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We have a swell line of

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and many other nice things suitable for New Year gifts

Call and see our line. Our prices are right and we appreciate your patronage. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am

Yours to Serve

D. J. Treadwell

The Men's and Boys' Outfitter

2nd door west City Natl. Bank ARDMORE

It's up to You!

If you wish to dress stylish call on us and see the most elegant display of Fine Woolens ever brought to this country. We have made arrangements with

Mr. R. R. Beeman of Louisville, Kentucky, representing KAHN BROS. of Louisville,

to take orders for this famous line of high class tailoring until Saturday night. We guarantee a perfect fit and satisfaction in every respect. Come and inspect this line. No trouble to show samples.

Randol-Banks Mer. Co.

WARNING ORDER.

In the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Southern District. Lindsey Scott, plaintiff, vs Parolee Scott, defendant No. 6981. The defendant Parolee Scott, is warned to appear in this court in thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Lindsey Scott. Witness the Hon. Hosea Townsend, Judge of said Court, and the seal

thereof, this 28th day of December, 1904. C. M. CAMPBELL, Clerk. By W. S. CROCKETT, Deputy. Cruce, Cruce & Bleakmore, Attorneys. Attorney for non-resident, Caswell Bennett. First published December 29, 1904.

WANTED—Room and board for gentleman and wife, must be strictly first-class. Address 100 care Ardmoreite. 29-2t

...OUR WINDOW DISPLAY...

Has only a few of the many dolls we have the pleasure of showing. And they are so pretty, dainty and different they easily show the special attention that was given in their selection. Their beauty will impress you, the price delight you, and I shall expect you.

T. N. COLEMAN, DRUGGIST

PERSONAL NOTES.

H. A. Jennings is in the city from Eufaula. Glen P. Harris is in the city from Paris Valley. J. T. Jones is in the city from Stuart. C. F. Dorchester is in the city from Marietta. Mrs. A. J. Poland and son of Dallas, Texas, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Ely. Misses Bell and Brooks have returned from Gainesville to attend the teachers' association. John Stone returned today from a visit to relatives in Texas where he spent Christmas. Capt. J. T. Wyont has returned from a visit of a month with friends and relatives in different portions of Texas. E. B. Hinshaw and wife and E. S. Light and wife of Bloomfield Seminary are in the city attending the Teacher's Association. Rev. S. P. Gott of Booneville, Mo., who has been in the city a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sturgeon will depart for home tomorrow. Mrs. A. W. West who has been in the city for some time the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Light returned to her home at McGregor, Tex., today. Mrs. L. Y. Bonner and little grandson, Falsom Bonner left today for Davis to spend a few days with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Nicholson who spent Christmas in the city the guests of Dr. J. H. Nicholson and wife returned to their home at Palestine, Texas, yesterday afternoon. Arthur Jones, bookkeeper for the Hub mercantile company of Duncan, accompanied by his wife, is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Jones of north Ardmore. Milton Boyd returned today from Shawnee where he has been visiting friends for a few days, he was accompanied home by little Miss Hattie Davenport of that place who will spend a few days in the city the guest of friends.

The Lady Maccabees.

The Ladies of the Maccabees met yesterday at the I. O. O. F. Hall and initiated nine new members into the mysteries of that order. After the initiation a spread was given the new members which was greatly enjoyed by all who participated in it. The Maccabees at Ardmore are growing fast and in the near future, it is expected they can broaden their field of work which they are doing into other fields other than those which they are now in.

This afternoon the ladies are again in session for the election of officers.

For Sale.

One hundred well bred horses just arrived. Will sell for cash or on time at O. S. Bailey's barn, South Washington street, Ardmore, I. T. 28-3

For the excellent work which the fire boys did last night at the fire at R. T. Dallas' grocery store they were rewarded by a check for \$20 by Mr. Dallas, J. T. Orr whose bottling works building was near the store house of Mr. Dallas, and whose building also came near burning and but for the brave work of the fire boys would have burned also remembered the boys handsomely for which they are very grateful.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

ARDMORE ABSTRACT CO.

W. S. WOLVERTON & SON, Regs. Marcus M. Bright and Belle G. Alvis to E. P. Newton; deed; lot 5, block 230; \$2000.

J. E. Toombs and wife to O. M. Redfield; deed; lots 3 and 4 and 50 feet of lot 2, block 129; \$200.

A. D. Chase, J. Y. F. Blake and Callie Chase Blake to Marcus M. Bright; lot 3 in block 230; \$525.

The new term of school calls for tablets, pens, pencils, inks, etc. You will get goods at low prices by coming here. An especially, large tablet for 5 cents.

27 RAMSEY'S DRUG STORE.

At the Jail.

Jack Jewel alias Pruitt was placed in jail today on a charge of larceny, he was brought here on a writ of removal from Texas.

F. W. Kennedy and N. D. Peace, were placed in jail today on a charge of introducing liquor.

Everything in our stock of account books at a reduction of 25 per cent from our regular prices. If you need anything in this line it will pay you to come here for it.

27 F. J. RAMSEY, Druggist.

COMMISSION

DAWES COMMISSION REVIEWS ITS PAST ACHIEVEMENTS.

Time Has Been Well Occupied in Enrolling People of Five Civilized Tribes and Looking After Their Welfare.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The annual report of the Dawes Commission on its work for the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Indian Territory is a general review of the partition and allotment of the lands of those Indians during the past six years.

"The time consumed in the change from the old system to the new," the commissioners say, "has been a most irksome period to the people of Indian Territory, and the commission is not unmindful of the fact that to many candid observers the execution of the task has seemed to be both tedious and expensive."

While admitting that criticism was to be expected, the report goes on to say that it is not just, and to show that the time has been well occupied in securing a correct roll of the people and in obtaining a correct inventory of their property and in locating improvements.

Of the difficulties of these various divisions of the work, the report says: "Every adult or head of a family in a total of more than 200,000 citizens and claimants was personally examined and his previous tribal record was looked up. Of this number and in this way more than 120,000 have been examined since June 28, 1898. The proceedings were all taken down, especially in every case could be carried to Washington on appeal and often the record of a single case was hundreds of pages in extent. Of the above number of people, approximately 90,000 will be finally adjudged to lawfully possess tribal membership and property rights; and it can readily be seen how a less careful course of procedure would have utterly dissipated the properties of the tribes.

As to the appraisement of the land it was thought that tracts of forty acres, or a quarter of a section, was as small a division as could reasonably be made the subject of personal inspection. This acreage was adopted as the unit in determining the grade and value of lands, but even this required the locating, inspecting, classifying and valuing of nearly 100,000 tracts of land.

"As for the safeguarding the occupancy and improvement rights of the people, their houses, barns, fences and other improvements had to be located by actual surveys and with minute accuracy. Perhaps, hardly a man in the Territory knew the sectional divisions of his farm or the sectional location of a single one of his improvements, and hence there was no source of accurate information respecting these matters except the surveys and location of improvements made by the commission."

The report adds: "We have been daily witnesses of the distress of the people caused by delay, not only of the approximately 90,000 citizens of the tribes, but also of the estimated 600,000 other residents of the territory whose legitimate interests suffer from an unsettled state of affairs. It will be seven years consumed in this work, if it is completed, as we expect, by July 1, 1905, and the administration of these communal estates, amounting to nearly 20,000,000 acres of land, and to perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars in actual values, will then have consumed that amount of time and have cost less than 10 cents an acre. We trust that a consideration of the facts here stated will lead to the conclusion that under the circumstances the time consumed has not been unreasonable nor the cost unduly great."

Speaking of the difficulties connected with the allotment work, the commissioners say that "speculators not over scrupulous in their business methods, have attempted in every way to influence the work with a view to personal gain."

One of the methods of the speculators is outlined as follows: "A favorite scheme has been to induce fullblood Indians to take in allotment widely separated tracts of ten or more acres each, in order that they might not be in position to take possession of and improve their allotments. This matter was brought to the attention of the department in the month of August, 1903, and the commission has used every possible means to prevent allotments of this character. Under the law, however, certain privileges are guaranteed to citizens in the selection of their allotments, making it difficult for the commission to fully protect their interests."

Heywood for Shoe Men "Heywood Shoes Wear." Price \$3.50 LYNN, THE SHOE MAN.

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WANT COLUMN MARKET REPORTS

WANTED.

FOR RENT—A suite of office rooms over Randol's store. R. W. Randol.

WANTED—A white girl to do general work in small family. Apply Sam Weeks at Weeks Bros. Hardware store. 22-4t.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A three room house. Apply J. D. Tanner. 8t

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms at 208 Broadway. 19-4t

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Four choice milk cows. R. E. Barnes, D street and Eighth, avenue northwest. 15-3t

FOR SALE—For the next thirty days will sell general merchandise. J. L. Jackson, Glenn, I. T. 20-4t

FOR SALE—One F. M. Austin No. 3 deep well machine, complete, with pipe and casing. P. O. Box 431 Ardmore. 28-6

STOLEN

STOLEN—\$35 reward for one black horse, 15 hands high, braided T on left shoulder, has split in one ear. Will pay \$35 reward for horse and thief. A. W. Speak, Woodford, I. T. 20 4W-1m

LOST.

LOST—Between Elks' hall and Kahn's confectionery a brooch containing pearls set with a small diamond. Finder return to Ardmoreite office and get liberal reward.

LOST.

LOST—I will pay a liberal reward for the return of my year old Lewellyn Setter bird dog. He is white with black pipe and has black and tan head with white streak down the middle of the head. WILL D. POTTER, 29-4 Office over First National Bank.

COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool Futures. Open Close

Table with columns for month (Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Nov, Dec) and price (Open, Close).

Spots and Sales.

Spots, Sales, New York Futures.

Open High Low Close

Table with columns for month (Jan, Mar, May, Jul) and price (Open, High, Low, Close).

Spots and Sales.

Spots, Sales, New Orleans Futures.

Open High Low Close

Table with columns for month (Jan, Mar, May, July) and price (Open, High, Low, Close).

Spots and Sales.

Spots, Sales.

GRAIN.

Wheat—

Table with columns for month (Dec, May, July) and price (1111, 1134, 974).

Corn—

Table with columns for month (Dec, May, July) and price (451, 454, 452).

Oats—

Table with columns for month (Dec, May) and price (291, 311).

Pork—

Table with columns for month (Jan) and price (1255, 1347).

Ribs—

Table with columns for month (Jan) and price (6 10).

LIVESTOCK.

Chicago.

Table with columns for Hogs, Cattle, Sheep and prices.

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