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## COAL-COAL

**McAlester Coal \$7**

This Week

Have On Hand A Full Line Of  
**Lumber**

Corn 73 cents.

**D. E. McANAW**

### Livery Barn Burned.

The Elgin Livery Barn, owned by C. M. Wolcott, was burned to the ground last evening commencing about 8 o'clock. The fire started in the hay mow and was first seen by Ewell Byrd at his home across the railroad track while it was yet very small. L. D. Sparks, who lives in the house beside the barn, next discovered it and went to the door to fire his revolver, which after one shot, refused to work.

These two, with E. H. Buckley, who seemed to be the next man on the ground, proceeded to remove the stock and buggies from the barn. C. M. Wolcott was at Walker's store when notified and by the time he reached the barn, the stock and vehicles had all been removed.

By this time the west half of the barn was one solid mass of flames and all realized that nothing could be done to save anything else. The wind was in the south east and burning lumber was being carried onto the roof of the D. E. McAnaw elevator, which caught fire twice.

All attention was turned to

### James Eads.

James Eads, an old and highly respected citizen of Elgin, died very suddenly at his home about 6:30 Friday evening. Though he had been in poor health for some time, yet he ate a hearty supper Friday and lay down to take a rest, expiring in a few minutes.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. L. Hinckley in the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, interment in the Elgin cemetery.

There was a large attendance at the funeral about all the standing room being occupied. The pall bearers were L. C. Coffin, C. W. Compton, J. P. Kennemur, T. R. Bennett, E. Stone, and L. F. Studyvin. The singers were as follows: sopranos, Mesdames Fitzgerald, Choens and Howe; altos, Mesdames Coffin and Wettengel and Miss Ray; tenors, Messrs. Willhite and Wettengel; basses, Messrs. Hills-meyer, Miller and Doekum.

James Eads was born Jan. 2, 1849, near Shelbyville, Ind., being 76 years, one month and three days old, when he died.

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The very highest price for produce. Don't forget the place. THE OLD RELIABLE.

**L. C. COFFIN, Proprietor.**

### Neighborhood News.

Max Arnold had the ends of two fingers sawed off in a gin at Temple last week, and he had previously shot the end off of another finger.

An agent at Temple has been selling one Harley-Davidson motorcycle a week for five weeks.

S. P. Hannifin has sold the Devoil Dispatch to a young man named W. R. Lines.

A night school of ten weeks has been organized near Hollis and has 15 pupils ranging in age from 17 to 52 years.

The charred remains of Charles Walker were found last week in the ashes of his home near Rock-Y.

There are 470 pupils enrolled in the tuition school at Frederick.

An Indian near Walters was fined \$50 and costs on a charge of assault and battery.

A "Mothers Club" has been organized at Tipton to co-operate with the school teachers.

A pedestrian 71 years old passed through Tipton last week walking from New York to San Francisco, for which he will receive \$1500 if he makes the

trip in 150 days. He had walked 3,005 miles in 91 days.

The Baptist church at Mountain Park was struck by a storm last Wednesday evening and moved about one foot off the foundation.

J. B. King of near Apache sold 44 bales of cotton last week at 8 cents per pound, his check amounting to \$1,826.88.

Petitions have been signed extensively for a parole in favor of former Mayor, Wm. Blum, of Anadarko, who is serving a six-year term in the penitentiary for forgery.

A fellow in Caddo county drew a \$50 fine and 30 days in jail for the illegal sale of liquor.

### Defeated At Apache.

The Elgin basket ball team went to Apache Friday night and met defeat at the hands of the local high school team. The boys do not seem to know the exact score, but it stood about 40 to 20. W. W. Brunskill accompanied the team, also H. H.

See H. P. Wettengel for insurance, farm loans, real estate, Louisiana silos and notary work.

save the elevator. Mike Barrett climbed onto the roof and tore off some burning shingles before any water could be taken to him. T. O. Miller entered the elevator and went to the top of it, where he poured several buckets of water out of a window over the roof. By hard work the elevator was saved.

The fire could be seen for miles around and many of the farmers came to town to see what it was. The stock removed consisted of one big stallion and two jacks owned by L. D. Sparks; one horse owned by Ewell Byrd and one horse owned by C. M. Wolcott. By 10 o'clock most of the people had left for their homes but it was burning briskly so D. E. McAnaw hired T. O. Miller to watch it till morning. The Baker medicine man had a large amount of goods in the barn which were lost.

The barn and contents were insured for \$700 in Home Ins. Co., H. P. Wettengel being the local agent. The state agent at Oklahoma City and the company at New York were both sent notices on the 7 o'clock mail this morning and an adjuster is expected at once. During the ten years that H. P. Wettengel has been writing insurance this is the first loss to report on any policy that he has written.

### Taken To Cushing.

The remains of Mrs. S. J. London, who died last Wednesday, were shipped from here Thursday to Cushing for interment beside the body of her first husband.

Rev. D. L. Hinckley conducted the funeral services at the home of her son, G. W. Driggs, Thursday morning, she having been a member of the Methodist church. She was the mother of ten children, six sons and one daughter living and three daughters deceased.

Her first husband's name was Driggs, and he died about 18 years ago. Her second husband's name was London and he died last year. Her birthday came on Sunday before she died, she being 65 years and 3 days old at the time of her death.

### Improving.

The Frisco railroad company is doing some improving around the depot in Elgin this week, doing some concrete work and other needed repairs.

At an early age he moved with his parents to Illinois and from there enlisted as a Union soldier in the Civil War, serving 18 months in Co. D Tennessee Light Artillery.

In 1869 he moved with his parents to the state of Arkansas where he lived 33 years. He has been married twice, his first wife and an only child being dead about nine years when on Oct. 8, 1892, he was united in marriage with Sarah Alice Foreman, she being a widow with one son, James, who was adopted by his step-father.

To this union were born two sons, Charlie and Frank of Snyder, and one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Davis of Elgin, who with the wife and the adopted son, James Eads, of Haskell, Texas, were all present at the funeral. He also leaves one sister in Missouri.

In 1901 the family moved from Arkansas to Missouri, where they resided for three years, and then in 1904 moved to Oklahoma where they have since resided. He became a charter member of the Apache Post No. 123, and was a member in good standing at the time of his death, being proud of his membership in the G. A. R.

Deceased had been a Christian gentleman for a number of years. In 1893 he joined the Advent church and remained a member until they came to Oklahoma where there was no church of that denomination, when he joined the Baptist church and remained with them until an Advent church was organized at Sterling, then he changed his membership back to that church at Sterling. He was of a kind disposition and a friend to all who knew him.

### Selling Caskets.

The Vaughn Hardware Co. has been doing quite a business in caskets of late, selling three of them last week, for Mrs. J. D. Hickman, who died on Monday, Mrs. S. J. London, who died on Wednesday, and James Eads, who died on Friday. This has caused some to remark that old undertakers say they nearly always sell caskets by threes, that when one death occurs there is most apt to be three.

### Elgin Repair Shop

Shoes and harness repaired suits cleaned and pressed. Lafe Hall, Prop., Elgin S. E. Postoffice, adv.

### Class Officers.

The Star class of the Methodist Sunday school was officially organized recently and the following officers were elected:

Perley Bennett, President.  
Waldo Wettengel, Vice-Pres.  
Miss Dott Wolcott, Sec.-Treas.  
Orange Putney, Chairman Entertainment Committee.  
Miss Guada Walling, Chairman Membership Committee.

### School Notes.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy last month are: primary, L. Dockum; E. Wiggins, L. Jenkins, J. Stone, W. Kitamiller, L. Miller; intermediate, V. Abbott, L. Wiggins, H. Choens, A. Horstmann, W. A., and H. Conard, M. Atehley; Advanced, D. Cline, D. Brunskill, B. Abbott, E. Shirk, D. Wolcott.

### Birthday Party.

A number of Miss Alta Hoffer's friends gathered at her home Tuesday evening of last week in honor of her birthday. A'l enjoyed a very pleasant evening and wish her many more such occasions.

### Given Six Months.

Everett McPherson, former cashier of the Bank of Elgin was sentenced to six months in the state penitentiary by a jury in district court at Lawton Wednesday on a charge of forging the name of H. S. Green to a note for \$445.00, which note he had placed in the assets of the bank, where it was at the time he sold his bank stock to H. P. Wettengel.

Both McPherson and his wife went on the stand and swore that the writing on the Green note was in the handwriting of the dead father of McPherson but did not deny that the note was a forgery.

Two new cases against McPherson were filed on Wednesday in the court of Justice Harper, charging him with forging names of Roy and Anna Compton to notes in the amount of \$102.50 each.

### Valentine Day.

Next Sunday, Feb. 14, will be Valentine Day, so don't forget to send your tootsy wootsy a nice valentine.

Let the CHAMPION do your job work. Prices reasonable.

## Hunter's Cream Flour

\$1.75 FOR 48 POUND SACK

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Nine different kinds of feed to sell.

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**Boll Cotton**

Also for cotton seed. And does first class ginning.

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