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An Exciting Game.

Two games of baseball were played at the picnic Thursday afternoon which required over four hours time. The first game was between the Sterling and Cache teams and was a desperate struggle from start to finish through eleven full innings, as neither team had been defeated previously this season. It was considered by many as the best game of ball played on the local diamond in years. The final score stood 8 to 6 in favor of Sterling.

Sterling was first to bat and made nothing in the first inning while Cache crossed the home plate three times during the first inning through lack of proper support for the Sterling pitcher.

Cache remained in the lead through seven innings and at the beginning of the 8th inning the score stood 5 to 2 in their favor. In the first half of the 8th the Sterling batters began to land on the pitching of "Big Jim", the Indian who pitched for Cache and who has been a star in the box for years, and run in four scores putting Sterling one ahead. This set the spectators wild.

In the last half of the 9th inning Cache made one more score and the 9th closed 6 to 6. Neither side scored in the 10th. Sterling made two more scores in the 1st half of the 11th and Cache failed to score.

John Jacobi, Jr. was pitcher and Geo. Rother was catcher for the Sterling team. Sterling was stronger on pitching and at the bat than Cache, but Cache was stronger on catching and base running than Sterling.

The Ft. Sil boys then played a 7-inning game with the winners which resulted 8 to 6 in favor of Sterling. The Sterling boys were tired and the game lacked pep. Bert Sessums pitched for Sterling. It was getting late and not many stayed to see the end of the game. The first inning Ft. Sil scored 1 and Sterling none but Sterling took the lead after that and kept it to the end of the game.

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The Elgin Band.

The Elgin Band came into the limelight Thursday, as not many people realized that Elgin had such a musical organization. Though most of the players are mere boys, some of whom recently entered their teens, yet the music they produced was a great surprise to the large audience at the picnic.

They played at different times during the forenoon and afternoon and then at 8 o'clock in the evening gave a band concert for nearly an hour at the stand which had been erected for the speaking.

The first start the boys received was in the file band led by Rev. Cridland. From this they learned some on reading notes and playing an easy instrument, which was a great help when they took hold of the more difficult instruments.

The more difficult part of their instruction has come from C. G. Coffin, who has worked untiringly for the boys' advancement. Some of the boys have appreciated his efforts in their behalf, and have practiced regularly, while some others have not, and they have been guilty of going fishing and swimming on band practice nights.

Following are the players and instruments:

Cornets, C. G. Coffin, leader, LeRoy Dockum, Gilbert Hagle.

Tuba, E. R. Bauman.

Clarinet, Arthur Wettengel, Robt. Halbrooks.

Baritone, A. W. Jones, F. L. Jorgensen.

Trombones, Archie Hagle, Elbert Abbott.

Alto, Oscar Fuller.

Tenors, Richard Lodes, Homer Shirk.

Snare Drum, Floyd Herndon.

Bass Drum, Porter Brandon.

Good Services.

Rev. A. P. Price has given able discourses at the Methodist church each evening this week. He will preach again tonight, each evening the rest of this week, and next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Birth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stinnett are the parents of a girl born last week.



What Does Your Family Think of You?

The real test of a man's religion is how he acts at home. Are you kind, amiable and sweet in your family circle? "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," is the teaching of Christianity.

We can follow Christ's teachings without going to church, but we thus deny ourselves many opportunities to help others. Help the church exert the influence in the community that it ought. Link your effort with the energies of those who are trying to build up the best things in town. Come to church Sunday.

Elgin Gin Burned.

The Elgin Gin, seed house and cotton house were burned to the ground between 9 and 10 o'clock last Wednesday evening, the only thing left being the scales and office.

How the fire started will probably always be a mystery. During the wind storm six days previous, the smoke stack was blown down and other slight damage done and on the day of the fire an adjuster was here to settle for the damage. He and S. W. Nichols, the local agent for the gin, looked over the property and left it about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He remained here to go west on the midnight train so was here and watched the property burn.

The fire started on the inside of the gin and was discovered by those living near and persons on the street who noticed a big light. At that time it had not broken through the roof but was all burning on the inside. Some one ran to the picture show a block away and yelled that the gin was burning. The audience dispersed and the show had to be completed about an hour later.

The fire lit up the country for miles around and could be seen easily at Fletcher and Sterling. One man from the country drove his car into town without lights because they were not working, using the light made by the fire, and said he would have to set something on fire to get back home.

The loss was well covered with insurance in different companies but the total amount was not learned. The gin was owned by the Indianola Gin Co. of Chickasha. Whether they have reached any decision about rebuilding has not been learned.

In Chicago Daily.

The Chicago Evening Post of June 2 contains the poem entitled "Me and Peg and Jerry" composed by Waldo Wettengel and his name's attached thereto.

On June 22 Waldo will be in the chautauqua at Bridgeburg, Ontario, just across the line from Buffalo, N. Y., and being that close to Niagara Falls, says he is sure going to see that noted place. His performance comes on the third day of a 4-day circuit.

Sunday School Report.

Following is given a report of the Elgin Methodist Sunday school of the attendance and collection last Sunday.

Class	Attendance	Col.
Bible	10	\$.35
Star (Young people)	25	1.19
Conquerors (Boys)	13	.26
Gleaners (Girls)	12	.26
Seabears (Little folks)	16	.08
Officers and Teachers	7	
Total	83	\$2.14

Enjoyed Picnic.

A large crowd assembled here Thursday to enjoy the Farmers' Union picnic. Everything went off in fine shape though a few changes in the printed program had to be made. Clouds hid the sun most of the day which made it cooler, but there was only a light sprinkle in the afternoon during the first ball game.

Rev. Price could not be present to give the Welcome Address and as another speaker had not been secured, H. P. Wettengel, master of ceremonies, gave a few remarks along that line. The Red, White and Blue drill by 14 girls accompanied by the band, pleased the audience so well that it was repeated in the afternoon.

Prof. A. E. Wickizer, president of the Cameron school at Lawton, failed to arrive until 11:30 on account of heavy rain and muddy roads at Lawton, so his address was postponed until after dinner.

At 12:45 p. m. the band began to play which was followed by an able address by Prof. Wickizer. He did not dwell much on crop production but gave many facts of general importance to the public, laying great stress on the community spirit.

This was followed by another able address from E. Duffy of Lexington, who has been an actual farmer for years, but has also been engaged in getting matters of interest to farmers before the state legislature.

A parody of nine stanzas on "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood", given recently in one of the farm papers, was sung by some of the audience.

Following this the races were held, then the ball games, then the band concert, all of which have been given in other articles.

There was no interval between acts during the entire afternoon and night but the program was hurried through on account of threatening rain which failed to come.

Crossing In.

Last week a bridge was taken out on the road east of Elgin and for several days that road could not be traveled. On Monday and Tuesday afternoons of this week several men from Elgin went out and put a temporary bridge so that it can now be traveled with light rigs.

A Correction.

In the last issue of this paper it was stated that Miss Bessie Cable was a daughter of Mrs. M. F. Cable. Since then it has been learned that this is not correct but that she is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cable.

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PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



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His Downfall.

From Will Tait, confessed murderer of Russell Sprague of Lawton.

Corn whiskey, wild women and the gay life, guess, was responsible for my downfall.

Mother always loved a Christian life—and I reckon you understand that means something, with nine kids in the family, to get the best she could to get us children to do the same; and I guess she has raised 'em all right—but me, I'm the black sheep—strayed off from the bunch.

When I was about fourteen or fifteen years old, I began to dodge Sunday school—like most kids do, if they can. She'd start me to church, and I'd play hooky. When she thought I was in Sunday school, I'd be off 'fishin' or swimmin', or out in some back lot with the "dirty dozen"—every town's got a "dirty dozen" you know—smokin' cigars, drinkin' whisky and raisin' hell generally. 'Twasn't much trouble to get whisky them days, I'd get about half soused, and think I was a "bad man."

Elgin Wednesday Markets.

Corn	47.50
Wheat No. 1	1.30
Oats	.35
Shorts	1.00
Mill Run	1.50
Bras	1.50
Kaffr per. cwt.	.80
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Butter	.25
Eggs	.12
Hens	.15
Old Roosters	.06

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The Winners.

In the different racing and athletic events Thursday the following were the winners:

Climbing greased pole, Sport Wolcott.

Boy's 100 yard race, under 100 pounds, Gilbert Hagle.

Free for all race 100 yards, Earnest Kitsmiller.

Fat men's race, 50 yards, C.M. Stackhouse.

Girls' race, 50 yards, Mildred Bellis.

Sack race, Joe Price.

Horse-cigar race, riding 100 yards, getting off and lighting a cigar, then riding back 100 yards, Harry Pedde.

Auto race around barrels in road, C. G. Coffin first in 19 seconds, E. R. Bauman 2nd in 21 seconds.

On The Elgin Routes.

A bridge has been taken out on route A about a mile east of Elgin and a new bridge will be put in. A crossing has been put in so that it can be traveled.

Mrs. S. E. Moore, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lerow on route A, left Saturday for her home at Parsons, Kan.

Mr. Peddler died Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. J. Schertz on route A. The body was shipped to Newkirk for burial.

Rufus Stinnett of route 2 is reported on the sick list.

John Cost of route 2 began cutting oats Saturday, being among the first to begin.

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