

The South McAlester News.

OUR MOTTO: HOPE AND HUSTLE.

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CHRISTMAS

The manufacturers seem to have about reached the tip-top of good taste, in the things they have provided for this season, and the prices are as attractive as the patterns. In my search for pretty things I picked up something which will particularly please YOU—and you can buy it out of your pin-money. Come see it before it goes into the hands of a quicker buyer.

THINGS.

McINTYRE'S JEWELRY STORE.

South McAlester, Ind. Ter.

ADMITS THE CRIME.

Barrett Talks Coolly of Murder of Old Miser.

"About 1 o'clock," Barrett denied that he knew where the old man was but admitted that he was familiar with his habit of going his washing on Sundays. He said that he started from the section house to hunt him.

CALMLY ROLLED A CIGARETTE.

Said That He Did Not Count the Money and Denies His Wife's Story of Burning Government Bonds.

"No, he was stooping over his washing," Barrett said. "Did the old man make any struggle?" "No, he didn't."

DENIES ALL TODAY.

But after thinking the thing over last night Barrett concluded that he had seen too frank about the matter. When a reporter of the Capital called at his jail this morning and asked Barrett about his wife's confession, he indignantly denied that his wife had confessed or that she had anything to confess.

Brief mention was made in yesterday's News of the confession by Mrs. Charles Barrett that her husband had burned two \$500 U. S. bonds in her presence.

Mrs. Barrett said she had tried to dissuade her husband from the crime but that he had declared that he aimed to have old John's money.

A News reporter called at the Federal jail yesterday afternoon and told him for his side of the story.

"Did you see where your wife was making a statement about your burning Hemmessey?"

"No, has she done that? When did she do it?"

"Barrett's face never changed. Without the tremor of a muscle he rolled a cigarette and in a firm voice asked the reporter for a match.

"The reporter told him when the statement was made and informed him that a deputy marshal had just returned from Calvin. Barrett made no further comment so the reporter asked:

"How did you cut those pockets out of the old man's trousers?"

"I never cut no pockets."

"How did you get his money, then?"

"I just reached into his pockets and took out the money."

"The pockets were cut out."

"Well, I didn't do it. Somebody else must have happened along."

"How much money did you get?"

"I did not count it."

"What did you do with the money? How did you manage to hide it where the officers couldn't find it? They searched the house."

"Did they search the house? I didn't hear about that. Well, I didn't hide it. I gave it to her."

"You were saying you turned two government bonds?"

"I didn't burn any bonds."

"Well, did you burn any money?"

"No, I never burned nothing."

When pressed to talk about his utterances of yesterday Barrett turned his back on the insistent Capital man and refused to say anything further.

The conversation with The News man was overheard by a jail guard and will be corroborated by that individual.

Quayle Will Lecture on Jean Valjean.

Dr. W. A. Quayle, who is to give the next number of the lecture course in January, has followed the suggestion of President Robbins of the association and announced Jean Valjean as his subject.

J. B. Casada, clerk of the Citizenship court, leaves Sunday for Tishomingo, to receive any papers that may be filed. He will be at Tishomingo Monday and Tuesday of each week from now on until the meeting of the court January 12.

A SPLENDID ATTRACTION.

Production of Strathmore Ellipsoid Anything of the Year.

The theatre-lovers of South McAlester generally missed the finest attraction which has been here for a year. It is customary to make folks miserable by such observations, but this is not merely a manifestation of a disagreeable habit. Strathmore, as given under the management of David Traill, was unquestionably an splendid production. But South McAlester show-goers who stayed away are not altogether to blame. The sloppy night made a cheerful residence very fitting and then the prices looked pretty steep. It may have been ignorance, but profuse few people here knew the reputation of the people. They know Traill and banked some on the theory that Frederick Ward's old manager would not cast his lot with an inferior company, but with the present price of coal the average South Town citizen looks long and lovingly at \$1.00, and there is something pathetic in the farewell song, "When we meet over again."

But if it were to be done over again tonight the opera house would be packed. There wasn't a poor actor in the cast, though there were degrees of merit. There is nothing light and breezy about the piece. It is heavy, a regular long ton play, but thrilling withal. The author manages to get things into a terrible tangle, a joyful predilection of Ouida. And the suspense is kept up till near the end of the fifth and final act. It isn't the sort of drama where one sits comfortably back in his chair, serenely confident of a blissful finale, with everybody marrying in the last act, joining hands and skipping up to the footlights to sing a sweet good night.

For a white one was dubious whether there would be any characters left. One had premonitions of a sort of Johnstown horror. But there wasn't any useless slaughter of characters. Nobody was killed—just to keep the undertaker in a cheerful frame of mind. There were no deaths except of marchioness, which was powerfully portrayed by Virginia Drew-Frescott whose equal has probably never before charmed a South McAlester audience. Alexander Frank was an ideal Strathmore and Frank De Vernon was strong as the high-indignified but unfortunate Major Errol. A Law (Gibbs) did some delicate work in the part of the "boy" of old rake, the Marquis. The other people played minor parts and impressed the audience with their fine work in every detail. The company carried a hearty load of special scenery but used only that in the last act, owing to the cramped stage capacity of the opera-house.

COMMITTEES GROW.

Statehood Boomerang Complain of Vote on "Grand Bill Being Over."

From the Kansas City Star. Washington, Dec. 17.—Save for the wise pulling on the part of the score or more organizations from the territories and the party pressure which the Republican Senate oligarchy can bring to bear all statehood matters will rest until after the Christmas holidays. Senators Quay and Beveridge entered into an agreement yesterday that Senator Dillingham's speech would close all discussion until January.

When Congress convenes after the holiday recess opponents of statehood must be prepared to take up the discussion. It was apparent yesterday that it would be impossible to secure a quorum of sepiators the rest of this week to hear speeches. Senator Dillingham talked to empty seats. Senator Quay wants to spend as much time in Florida as possible during the holidays and it was therefore easy to patch up an agreement between the opposition forces.

THE OPPOSITION WANTS DELAY.

Every delay in the statehood debate gives the opponents of the bill an additional day to work on their committee here from the territories are thoroughly disgusted. They came to Washington under the impression that the fight would be over before the holiday recess. If they return home for the holidays now they will have traveling expenses piled upon them and if they remain in Washington hotel bills will swell expensive accounts beyond all reasonable proportion.

The statehood fight is no nearer solution than at the beginning of the session. Quay has the votes, but all

the advantage of parliamentary position and Senate organization is with the opposition. Now Mexico and Arizona have been mercilessly assailed.

If the omnibus bill falls the territories will have little hope of statehood for years to come. They are divided by a part of the Eastern press and unfair comparisons are made against them in the senate.

OKLAHOMA IN GOOD POSITION.

For Oklahoma it is in a better position than ever before. No one questions its right to statehood and compliments of the new territory are heard at every corner. Whichever may happen to the omnibus bill, Oklahoma's admission to statehood in the near future is inevitable. Every speech made in Congress on the statehood bill proclaims the admission of Oklahoma. Its fate will in no way be decided by the defeat of the omnibus bill.

Senator Dillingham's speech, which occupied the Senate for two days, was a labored effort to prove that New Mexico and Arizona were anxious for a speedy change in conditions was remote. The viewpoint of the Vermont senator was provincial. Westerners in the galleries not identified with the territories were not infrequently provoked to laughter by some of his statements. Friends of Arizona and New Mexico were indignant and submitted remarks which said things in a forcible Western vernacular that would have alarmed the New England gentleman if he could have heard them.

ROY BADLY BURNED.

Youthful Santa Claus Caught Fire at School Today.

Earl Bryan, a pupil in the public school, had his hands badly burned Friday about 2:30. Bryan was playing Santa Claus in the exercises that were being held at the school. He was distributing the presents to the pupils and while "taking" a package ignited his hat. He rushed up to put out the fire and his coat sleeves caught, and before he was extinguished he had burned his hands, until the flesh hung in shreds from them. Dr. Griffith was at once called and dressed the wounds and he was taken home.

Is He Crazy?

The singular confession and the seeming indifference of Charles Barrett to the murder of John Hemmessey have raised the suspicion in some minds that Barrett is really insane. He was watched closely during his confinement here and there was no sign of insanity. The jailer, the room who seemed less interested in the case than the man who was to be tried for a capital crime. In verifying the confession, made by his wife, Barrett seemed utterly indifferent to the whole matter. He calmly rolled his cigarette and talked of the matter as though he were discussing the weather.

They Earned Their Victory.

The Pt. Smith Elevator devotes considerable space the last issue to praise of the law firm of Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish for their heroic work in the citizenship cases and the victory which the nation had won in the late Paul's day, are disposed to attribute Barrett's insanity, if it be insanity, to the cigarette habit.

It is a strange case. Either he is insane or he is a degenerate, a man without a moral sense, a man who has lost his conscience.

The program has been prepared with the view of securing the object of the association, and you are invited to a careful consideration of each subject.

Please consider the following: 1. What should the future system of the schools of the Indian Territory be? 2. Indian Territory school exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition in 1904; what should it be?

Trusting you will attend the meeting and derive much benefit therefrom. I am, very respectfully,

GABE E. PARKER, Pres.

Mr. Hackett was able to be down to the office Thursday for the first time in a few weeks.

The colored band of 18 pieces which was recently organized here, will receive their instruments Saturday and will at once go to work practicing.

Dr. W. R. Pigg received Friday one of the most modern and up-to-date x-ray machines for the treatment of sciatica, rheumatism and stiff joints, warranted to make a 60-year-old's joints as limber as a youngster's.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Program of the Fifth Annual Meeting for Indian Territory.

The program for the fifth annual meeting of the Indian Territory Teachers' Association, to be held at South McAlester on December 26, 27, 1902, is as follows:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26.

MORNING SESSION.

9:00-9:05. Invocation.
9:05-9:10. Music.
9:10-9:25. Address of welcome.
9:25-9:35. Resolutions.
9:35-9:40. Music.
9:40-10:00. President's address.
10:00-10:15. Paper, "Adjustment to Conditions"—E. H. Rishel, Atoka.
10:15-10:30. Discussion.
10:30-10:45. Paper, "Cases of Failure Among Teachers"—Miss Etta J. Rider, Tahlequah.
10:45-11:00. Discussion.
11:00-11:15. Paper, "Characteristics of a Good School"—E. J. Essley, Tulsa.
11:15-11:30. Discussion.
11:30-11:45. Paper, "Better Stick to the Farm"—H. Dugger, Vinita.
11:45-12. Discussion.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30-1:45. Music.
1:45-1:50. Paper, "Possibilities of a Boy"—W. P. Blake, Wevoka.
1:50-2:05. Discussion.
2:05-2:20. Paper, "Essentials of a Common School Education"—J. R. Hendrix, Ardmore.
2:20-2:35. Discussion.
2:35-2:40. Appointment of committees.
2:40-2:55. Paper, "Manual Training"—A. G. Gladney, Muskogee.
2:55-3:10. Discussion.
3:10-3:40. Class work, seventh grade grammar.
3:40-4:10. Class work, fifth grade reading.
4:10-4:40. Class work, first grade number work.

EVENING SESSION.

8:00. Music.
Discussion of afternoon's work and selected subjects.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27.

MORNING SESSION.

8:30-8:35. Invocation.
8:35-8:40. Music.
8:40-8:55. Paper, "Creation of Subjects"—J. G. Masters, Dwight.
8:55-9:10. Discussion.
9:10-9:25. Paper, "How to Teach Pupils to Think"—S. T. Mofley, Armstrong Academy.
9:25-9:40. Discussion.
9:40-9:55. Report of committee.
9:55-10:10. Discussion.
10:10-10:25. Music.
10:25-10:40. Paper, "How to Develop Taste for Good Literature"—A. Grant Evans, Muskogee.
10:40-11:00. Paper, "Ethical Elements in Education"—J. H. Scott, Bacoche.
Address, Supt. J. H. Benedict.
Adjourned.

The object of the Indian Territory Teachers' association is: First, the advancement of school interest in the Indian Territory; second, the professional improvement of the members of the association.

Any teacher or active friend of education in the Indian Territory may and should become a member of the association.

You are cordially invited to attend the fifth annual meeting of the association to be held at South McAlester, J. T., Friday and Saturday, December 26 and 27, 1902.

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THE OLD RELIABLE

ROYAL
BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE
WATERWORKS LIMIT.

Mr. Davis Agrees to Extend Time to February 1, 1904.

At the last meeting of the council it was suggested that Chas. B. Davis, the consulting engineer, might be induced to extend the time of his contract for the completion of the water works. The impression had got abroad here that Ardmore had been given eighteen months but Mr. Davis declares that that is a mistake, as the time given Ardmore is but one year. He has agreed to extend the time for the completion of the South McAlester works until February 1, 1904.

He says that the works can be completed easily within six or seven months. There can be nothing further done about the waterworks until Secretary Hitchcock approves the bonds, application for his approval having been made. It is understood that Mayor Lewis, who is now in Virginia, will visit Washington before his return and visit the department and try to hurry matters along.

Mr. Davis says that he will be ready to submit plans for bidders by January 10.

NEW INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Colored People Will Deal in Lenses and Spectacles.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Registrar of the court of appeals by the Diamond City Investment Company, with a capital stock of \$75,000. The concern is to have headquarters at South McAlester and the purpose of the corporation, as set forth in the articles of association, is to deal in real estate, securities on hand and do a general business. The incorporators are all colored men, some of them being well known capitalists. They are T. A. Curry, C. H. Woods, E. E. McDonalds, J. G. Guess, H. Allison and T. C. Fritchett.

Frank Bell, the carpenter, is living very ill at his residence, his life being despaired of.

Sam Hackett is back from the Chickasaw nation, where he has been with a government surveying party laying out townships.

Bell & Hazeltine will occupy the corner store room of the Gill building with a paint and paper store room. The other room will be occupied by Heron & Dickerson with a pawn shop.

Roswell Downing, of Onida, N. Y., who has been here for some time prospecting, has purchased a lot from Rawlings & Lounsbury, and will move his family here soon.

B. B. Brundage and wife returned from their honeymoon trip through Illinois Thursday. They will be at home to their friends after January 1 at Baker, where Mr. Brundage is superintendent of the Great Western Coal and Coke Co.

E. W. S. Barde, the Guthrie correspondent for the Kansas City Star, and one of the best in the entire West, was here Friday on his way north. Mr. Barde is not the Guthrie bar, but the man who sends out reliable stuff from Oklahoma, capital, news, etc. He is probably the best grasp of Oklahoma affairs of any newspaper man in the two territories.

The strike of the mule drivers in the mine of the McAlester Coal Co. is over, the company having conceded the demand of the men for the union scale. The union scale is now in force in all the mines, so far as the drivers and all other mine men except the diggers are concerned. The diggers have not shown any disposition to demand the union scale, as yet.

THE ORIGINAL DOCKET

For the January Term of Court at South McAlester 5, 1903.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 1903.

4114 Jack Collier, larceny.

4080 Joeie Lillard, larceny.

4110 Charles Pinkie, assault to kill.

4110 Fred Christie, larceny.

4105 Calvin McKinney, larceny.

4223 Spencer Blair, assault to kill.

4317 Thomas Wynny, larceny.

4308 John Nealey, assault to kill.

4412 William Keys, assault to kill.

4413 John Lewis, larceny.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1903.

4401 Scott Bise and Monroe Brannon, larceny and receiving.

4422 A. Reynolds, disposing.

4426 John Post, disposing.

4442 A. Meyers and George Hogue, larceny.

4443 F. J. Donahue, larceny.

4478 Bryant Williams, disposing.

4480 Fessie Gore and Leslie Brannon, introducing.

4481 George Skeith, introducing.

4483 Bieb Beard, introducing.

440 Ella Cox, larceny.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1903.

4421 John Fisher and Frank Jones, murder.

4419 Robert Hamilton and Bert Wright, larceny.

4420 Robert Hamilton and Bert Wright, larceny.

4415 One Alderman, larceny.

4428 A. J. Harris, receiving mortgaged property.

4430 Mrs. Ingram, disposing.

4460 Irg George Swift, manufacturing.

4461 George Harris, girl under 16.

4472 John Williams, larceny.

4466 Luther Jones, girl under 16.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1903.

4517 William Anderson, murder.

4507 A. Beagles, disposing.

4505 Thomas Archibald, introducing.

4509 Lee Stillman, false pretenses.

4510 James Wilson, carrying pistol.

4511 Wm. Burns, carrying pistol.

4418 Kid Cold, larceny.

4477 Joe Moore, false pretense.

4481 Emanuel Thurman, assault to kill.

4408 Tony McElvain, disposing.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1903.

4390 John Jolly, assault to kill.

4401 William Young, adultery.

4402 Gertrude Walton, adultery.

4403 Antonio Mocks, manufacturing.

4404 E. P. McFarland, introducing.

4406 J. H. McFarland, introducing.

4376 Simon Amonia, disposing.

4379 James Quinn, assault to kill.

4387 Paul Schoone, introducing.

4411 John Trocdo, assault to kill.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1903.

4504 Frank Harvey, gaming.

4401 John Horn, Geo. Clemmons, Kid Cole and Geo. Jones, gaming.

4401 James Free, Chas. McCarly, gaming.

4462 Wm. Hammers, One Hamilton, Tom Shelburn, gaming.

4470 Clay Dumps, gaming.

4260 Jno. Chambers, Geo. Withers, gaming.

4262 Jim Smyth, Chas. Withers, gaming.

4264 Will Callis, gaming.

4265 Billy Henderson, gaming.

4269 Jno. Green, Henry Cremona, gaming.

4273 Bud Smith, gaming.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1903.

3893 Ed. Platt, disposing.

4032 Ed. Platt, introducing.

3855 Kete White, murder.

3940 Jeff Lane, larceny.

4086 Jefferson Thurston, assault to kill.

4094 David Lewis (colored) manufacturing.

3856 David Lewis (white) manufacturing.

4221 David Lewis (colored) disposing.

4228 Frank Reingo, introducing.

4238 Irg Geo. Goslin, timber deprecations.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1903.

3951 Eugene Stombaugh, assault to kill.

4151 Eugene Stombaugh, murder.

4152 Eugene Stombaugh, murder.

4098 Irg Geo. Muggins, disposing.

4111 Bud Henderson, disposing.

4248 J. W. Coleman, disposing.

4249 J. W. Coleman, manufacturing.

4255 George Miller, adultery.

4258 Wm. Lewis and Silas Lewis, larceny.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1903.

3994 Nick Woolteridge, murder.

4175 John Bailey, assault to kill.

4212 Peter Stoppit, manufacturing.

4213 A. Stemberker, manufacturing.

4216 George Gaeobit, manufacturing.

4215 A. Landers, manufacturing.

4283 Jack Clifford, assault to rape.

4289 Joe Kaufman, assault to kill.

4293 Jack Millean, disposing.

4302 Henry Thurston, introducing.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1903.

4538 Charles Collard, George S. Beatty, murder.

4425 D. J. Sullivan, disposing.

4339 D. J. Sullivan, introducing.

4307 Trinidad Rodriguez, assault to kill.

4308 Peter Fabro, assault to kill.

T. B. Routh, assault to kill:

4181 Lou Sullivan, disposing.

4218 Lou Sullivan, introducing.

4224 Kate Green, manufacturing.

4329 J. J. Dunning, disposing.

4330 John Randall, Jack McDaniell, larceny.

4503 Wm. Hunt, gaming.

4502 Ed. Lightner, gaming.

4500 L. Templeton, gaming.

4500 Oliver Jones, gaming.

4498 John Ellis, (colored) gaming.

4497 Ed McBride, gaming.

4495 Ed Christopher, gaming.

4492 Chas. Gray, gaming.

4491 Jessa Reed, gaming.

4480 Jno. Davidson, gaming.

4486 Strick Williams, gaming.

3881 John Ellis, (white) gaming.

3882 Jim House, gaming.

4165 James House, Tom Shelburn, Irgwell Cliff, gaming.

4168 Joe Beckman and Will Callis, gaming.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1903.

3075 Clay Cutney, murder.

4071 James Sexton, murder.

4340 J. W. Lewis, disposing.

4342 William Gillman, disposing.

4350 H. M. King, timber deprecations.

4359 Pie Garvin, timber deprecations.

4358 Wallace Hunter, timber deprecations.

4359 O. B. Fetter, timber deprecations.

4360 Wm. Backs, timber deprecations.

4361 Henry Francis, timber deprecations.

4360 Robert Henlow, bond to keep peace.

4507 Foster Holt, aggravated assault.

4503 Dave Clayton, aggravated assault.

4540 Joe Duvall, aggravated assault.

4480 Jno. Davidson, gaming.

4482 Harry J. Bettes, disposing.

Volves Oatior.

An Eastern paper prints the following under big head lines which would give one the impression that wolves are thick as trees out here:

Frank Seely, R. M. Hight and H. C. Angelt, of Edmond, Okla., and George Pence, of Cushing, who took a pack of eighteen picked trail hounds and spent two months hunting wolves in eastern Pawnee county, had an unusual experience. Wolves were so numerous that the dogs could strike a trail within a few minutes after being released, but only a few wolves were caught. Seely, who has owned a pack of fast hounds since Oklahoma was opened to settlement, said upon his return:

"We struck a fresh trail the first night, and the dogs were soon sending the wolf as fast as he could hit the ground. After running about an hour wolves began howling in every direction, drawing closer and closer together. The dogs came at bay and when wolves were seen at bay a small pack in a valley.

"On this trail, bunched together for a fight, were fully twenty gray wolves. The dogs were all good ones, but would not attack so many wolves at one time. Occasionally four or five dogs would charge abreast, only to turn aside when the wolves prepared to close with them. I went within twenty feet of the wolves and scattered them by throwing stones and shooting. The pack split, some of the dogs following one wolf and some another.

"I have seen a wolf and shot one of them, and had to be very careful to never before saw anything like this. Our dogs could do nothing with them at night, and it was only in daylight that we could start a wolf and run him alone. Before our hunt the smaller packs in Pawnee county had invariably been whipped and run home in the night chases; only the large number of our dogs saved them from a similar thrashing. The wolves there live in the sparsely settled and rugged Creek country, coming into the settlements at night and returning to the Creek country by daylight.

Three New Business Buildings.

Contractors will at once begin work on the Culbertson building on North Main street. The building will be a modern two-story stone building and will have several large stone rooms down stairs with large and roomy offices upstairs.

Place & Brickley are preparing plans for a three-story stone business building for McDaniels & Curry which will be erected next to the Culbertson building.

The owner of the ground to the south is also contemplating the erection of a three-story stone building which will join the McAlester building.

These buildings will greatly improve the appearance of North Main street and will provide additional store rooms for the large number of business men from various parts of the country who would locate here if they could obtain suitable quarters.

If you feel ill and need a pill Why not purchase the best? DoWitt's Early Risers Are little surprises, Take one they do the rest. W. H. Howell, Houston, Tex., writes I have used Little Early Risers Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family. W. G. Weimer.

A NEW CARD GAME.

A Sure Thing and Only Costs \$80 to Learn.

Clyde Williams, a confident youth, who has been working on a ranch eight miles west of Pavelet, I. T., was among the visitors in Oklahoma City the other day. After looking at the tall building all day, watching the movements of the Salvation Army and witnessing many other sights and both novel and interesting to a novice from the cattle country, finally wound up at the Santa Fe depot at 10 o'clock last night, where he made the acquaintance of a young man who appeared to be quite genuine.

In fact they became good friends in short order. Presently another young fellow came up, who appeared to know Williams' new found friend, and offered to sell him a brand-new deck of cards, which he exhibited, but they failed to make a trade, when he turned and walked away, and at the same time dropping one of the cards, but apparently not noticing it. Williams' friend picked up the card and placing it in his pocket, said: "Now, let's have some fun." He then galloped the other fellow back and soon secured a wager that there were 52 cards in the pack.

"That's easy," confided the friend to Williams, with a nudge of his elbow. "Let me have some money and I will show you."

The fellow produced a pocketbook which he said contained \$20 and Williams consented to a similar amount and handed it to his friend.

The other fellow counted his cards and, strange to say, there proved to be a full deck of 52 cards.

The friends started to catch the disappearing winner, but soon disappeared behind some box cars, and they have not since been seen.

"The boys from the ranch departed for Pavelet on the midnight train and at heart but enriched by a sparkling bit of experience," Oklahoman.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach Troubles, and makes rich red blood, healthy and strength. Kodol rebuilds worn-out tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov. G. W. Atkinson, of W. Va., says: "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol and have found it to be a very effective and, indeed, a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends." W. G. Weimer.

The single statehood committee of the two territories has issued a call for a convention to be held at Oklahoma City, January 6. J. W. McMillan has been appointed to represent South McAlester on the committee from the Indian Territory.

DEFYING COURTS ORDER.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28.—As a result of the recent supreme court decision against the reading of the Bible and singing sacred songs in the public schools of Nebraska, application has been made to the county attorney at Lincoln to prohibit the rendition of Christmas carols and secular songs in this county during school hours.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28.—The application of J. T. Pryor, as the applicant, brought against the teacher and directors. The county attorney told Mr. Pryor he had no sympathy with his complaint, and he would not take it to court.

In the meantime, O. E. Kretzinger, a Beatrice lawyer, has given notice that he will apply for a rehearing of the Bible case. Mr. Kretzinger's brief is in the nature of a challenge to the court to enforce its mandate. He says that 6,000 schools of the 6,600 in the state are ignoring the decision, and practically asks the court what it is going to do about it.

The supreme court's decision against Bible reading in public schools has had considerable discussion at the time and this latest agitation, precipitated by Pryor and Kretzinger, has brought the discussion to fever heat.

Dead Trying to Save His Wife.

Pryor Creek, I. T., Dec. 25.—Matthew Keith was drowned while trying to ford Pryor Creek four miles south-east of this place. Mr. Keith was in his wagon accompanied by his wife. His wagon became unpropelled and he and his wife were thrown into the swift current. Mr. Keith pushed his wife to a place of safety, but himself became exhausted and was drowned.

The Great Railway Combination.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25.—Articles of incorporation of the Omaha & Council Bluffs street railway, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000, were filed Monday. The articles provide for subscription lines to place Mr. Keith was in his wagon and Kretzinger, Dec. 25.

Twelve Closed Iowa City Schools.

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 21.—The existence of numerous cases of smallpox in such mild form as to cause utter disregard of quarantine restrictions has caused the closing of one of the principal city schools here. The school will remain closed indefinitely upon order of the state board of health. It is claimed no state university student has the contagion.

PUT ASIDE A QUEENSHIP.

Crown Princess of Saxony Refused to Longer Live with Her Licentious Husband.

HAD LONG CONTEMPLATED THE STEP.

Repeatedly Told Her Confidante That Court Life Was Lethal and Referred to Her Sister, Almost About Crown Princess—Her Liaison with a Frenchman.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 24.—King George and the Crown Princess, Frederick-Karl, where the Crown Princess Louise has sought refuge, but they have decided to accept the estrangement of the princess and her licentious and unbecomingly. They have made the cabinet privy to the circumstances of the princess' flight, and a decree of divorce is talked of as a necessary sequel to the princess' resolution to leave the court.

This determination the princess announced to her husband early in November, after one of their frequent violent scenes. She also confided her intention of separating herself entirely from the court, and all her belongings, to her sister, the Duchess of Meiningen, and discussed with them the impossibility of her being enduring the artificial etiquette of the court and the forced companionship of a man who was loathsome to her.

The princess wrote to her mother at the end of November that it was her purpose to leave the crown prince and give up the prospect of being a queen, which, instead of being attractive, the princess frequently said was detestable to her. She formerly told members of her entourage that she was going to visit her parents at Salzburg. The letter of the princess to her mother brought the archduchess immediately to Dresden. She implored her daughter to reconsider her determination and make the best of an unpleasant situation for the sake of her children and see as little of the crown prince as permissible. The princess replied, according to one of her confidantes, that she would see nothing of "that beast," that the tutelage of her children was largely taken out of her hands, and that she could not bear to see them smothered by "the hypocrites" of the court.

What she complained of in the prince was his intolerance, his intolerance and, as her partisan avers, his cruelty of disposition. They affirm that he has had for years a liaison with an actress named Baste, and it is credited that after a review of troops at Grimma a couple of years ago, the prince fell from his horse, intoxicated, in front of his regiment. However true these incidents may be, the court and all Dresden agree that a chasm separated the affections of the crown prince from the crown princess. Though the king highly had granted permission for his wife, the prince did his share of quarreling and often tried to impose his will upon her, but he always hoped that she would in the end humble herself.

Ugly Stories About the Princess.

Vienna, Dec. 21.—The flight of the crown princess of Saxony is the absorbing topic of the day here. All kinds of sensational reports are in circulation. When she left Salzburg, Duke Leopold Ferdinand, the princess' stepfather, where a French tutor, the woman and the two children, princess and princess, and those to whom it appears that when the crown princess returned recently to Dresden after his hunting accident in the Tyrol, he discovered secret correspondence—asked between the princess and the French tutor, whose former relations with her had created a scandal, resulting in the tutor's expulsion from Saxony. Besides disclosing the couple's relations, the letters revealed another scandal. The princess had written to Emperor Francis Joseph, renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the imperial house, and saying he will become a private subject. The whole of the archduke's career is related, which would date from the time when he started to accompany the heir to the throne on a tour of the world. He only got so far as Colombia, where he was obliged to leave the emperor's service because of his relationship on account of his scandalous behavior. The archduke has since been mixed up in a number of affairs, and was confined for some months in an asylum.

At Geneva Under an Assumed Name.

Geneva, Dec. 24.—The young princess of Saxony is here under the name of Franck von Ghel. Her brother, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and Prof. Giron are at the same hotel. The archduke has been in the city of Geneva. The party are being quietly and propose to spend Christmas here.

Fast Plaintiff Used a Revolver.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 23.—Miss Agnes Frizzle, plaintiff, in a suit suddenly interrupted the court proceedings here by firing a revolver. The bullet barely missed Col. Brizzola, counsel for the defense. A. C. West, the defendant, fled from the court room precipitately, and at his own request was imprisoned for safety.

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