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Jewelry—the Gift of Gifts

## Advance Shopping

All you people know the benefits of early looking. You know you miss the crowds and all that sort of inconvenience. You know how much easier it is to exactly suit yourselves when all lines are almost untouched. Then why not take advantage of these advantages? Our stock is at this minute complete from collar buttons to diamonds. It comprises the worthiest goods that we could buy with our money, or that you can buy with yours. You may make your selections now at your leisure and by paying a small deposit may have them laid aside for you until the "eventful day." YOU are invited to avail yourself of this privilege.



### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

**City of Broken Bow**  
 D. R. Rockwell, Mayor.  
 J. S. Squires, Pres. of Council.  
 R. S. Kuns, Treasurer.  
 R. D. Pickett, Clerk.

**Councilmen**  
 1st Ward, J. M. Kimberling, E. F. McClure.  
 2nd Ward, James Ledwich, C. H. England.  
 3rd Ward, J. S. Squires, D. C. Konkel.  
 4th Ward, S. L. Cannon, W. B. Eastham.

### Auction of School Land

Notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of December 1910, at one o'clock P. M. at the office of the county treasurer of Custer county, the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings or his authorized representative will offer for lease at public auction all educational lands in said county which have been declared forfeited for non-payment of rental or interest, as follows:  
 All 16-13-23 Byron B. Davis.  
 W 1/2 NW 1/4 16-14-19 H. Lomax  
 Dated Nov. 21, 1910. E.B. Cowles  
 Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings.

Rev. Doward will speak on "Religious Indifference" at the Christian church next Sunday evening. The morning services will be as usual, Sunday School with communion and sermon.

### NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

**An Up-To-Date Change That Puts Broken Bow in the Front Rank.**  
 The entire telephone system of Broken Bow underwent a decided change last Thursday night, the old grounded circuit being discarded for good and giving place to the complete common battery throughout. For several months past, while the new exchange was in course of construction, gangs of workmen and expert linemen have been kept busy preparing for the change, and the final jump from one system to another was made on Thursday. Broken Bow can now boast a metallic circuit that is second to none in the state, as far as efficient service and up-to-date equipment is concerned. The new exchange is a handsome, two story, pressed brick building with half basement. On the first floor are the manager's offices and business departments. The second floor is given over entirely to the exchange work and long distance, while in the basement are departments belonging to the repair gang and linemen. According to Manager Claude Currie, this building is the most complete telephone exchange in the state, with the possible exception of Omaha and Lincoln.

### ORTELO

A nice snow visited us Sunday. F. W. Beckler and wife visited at Ingram's Saturday and Sunday. There was no Sunday School at Sunshine Sunday on account of the snow.  
 Ray Pollard is husking corn for J. M. Ingram.

### COURT HOUSE PETITION FILED.

After Thorough Investigation, Committee Appointed To Check Petition Returns Favorable Report.

#### CONTAINS 2033 NAMES

At a recent mass meeting of a goodly number of citizens of Broken Bow and Custer County held for the purpose of ascertaining what could be done towards building a Court House for Custer County, to replace the one destroyed by fire about one year ago, it was decided that, owing to the conditions in which the records are kept, immediate steps ought to be taken toward providing a suitable place for their safe keeping. It was generally understood that the members of the board of Supervisors were heartily in favor of submitting the question to a vote of the people but owing to the fact that the 5 mill levy proposition was defeated the board did not feel like assuming the responsibility of ordering an election without some evidence of the people to calling for such order. A committee was immediately appointed, of which L. H. Jewett was chairman, to see that petitions were circulated throughout the county. The petition circulated in substance asked that a 7 mill levy be voted on the assessed valuation (which is only 1-5 of the actual valuation) of Custer County. This levy to be divided in two years, 4 mills to be levied for the year 1911 and 3 mills for the year 1912, AND NO MORE.

The petitions were started out on Friday Nov. 25th and in just one week from that date were presented to the board by Mr. L. H. Jewett, at 10 a.m. with the signature of 2033 of the legal voters of Custer County. Supervisors Dewey, Gilmore and Headley were appointed to check the petition and between 4 and 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon brought in the following report:

The following resolution was offered by Edward Foley.

Whereas this Board has just passed an order providing that the question of authorizing this Board to make a special levy of four mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of the property of the County of Custer for the year 1911 and a further special levy of three mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of said property for the year 1912, with which to construct a court house and jail be submitted to the voters of said county at a special election to be held on the 9th day of January 1911; And whereas many of the electors of said county, before voting at said special election upon said question, are desirous of knowing the kind of court house and jail to be constructed, and the same total of the same: And

Whereas the county now owns in the hands of its Treasurer of \$13,000 derived from insurance of the court house burned: And whereas the aggregate amount of said two special levies is and will be approximately \$51,000.00, And Whereas a fire-proof building of given dimensions will cost not to exceed twenty per cent, more than the building of the same dimensions not fire-proof:

Now, therefore be it resolved by this board that in case said proposition carries, and this board is authorized to make said two special

levies, that the court house constructed shall be fire-proof, it shall cost, when completed, not to exceed \$60,000.00.

That if said proposition carries at said special election, this Board shall adopt plans and specifications for the proposed new court house and shall then advertise for bids for the construction of said building, and shall let the contract not exceeding \$60,000.00 to the lowest responsible bidder who will furnish satisfactory bonds that said building shall be constructed according to contract, and shall be fire-proof; constructed of material and workmanship of highest order, and of the kind and nature specified in the plans and specifications, and that the same shall be completed within the time provided by the contract. And that in addition to the material in the ruins of the old court house; there shall be an expence not to exceed \$4000 in the construction of a fire proof jail.

This report was unanimously adopted by the board and the question will be voted on January 9th. It is useless to go into detail with the many reasons why a court house ought to be built. Division was fairly beaten by a large majority at the last election and there ought to be no question in the minds of fair minded people that it is an expensive proposition for the county to keep on paying rent for office room and paying for the keep of prisoners in some neighboring county jail, as is the situation at the present time.

Broken Bow precinct built the court house that was recently destroyed is it just and fair to ask them to build another now after Custer Co. has attained the wealth and prosperity of which she today may truthfully boast. We do not believe that a fair minded people will look at it thus, neither do we believe they will be misled by argument tending to prejudice them against a just cause. It is the duty of every man to exercise his right of franchise and if the entire vote of Custer Co. is polled on January 9th there will be no question as to the outcome of the 7 mill levy election. 7 mills will raise in round numbers \$51,000 This added to the \$13,000 insurance money now on hand will amount to \$64,000. Considering the price of material at the present time this amount is merely sufficient to construct a building without furnishings and one that will only be sufficient to meet the requirements of transacting the county business.

### HISTORY OF FORMER CUSTER COUNTY HOMESTEADER.

First Township Clerk of Algernon. Tells of Arkansas and is Invited Back to be Hung Invitation Declined

If a man should live by farming and carpentering until he was 50 knowing nothing of grammar or rhetoric, and then wake up some fine morning and find that he had written a book with a sale of one million copies, he probably would pinch himself to learn if he was dreaming. If he should write three books with total sales running close to two million copies, and then a fourth book that is selling now at the rate of 10,000 copies a month, his astonishment would be even greater.

Marion Hughes of Stillwater has done all this. He can hardly tell how it happened, but his publishers

have the records. Hughes is the author of "Three Years in Arkansas," "Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden," "The Dam Family," and "Oklahoma Charley," the latter just from the press. Hughes was not good at driving a bargain and got only \$6,000 from his first three books, while a Chicago publisher that bought the rights to "Three Years in Arkansas" cleaned up more than \$100,000 from its sales.

If describing the quaint customs and telling the rude uncouth native jokes of the "hillbillies" and the "crackers" in the exact words and manner of the latter be literature, then Hughes is on his way to a place in the Hall of Fame. But it may be safely doubted that "Three Years in Arkansas" is literature, though the American public, mostly on rail road trains, has bought a million copies.

### HIS BOOKS ANGER ARKANSAS.

Hughes' books have caused much amusement. Likewise, in Arkansas they have caused more wrath than anything else that was ever written about that state. After the book was published Hughes received numerous urgent invitations to come back to Arkansas and get killed. He refused the invitations as fast as they came. He has a lingering suspicion that he may never go back to Arkansas. Down in that state the story is circulated with pleasure that Hughes was sent to the penitentiary for writing the book. Once a bill was introduced in the Arkansas legislature forbidding the sale of the book in that state, according to Hughes, but after the bill had passed to several readings the legislature was adjourned on account of an epidemic of smallpox, and the bill died.

### HE'S A CARPENTER AUTHOR.

Hughes was born in Sherman county, Indiana, in 1854. He has roamed all over the west, taking a homestead many years ago in Custer county, Nebraska. He came to Oklahoma when the country was opened to settlement in 1889. He is 58 years old and has moved 56 times, which he thinks is a good record as a mover. For a number of years he was a carpenter at Guthrie.

In 1865 Hughes moved to Hatton Gap, Ark., nearly a hundred miles from a railroad in any direction, and opened a store. He has never been able to explain to himself why he went to Hatton Gap. The natives in that particular locality were a source of endless entertainment to Hughes. In letters to relatives in other states Hughes described the things he saw and heard. His spelling was poor, his grammar bad, but his language was vigorous and direct. One day he was struck with the idea that he might be able to write a book about Arkansas. He began saving his letters, and after he moved to another state wrote "Three Years in Arkansas."

The illustrations in Hughes' books belong to the cocklebur school of art. The originals are his own, drawn with a pencil, after which they are copied by the professional illustrators. Hughes writes slowly and laboriously. His cleverness is mostly in his being keenly the humor of the doings and sayings of the native and in reproducing them with all their local atmosphere. Hughes has not the slightest idea of "highbrow" literature. But his stuff brings the money.—Kansas City Star.

### MARRIED

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Gachwind was the scene of a very quiet but pretty home wedding last Sunday eve., when their daughter Miss Lena and Mr. Fred Beavers, of Hepburn, Iowa., were married.

Promptly at six o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor and there Rev. J. E. Aubrey, of the Presbyterian church, spoke the words which made them man and wife.

The bride wore a charming gown of light blue persian silk, and her only attendant, Miss Roxey Porter, was attired in a gown of old rose silk.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests were invited to the dining room where they were served with a sumptuous wedding.

Mrs. Beavers is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gachwind and has grown from childhood in our midst. She is a graduate of Custer College and for the past three years has been employed as stenographer here.

Mr. Beavers is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beavers, a prosperous farmer of Hepburn, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Beavers left on the early morning train Monday for Hepburn, Ia. where is employed by the Electric Light Co.

Congratulations and best wishes from a host of friends go with them to their new home.

### SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hovey celebrated at their home near Cumro, Nev. their 25th wedding anniversary. The dinner was served at noon to about one hundred guests, and the festive board was graced with almost every desirable eatable.

The bride's cake was a white pyramid, beautified by white flowers and green leaves.

Tokens of appreciation were received in the form of much useful and valuable silverware and many other presents.

Guests from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hovey, of Custer, South Dakota; Miss Beula Swope, of Broken Bow; Mr. and Mrs. A. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Milhouse, Dr. Bush and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Miss Hattie Palmer, L. Johnson, and J. Hansey of Sumner; and Mr. and Mrs. Hahn, Miss Malinda Hahn, Miss Mary Summerville and Miss Donna Moore of Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Hovey are both Nebraskians by birth and have spent most of their lives in Custer Co. They have but one child, a boy three years of age.

A regular shower of letters and post cards came from all parts of this country, wishing them happiness and the best of all things, both in this life and the one to come.

### MRS. JAMES GOVIER DEAD

Mrs. James Govier died Nov. 25th 1910, aged 73 yrs., 11 mo., 5 da. She was born at Seagely, England, Dec. 2th, 1836, married to James Govier, July 18, 1853, came to Wisconsin in 1865, moved to Nebraska in 1884.

To Mr. and Mrs. Govier were born 13 children, 9 boys and 4 girls, 7 of whom are living in company with her aged companion, James Govier, to mourn her loss.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. R. Bellis, at Weissert, Neb., Nov. 27, 1910 in the presence of a large sympathizing congregation who followed her to her last resting place.

## COFFEES

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The Square Deal Store

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## CHRISTMAS IS COMING

We will have a fine line of Fresh Sweet Candies, Fresh Nuts of all kinds, Candied Pineapple and Cherries, Holly, Evergreen, Candles of all colors, Popcorn for the little folks, Tinsels of bright colors, and anything you will need for Christmas.

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