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CURIOS and ANTIQUES

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The other day The Ada News received this inquiry on a post card from a firm in Kansas City, presumably lease brokers:

"Dear Sir:

"Will you please state if there has been any recent oil activity in your county as reported, or if there is any oil or gas production in the county at this time."

The gentlemen were informed that Pontotoc county has been producing oil for more than 25 years, is now first in amount of oil activity in Oklahoma and ranks up near the top in the United States.

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You can't stump these Ada postal officials, either. A day or two ago a post card, beautifully decorated with a colored picture of the Grand Canyon, arrived in the Ada post office. It bore no address other than the name of the town, no message and only the signature "A Lonely Traveler." It was mailed at Flagstaff, Ariz. Miss Louise Allen, Red Cross secretary, received the card.

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Only three native Oklahomans are among the more than a dozen Pontotoc county elective officials now serving or who will take office July 1. They are John B. McKeel, county judge, who is from near Sallisaw (where Pretty Boy Floyd grew up), Clyde Kaiser, sheriff and native of Pontotoc county, and George Collins, county commissioner-elect, who was born about six miles south of Ada. Texas is best represented among the others and they are all southerners. Mrs. Hetty Dial Garner, county clerk, was born at Gordon, Palo Pinto county, west of Fort Worth and came to Oklahoma when she was five. Fred McCoy, county treasurer, came to Oklahoma from Carroll county, Ark., to teach school for ten years before taking over his present office. Mrs. Della Bedford, court clerk, first saw the light of day near Murphreesboro, Ark., in the diamond mine area. A. A. Caldwell of Allen, county commissioner-elect, started out in Mississippi but the birthplace of John Hall, also county commissioner-elect, was not learned. Ray Stegall, county superintendent, came here from Fredericksburg, Texas, when he was 12. W. V. Stanfield, county attorney, moved to

Oklahoma from the Lone Star State at the age of three months. Bill Bevers says they tell him he was born in Parker county near Mineral Wells, Texas, and came here when he was 11 months old.

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Cyclone Davis, famous old time orator who wears long whiskers and a Prince Albert coat, visited the office a few days ago and the society editor has been trying ever since to blush down the name he tacked on her when he referred to her as "a little nuggett of human gold."

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The Bristow Record reports that a local man figured the people should have kept the chain letters going for a while longer anyhow, even if for no reason except a patriotic one. According to the calculations submitted, he says if half of the nation's population were to receive the full quota of 15,625 chain letters each, it would mean one trillion, 28 billion, 906 million, 250 thousand letters. At the rate of three cents each, the government would take in \$38,671,875,000.00—enough to pay off the huge works relief bill, the soldiers bonus and have money left.

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The best story that has come to our ears lately was told over the coffee cups a few nights ago. It seems an elephant escaped from a zoo and was wandering through the residential section of a city. Becoming a little hungry the huge beast blundered into a garden, pulling them up with its trunk. The woman, whose education in biology had been sadly neglected, discovered the marauder, became greatly excited and telephoned the zoo. "There's an animal in my backyard," she screamed, "and I want you to come and get it. It's pulling up my flowers with its tail." The unperturbed zoo attendant inquired: "Pulling up your flowers with its tail? What is it doing with them?" Whereupon the lady blushed and said, "You come and see for yourself. You wouldn't believe me if I told you."

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Maybe its none of our business but we can't help wondering what basis the S. & Q. window trimmer used in figuring the relative value of hats placed upon the heads of local citizens modeled in the window.

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It was reported that lightning struck a Coal county still the other day. No information as to the amount of damage sustained by the lightning has become available as yet.