

CURIOS and ANTIQUE

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Gene Harris, J. C. Penney clerk, tells us this one: A big Indian buck walked up to the store's drug counter. "Uuum! Let's see 'em," he said as he picked up a large bottle of rubbing alcohol. With the air of an expert he unscrewed the top and sniffed. "Uuum! Smell good. Me drink 'em." He paid for the "beverage" and walked out, apparently enjoying the anticipation of a good hearty drunk.

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For one thing, we would like to see the city softball leagues in action again this year—and mind you, we said SEE them.

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This should have made a "strong" case, at least—It came up when a farmer bought 60 bundles of onion sets from a local seed store. Just to be sure he hadn't been "gypped" the farmer counted the bundles, and found they contained something less than 5,000 sets instead of the 6,000 he thought he should have had. And so, he sued the seed store for the difference, amounting to \$1.50. Witnesses were brought in from different parts of the county, some from a distance of several miles. The farmer and his witnesses asserted that he'd been told by the clerk that there were 100 sets to the bundle. The clerk denied he'd said it and testified that one bundle had been counted in the store and that it had only 88 sets in it. Each side presented an equal number of witnesses who were equally positive in their testimony and the j. p. was forced to decide for the defendant because his own experience had taught him that onion sets aren't always numbered to the bundle.

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Maybe you know why it is—we don't. Here in Ada the governing board of city officials are called 'commissioners.' At Roff the similar officials are known as 'trustees,' at Allen they elect 'councilmen' and at Francis and Stonewall 'aldermen' are chosen.

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A Seminole newspaper calls attention to the fact that the chairman of the board of county commissioners in Seminole county is Charley Johnston and that Charley Johnson holds a similar position in Pontotoc county. We started checking through the latest directory for the city of Ada and we wonder how people with the same or similar names manage to keep their mail, laundry, etc., straight. For instance, we found

dresses, Chas. Johnson, Chas. Johnson, Chas. L. Johnson, Chas. N. Johnson, Chas. T. Johnston, Charlie J. Johnston; Then, naturally, we turned to the "Smith section." There we found Wm. Smith, Wm. H. Smith, Wm. O. Smith, Wm. O. Smith, W. Oral Smith, Wm. V. Smith, W. M. Smith, Chas. A. Smith, Chas. B. Smith, Chas. D. Smith, Chas. J. Smith, Chas. N. Smith and John A. Smith, John L. Smith, John W. Smith, John W. Smith and John W. Smith. In addition, there were three James Smiths, three Robert Smiths, and any number of cases where two persons had exactly the same name, and all residents of Ada.

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Now Hugh Norris comes out with the "flat-footed" announcement that he is "agin" Ira Dugan. Hugh claims Ira is "stealing his stuff," pointing out that until Dugan joined the Presbyterian church here recently he (Hugh) had the distinction of being the biggest man in the church and having the biggest foot among the entire membership. We hope Rev. O. B. Lee can get the boys peacable before he leaves for Europe.

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Those who missed seeing the East Central baseball team hand the Oklahoma A. & M. college team a double-barrelled defeat here the other day probably won't have another chance for years to come, unless they go to Stillwater to see the return game already scheduled. The Aggies never have beaten East Central—but this is the first time the latter has succeeded in scheduling a game with them since about 1912 when W. D. Little was coach. The Tigers haven't been able to match any basketball games with them, either, since the second year of Mickey McBride's regime as coach. East Central beat the Aggies twice at Stillwater in 1928. The only time East Central and Oklahoma university met on the basketball court (in 1932) resulted in an "unexpected" Tiger victory and East Central has found the O. U. schedule "full" ever since.

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Otto Strickland, erstwhile Pontotoc county legislator and now a Fittstown druggist, lost a close race to Dr. Sam A. McKeel of Ada the other night—a race to choose the "ugliest man" at a Fittstown community program. Otto had auctioned the pies and all the "ready cash" prospects had bought. A good-looking cake brought no bids and an attempt to select Fittstown's most popular girl via the penny-a-vote route likewise failed. Then somebody put a dime on Otto as ugliest man and a McKeel "constituent" threw in a quarter. The bidding became spirited. Dr. McKeel finally outgeneralled his rival by bidding off pies his supporters had bought earlier in the evening. He finished \$3.00 to \$2.89 ahead of Otto and the underprivileged children of Fittstown benefitted from the fun.