination of peach buds at the agricultural experiment station shows a large percentage of the buds are dead, yet there are enough remaining to yield a fair crop.

Two insurance agents traveling in Grant county dropped a match from their buggy, which started a fire that burned across several farms and destroyed a number of stacks of hay.

Rev. Wagner, of the M. E. church at Norman spread paint on the church and parsonage with his own hands. He also assisted in papering the church and has put the grounds around the parsonage in good shape.

Corn jumped to 34 cents in Guthrie and hogs to \$4.75. One scene of interest was two farmers one with a load of corn, another with a load of wheat. The first received \$13.34 for his load, the second \$29. Heretofore it has taken four loads of corn to purchase one of wheat.

Henry Wicker while prospecting in the Otter Mountains in the Kiowa and Comanche country, found the skeletons of four persons, apparently those of a man, a woman and two children.

The skeletons, from appearances, had been there about six months. Near by were a Winchester rifle, camp outfit and saddles.

Henry City, a new town, has been laid out in Pottawatomie county. The townsite is one mile long and half a mile wide.

A teacher of the normal at Alva told his class he would try to detect the difference in the acuteness of the sense of smelling in pupils. He passed around a bottle of distilled water asking each to say how strong it was of ammonia. Every one smelled the ammonia all right, but there was none in the water. He then lectured on "Imagination."

Stillwater churches were thinly attended, the other Sunday, for the people were watching a railroad bridge gang build a bridge.

Mrs. Selwin Douglass, president of the Oklahoma federation of women's clubs, denies that she is a candidate for the national presidency of the federation. She roasts the reporter who started the story.

Five thousand dollars of the Carnegie gift for a library at Oklahoma City has been received. The contract for the building will be let soon.

The eight clerks in one department of a store at Cleo wear the temperance white ribbon.

J. W. Gordon, of Wellston, Lincoln county, is contracting his 1900 crop of castor beans at one dollar per bushel.

Lincoln county put a lot of her prisoners in the Oklahoma county jail and now Oklahoma county will present a bill to Lincoln for damage done to the jail by the Lincoln prisoners.

Stroud and Oklahoma City are asking for companies of the national guard. Two more will fill up a regiment.

It is expected that about 300 Oklahomans will attend the Democratic convention in Kansas City. Their headquarters will be at the Savoy hotel.

George Stanley, of Tonkawa, got some oil on his hands while filling a lamp. When he lit a match the oil fired and now he has sore hands.

E. I. Sadler, a negro justice of the peace at Guthrie, has been notified of his appointment to a position in the pension department at Washington at a salary of \$1,200 a year.

Perry merchants have agreed to hereafter close their stores at 6:30.

The post office at Collinsville, I. T. was robbed and burned last week.

John Swearingen, of Woodward, is insane. He was a Santa Fe engineer.

A deputy marshal was killed at Waggoner by a drunken man named Gaylor, who escaped.

Guy Anfrecht, of the North Side hotel in Oklahoma City died April 2 of cancer of the throat and tongue.

The Wells-Fargo Express company will establish an office at Augusta to connect with the railroad at Alva.

A gang of Indians camped at Garber and were as much of a curiosity to the people as they would have been in an Eastern state.

A several weeks' drought in Eastern Oklahoma and western Indian Territory was broken by a good rain. Crop prospects are good.

There are about 365 Ojibwa Indians on the Ojibwa reservation. About 60,000 acres of land has been allotted to them, and they still have 70,000 acres unallotted.

The Oklahoma live stock commission have followed the example of Kansas and quarantined against cattle from eastern and northern states unless they can pass inspection as to infection with tuberculosis.

A. Furgue and J. L. Jackson, two Oklahoma pioneers have left Lacombe for Alberta, Canada. They will seek homesteads under the Canadian law. Mr. Jackson was accompanied by his wife and fifteen children.

The land appraising commission, at work in the Choctaw county, will finish the appraisal of the Chickasaw lands during the current year. Then there will still be left a strip of land on the east side of the Choctaw nation without appraisal.

Ardmore is entitled to a free mail delivery system now as far as her postal business is concerned, the receipts of the office for two consecutive years exceeding \$10,000. If it is granted to Ardmore to have free delivery now it is probable that it will be several years ahead of any other town in the territory.

Parties near Weatherford imported a car load of fine cattle. They were shipped by way of Memphis, and unloaded there to be fed. Memphis is south of the quarantine line. The cattle started north of the quarantine line and could have been shipped through to Weatherford had they not unloaded at any point south of the line. As the case now stands the cattle will be compelled to remain below the line until next fall.

Captain J. S. Hammar, department commander for the Indian Territory G. A. R. has announced the following staff appointments: Sergeant Deane, assistant adjutant general and assistant quartermaster general; M. S. Parker, deputy inspector; Louis Lockhart, judge advocate; S. Boyles, chief officer; J. H. Dixon, senior aide; council of administration, C. W. Meares, Hugh Campbell, Tom Roberts, B. F. Creas, John Couvan.

It is reported on what appears to be good authority that ex-Senator Dawes, the head of the Dawes commission, will shortly resign and retire to private life. Mr. Dawes, who is an old man, has not been actively superintending the work of the commission for some time, and has not been in the Indian territory for several years. The real head of the commission has been Judge McKenna, and it is said that Mr. Dawes has not been in active sympathy with some of the plans of the commission for some time. An attempt may be made by Senator Stewart to dissolve the commission or to re-organize it.

J. D. Weaver, the Rock Island agent at Dover, O. T., was married last week to Miss Bertha Maltby, of McPherson, Kan.

J. A. Hoggart was arrested at Sapulpa, under a warrant from Oklahoma, charged with selling mortgaged property.

Between the time of the passage of the law putting a tax of \$1,000 on white men who married Chickasaw Indian girls and the time the law went into effect, 1,700 Indian girls became the wives of white men.

The cattlemen of Indian Territory are pleased over that part of the Creek-Dawes treaty which treats of leasing pasturage.

Protests from cattlemen are going to Washington in great numbers, against the proposed non-citizen tax of 25 cents a head on cattle, for the benefit of schools.

Colonel J. W. Sheldon, a prominent citizen of Chicago, fell between the coaches of the passenger train at Purcell and was horribly mangled, both his legs being crushed.

Colonel Richard J. Hinton, who traveled through Indian territory in 1856, is there again gathering material for newspaper articles.

A man who gave his name as Keeney, and that he lived at Wichita Falls, Texas, came into a railroad camp near Comanche, with no clothes on him. He believes he had been drugged in a saloon.

The Santa Fe has paid three farmers for right of way of the Hutchinson & Southern, a much higher price than the condemning board allowed.

In southwestern Oklahoma cotton pickers may still be seen in the fields occasionally; gleaming the remnants of last year's crop.

The house passed, under a suspension of rules, a bill ratifying the agreement with the Comanches and Apaches to open their lands to settlement.

Edgar Smith was lighting a lamp in his dugout, in Roger Mills county, when he was shot and killed. Ed Wilms and Frank Smith have, it is said, confessed that they were hired to kill Smith for \$500.



It isn't what it used to be. This Easter walk, I own. The "nobodies" now promenade. Where only "nobs" were known; But after church it's well enough To do your little mile, And view with an admiring eye Solidity and style.



And throngs of nobodies at all, Who only stand and stare! Roll on! roll on! O, human tide Of wealth and power and fame. You change with every passing day, Yet always seem the same. So love and hate and shame and faith, The false beside the true, In rich array on Easter Day Shall walk Fifth Avenue! -New York Herald.

ETHEL'S EASTER.

Ethel lived on the seashore—that part of the Alabama coast which the Mobilians call "Over the Bay,"—and she visited Mobile rarely except during Christmas and Easter. She was a busy little girl with lessons and piano practice, and asked so many questions that an old sea-captain who lived near her home gave her the name of Little Conundrum.



SUDDENLY ONE NIGHT THE BELL DID RING. "Who is that, Miss Mary? What makes her dress so? She has a chain at her side, too!" "That is a Sister of Mercy," answered Miss Mary. "Whose sister?" asked Ethel. "A Sister of Mercy—a sister to all who need her."

"Jake! Jake!" called Ethel. Jake came when called, and after many trials arranged an unsightly contrivance, so that the pulling of the string did ring a bell just over Ethel's bed. Her brother Tom ridiculed it, but mamma said Sisters of Mercy must be patient under ridicule.

Next morning at breakfast Tom, who had been very brave in putting out the fire, said, "Well, Ethel, which is the Sister of Mercy, you or old Brindle?"

EASTER IN HUNGARY.

Some of the most curious Easter observances prevail in Hungary, the home of dance and song. Miss Janka Frankel, a singer who was heard in opera last winter in Philadelphia and other cities, gives an interesting account of the strange customs of her native land.

Passion week, as a whole, is generally very quiet, almost no social functions taking place. Its prominent feature is the pilgrimage to one of the sacred shrines. Devout persons in both town and country join in the pilgrimage, and every village through which the procession passes adds its quota to the pilgrimage.

On Good Friday a life-size image of the Christ is carried to the principal church by a procession of priests and there remains until Easter, guarded by soldiers, who stand motionless as statues. On Easter Sunday the worshippers place offerings of money at the feet of the sacred image. Easter morning is greeted with tokens of gladness, somewhat similar to our Christmas, all the windows having wreaths of flowers or leaves.

One of the prettiest observances of the day is a procession of young girls in white, carrying branches of green trees, following the clergy in their robes and the acolytes with a huge gilded cross. After the white robed girls come the villagers.

The most interesting custom, however, is that known as "watering," which occurs on Easter Monday and Tuesday. Men go out armed with water in bottles or pitchers and throw it on the young women they meet in the village streets. Sometimes they even call at the houses and greet the girls who come to the door.

This "watering" rite is said to be known in no other country, and its institution is ascribed to one of the apostles. It is possibly a perversion of the rite of baptism.



A MOST INTERESTING CUSTOM KNOWN AS WATERING. and the laughing swains often find themselves unexpectedly drenched as they pass a house or drinking font.

WHAT WEBSTER DAVIS SAYS

Was Received and Treated Kindly --Pretoria Impregnable.

New York, April 7.—After Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock sent to Webster Davis a brief note in which he said the president had asked him to announce that Mr. Davis' resignation had been accepted to take effect April 4, Mr. Davis felt at liberty then to talk freely upon the South African situation, and to a friend he related the history of his trip.

"My journey was uneventful until we crossed the Transvaal border and stopped at Koomatpoort," he said. "There the whole neighborhood turned out and welcomed me.

"I visited the defenses of Pretoria and I consider them impregnable. I do not believe the English troops will ever pass the line of hills surrounding the town, bristling as they are with high power Krupp and Creusot guns.

"At Pretoria I met President Steyn. I also learned that there is no truth in the report coming from English sources concerning dissensions between the two presidents. They are in perfect accord.

"As I said before, I do not believe the British will ever enter Pretoria. Even the women of the town are supplied with rifles and are daily practicing in marksmanship. Some of them are very expert, and their average shooting is good.

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PARALYSIS

Organized to Punish Those Who Interfere in Love Affairs. What appears to be an organization of whitecaps is operating in this city.

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He—Would you scream if I were to take you in my arms and kiss you? She—What good would that do? Papa and mamma are away, and the walls and floors and ceilings of this flat are deadened.—Chicago Times Herald.