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Pond Creek is Full of Strangers Awaiting Outcome of County Seat Contest—Deputy Marshals on the Ground.

Nothing of importance has yet developed in the contest for the county seat of Grant county, Oklahoma, which is in progress at Pond Creek before Judge J. L. McAtee. Medford claims that fraud was committed at the county seat election held a year ago and had Pond Creek city, "Berry and Prairie" townships not cast almost 1,000 fraudulent votes, Medford would have easily had the required two-thirds majority of all the votes cast over its competitors, Pond Creek and Jefferson. More than 200 witnesses have been examined so far and at least 500 more have been subpoenaed.

Judge McAtee has himself been busily engaged in counting the votes cast at the election in 1899, but so far has found no irregularities. Fearing trouble would occur, as there is a very bitter feeling on the part of Medford people, several United States marshals have been summoned, and five of these officials are now in Pond Creek. Court adjourned Saturday evening, but the case will occupy a week's time yet at least. Hundreds of strangers are in the town, and hotel accommodations are at a premium. The mayor of Pond Creek has ordered that all people shall abstain from talking county seat matters on the streets under penalty of being jailed.

Sheriff Shawver, who was in Pond Creek Tuesday, says that Judge McAtee's life has been threatened and that he goes to Enid every afternoon to spend the night. McAtee is always accompanied by a body guard in the person of the deputy sheriff, and when he goes to his meals in Pond Creek, walks down the middle of the street and avoids the crowds. Pond Creek people are very bitter towards Judge McAtee, claiming that he has shown that his sentiments are with Medford in the contest.

The Methodist minister at Pond Creek has been compelled to leave the town for testifying that there were only three or four hundred voters in Pond Creek. (At the county seat election, Pond Creek cast 3,100 votes.) The minister accounted for his knowledge of the number of legal voters in Pond Creek by saying he had canvassed the town prior to the election to get names to fight an application for a saloon license, and read a list of the Pond Creek voters before the contesting board to substantiate his statements. The minister is staying in Medford at present.

There is little doubt that Medford will win the contest, and blood will begin to flow when the time comes for removing the county records from Pond Creek to Medford. Medford officers and citizens will have to do this, and it is openly predicted that there will be trouble of such a serious nature as to attract the attention of the entire country.

Jessie Morrison was released from the Eldorado jail Monday, and ate her Christmas turkey at home. The bond is signed by W. T. Brown, banker; J. W. Kibby, Sr., stockman; J. W. Skaer, merchant; Henry Moyle, merchant; B. H. Cornelius, stockman; J. R. Crowley, stockman and farmer; J. W. Kibby, Sr., stockman. All of these men are residents of Augusta. The other signers are C. L. Shidler, a farmer of Logan township; A. F. Cook and C. W. Little, farmers, of Clay township; J. M. Brewer and C. B. Lavender, farmers, of Hickory township. These men are all well fixed financially and are the most prominent men of Butler county. They are easily worth \$200,000, and qualify for \$84,000. It is noticed that none of the sureties are residents of Eldorado, the home of the Morrisons and Castles. Jessie could have gotten bail in Eldorado perhaps, but the feeling on both sides in Eldorado is so intense that it was considered best to go outside of Eldorado for sureties. In Eldorado, when anyone shows that his sympathies are with the Morrisons, he is promptly cut by the Wiley faction, and if he happens to be in business, is made to feel the displeasure of those who do not believe in the innocence of Jessie Morrison. This feeling exists in a lesser degree in every neighborhood of Butler county, and some go so far as to predict that the Morrison affair will be felt in the politics of Butler county for many years to come.

The Wakita (O.T.) Herald gives a correct version of the killing of Clyde Parker of Oxford, as follows: One of the saddest tragedies in the history of this part of the country occurred last Friday night near the Riverside school house, about eight miles southwest of here. Mrs. Luta Hendricks shot and instantly killed Clyde Parker. Mrs. Hendricks' husband, William Hendricks, is a conductor on the railroad, and his run is from Wichita to Ellsworth. Mrs. Hendricks lives with her seven children on the claim. Clyde Parker is a young man 22 years old, who made his home with his parents one mile west, but who spent much time in town working in restaurants, painting, etc. He was occasionally given to drink. However, he was not considered vicious, but his own worst enemy. On Friday morning he was before the police court of Wakita, and pled guilty of drunkenness. At about 4 or 5 o'clock he left

Wakita in company with a man by the name of William Swift. Just as it was getting dusk they passed the Hendricks house, and one man got out, and appeared to be fooling with the pasture fence. Benny Hendricks, a boy 12 years old, went to the corn stock field to drive up the horses, and the man on the ground got into the buggy. It was turned around and the men drove slowly back toward the house, so that they met the boy where the road veers to the west, toward the house. Here they asked the boy where Mr. Howland lived, which is about a mile further south. When he told them they turned south again, but had not gone far until one man got out and came toward the house and the buggy drove on. The man coming toward the house had his hat down, hiding his face, and the boy thought him acting strangely. He soon went to waving a white handkerchief. The boy took fright and ran to the house and shouted to his mother to get the revolver, for a drunken man was coming. The family was in a sod house and she ran to the frame house and got the revolver and was returning when she met the children just east of the sod house, and the man near by coming up, waving his white handkerchief. By this time it was so dark that the features of a man could not be distinguished very far off. Mrs. Hendricks told the man to go away or she would shoot him, but he kept coming on. The children began to shout, "shoot him, mamma, shoot him." When he was within four or five feet of her she shot him twice, one bullet entering close to his collar bone, near the center of the neck, and the other in the left temple. A coroner's jury was summoned, but could not agree on a verdict. Another jury was summoned, and after reading the evidence, returned a verdict in five minutes of justifiable homicide.

H. R. Suddreth of Cherryvale, filed a suit in the district court today against the A. T. & S. F. Railway company for \$5,350 for a broken leg received in Wellington last August. Suddreth says he bought a ticket for Cherryvale the 14th of last August and that he was put on the wrong train. As the train was rounding the curve east of the round house he jumped off and broke his leg, and laid for four hours helpless. Finally someone came along and helped him to town. He says the accident was due to the carelessness of Santa Fe employees in directing him to the wrong train, and in not slowing down sufficiently to let him off.

Allen Joyner, nephew of Mrs. W. M. Ready, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning of scarlet fever. The boy was 4 years old June 23, last. He was taken sick last Wednesday. Mr. Ready arrived home from Arkansas Tuesday, called by the serious illness of the child, whom they were raising. It is said that they were preparing to adopt the child as their own. The remains were buried a 3 o'clock next afternoon, the Rev. T. A. West of the Christian church conducting a brief service before the body left the house.

A. J. Dows of Hunnewell, and Miss Minnie Pratt of Perth, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Pratt, at Perth, Tuesday at 8 o'clock. Rev. Thos. Penick of Wellington, officiated. Several Wellington people witnessed the ceremony. The newly married people will reside at Hunnewell, where the groom teaches school.

There are many reasons to believe that a man well known to the Omaha police conceived the plot of the kidnaping, and carried it into effect by the aid of two accomplices, all of whom were seen by neighbors in the

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vicinity of the mysterious cottage. Four witnesses agree as to personal descriptions of the three men, while two more witnesses give important details in description of one or the other. There is no doubt that any or all may be readily identified if caught, and the personal description of each has been wired broadcast. Advice received by the Omaha police department last night from Denver leaves no doubt that the man supposed to be the leader has just reached that city and is in hiding there.

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