

CURIOS & ANTIQUES

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EMployees over at the Federal building are hoping it doesn't take as long to get furnace repairs as it did to obtain replacement of parts in ice water coolers. Early last summer the post office water coolers broke under the strain of terrific heat and overwork and had to be sent to the factory for repairs. They were gone all summer. The other day, the first time it got cool enough to wonder where the "long handles" and stove connections were, the water coolers came back. In fact, it was the same day that the custodian reported the furnace is shut down until new gaskets can be obtained and installed. It will be a little difficult to wear overcoats and sort mail all winter, the p.o. workers agree.

A woman was hurried to the hospital by ambulance. Word spread quickly through the crowd of curious always gathered around such places that she had taken poison. (It developed the amount of strychnine she had taken was not enough to prove serious). After ascertaining the name, etc., we started to leave the hospital. A stranger inquired: "Who is she?" When told he commented dryly: "Well, I just wanted to know. Me and my wife quit today and she looked kinda like her when they was carryin' her in."

ADA HAS MANY REASONS to look forward to an era of great importance, and a population of 100,000 or more is not necessary to reach it. The population of this rapidly growing city now is variously estimated from 15,000 to 20,000 persons. Compare that population with these population figures of eleven state capitals: Cheyenne, Wyo., 17,361; Montpelier, Vt., 7,837; Pierre, S. D., 3,659; Bismark, N. D., 11,090; Helena, Mont., 11,803; Annapolis, Md., 12,531; Augusta, Me., 17,198; Frankfort, Ky., 11,626; Boise, Idaho, (which is in Ada county) 21,544; Tallahassee, Fla., 10,700; and Jefferson City, Mo., 21,596. State capitals are not always the largest cities in a state but they invariably are among the most important cities of the nation. A little more boosting and advertising and Ada can become as important to this section of Oklahoma as any of those cities are to their respective states.

It has been our observation that almost every: (1) automo-

bile accident has whiskey involved at some point or other; (2) murder has either a woman or whiskey, or both, involved; (3) young lawbreaker comes from a home broken by death, disaster or divorce.

LAST WEEK'S QUERY regarding the oldest pipe brought this two-way bid from Lee Eddleman. He has a little meerschaum named Statehood because he acquired it in October, 1907. He had admired a similar one belonging to a friend employed by the Waples-Platter company, then opening in this territory. The friend collected enough tags and wrappers to obtain the meerschaum from the American Tobacco company for Eddleman, who still smokes it and values it highly. Eddleman has another meerschaum given him by a friend. This one is 59 years old and belonged to his friend's father. The pipe is large, with the bowl firmly clasped in a lion's claw. It is now in Houston undergoing repairs to the stem. Now, who has a pipe that can beat the records of those as antiques?

It looks as if the additional comics and features appearing in The News now are going to mean longer hours for the night editor. We'll have to come to work 15 minutes earlier every day now because it takes that much longer to read the new strips before settling down to business.

DUPLICATE NAMES are common occurrences among public officials working in Ada but few of the officials are related. Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Stanfield is not related to County Attorney Virgil Stanfield, nor is U. S. Commissioner W. C. Edwards a kinsman of District Judge H. H. Edwards, but District Judge Tal Crawford is an uncle of Mayor Bill Crawford. County Farm Agent J. B. Hill and Peace Justice Sherwood W. Hill disclaim any blood relationship, although both are "nuts" about the art of pecan growing. Caretaker Marvin Kaiser of Wintersmith park is a brother of Sheriff Clyde Kaiser but Undersheriff Harve Lambert is not related to District Court Reporter Harvey J. Lambert, even if they have the same name.

The football game between O. U. and Tulsa U. was advertised in most Oklahoma newspapers by banner headlines reading something like this: "Sooners Battle Tulsa to Scoreless Tie". Then lengthy descriptions usually were followed by terse summaries like this:

Score by periods:
Oklahoma ----- 0 0 0 0—0
Tulsa ----- 0 0 0 0—0

All of which should be enough to convince the average reader that no tallies were made by either side.

TOM PHILLIPS of Holdenville Daily News comments: "We've heard of state weddings but it must have been a municipal wedding when Miss OKEMAH Payne was wed to Mr. FAIRFAX Milton at PONCA CITY."