

**WALKING AROUND THE WORLD**

George Brown, of Montreal, Canada, who is walking around the world in nine years on a wager, was in the city Tuesday, telling of his trip and of what he has done. He says he can walk a mile in seven minutes, and by the way he hit it up here, distancing all who tried to keep pace with him. It is believed that he can do it. According to his wager, he is not to ride one step of the way on land. He is not to beg one cent, and is to make his way by selling pictures. He came to Durant from the West, and went North when he left.

**KELLY GONE TO CARLISLE**

Victor M. Kelley and wife left on Wednesday for Chicago and other points in the North, and after a short vacation and pleasure trip will go to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Kelley is athletic director and football coach of the famous Carlisle Indian athletes. Mr. Kelley was appointed to the position by the Department of the Interior, and the position pays \$4,000 a year. Leslie's Weekly, for this week, carried a cut of Mr. Kelley, and a little dope about who he is and what he has to do at Carlisle.

**COURT HOUSE NEWS**

**\$47,000 TAX CASE COMES UP FRIDAY, JUNE 11TH**

Assistant County Attorney Gray Moore outlines the position of the County in the case—Special Judge to try case.

On next Friday, June 11th, the case of Geo. R. Broadwell vs. the County Commissioners of Bryan County will be heard in the District Court by a special judge, W. F. Freeman, of Ardmore, Judge Hatchett being disqualified.

The suit is on appeal from the refusal of the County Commissioners to pay the plaintiff about \$47,000, which plaintiff alleged represented Indian taxes which were collected by the County illegally, and his claims based upon the assignment of the individual claims to him.

Assistant County Attorney Moore, who attended this week a meeting of Eastern Oklahoma county attorneys in Oklahoma City, which was called by the Attorney General to make plans for resisting the cases, in an interview with a representative of the Weekly News, made the following statement of the County's case:

Under the Atoka agreement in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations lands were made non-taxable while in the hands of the original allottees, and similar provisions are found in the treaties with the Cherokees, Creeks, and Seminoles. Later, Congress passed an act removing the restrictions on many of the Indians against alienation, and providing that when the restrictions are removed the land becomes subject to taxation. Under the act of Congress this class of Indian lands were assessed for taxation and while the matter was being litigated through the various courts, many of the families paid these taxes. In May, 1912, the Supreme Court of the United States held that Congress had no right to make these lands taxable, and that the State could not tax them. These suits to recover the taxes paid are based upon the theory that the County had no right to collect the tax, and that therefore the tax should be refunded. This is being resisted on various grounds, among which are that the taxes were paid voluntarily, there never being an effort to force their payment, and were paid without protest, and that therefore they have no right to recover from the counties, especially since the County has apportioned to the State and the various municipal subdivisions of the County, their share of the taxes, and the County received only a small portion of the amount of the taxes for which the County is being sued, and that it acted merely as agent for the State and the subdivisions of the County in collecting their portions of the taxes. To compel the County now to pay back these taxes would compel a large bond issue, and force the County to repay a lot of money that went to others, and from which the County received no benefit. Various technical questions are being raised also.

In Rogers county about \$20,000 of these taxes were paid. In Grady county some were paid, and two cases are now pending in the Supreme Court from that county, in one of which cases the court held that the taxes were recoverable, and in the other, with a different judge presiding, it was held on demurrer that the taxes were not recoverable. A case from Carter county is also in the Supreme Court, in which the district court, on demurrer to plaintiff's petition held the taxes not recoverable. In this county Judge McKeown overruled the county's demurrer, and answer has been filed, and the case is to be tried this month.

**AMSEL, MURDER SUSPECTS**

Sheriff Phillips went to Mangum Wednesday to get a man who was arrested there on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of Miss Pauline Amsel, which occurred here last November. The chief of police there wired the sheriff here that the man answers the description as given on the cards which were sent broadcast over the country. Another suspect has been arrested at Great Bend, Kansas, and some one of the sheriff's force will probably go after him this week. Dozens of replies are being received to the reward cards from all parts of the United States.

**TWO MORE IN ROAD GANG**

Captain Ben Lee, commanding officer of the county convict road gang, which is at work on Albright Hill, south of Bokchito, was here again the end of the week and added two recruits to his forces, to-wit: Tom Walters, and a chap named Rector. The gang will be kept at work all summer, according to the commissioners, and has already done considerable good road work.

**MCINTOSH GETTING READY FOR OFFICE**

Prof. R. K. McIntosh, who is the County Superintendent elect, and who will go into office July 1st, has moved back to Durant from Bennington, where he has been superintendent of the public schools for a couple of years. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh are living on Tenth Avenue.

**ATTENDING CONFERENCE**

Assistant County Attorney Gray Moore was at Oklahoma City this week attending a conference of county attorneys of the State called by the Attorney General to discuss the status of concerted action in the matter of taxes, and especially the matter of suits being brought against some counties by Indians asking refunds of taxes paid under protest while the matter of the taxability of Indian land was pending in the courts.

**ROWELL TAKEN IN TOW**

E. Q. Rowell, who used to run a pool hall on Second Avenue, was taken into custody by the sheriff's department Sunday, after a search had been made of his home, where one

quart of whisky is said to have been found. Two cases were filed against Rowell for selling the stuff.

**OFFICERS GOT HAM AND MAN**

Saturday night someone entered Sam Ross's smoke house two miles south of town, and appropriated a nice large ham. Early Sunday morning Sheriff Phillips and Deputy Sheriff Wright went to Ross's place and succeeded in following the trail of the supposed culprit, which trail ended at the home of "Slim" Moore, in the east part of town. The officers say that they found most of the ham under the mattress on the bed, and the rest of it frying in a pan on the stove. The unused part of the ham was taken back to the owner and the man placed under arrest.

**\$1,500 FOR MURDERER**

The sheriff's office has just finished sending out several thousand postal cards to officers and detective agencies all over the United States, offering rewards totalling \$1,500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Miss Pauline Amsel, which was committed November 11, 1914, as the child lay asleep in bed at the family home in this city. One thousand dollars of the reward is offered by Jake Amsel, father of the murdered child; \$200 by Governor Williams, and \$100 by Sheriff Phillips. The supposed description of the murderer is given as follows: "Medium sized man; weighs 135 pounds; is about 5 feet, 5 inches high; dingy, blond hair; face dull color, with a long slim nose; walks with a shuffle or limp, supposed to have had something happen to his hip when a child. Low type house burglar."

**Bryan County Officials.**

- Jesse M. Hatchett, district judge.
- Geo. Harrison, county treasurer.
- Henry McCreary, county clerk.
- W. H. Yeats, tax assessor.
- L. Varner Stinson, county surveyor.
- C. L. Neely, county superintendent.
- R. A. Bishop, county weigher.
- W. A. Durant, G. A. Ramsey, rep. representatives.
- Ed. L. Spears, Durant, commissioner, district one.
- Ben Hulteman, Albany, commissioner, Third District.
- Gray Nickels, Matoy, Chairman.
- J. L. Rappelee, county judge.
- Walter J. Turnbull, county attorney.
- W. A. Jones, Court clerk.
- John A. Phillips, sheriff.

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of Mead, Oklahoma, May 15, 1915.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$22,517.07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	342.58
Banking House	1,999.41
Furniture and Fixtures	1,147.86
Due from Banks	2,259.14
Checks and other cash	
Items	512.47
Cash in Bank	1,075.87
Security with Banking Board	500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,485.50</b>
Liabilities	
Capital Stock Paid In	\$10,000.00
Surplus Fund	500.00
Undivided Profits, less exp.	
Deposits and Taxes Paid	1,148.50
Due to Banks	50.13
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	17,246.97
Time Certificates of Deposit	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,485.50</b>

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of May, 1915.  
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**BLUE DEFEATED BOKCHITO MORRIS RE-ELECTED AS SEPT. AT COLBERT**

The baseball rivalry among the various teams of the county is getting to be quite intense. A short time ago the Bokchito team put it all over the Blue team. Blue, however, wanted another game, which was agreed to. Blue came to Durant and to Colbert and secured several fast players, and Bokchito getting wind of it went to Armstrong Academy and secured several fast India players. The game was pulled off at Bokchito last Saturday. During the first eight innings, which were fast and furious, Bokchito failed to connect with the home plate, while Blue succeeded in landing the ball for three scores. In the ninth Bokchito came to the front and scored twice, but it failed to score any more, and Blue won the contest, three to two.

Professor George B. Morris, of Colbert, was in the city Tuesday morning attending to business and mingling with friends here. Mr. Morris has recently been re-elected superintendent of the schools at Colbert after having been there three successive years.

**FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The directors of the Bryan County Fair Association held a meeting on Tuesday night at the offices of Whale & Cox Company and elected Richard Neels, a local young lawyer, as secretary of the Association, and upon whom will fall the actual routine work of the Association in promoting this year's fair. Prof. G. W. Seely, of North Durant, was added to the Board of Directors.



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