

Miss Kinzie Stitt was unable to meet her classes in high school Friday on account of illness. Miss Hazel Beaudrett acted as substitute.

Chas. Keating who was badly burned last week when a kettle of hot beef broth scalded his face and hands, is getting along nicely.

IN TROUBLE THROUGH ISSUING BAD CHECK

Claud Baker was arrested this week charged with issuing a bad check and his case was heard in justice court, where he had some difficulty convincing the justice and county attorney that he had no intention of committing fraud when he gave the check. The facts showed that he gave it in July, and, although the holder of the check had written him several times and he had been notified at least once by the justice that an action might come at any time, Mr. Baker had deliberately ignored all and "just let them wait." On this statement of facts the justice was of the opinion that, since he had not made the slightest effort to take up the check he must have intended to let it default in the first place. Mr. Baker was facing a jail sentence of thirty days as a consequence and would

have had it given him but for the intervention of his banker, who proved to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant had arranged for taking up all harvest checks, but the bank had been unable to handle them and had been obliged to turn some of them back. Mr. Baker was permitted to pay the check and all costs, and thereupon released.

Under the law, the maker of a bad check may have the action abated if he proves that he had a deposit or credit with the bank within thirty days previous and that his behavior toward the obligation since it accrued was that of a man who intended to make good; plus the payment of the check and all costs. The mere deposit is not sufficient. The judge must be able to find that the defendant made some effort after receiving notice; or be justified in concluding that the check was given with fraudulent intention.

Mr. Baker escaped sentence by the merest scratch. The next case that comes along may not fare so well.—Kingman Journal

PIE AND CANDY SOCIAL

There will be a pie and candy social at the Liberty School house, five miles north of the city Friday, Dec. 22. Mrs. Earl Graham, teacher of the school, gives the information that an interesting program is being prepared and everyone is invited to go and take a pie and candy. The proceeds will go to the benefit of the school.

Misses Mary Elizabeth and Olive Stevesson of Pratt, visited several days this week at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McDermott.

Miss Velma Bond arrived Friday night from Rose Hill, Kan., where she has been visiting with relatives for several weeks.

"Rite it with Ray."

RAILROADS AND STATE MAKE A COMPROMISE

Compromise between the state board of equalization and the Rock Island and Frisco railroads in tax litigation which for months has tied up public funds in fifty-five counties in which these two railroads operate, was reached Tuesday afternoon.

The case was settled on the following basis of total tax valuation in the fiscal year, 1922-23: Rock Island, \$42,000,000; Frisco, \$46,625,000. The figure the board attempted to certify to the counties and which met with a bitter protest from the railroads, were: Rock Island, \$48,250,000; Frisco, \$52,625,000.

Attorneys for the roads announced they would ask the federal district court to dismiss injunction proceedings against the board, restraining it from certifying the valuations to the counties.

This action will immediately release the funds for the counties which have been tied up.

Upon receipt of the certificates of valuation from the state board of equalization the county excise board will meet and establish the levy for this county. It will then be possible for the assessor's office to figure the tax.

Just how long it will be before the valuation certificates are received is problematical, but it is generally thought there will be very little delay. As soon as the necessary preliminary work is set aside, the county assessor will begin work on figuring the taxes for the county. It will be impossible for this work to be completed before the first of the year when the new officers will take their places in the court house, it is said.—Guyton Herald.

Mrs. S. E. Loomis left Friday for Nara Visa, New Mexico, where she will visit for some time at the home of her son.

AUTO OVERTURN PROVES FATAL TO THE DRIVER

Charles H. Dinger of Belmont township, died Thursday of injuries received in the overturn of his car the Monday previous. The funeral services were held Sunday at the Methodist church of Zenda, by Rev. E. M. Ely of Pretty Prairie, an old friend of the family, and Rev. W. H. Patterson of Zenda, and burial made in the Cleveland cemetery. The Masonic lodge had charge of the burial service.

Mr. Dinger, accompanied by his wife and their son Willard, had gone to the home of a daughter, Mrs. Ethan Gracey who was very ill. Mrs. Dinger remained to care for her and he and his son started home. A quarter of a mile or so south of the Gracey place he came to a small bridge where he somehow lost control of the car and it swerved to the side and went off turning completely over and pinning Mr. Dinger beneath Willard was thrown clear. Mr. Dinger sustained some internal injuries in the chest and abdomen, which at first did not threaten to be serious, but in the course of a few days brought on his death.—Kingman Journal.

WORK STOPS ON THE K. & O. RAILROAD

All work of construction has stopped on the Kansas & Oklahoma railroad in east Stevens. The first three miles of road has been completed up to the new townsite of Woods. About a mile west of Woods the grade was built and then the company confronted their first difficulty in the way of securing right-of-way. The landowners here refused to allow the road right-of-way without remuneration. The graders then moved to the Travers ranch where right-of-way was given through this property. As we understand the situation this is about all of the right-of-way that will be donated. The balance of the way, something like ten or twelve miles, will have to be bought. Several rumors are going the rounds as to the future outcome of the road. The remaining distance to Hugoton, the road as scheduled, passes through a lot of valuable farms, and in one instance a set of improvements must be moved. This is also through that part of the township where the farmers were opposed to the bond issue, so it is expected that the right-of-way problem will be stubbornly fought.—Hugoton Hermes.

SOONER WHEAT IS SOLD TO GENOA, ITALY

First sale of Oklahoma wheat to Genoa, Italy, was made this week when two boat loads were sold f. o. b. New Orleans, according to D. B. Sibley, sales manager of the Southwest Wheat Growers' Association, who made the sale.

The wheat was all raised in Oklahoma and pooled by the Oklahoma Wheat Growers' Association. The market was very favorable at the time the wheat was disposed of and was sold direct to exporters. The two boats contained 16,000 bushels of wheat.

Much of the wheat is sold direct to cereal manufacturers, exporters, foreign countries, and in this manner the best prices are obtained by the Southwest Wheat Growers' Association, the sales agency through which the Oklahoma and Texas wheat is marketed.—Forgan Eagle.

EVERY TOWN HAS ONE.

- A liar.
- A sponger.
- A smart aleck.
- A blatherskite.
- Some pretty girls.
- Some not so pretty.
- A girl who giggles.
- A weather prophet.
- A neighborhood feud.
- A woman who tattles.
- A justice of the peace.
- A man who knows it all.
- One Jacksonian Democrat.
- More loafers than it needs.
- Men who see every dog fight.
- A boy who cuts up in church.
- A few meddlesome old women.
- A stock law that is not enforced.
- A few that know how to run the affairs of the county.
- A grown young man who laughs every time he says anything.
- A girl who expects a letter every time the train comes in.
- Lots of people who know how to run the county paper.

—Exchange.

Miss Viola Wyatt returned Friday to Plains, after visiting here several days with friends.

Miss Alma Pile spent the week end with her parents here. Miss Pile is teaching in the schools at Hooker.

Clara Carson left last week for Wichita and Hutchinson where she expects to visit for several weeks.

Mrs. Earl Graham was shopping here Friday evening.

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