

Muskogee Cimeter.

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NEW STATE NOTES.

An old man named Bates, hailing from Missouri, was fleeced out of \$66.65 by two confidence men at Muskogee last week.

Purcell has been designated by the department as one of the places where the Chickasaw-Choctaw payments will be made.

John D. Williams, charged with the murder of John Thrasher at Woolsey, has been released from custody. At the preliminary trial it developed that the killing was justifiable.

In digging a prospect well at Spencer last week a four-foot vein was struck at a depth of nearly seven hundred feet.

An oil refining company has been organized at Muskogee, the object of which is to build a plant large enough to take care of the present output of oil and to add to its capacity as the supply increases.

Abe Chrisman died at his home in Vinita from the effects of a gun shot wound in the neck as a result of a row between Chrisman and Willy Barnes. After the shooting Barnes made his escape and is still at large.

An additional recruiting office was opened at Oklahoma City Monday, with Lieutenant Shoenfield in charge. Enlistments in all branches of the army service will be made.

The Frisco hotel at Cordell was totally destroyed by fire last week. The loss is estimated at \$5,000.

An election at Bokchito upon the question of school tax resulted in a vote of 66 to 24 in favor of the tax.

Richard Buringer, who went to Ponca City recently from Tazewell county, Illinois, was instantly killed while working on an Arkansas river ferry. While winding up the cable the windlass slipped from his hands and, flying backward, broke his neck, causing instant death.

Contracts have been signed for a \$50,000 electric plant between the city of Wilburton and James Degan.

Caddo has voted to bond the town for \$15,000, the money to be used to erect a public school building. The vote was 151 to 15. None but tax payers were allowed to vote.

S. T. Bates is suing Pawnee county for the possession of a farm near the town of Pawnee, which he deeded to the county several years ago on condition that the county would maintain him for the remainder of his life. Recent oil strikes have made the land valuable.

The office of Indian inspector and Indian agent in Muskogee have received instructions in regard to crazy Indians and whites in Indian Territory, and in future this class of unfortunates will be properly cared for at the expense of the government.

Judge John Foster is preparing papers to file with the claims department of the United States government asking damages of several thousand dollars on account of the big prairie fire of March 3, which devastated the country between Lawton and the mountains and caused destruction of life and property.

Bert Carpenter, a thirteen-year old boy, had his fingers cut off by a buzz saw at Shawnee last week.

GOOD WINDMILL FOR FARM.

Recommended by Authorities of the University of Nebraska.

The windmill represented in the accompanying illustration is described in bulletin No. 59, issued by the University of Nebraska. It is known as the Dutch or Holland mill. The windmill of this form is used to pump water for a town herd of cows varying from 60 to 100 head near Grand Island, Neb. Mills of this style are mounted on tall slender towers or upon milk houses, sheds or barns. For the four fans covered with duck, are often substituted six fans of thin lumber. The smallest of them are ten to twelve feet in diameter, the largest being about thirty-six feet



A Dutch Windmill.

across. The canvas sails are fitted with brass eyelets and fastened on with rope. The sails are removed or furled when in disuse.

Re-Seeding Sod Land.

D. A. S.—I wish to break up a five-acre field of gravelly soil, which has grown hay for a number of years, and seed it down afresh. What would be the best fertilizer to use?

What gravelly soil is most in need of is humus, and to produce this a green crop should be grown and plowed down. As early as possible after the hay is taken off the sod should be plowed and well harrowed. It should then be seeded with a quick growing crop, such as rape or buckwheat. If rape is chosen, about five pounds of seed should be applied. While the crop is growing the sod will be rotting, and by autumn the green crop should be plowed under. If a light dressing of stable manure could be plowed in along with the green crop so much the better. Next spring the field should be sown with barley or a light strawed variety of oats, and seeded with red clover and timothy. The grain should be sown not thicker than five pecks per acre. The grass and clover seed should be sown at the rate of about six pounds of each per acre. When the grain is harvested a fairly long stubble should be left and no stock should be allowed to graze in the field after harvest.

Sinking a Well in Gravel.

W. T.—I have a well partially dug, but have reached gravel, which slides in about as fast as it can be taken out. I am down only eleven feet, and expect to have to go forty feet before getting sufficient water.

When digging a well in gravel that runs the hole should be commenced much larger than the well is to be at the bottom. When a start has been made a six or eight-sided crib should be put in and lowered as far as possible. A smaller crib should then be slid down inside of the larger one, and so on until a sufficient depth has been reached. The crib may be lowered by weighting it and loosening and removing the gravel from below.

TO AID THE SEAMSTRESS.

Simple Contrivance of Much Value in Hot Weather.

Why has not some one thought of this excellent idea before? A fan attachment for the sewing machine that will aid the seamstress to do her work in more comfort than it is otherwise possible for her to do it. True there have been suggestions along this line, but they failed for the lack of some very necessary features which were not incorporated in them.

The new fan is fitted to the top of the arm of the machine and about on



a level with the face of the operator. When the machine is running the fan revolves with tremendous rapidity and cools the fevered brow of the seamstress. As an assistant its value could hardly be overrated, as any one who has had a hard day's work on a machine could testify. A lever arrangement allows the fan to be thrown out of gear when desired, so that it does not necessarily run all the time if its services are not wanted. A commendable feature of the attachment is that it does not impose additional work on the seamstress, and no extra energy has to be put forth to run the machine on its account.

Was Caught and Released.

A large "spikehorn" deer, chased by a dog, ran down the street at Manchester, N. H., the other day. When abreast of an apartment house the animal suddenly turned, bolted through a large plate glass window, ran through a suite and made its exit by a window at the rear. The deer was finally corralled in a stable, where it was induced to enter a piano box. Thus confined, the animal was transported to woods outside the city and released.

Eggs Break Up Social.

An egg thrower caused a little commotion at a church social held at Little Silver, a village near Red Bank, N. J. Everything was going along nicely when two ancient eggs came sailing into the room. One of them hit a guest squarely in the mouth and the other grazed the pastor's head.

The social broke up in confusion and the men present hurried out and hunted in vain for the egg thrower.

Before Carrie.



The Furies were the feminine reformers of ancient Greece. They pursued the guilty with torches instead of hatchets.

Yale Alumni Stick Together.

The class of 1853 of Yale found that one of its members was in a poor house and raised a fund to place him in a home for aged men.

FIND SNAKES IN STORE.

Moccasins Find Agreeable Abode in Rolls of Wall Paper.

As a result of the recent Turkey creek flood, the drug store and paint and paper house owned by B. F. Shouse at 3021-3025 Southwest boulevard, is inhabited by snakes driven there by the water, says a Kansas City dispatch. A water moccasin, whose bite is said to be as deadly as that of a rattlesnake was found hidden in some wall paper and it was only a chance that nobody was bitten before the snake was killed.

Miss Ray Hintges, a young woman employed in the store, was working among the rolls of wall paper, when another water moccasin stuck its head from the paper almost in her face. She called for assistance and the snake was killed. Mr. Shouse is overhauling his stock since that time in search of snakes. He says that the snakes entered the store when it was flooded and appeared to find an agreeable abode in the rolls of wall paper.

Unique Gate.



A Kansas farmer has a gate made of rakes, hoes and other agricultural implements.

Poor Reward for Honesty.

Herr Tippelt, an Austrian mining millionaire, decided that honesty is not the best policy. Recently he discovered that his income during the last few years had exceeded the figure at which he had returned it, and in a fit of remorse he sent \$6,500 to the Exchequer. The result was that he received a demand for another \$3,750, being interest on the arrears, and eighteen times the amount of the interest charged, as a penalty for not having declared his full income. Herr Tippelt appealed against the demand to the court, but the judge decided against him.

The Clever Farmer.

In the center of this picture stands the landlord's house. Around it are eight pear trees. Outside these trees stand eight houses let to tenants, and



the outermost circles of all is formed by ten apple trees.

Now, the landlord wished to keep the apple trees for himself, and to give each tenant a pear tree. A little thought enabled him to construct a hedge which successfully inclosed his own house and the apple trees, and separated the other houses so that each had a pear tree. How did he do it?

First American Newspaper.

Mrs. Clute of the Pettaping house, Essex, Conn., has a copy of the first newspaper printed in America, dated at Boston, April 24, 1704.