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THE PLAIN DEALER NEWSPAPER
Altus, Old Greer Co., Oklahoma Territory

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The latest news on the Kiowa-Comanche country is that there will be only three counties formed. Small section of the Wichita Reservation are attached to Blaine and Canadian counties to square them up. The balance of the Wichita country will be made one county with a seat at Anadarko. South of this and extending to the Texas line is the second county with the county seat just south of the Fort Sill military reservation. The third is entirely across the western portion with a county seat at the station of Kiowa.

The Indian Pasture of 480,000 acres is located in the central southern part of the reservation next to Red River. Sixty thousand acres is reserved at Ft. Sill for Military purposes. Sections 13, 16, 33, and 36 of each township are public school, colleges and public buildings. There will be about 60,00 acres of indemnity land selected for school, taken by allotment, reserved from settlement. There will be agency reservations at Anadarko and Ft. Sill; allotments to churches, missionaries and adopted members of the tribe. Schools at Rainy Mountain, Ft. Sill and Riverside. A wood reservation has been set aside east of Ft. Sill, of 20,000 acres. It will probably be opened somewhere between the middle of July and August 1st.

Prof. Driggers from Aaron, J.M. Thomas from Dunbar, T.C. Lanier of Dunbar, Will Funderburk of Mangum, A. B. Boyd and James Brummett from Texas, W. Q. Flynt and E.M. Napier of Vernon, Dr. S.P. Rawls of Lock, J.A. Henry and wife of Mangum, Louella Cunningham, Sam Ward and Mr and Mrs. Claud Smithee of Silverton, Texas guests of S.H. Smithee, in Altus.

Samuel Hill married Miss. Moss at Willowvale, Sunday.

W.G. Bell and J.B. Owens visit Granite.

W. M. Ferguson in Yelldell selling nice turkeys.

We are glad to see W.H. You up after two weeks of severe sickness.

T.C. Lanier, Dunbar, purchased a nice residence lot in Altus.

Mr. Davis and McClellan, Kay County prospectors, in our city.

V.E. Conkler returned from the oil district of Texas. He went into the organization of another oil company at Beaumont.

Dr. W.E. Black returned from Memphis Medical college where he graduated in medicine. He brings back three diplomas.

Uncle Dick Blain is back from Mangum where he was housed up in bed with a severe spell of sickness for the past two weeks. He did not have smallpox but did have a genuine case of the "big head."

The Altus base ball team consisting of: Herman Maupin, captain; Ray Thoush, Tom Thoush, Robert Mathews, Will and Madge Middleton, Tom and Ed Baucum, Alfred French and Arthur Fuqua crossed bats with the Lock team at Prairie Home Saturday. Altus won 8 to 10.

Capt. Ambrose Howse requested us to state that the railroad fee for the Confederate Reunion at Memphis would be \$14.95 round trip. Capt. Howse is captain of the Altus Camp.

W.T. Robinson from Cottondale, Texas purchased the claim of Elmer Crain five miles southeast for \$1000. He will move in the fall.

Judge Orr, F.M. Trimble and T.W. Middleton, in Mangum.

Rev. J.W. Coker married Mrs. Dobbs at her home near Dunbar last week. Rev. G.W. Turner, officiating.

C.L. and A.A. Allen, who were visiting their sister, Mrs. J.C. Glenn, have just returned from the Philippine Island where they had served 18 months in the Army. They have rented land near town and will make a crop this year. They bought six resident lots.

Judge Woodson accompanied his friends Capt. Rickey H. Walker and James Tosh of Kay County, back to Kiowa station.

John R. Blackwell, one of Navajoe's leading merchants paid Altus a visit. He stated that the citizens of that place had formed a stock company and had bought out the old townsite company. Navajoe is situated at a place that should become a large town.

Baptist Missionary rally at Altus. Rev. J.W. Solomon, moderator, J.A. Weir, secretary. Rev. L.L. Smith, Ok. City, district missionary for Southwestern OK preached. Mission offering \$100.00.

E.L. Coen, Earl Sayers, J.W. Clayton and Dr. James Bryce spent a week in the reservation. They say the railroad is almost to Ft. Sill and that the depot had been located in the middle of the military reservation about a half mile southeast of the Fort.

E.D. Nichols, E. H. Kimmons and M.L. Lawrence of Iowa Park, Texas were in Altus prospecting. They came in from the Northwest through Roger Mills county and Mangum. They are traveling in a wagon and have made an 800 mile trip. Mr. Nichols and Kimmons are from Mississippi.

Altus Burglarized: Two Houses entered; stole horse and rode off. Burglars spent the night here and done considerable devilment. There were not less than two of them that entered the Johnson Hardware store through the back window and took about \$60.00 worth of saddle and

bridles, knives, cartridges and powder. They entered Hightower & Funderburk's grocery store through a back window, and after eating some canned goods and looting, took \$4.00 from the cash drawer and then went to work on the fire and burglar proof safe. They must have been amateurs. They drilled a quarter inch hole through the top of the safe and poured two pounds of powder in it. This powder fell through the books and settled at the bottom of the safe. They then tried to run a fuse down through the safe, but the books prevented it from reaching down to the powder and the safe escaped further damage. They took a fine Marlin rifle, worth \$40.00. They broke into the Blacksmith Shop of Boger & Fincher and got tools.

The back door of the bank shows they made a halt there and tried to get it. They also kicked three times on the back door of the saddle shop of Guy Gamble. Mr Gamble and his brother Frank sleep in the shop and this awoke them and they asked what they wanted, thinking it was some of the boys. Mr. Gamble thinks it must have been one or two o'clock. J.M. Julian's horse stays in a stable back of his store and they rode him off. A lone horse was tracked out east and at the home of Rev. F.S.C. Bryce, two miles out, the traveler made a halt and tried to get another horse. He pulled up some posts to cross the wire fencing. It was about four o'clock when he struck this place. From there he turned south. R.C. Johnson armed himself and pulled out in pursuit very early in the morning and was joined just out of town by Earl Cole

Some later in the morning W.P. Bryan, Walter Wright, C.C. Mansfield, A. H. Wimberly and C.S. Maupin left for the same purpose. Stewart Miller and John Bridges came in from Navajoe last night with the news that the horse and saddle had been recovered and that all parties had crossed Northfork over into the reservation before the rain and they could not return for the swollen river. They thought the robbers escaped to the Wichita mountains.

Advertisement: Wm. Mitchell of Altus, Geo. W. Burkett, liveryman of Altus

C.E. Goger and W.H. Maupin of Altus bought \$1,000 worth of lumber; were in Granite.

Ben Crowe, living five miles south of Granite, caught in a steel trap a catamount measuring three feet and six inches from tip to tip. This makes thirty-one he has captured in the past two years.

Some very fine specimens of copper have been brought from the Wichita mountains. Some have been from the neighborhood of Navajoe.

Judge Oliphant, registrar of U.S. Land office of Mangum, is about to become an oil king. He owns quite a large tract of land in the Beaumont oil district and has had some very handsome offers but refuses to sell it.

J.C. Dickenson, farmer from Aaron, was in Mangum. He says wheat has commenced to head out and no crops have been seriously injured by pests, but young grasshoppers are hatching out and he and his neighbors are preparing to fight them. They have clubbed together and bought 130 pounds of arsenic to mix with molasses and place for the hoppers to feast on.

Southeast Greer County Singing Convention met at Prairie Home. C.V. Kitcherside took charge; Mrs. Effie Bagly secretary protem. Those leading the singing were Prof. Lafayette Ketchersed, Louis Carmichael, J. Osbourn and C.R. McCormick. A.L. Tinker and Lee Frasier presented the Altus class for membership which was accepted. Pleasant Valley class asked for admission. Yelldell will be the August meeting. Short lessons were given by Frasier, Tinker, L. Carmichael, R.T. Edwards and J. Osbourn. Those participating in the lessons were Prof. Fink, Kitchersid, Carmichael, Franklin Willie Dickson, Edwards, Chas. Pool. Prayer by R.T. Edwards. The meeting lasted two days. Others attending included Will McGee.