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TOPEKA, KAN., December 1, 1927.

To His Excellency, Ben S. Paulen, Governor of Kansas:

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 187 of the Laws of Kansas, 1927, we herewith transmit to you the following report of the Judicial Council.

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THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL ACT.

The Judicial Council was created by chapter 187, Laws of 1927, which reads as follows:

AN ACT establishing and relating to a judicial council.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

SECTION 1. A judicial council is hereby established and created which shall be composed of one justice of the supreme court, two judges of different judicial districts, each of whom shall have served in such capacity four years previous to his appointment, four resident lawyers, each of whom shall have been admitted to practice for not less than ten years previous to his appointment, the chairman of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives and the chairman of the judiciary committee of the senate. All members except chairmen of senate and house judiciary committees shall be appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court. Of the members first appointed, one judge and two lawyers shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one justice, one judge and two lawyers for a term of four years. Upon the expiration of the terms of those first appointed each succeeding member shall be appointed and hold office for a term of four years and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified. The terms of the chairmen of the senate and house judiciary committees, and all other members, shall terminate upon such member ceasing to belong to the class from which he was appointed. All vacancies except those of chairmen of the senate and house judiciary committees shall be filled by appointment by the chief justice for the unexpired term. Upon vacancy, the places of the chairmen of the senate and house judiciary committees shall be filled by their successors as such chairmen.

SEC. 2. The judicial council shall select one of its members as chairman for such period as it may choose, and shall meet semiannually and more frequently, if necessary, upon call of the chairman.

SEC. 3. It shall be the continuous duty of the judicial council to survey and study the judicial department of the state, the volume and condition of business in the courts, whether of record or not, the methods and rules of procedure therein, the time elapsing between the initiation of litigation and the conclusion thereof, and the condition of dockets as to unfinished business at the closing of terms; to receive and consider suggestions from judges, members of the bar, public officials and citizens concerning faults in the administration of justice, and remedial rules and practice; to recommend methods of simplifying civil and criminal procedure, expediting the transaction of judicial business and eliminating unnecessary delays therein and correcting faults in the administration of justice; to submit from time to time to the courts or judges thereof suggestions as to changes in rules and methods of civil and criminal procedure as may be deemed by the council to be beneficial.

SEC. 4. The council shall submit to the governor on or before December first of each year a written report of the work of the council, the facts ascer-

tained, the conditions of business in the courts, conditions found to be defeating or deferring the administration of justice, with recommendations concerning needed changes in the organization of the judicial department, in rules and methods in civil and criminal procedure and pertinent legislation. Such report shall be printed by the state printer and copies thereof distributed to all members of the legislature and judges of the supreme, district, county, probate, and city police courts, and justice of the peace in this state.

SEC. 5. The clerks of the various courts of record in this state, judges and justices of courts not of record, and sheriffs and police officers, shall on request of the judicial council, without charge, furnish such information relating to rules, methods and procedure in vogue in their respective courts, and the condition of legal business therein as may be deemed necessary by the council of performing its duties.

SEC. 6. All members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall be paid their actual and necessary expenses incurred within the state of Kansas in the performance of their duties. All bills and accounts of the council shall be approved by the chairman and shall be audited and paid as other claims against the state, authorized by law.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved March 12, 1927.

By chapter 85, Laws of 1927, an appropriation was made for the purpose of paying all actual and necessary expenses incurred by the Judicial Council, of $1,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, and $1,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929.

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL MOVEMENT.

The purpose of the Judicial Council is set forth in the statute, just quoted, especially in section 3, which defines its duties. It will be noted that the Judicial Council is not a legislative body; it enacts no laws. Neither is it a judicial body; it decides nothing. Its function is to collect data and acquire information from any available source, concerning our courts and the progress of judicial business through them, to consider the information so obtained, and to make suggestions and recommendations tending to improve the efficiency of our judicial system, especially to the courts and to the governor, and through him to the legislature. It really, therefore, is a commission created to collect information and act as a clearing house of ideas concerning our judicial system, with the hope of making our judicial system more efficient in the administration of justice.

The creation of the Judicial Council with these functions does not mean that the people have lost confidence in our judiciary. Far from it. Generally speaking, our people have confidence not only in our judicial system, but in our courts, our judges and other court officials; and justly so. However, there are criticisms made from time to time of specific cases in which it would seem that justice was not properly administered, or of specific practices, either general or local, which interfere or even defeat the due administration of justice. The Judicial Council is to investigate such criticisms with a view of determining, first, whether there is just foundation for them—and some of them are not well founded—and if well founded to suggest remedies for them. The Judicial Council idea is further fathered by the thought that we want in operation in this state the most efficient judicial system it is possible to formulate and to execute. With this idea in mind a thorough study of our judicial system, including the work of our courts, can do no harm and may result in much good. To accomplish this purpose the Judicial Council was created, composed of judges, lawyers in active practice, and the heads of judiciary committees of the legislature, whose specific duties are as above indicated and as outlined in the statute, and who, working in coöperation with judges, court officials, lawyers and citizens generally, should be able to make recommendations,

which, if adopted and acted upon, will improve the administration of justice in this state.

The Judicial Council movement is not confined to this state. Congress created a Judicial Council, at the head of which is Chief Justice Taft of the Supreme Court of the United States. It has been in operation several years, and has made recommendations which have been adopted into law, or into the practices of the courts, and resulted in substantial improvements in the efficiency of our federal judicial system. Of the states, Ohio was the first to create a Judicial Council, but for lack of the necessary appropriation for the work it has accomplished little and has practically ceased to function. The Massachusetts Judicial Council created in 1924 meets twice a month and for some months each year, every week. It took up a study of the judicial system of the state, has made recommendations for its improvement, some of which have been adopted, and has printed three annual reports. In California the act creating a Judicial Council was adopted by referendum at the general election last year. Fifty thousand dollars was appropriated for the work, which is now actively going forward.

In Oregon, Washington, North Carolina, Connecticut, North Dakota, and possibly in other states, Judicial Councils have been created and are functioning with more or less activity. In Wisconsin an Association of Circuit Judges was organized with practically the same purposes. The movement is being advocated in New York and in many other states. The purpose of all of the movements is to secure the more prompt and efficient administration of justice.

The purpose of the Judicial Council and the steps taken by the federal government and by other states attracted the attention of many of the leading lawyers and judges of this state, and in 1926 Mr. Charles L. Hunt, of Concordia, then president of the State Bar Association, addressed several local bar associations on the subject, and also delivered an address at the meeting of the State Bar Association. He also early in the year appointed a committee consisting of Austin M. Cowan and W. F. Lilleston, of Wichita; James A. Allen, of Chanute; Justice John S. Dawson, of the Supreme Court, and Judge J. C. Ruppenthal, of Russell, to make a study of the question and report to the Bar Association. This committee did so and made its report, recommending the creation of a Judicial Council in this state. The State Bar Association, at its meeting in 1926, approved the purpose of the Judicial Council and recommended the

passage of a law creating it. It was largely through the efforts of the State Bar Association and of its officers and leading members that the bill creating the Judicial Council was enacted into law.

At the meeting of the State Bar Association in 1927 the committee on Judicial Council made a further report setting forth the work of that committee and the Bar Association in the enactment of the statute. At that meeting also Mr. Charles L. Hunt, of Concordia, a member of the Judicial Council, made the following report to the State Bar Association on "The Work of the Kansas Judicial Council":

"The Kansas Judicial Council was created by an act of the 1927 Legislature, taking effect June 1, 1927. The act provides that the Council shall meet at least semiannually and shall report on or before December 1 of each year to the governor. The members, nine in number, serve without compensation, but their actual and necessary expenses incurred within the state in the performance of their duties are required to be paid. Unfortunately, the legislature appropriated only the sum of $1,000 per annum for the use of this body, which is utterly insufficient to defray the minimum of expense to which the Council will necessarily be put in anything like an active prosecution of its duties. Even the clerical work must be done by the members themselves, or by stenographers employed in their offices. The lack of funds has proven and will continue to prove a serious handicap to the successful activity of the Council, but even so, we have been at work, and we believe not in vain.

"The act referred to did not take effect until June 1, 1927, and as the first annual report is due December 1 of this year, only a brief period was allotted to gather the material for the first report. The appointment of members was made by the chief justice promptly after the act took effect, and realizing the first report could cover an effort of but six months, the Council immediately went into action. It held its first meeting on June 11, 1927. There have been three other meetings, one on July 2, one on September 16, and one yesterday, October 27.

"Chief Justice Johnston, ever able to divine the minds of men, chose for the membership of the Council judges and lawyers from different sections of the state, with experience in variant lines of legal endeavor and ofttimes holding to divergent views relating to courts and judicial procedure, all of which is well, and became apparent to each member of the Council at its first meeting, where differences of opinion, some tentative and some firmly fixed, were clearly and sharply revealed.

"Hon. W. W. Harvey, justice of the Kansas Supreme Court, was selected chairman, and Hon. J. C. Ruppenthal, of Russell, Kan., judge of the twenty-third judicial district, was chosen secretary.

"The first meeting was devoted largely to organization of the Council itself, and to a very free discussion, by its members, concerning the labors which should be first undertaken.

"Section 3 of the act provides: 'It shall be the continuous duty of the Judicial Council to survey and study the Judicial Department of the state

. . . ,' etc. The law contemplates a continuing body, the labors of which will continue year after year, dealing not only with present problems but also those wrought in the future by changing times and conditions. It is not expected, nor did the legislature contemplate, that the Judicial Council would perform as a legislative investigating committee, remodel the entire jurisprudence of the state, evolve a perfect system for the administration of justice, and retire from the field. It became at once obvious to the Council that its work must be done speedily but governed by caution and that it would be futile, indeed, to essay an investigation of the entire field of jurisprudence during the first year of its existence, or for perhaps several years to come. The problem presented was what to do first. The sensible solution was to follow the law and undertake a survey and study of the Judicial Department of the state.

"Two activities were decided upon. One was to submit for the consideration of the bench and bar various rules of court which the Supreme Court has the power, in its discretion, to promulgate and make uniform throughout the state for use in the district courts, and to seek suggestions from laymen relating to improvements in judicial proceedings. The other was to undertake to secure from clerks of the district courts complete data relating to the business done in each of the district courts of the state, for the year ending July 1, 1927.

"Following out the first line of endeavor just stated, an open letter, addressed to judges of various courts, lawyers, and citizens, was mailed, with a request for answers, criticisms and suggestions. It must not be understood that the rules set forth in the open letter, with which members of this association are familiar, have been determined by the Council to be either advisable or necessary. The members of the Council are in division among themselves as to the advisability of some of them. The purpose was to obtain the opinion of the bench and bar on these rules, so the Council might later determine what, if any, rules were proper to submit to the Supreme Court, with a recommendation that they be put into effect.

"The bench responded liberally. Letters from judges have been received which will prove most helpful to the Council. It is but natural that trial judges should differ concerning rules, for geographical reasons, as well as others.

"It would unduly extend the length of this report to even summarize the responses from judges, lawyers and laymen to the questions concerning procedural defects or remedial measures. It may be suggestive that a surprisingly large number of the lawyers and laymen favor the elimination of the juror, some even in criminal cases. A three-fourths verdict is favored by many. The justice of the peace is quite generally condemned to the scrap pile and a county court is recommended. It has been found there are but thirteen county courts in the state. These expressions are far from unanimous, but are rather surprisingly large in number.

"Replies to the open letter have been received from 198 lawyers, 31 district judges, 8 newspapermen, and 50 other laymen, and 5 justices of the peace have volunteered suggestions. It is a matter of some regret to the Council that out of the large number of lawyers in Kansas, so few responded to the open letter. The work is of extreme interest to the bar, and the

Council would be deeply appreciative of a much larger number of suggestions from members of the legal profession.

"To accomplish the second purpose decided upon at the first meeting of the Council, several blanks were prepared in printed form and distributed to clerks of the district courts in this state, for the purpose of ascertaining the manner in which the legal business of our citizens is dispatched in those tribunals. One form called for record information concerning civil cases other than divorces, tried on the merits or dismissed within the fiscal year ending July 1, 1927. The form was designed to elicit information as to the date of the commencement of the action, its nature, the pleadings filed to the petition, the time required to join issue, the date of trial, whether to jury or court, time required to secure a jury, time consumed at the trial, date of judgment, and motions after trial, including appeals. Another form required similar record information concerning such cases as were pending July 1, 1927. Another related to divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927; and another required information as to the number of divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. By the same means, record information was sought concerning criminal cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the same period, and those pending on July 1, 1927.

"These forms, six in number, were so prepared as to elicit data concerning the proceedings had in litigation very much in detail. It has proven no small task to clerks of the district court to assemble the data and furnish the Council with this information. In fact, at this date reports from 21 clerks in Kansas are yet to be received.

"When this information is all at hand and is analyzed, the Council will have a fairly comprehensive and accurate knowledge of the manner in which litigation has been conducted in this state for the year mentioned. From the analysis the Council should be able to determine, with fair accuracy, the particular districts in Kansas which dispose of litigated matters more expeditiously than is the case in other districts.

"No review of the reports thus far received will be attempted here. It is some satisfaction, however, to know from the record information already at hand, that on the criminal side of jurisprudence in the state there is relatively little delay in placing the defendant on trial and the percentage of convictions is high. We must be mindful of the fact that a period of perhaps three months elapsing between arrest and trial is accounted for in many districts in Kansas because of the number of counties embraced in the district and the time necessarily intervening between terms of court in each county. The two efforts just mentioned have, by no means, occupied the entire time or consideration of the Council. Many other matters of apparent importance have been suggested and earnestly discussed in consultation, but we have contented ourselves so far with actively prosecuting these two undertakings.

"Thus far has the work of the Council progressed. There are yet to be explored the workings of the probate court, and recommendations to the Council are numerous that the entire statute relating to the practice and procedure in probate courts and the method of administration of decedents' estates, should be rewritten; and that such court be presided over by a duly admitted practitioner. Justice courts, in turn, will receive attention, but

as stated in beginning, these tasks are too monumental and the work of such an enduring nature that it must not be expected the Council will be able to cover these fields with thoroughness for a considerable time to come.

"The report which is required by law to be made to the governor will be printed and will contain, in detail, the information obtained by the Council in the manner which has been indicated. The printed report will be distributed to members of the legislature, judges of the supreme, district, county, probate and city courts and justices of the peace, and will therefore be accessible to practically every person sufficiently interested in the subject to inform himself concerning it.

"The Council is of the opinion that the work done, even in this limited time, has awakened interest in the profession and the public, and has engendered a spirit among judges and lawyers to give more thought to ways and means by which judicial proceedings may be denuded of some purely decorative features.

"When this association shall meet again, another year will have passed, and the members of the Council believe it will then be possible to present to you, in more concrete form, the situation in Kansas relating to civil and criminal litigation, and more specific means by which defects, such as they are, may be remedied."

WORK OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

The statute creating the Judicial Council went into effect June 1, 1927. By virtue of the statute, Senator John W. Davis, of Greensburg, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, and Hon. Arthur C. Scates, of Dodge City, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House, are members of the Judicial Council. On June 4, 1927, Chief Justice Johnston, of the Supreme Court, appointed the other members of the Judicial Council as follows: Justice W. W. Harvey, of the Supreme Court; Edward L. Fischer, of Kansas City, Kan., judge of the district court of the twenty-ninth judicial district, first division; J. C. Ruppenthal, of Russell, judge of the district court of the twenty-third judicial district; and Charles L. Hunt, of Concordia; Robert C. Foulston, of Wichita; C. W. Burch, of Salina; and Chester Stevens, of Independence, resident lawyers, each of whom had been in the active practice of law in this state for more than ten years.

The Judicial Council had its first meeting June 11 and organized by electing Justice W. W. Harvey as chairman and Judge J. C. Ruppenthal as secretary. Other meetings were held July 2, September 16, October 27, and on the date of the completion of this report.

On considering the duties required by statute of members of the Judicial Council it became obvious that all of them could not be performed at once. Evidently that was not contemplated, for the statute provides that the Judicial Council shall be a continuous body, and the nature and scope of its duties necessarily require time for their accomplishment. We were required to make a report in writing to the governor by December 1. We considered the field of our duties and concluded to center our efforts on two things: *First,* the collection of data from clerks of the district courts. This will be discussed later. *Second,* we prepared and distributed the following open letter:

"To judges of the various courts, attorneys and citizens:

"By chapter 187, Laws of 1927, the legislature created the Judicial Council. Section 3 of the act, outlining the scope of its duties, reads as follows:

" 'It shall be the continuous duty of the judicial council to survey and study the judicial department of the state, the volume and condition of business in the courts, whether of record or not, the methods and rules of procedure therein, the time elapsing between the initiation of litigation and the conclusion thereof, and the condition of dockets as to unfinished business at the closing

of terms; to receive and consider suggestions from judges, members of the bar, public officials and citizens concerning faults in the administration of justice, and remedial rules and practice; to recommend methods of simplifying civil and criminal procedure, expediting the transaction of judicial business and eliminating unnecessary delays therein and correcting faults in the administration of justice; to submit from time to time to the courts or judges thereof suggestions as to changes in rules and methods of civil and criminal procedure as may be deemed by the council to be beneficial.'

"As suggested by the statute, the purpose of the Judicial Council is to make investigations, consider suggestions made, and to make recommendations to the courts and to the legislature of changes in procedure and in the conduct of the judicial business of the state for the more speedy, just and economical administration of justice.

"As compared with other states, there is little room for serious criticism of the work of the courts in this state. Generally speaking, our courts are functioning efficiently and their work is respected. There is, however, room for improvement. It was with the hope that the defects which exist may be discovered and means devised and put into effect for their correction that the Judicial Council was organized.

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"From suggestions already made, the Judicial Council is of the view that some of the defects of our procedure and the practices in the conduct of litigation may be avoided by the adoption and compliance with some general rules applicable in all of the district courts of the state, these rules to be promulgated by the Supreme Court under its inherent and constitutional powers and as provided by statute (R. S. 60-3825).

"With the view of asking the Supreme Court to promulgate such rules, we are submitting for your consideration the following rules:

"1. Motions and demurrers shall be presented to the court and heard as soon as practicable, and in no event later than thirty days after they are filed: *Provided,* That on application of either party therefor, and/or for good cause shown, the court may make an order extending the time for the hearing of any motion or demurrer. Such order, if made, shall also fix the time and place of such hearing, and shall be signed by the judge and filed in the case and recorded in the journal.

"2. In the event a motion or demurrer is not presented to the court and heard within thirty days after it is filed (unless the time for presenting the same is extended by order of court as provided in rule 1), the motion or demurrer shall be considered as having been withdrawn, and the parties may proceed accordingly.

"3. Each district judge shall designate at least two days in each month as motion days, at which time may be heard all motions and demurrers in cases pending before him in his judicial district. General notice shall be given of the time and the place of such hearings.

"4. Counsel filing a motion or demurrer shall furnish a copy thereof to counsel for all adverse parties and shall notice it for hearing at a day definite, not later than the second motion day thereafter.

"5. At the time of deciding a motion or demurrer to pleadings the court shall make an appropriate order as to pleading further and shall fix a time, as early as practicable, not later than thirty days, within which such pleading, if any, shall be filed.

"6. All motions and demurrers shall be decided as soon as practicable, and in no event later than thirty days after they are heard: *Provided,* That on application by either party therefor, and/or for good cause shown, the court may make an order extending the time for deciding any motion or demurrer. Such order, if made, shall be signed by the judge and filed in the case and recorded in the journal.

"7. In the event a motion or demurrer is not decided within thirty days after it is submitted (unless the time for decision has been extended by order of court as provided in rule 6), it shall be considered as overruled, and the parties may proceed accordingly.

"8. When any motion or demurrer is ruled upon, or any cause decided, counsel for the prevailing party shall, on the same or the next day, prepare a journal entry of the ruling or decision and present it to counsel for all adverse parties, who shall approve it or note their objections to it and return it the same or the next day. If approved by counsel it shall be forthwith presented to the judge of the court for his approval. If counsel cannot agree on the journal entry it shall be noticed to be taken up by the court not later than the next motion day and its form and contents determined.

"9. When approved the journal entry shall be signed by the judge, filed with the clerk, and recorded at length on the journal.

"10. In cases tried to a jury the judge shall exercise an independent judgment as to the justice of the verdict, and shall set aside a verdict which he cannot conscientiously approve.

"11. In cases tried to the court care should be exercised in offering and receiving incompetent evidence. If such evidence is received the record should be made up so as to show whether such evidence was considered in reaching judgment.

"12. In examining witnesses leading questions may be asked as to all formal or preliminary matters.

"13. In examining jurors on *voir dire* the repetition of questions and the asking of immaterial questions, and all methods or tactics resulting in unnecessary delay, should be avoided. If necessary to expedite the qualifica-

tion of jurors the court may, in his discretion, conduct the examination in whole or in part. No special effort should be made to qualify a juror whose answers tend to show him to be disqualified.

"14. After instructions are prepared, and before they are read to the jury, they should be submitted to counsel for their inspection and suggestions.

"15. When special questions are submitted to the jury they should be submitted as having been presented by the court and not as having been requested by counsel for either party.

"The Judicial Council would like to have your individual judgment as to the prudence, advisability or utility of the rules above suggested, or any others that occur to you to be proper and useful.

"We will also appreciate having your complete and candid answer to the two following questions:

"1. What, if anything, do you find wrong with our judicial procedure, or practice:

(a) Civil .....
(b) Criminal .....
(c) Probate .....
(d) Justice of the peace .....

"2. What do you suggest as a remedy?

(a) .....
(b) .....
(c) .....
(d) .....

"You may address your communication to any one of the members of the Judicial Council—preferably to the member who sent this to you. *We need and want your help.*

"Please let us hear from you with constructive suggestion at the earliest possible moment. You need not write a letter if not convenient, but in any event either write or return this sheet with answers and suggestions."

This open letter was signed by all the members of the Judicial Council. Five thousand of these were printed, and practically all of them distributed to judges, lawyers, court officials, editors of newspapers, leaders in farm, labor and civic organizations, and citizens generally. In addition to advising the recipients of the creation of the Judicial Council and its scope, purpose and function, the open letter contained suggested rules of procedure for trial courts to be promulgated by the Supreme Court, and a questionnaire as to what is wrong with our judicial procedure, (*a*) civil, (*b*) criminal, (*c*) probate, or (*d*) justice of the peace, and asked for suggestions of remedies. We have received about 400 replies. Many of these contain helpful suggestions.

Replying to our inquiry, "What do you find wrong" with the various branches of our judicial procedure? the view is expressed, almost unanimously, that there is nothing seriously wrong with

our statutes relating to civil procedure. The most common complaint with respect to this matter is the delay, at times, in getting the issues made up and in getting the case to trial, and the occasional delay in getting a decision after the case is submitted. It is suggested that these delays are occasioned, in some localities, by infrequent terms of court, and the lack of a definite time, or a proper opportunity, to present motions and demurrers for hearing, at a time when court is not in session; some of it is attributed to indifference, or "lack of push," of attorneys, or to "professional courtesy" by which a request by one attorney to another to continue a matter is frequently granted as a matter of course, and to the fact that some courts do not insist on matters being disposed of. These conditions appear not to exist in some judicial districts, while in others they seem to be sufficient to amount to a just cause of complaint. The remedies suggested are that in each judicial district one or more days in each month be definitely fixed for the hearing of motions and demurrers in any case pending in the district, and that the courts insist that motions and demurrers be promptly presented and see to it that they are promptly decided, unless some reason be given which justifies delay. It is also suggested that the time of giving notice of appeal be shortened from six months to 30 or 60 days.

Relating to defects of our criminal procedure, it is suggested that the number of peremptory challenges of jurors should be the same for the prosecution as for the defense; that when parties are charged jointly with a crime they should be tried jointly, unless for good cause shown the court in its discretion grants a severance, and that when a person is tried for a misdemeanor to a jury in a court inferior to the district court, and is convicted and appeals to the district court, the hearing there should be on questions of law only and not a trial *de novo*, and it is urged that the statutes be amended in these particulars. The frequent granting of paroles is quite generally criticized. The thought seems to be that a more certain and definite punishment is a better deterrent for crime than our present methods of paroles and indeterminate sentences.

As applying to the trial of both civil and criminal cases there are numerous suggestions that our statutes, or our constitution, or both, be modified so as to permit a verdict to be reached by fewer than the whole number of jurors. While these suggestions perhaps are not so numerous as to indicate that a majority of the people think such changes should be made, they are sufficient to require

definite, thoughtful attention. It is argued that this not only would tend to eliminate hung juries, with the delay and frequently heavy expense of another trial, but is equally desirable in that it would tend to eliminate many verdicts which are in effect compromise verdicts, and which are to that extent a defect in the administration of justice. The suggestions vary greatly. One county bar association passed a resolution that ten jurors be permitted to return a verdict in all civil and misdemeanor cases. Other suggestions are that nine be sufficient in such cases; others that nine be sufficient in any case; others suggest eight; others that a majority, and one suggests that juries be done away with entirely and that controverted questions of fact be determined by three judges sitting to hear the case. The Association of District Judges, at their meeting a year ago, adopted a resolution recommending that the number of jurors be reduced from twelve to six in all but felony cases. It is their view that six men can decide controverted questions of fact as well as twelve, and that the jury expense, which in some counties is heavy, would be thereby greatly reduced. They also recommend a two-thirds verdict in all but felony cases, and that the number of peremptory challenges be reduced to two for the plaintiff and two for defendant. In felony cases they recommend that the number of peremptory challenges be three for the state and three for the defense, except in murder cases the number be six each. These suggestions are of a character that they cannot be carried into effect at once, even if on thorough consideration they should be deemed advisable. Our jury system, providing for twelve jurors, and requiring that their verdict be unanimous, is a part of our judicial system; and there is merit in having the unanimous verdict of twelve intelligent, fair-minded men in controverted questions of fact. The practical thing which may be done now is to make good use of the facilities provided by statute for the selection of persons for jury service. In all judicial districts but two, outside of the cities of the first and second class, persons for jury service are first selected by the township trustees or deputy assessors, who come in personal contact with the taxpayers of their districts in making assessments. We are told that the best qualified persons for jury service are, as a rule, found in rural communities. Perhaps that is the result of their selection by some one who comes in personal contact with them. In cities of the first and second class the list of names of persons for jury service is made up by the mayors. In many places it is said they give the matter no personal attention. In two of the judi-

cial districts of the state a list of persons for jury service is made up by the district judges from a list of taxpayers furnished them by the county assessor or county clerk, with little more to indicate the qualification of the persons for jury service than their names and places of residence.

This sometimes results in having names of persons who are taxpayers but who are nonresidents of the county, persons who are exempt either absolutely or qualifiedly from jury service, and persons who, for other reasons, are not well qualified for the duties. Perhaps a better plan should be provided for selecting persons for jury service. In some judicial districts the district judges make a practice of writing to those whose duty it is to compile a list of persons for jury service, calling attention to their duty in that respect, advising who are qualified for jury service under the statute, and urging a careful selection of intelligent, fair-minded persons who are otherwise qualified. The reports are that this has greatly improved the personnel of persons selected for jury service.

As to probate courts, complaint is made from some sections of the state of the failure to keep proper records of business transacted, especially in matters of adoption, insanity hearings, and the like. There are many suggestions that such changes be made in the law as would permit the clerical work of the office to be performed by clerks, and that the judicial matters be handled by a qualified judge of the law, and that this be accomplished by having qualified lawyers as probate judges, or, in counties where the business is not sufficient to justify that, to have the judicial duties transacted in district court.

As to justices of the peace, the suggestion is very general that the office be abolished and that the duties be performed by a county judge. No doubt there are still many efficient justices of the peace in this state who perform a useful function in their communities, but for the most part the opinion seems to be general that these courts have fallen into disuse; that the persons elected to fill the positions are so thoroughly disqualified to perform its duties that some other plan should be worked out for handling the class of business which comes before these courts. Special complaint is made of the fact that some justices of the peace refuse to follow the law even though they know what it is, with the result that litigants who ought to have their matters finally disposed of there are compelled to appeal to the district court, which makes expense, delay and trouble entirely out of proportion to the sum involved.

THE SUGGESTED RULES.

From information previously obtained it was thought perhaps some of the matter complained of relating to procedure of the courts could be remedied by the Supreme Court of the state promulgating rules of procedure for inferior courts not inconsistent with the statute. Our first thought in this connection was as to whether the Supreme Court had authority to make such rules. Naturally we would not care to suggest rules of that kind and later recommend their promulgation by the Supreme Court, and have it then develop that the Supreme Court had no authority to make such rules. To advise ourselves of that question we had the assistants in the state library brief the question. The question, together with the briefs relating to it, was then submitted informally to the members of the Supreme Court and was by them considered. We are advised by the members of the court that, having considered the question, it was their judgment that the Supreme Court has such power and authority. This conclusion, we are advised, was reached from three lines of reasoning: *First,* In England, from whence our jurisdiction was largely derived, and in Colonial times in this country, it was the recognized practice and function of the courts to make rules of procedure for the conduct of business. This was regarded as a judicial function as distinct from a legislative or an executive one. Our constitution segregates, as well as that can be done, the executive, legislative and judicial functions of our government, but it does not attempt to define judicial power. Therefore, it did not specifically take away from the court what had theretofore been regarded as a judicial function. Our legislature has, however, enacted codes of procedure. These have been recognized, submitted to, and enforced by the courts, thus, and to that extent at least, yielding to the legislative branch of the government authority to determine rules of procedure, at least so far as the legislature has done so. To the extent the legislature has not provided such rules, the power to make them is settled in the courts. *Second,* Our constitution provides for a judiciary consisting of several classes of courts, and defines their jurisdiction, or authorizes the legislature to do so. In doing so it has established a judicial system in this state, with the Supreme Court at the head of it, rather than separate courts acting independently of each other. The language used in

our constitution is not so clear on this question as is the language used in constitutions of some of the states, but a thorough consideration of the matter leaves no reasonable room for doubt in respect to the conclusion just stated. *Third,* Even if the other view of the matter be taken; that is, that the legislative branch of the government, rather than the judicial branch, has authority to promulgate rules of procedure in courts, it has, in fact, specifically delegated that power to the Supreme Court to the extent it has not itself exercised it. The statute reads:

"The judges of the supreme court may make and amend, from time to time, such further rules for the regulation of procedure in the supreme court and inferior courts, consistent with this code, as they may deem proper." (R. S. 60-3825.)

In at least two states, then, having constitutions substantially as our own, and where the legislature had adopted a similar statute, the supreme courts made rules of procedure for inferior courts. Later the validity of these rules was called in question. They were held valid. (*State v. Call,* 39 Fla. 504; *Smith v. Valentine,* 19 Minn. 452, 456.)

The next question before us was, what rules to suggest. We knew that was a matter that would have to be investigated and determined with care, for the reason, first, that the promulgation of such rules by the Supreme Court would be an innovation in this state. People who are accustomed to doing business in a particular way sometimes dislike to change their methods, especially if the way they are doing it is satisfactory to them. Second, conditions in the various district courts of the state vary so greatly with respect to the size of the district and number of counties in it, or the number of judges, and the volume of the litigation, that it became questionable whether any rules, or many rules, designed for uniform application throughout the state could be adopted that would be helpful. Instead, therefore, of asking the Supreme Court at once to promulgate rules of procedure for trial courts, we formulated a set of fifteen suggested rules, had them printed in our "open letter," which was distributed to judges, lawyers and others through the state, and invited a discussion of them. They will be found on pages 13 to 16 of this report.

The first seven of these rules were specifically designed to speed up the forming of the issues in the case and getting it ready for trial. One of the most general criticisms of procedure in our court is delay in this respect. The underlying thoughts attempted to be

embodied in the rules are these: When one files a motion or demurrer to a pleading he either has some reason for doing so or he has not. If he has no reason for filing it other than delay he is not entitled to a great deal of time to have it presented and disposed of. While some of the motions, perhaps, are filed with no definite purpose other than to cause delay, many of them have a real purpose to perform in the clarifying of the issues, and in many instances in so framing the issues that the controversy may be determined upon the pleadings. In other words, the person filing them has some reason for doing so which is helpful and necessary in the due administration of justice. Now, if one has a reason for filing a motion or demurrer he can state that reason either at the time of filing it or sometime within thirty days. Hence, the suggested rules provide that the motions or demurrers be presented as soon as practicable, and in no event later than thirty days after they are filed. Realizing that in rare instances, from the nature of the controversy, or possibly for other reasons, one might not be able to state the reasons for a motion or demurrer within that time, the rules provide that, on application to the court and for good cause shown, the court may extend the time for presenting a motion or demurrer. That provision is one that should seldom need to be resorted to, and when that is necessary there would be a reason for it which could be entered as a matter of record. The suggested rule provides that in the event the motion or demurrer is not presented within that time, unless the time is extended for cause, it shall be considered as withdrawn, and the case proceed as though it had not been filed. In order to provide facilities for presenting motions to the court the suggested rules provide that two days in each month be fixed as times for presenting motions and demurrers. It having been suggested that delays are sometimes occasioned by the failure of the court to decide motions or demurrers promptly after they are presented, the suggested rule provides that they shall be decided as expeditiously as possible, and in no event later than thirty days after they are presented. But, realizing that there are or may be cases which, from their nature, could not well be determined by the court without thorough briefs from counsel and time for consideration, which he could not give at once, owing to the press of jury work or other business, the rule provides that on application, or for good cause shown, the time for making decisions might by the court be extended. This is a situation which need seldom arise, but we

deemed it necessary in the due administration of justice to provide for it.

Rules 8 and 9 were designed to require the prompt filing of journal entries, or the making of the proper entry in the journal of the business transacted in the court. We were advised that sometimes there are such delays in making the record as to cause serious embarrassment, and even financial loss, and that occasionally the records of what was actually done in court are so incomplete as to furnish no definite information at all, or to furnish unreliable information. It is true the statute evidently contemplates that the clerk shall make the necessary entries in the journal. As a matter of fact the clerks of courts in most counties, not being versed in the law, are not competent to draw the journal of the court in other than the formal orders and the practice has grown up of the attorneys preparing a document called a journal entry which, when approved, is filed in the case and by the clerk entered at length in his journal. These suggested rules are designed to supplement the statute with respect to journal entries and to insure the making of a complete record. We are told that many cases to quiet title to real property have been made necessary by incomplete and inaccurate records of former court decisions, and that the domestic relations of parties and their property rights in other respects are sometimes left in doubt because of such inaccurate or incomplete records.

Suggested rule 10 has perhaps brought forth a wider variety of criticism than any of the others. On the one hand it is charged that this is an attempt to do away with the jury system and to permit the trial court to usurp the function of the jury. It had, of course, no such design or purpose. On the other hand, we are reminded by many that the rule simply states what is now, and has for years been, the law. And that is true. We suggested it as one of the rules for the reason that the fact that it is the law now, and has been for many years, and its purpose in the scheme of administering justice in this state, was not as well understood by the bench and bar of the state as it should be. The comments relating to this rule confirm our ideas in that regard. This rule of law is simply one of the provisions designed to avoid a miscarriage of justice. Juries are composed of human beings and have the frailties common to mankind. Whether acting individually or collectively, they occasionally do the wrong thing. Their task frequently is a difficult one, and sometimes one they are not well equipped to perform. Even when the most suit-

able type of men are selected for jury service—and that is not always true—the juries are frequently confronted with conflicting evidence and diametrically opposed contentions of counsel for the respective parties, and sometimes with instructions that are none too clear, it is not at all surprising that they occasionally reach results which are clearly unjust. It is not the purpose of this rule of law that the courts should usurp the functions of the jury, but the rule is designed to provide at least one more check on the justice of verdicts. Perhaps no other one function of the court calls for the exercise of greater judicial ability. It is his duty to see that an obviously unjust verdict does not stand. But in determining whether or not the verdict is so obviously unjust that it should not stand he should consider all the facts and circumstances shown by the record and the evidence of the case, together with the law applicable thereto, upon all of which matters his judgment should be superior to that of a jury. But in addition thereto he should consider the fact that the jury has reached the verdict which it did reach, and that such verdict represents the judgment of twelve men who heard the evidence. But if, after considering all these things, it is his judgment that the verdict is unjust, and for that reason should not stand, the court not only has authority, but it is his duty to set it aside. To hold otherwise would tend to defeat the administration of justice.

Rule 11 was suggested to eliminate the uncertainty of what was used as the basis of the decision of the court in the trial of court cases. The Supreme Court has repeatedly held that when cases are tried to the court and incompetent evidence is received, the presumption is that the trial court did not consider it in rendering a judgment. The application in actual practice of that holding of the court has made it impossible in many instances for litigants, or their counsel, to know on what evidence the court based its decision in cases tried to the court, where evidence which would be clearly regarded as incompetent under recognized rules of evidence has been received. We were of the view that litigants and their counsel are entitled to know upon what the court based its decision, so that if it is their view that the trial court was in error they may base an appeal upon such erroneous ruling. Perhaps the better rule would be that incompetent evidence should not be received in cases tried to the court any more than in cases tried to the jury.

Rule 12 was suggested in order to avoid delay in the actual trial

of the case. Sometimes much unnecessary time is wasted by formal questions relating to preliminary or introductory matters; in fact the rule is the practice in many of the courts of the state.

Suggested rule 13 was designed to save time of the court in selecting a jury to try the case. It really states the rule of law which has been recognized by the supreme court as existing in this state for many years. Many attorneys object to it seriously on the theory that some courts would use it as a guise to take over the examination of jurors and arbitrarily refuse to permit counsel to examine them. The rule, of course, was not designed for that purpose. It was designed as a statement of the law with respect to the power and authority of the court which might be used when occasion required it to prevent undue repetition of questions and such needlessly prolonged efforts of questioning jurors as was attempted in the case of *State v. Welch,* 121 Kan. 369. Counsel who have made a study of their cases and who perhaps know more about the persons being examined as jurors than the court could know, have a right and should be given a reasonable opportunity to ask all proper and necessary questions touching the jurors' qualifications, but when it becomes obvious that an attorney is killing time and unnecessarily prolonging the examination, the court has authority to require that such practices cease, even to the extent of conducting the examination himself. The last sentence in this suggested rule was put in because of a practice which seems to have grown up in places of an attempt on the part of attorneys, and sometimes on the part of the court, when a prospective juror says he has an opinion in the case, or makes some other statement tending to show his disqualification, of making a strenuous effort to qualify him. It is proper, of course, to make such inquiry, if any be necessary, to be sure that the juror understands the questions and has answered them as he thought best. But we deem it not in accord with the due administration of justice for anyone to attempt to have a juror sit in a case who has formed an opinion on any material matter involved therein, or is otherwise disqualified.

Suggested rule 14, perhaps, should not have been submitted. On further reflection we are of the opinion that the statute (R. S. 60-2909) covers the suggested matter of this proposed rule better. It was suggested because of a rule said to be in force in one of the judicial districts which required attorneys to submit requested instructions to the court before the case began, and of a rule said to be in

existence in another district requiring requested instructions to be submitted before the close of the plaintiff's case. The local rules, if they exist as suggested, are not in harmony with the statute and should be discontinued. The matter of instructions to jurors is one to which we hope to give some attention at a later date. One matter that has been called to our attention may be mentioned now. We are informed that in at least one of the judicial districts of the state, where a large amount of business is transacted, it is the practice to attach the pleadings, or copies of them, to the instructions and tell the jury in effect that these pleadings make up the issues in a case. We regard this as a bad practice, one which is almost certain to confuse the jury and may be very misleading.

Suggested rule 15 is self-explanatory. Its merit is recognized by practically everyone writing on the question. It has been followed in many of the judicial districts of the state, and should be followed in all of them.

One of the purposes in suggesting these rules was to awaken a discussion of the matters to which they refer. Generally speaking, their purpose has been almost unanimously approved by laymen, and has met the approval of many lawyers and judges. They have met with opposition, some of it very pronounced, from some. They have met with rather a peculiar reaction in some quarters. The desire of some seems to be that they be let alone and not interfered with—that they be allowed to conduct their business as they have been conducting it. In other words, the very inertia which was designed to be overcome by the proposed adoption of the suggested rules tends to defeat their adoption. This is true in some localities only.

It has developed in some of the counties and in some of the judicial districts that there is no need for the promulgation by the Supreme Court of the suggested rules, or at least no need for many of them, for the reason that some plan has already been worked out for the prompt hearing of motions and demurrers and definite days fixed once or twice a month for hearing them, and there is no complaint from attorneys or litigants of unreasonable delay in getting cases at issue and disposing of them, or of any of the other matters designed to be benefited by the rules. This presents a situation where it was important that we should not recommend to the Supreme Court, and have it adopt rules which would interfere with satisfactory practices already existing. We concluded, therefore, not to request the

Supreme Court at this time to promulgate any rules, but to wait until we had the data from clerks of courts, further consider correspondence already received, and perhaps conduct additional correspondence, so that what may be ultimately promulgated will be beneficial where needed and at the same time not be detrimental where it is not needed. To assist us in working that matter out the Association of District Judges, at their meeting in October of this year, appointed a committee composed of James A. McClure, of Topeka, judge of the third district court, first division; A. T. Ayres, of Howard, judge of the district court of the thirteenth district, first division; and J. C. Ruppenthal, of Russell, judge of the twenty-third judicial district, to confer with other district judges and with the Judicial Council on the formulation of rules suitable to the various district courts of our state and needful to supplement the code of procedure in the proper administration of justice.

Many persons, while agreeing with the purpose for which the rules were designed, have suggested modifications of the form of them in one respect or another. They should, of course, be modified so as not to apply at such time of the year as the court is in vacation, or while the court should be incapacitated by illness, and perhaps in other respects, all of which will be considered more fully later. A few additional rules have been suggested. It has not been possible, in the limited time we have had and the way we have been compelled to work at the matter, for the Council as a whole to give full consideration to all of the suggestions made in the many letters received. The fact that many of these suggestions are not mentioned in this report does not indicate that they will not have the full consideration of the Judicial Council. All of them will be carefully considered, as will all future suggestions that may be made.

SURVEY OF WORK OF DISTRICT COURTS.

In an effort to comply with the provision of the statute requiring us to survey and study the Judicial Department of the state and the volume and condition of the business in the courts, we undertook to compile information and make a survey of the judicial business of the district courts. We did this because these are the courts of general jurisdiction in this state in which the large volume of important judicial work is transacted. We desired accurate and complete data, for we regarded that as the only method of compiling information of value. We thought the only way to get this was to get it directly from the records of the courts. We prepared six blank forms to be filled out and returned to us by the clerks of the district courts.

Form No. 1 requested a report on all civil cases (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1927. It asked for the case number; whether the case had been appealed from justice court, probate court, or some other court inferior to the district court; the date the petition or transcript was filed; the nature of the action; the nature of any motions or demurrers to the petition; the date it was filed; the date it was presented to the court, and the date it was decided, and how decided; the date the answer was filed; the nature of motions or demurrers filed to answers; the date of filing; the date presented to the court; and the date decided and how; the date a reply was filed; the date the case was dismissed, if it were dismissed; whether it was tried to the court, a jury, or a referee; the date the trial was begun; the time consumed in getting a jury to try the case; the time consumed in the trial; the date the journal entry was filed; the nature of motions filed after trial; the date such motions were filed; the date presented to the court; and the date decided and how, and for remarks on any special matter not specifically inquired about.

Form No. 2 asked for similar data so far, of course, as it was shown by the record of civil cases (other than divorce cases) pending July 1, 1927.

Form No. 3 requested a report on divorce cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1927, giving the number of the case; the date the petition was filed; the nature of

motions or demurrers before answer; the date they were filed; the date presented to the court; and the date decided and how; the date an answer was filed; the nature of motions, or demurrers, to answer; the date filed; the date presented and the date decided and how; the date a reply was filed; the date the case was dismissed, if it were dismissed; the date of trial; whether there was a contest; whether the divorce was granted to the wife or to the husband, and the grounds on which it was granted, or whether denied; whether the custody of minor children was given to the wife or to the husband, and the number, with a place for remarks.

Form No. 4 requested a report on divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, and asked for the same information as form No. 3, in so far, of course, as it was shown by the records.

Form No. 5 requested a report on the criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1927, and requested a report on the case number; the nature of the crime charged; the date the transcript was filed, if one were filed; date the information was filed; the nature of motions before trial, with the date filed; the date presented, and the date decided and how; the date the case was dismissed, if it were dismissed; the plea made by defendant to the charge, whether guilty or not guilty; the date the trial was begun; the time consumed in getting a jury to try the case; the time consumed in the trial; the nature of the verdict, whether guilty or not guilty, or a hung jury; the nature of motions after trial, with the date filed, the date presented and the date decided and how; the date sentence was imposed; the date a parole was granted, if one were granted; the date an appeal was taken, if one were taken; and for remarks explaining any special feature of the case.

Form No. 6 requested a report on criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, giving the same information as form No. 5, as far, of course, as the same was shown by the records.

It took time to have these blanks prepared. They were ready for distribution early in August and were sent to the clerks of courts in most of the counties soon thereafter, but through inadvertence of one kind or another they were not sent to the clerks in some of the counties until quite a little later.

To fill out these reports accurately and completely was quite a task, especially in counties having a great deal of court business. No provision had been made in the law either for furnishing additional help for the clerks, or additional compensation for the mak-

ing out of these reports, and the nature of the work was, of course, new to them. Notwithstanding this, generally speaking, the clerks of the courts responded very willingly and most of them got the reports to us with reasonable promptness. A few of them regarded the work as being of the character which they could do or not at their option, overlooking the fact that the statute made it their duty to furnish such information as the Judicial Council deemed necessary and that, therefore, the making of these reports became as much a part of their duty as any other duty of their office, and therefore took their time about filling them out. In some of the counties the blanks reached the clerks about the time terms of court were in session and they were compelled to delay completing the reports for a time. We have received reports from the clerks of the courts from 104 of the 105 counties in the state. In some of the counties, the clerks evidently did not fully understand the nature of the information to be compiled, and the reports from those counties are obviously inaccurate or incomplete. Many of the reports, however, are in excellent condition and appear to be both complete and accurate.

We attempted to prepare these blank forms so that practically all of the information called for could be obtained by the clerks of courts from their appearance docket and their trial docket, without requiring them to take time to go into the files of the cases. Some of the clerks were able to do so because of the manner in which their dockets were kept. Others found much difficulty in doing so and were compelled to resort to the files of the cases for a great deal of the data. This brought out the fact that there is quite a difference in the various counties of the state with respect to what dockets are kept and the nature of the entries that are made in them. The statute (R. S. 60-3801) provides that the clerk of the district court shall keep an appearance docket, a trial docket, a journal, a judgment docket, an execution docket and such other books as may be ordered by the court or required by law. It seems that in some of the counties other dockets are kept and it also seems that in some of the counties some of the data called for is not kept on any docket. We are of the opinion that if there could be uniformity throughout the state of the dockets of the court and of their form and what is perhaps more essential, uniformity in the class of entries made in the dockets of the courts, it would be a great improvement.

Next year and as of the date of July 1, 1928, we expect to ask

the clerks of the court to furnish similar reports to us and on the same forms used this year. We plan to have the blanks reach the clerk of the court by July 1, 1928, and we hope to have a report at that time which we can say with confidence is both complete and accurate. For these reports to be of real value, either to the Judicial Council or to the officials and citizens of our state who are interested in them and who will be called upon to act in respect to them, it is essential, of course, that they be both complete and accurate.

From the statements received from the clerks of the court we have made up in the form of a summary a statement of the business transacted in the district courts of the various counties within the year ending July 1, 1927, and a condition of the business in the courts as of that date. These summaries will be hereinafter set forth by counties, in alphabetical order. We have also prepared a summary as to each judicial district and these are contained in our reports in the numerical order of the district. We have also prepared and set out herein a summary for the state as a whole.

CAUTION. In reading and studying these summaries and tabulations care should be used not to form adverse opinions too hastily. It must be remembered that the compiling of this data and the making of these reports, summaries and tabulations is new, not only to the members of the Judicial Council, but to the clerks of the courts. As previously stated, some of the reports sent to us evidently are inaccurate or incomplete, and there is the possibility that we have misinterpreted the report in some respect in making our summaries and tabulations. Furthermore, the reports did not show reasons for delays, where delays are shown, and as to some of them no doubt there is just and sufficient reason.

The summaries by counties follow.

SUMMARIES BY COUNTIES.

ALLEN COUNTY.

HON. FRANK R. FORREST, Judge.
GLADYS MARMONT, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, were 122. Of these, 8 were appealed from justice court and 1 from probate court; 52 were dismissed before trial; 66 were tried to the court, 4 to the jury. In 86 cases no answers were filed; in 9 answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 7 from 30 to 60 days, in 15 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 5 more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Of cases tried, 37 were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 11 in more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 12 in more than 6 months

but less than 12 months, and 10 more than 12 months after the petition was filed.

In 60 cases journal entries were filed the same day of trial, 14 within 10 days, 6 from 10 to 30 days, 20 more than 30 days after trial. Thirty journal entries were filed in cases dismissed.

In these cases there were 24 motions and demurrers filed, of which 3 were presented within 10 days after being filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 9 after more than 30 days; no dates given in 9; 11 were decided the day presented, and 3 decided more than 30 days after being presented.

Upon July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926, was 85), there were pending of civil actions other than divorce, 131 cases, of which 41 had been pending less than 3 months, 22 had been pending from 3 to 6 months, 25 had been pending from 6 to 12 months, 26 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and none more than 5 years.

There were 49 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed during the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 17 were dismissed before trial; 26 divorces were granted to wives and 5 to husbands. Divorces were denied in 2 cases. Contested cases numbered 7; not contested, 26. Custody of minor children to the number of 11 was awarded to wives, and 5 to husbands. No divorce case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed; 21 were tried from 2 to 6 months after the petition was filed, 8 more than 6 months, and as to 3 cases the dates of trial are clearly erroneous. Grounds upon which divorces were granted were: Abandonment, 15 cases; extreme cruelty, 7; gross neglect of duty, 9; adultery, 2.

There were 38 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926, was 18). Of these 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 10 from 6 months to 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 for more than 2 years.

There were 35 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 17 were dismissed. There was one plea of guilty, and 17 cases tried to the jury, in which there were 5 verdicts of guilty, 10 of not guilty, and 2 hung juries; disposition not given in 3. Of informations filed, 1 was filed the same day as the transcript; 1 not on the same day but within 10 days, 1 in from 10 to 30 days, 6 in from 30 days to 3 months, and 2 after more than 3 months. No transcript was filed in 16 cases, and no information in 8 cases.

There were 6 criminal cases tried or disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 in from 10 to 30 days after, 3 in from 30 days to 3 months, 5 in from 3 to 6 months, 8 in from 6 months to 1 year, and 5 more than 1 year after the information was filed. There were no paroles granted.

There were 14 criminal cases pending on July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926, was 12), of which 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 for from 3 to 6 months, 5 for from 6 months to 1 year, 2 for from 1 to 2 years, and none for more than 2 years.

In cases tried to juries the time required to select the jury was stated in 2 cases as being from 15 to 30 minutes in 1 case and from 30 minutes to 1 hour in another.

ANDERSON COUNTY.

HON. HUGH MEANS, Judge.
LIDA AYERS, Clerk.

There were 111 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 3 had been appealed from justice court. Twenty-five were dismissed before trial, 77 were tried to the court, 9 to the jury; disposition not given in 7. There were 78 cases in which no answer was filed, 12 in which the answer was filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, 12 in which the answer was filed more than 30 days and less than 60 days, 7 in more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and 2 in which the answer was filed after more than 6 months following the filing of the petition. Of these cases, 31 were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 16 were tried in more than 3 months but less than 6, 12 were tried in more than 6 months but less than 12, and 11 were tried more than 12 months after the petition was filed; no data given in 13.

In 14 cases journal entries were filed the same day of the trial, 35 were filed not the same day but within 10 days, 13 in from 10 to 30 days, and 2 in more than 30 days after trial. No data was given in 19 cases.

No data is furnished upon number, presentation or disposition of motions and demurrers.

On July 1, 1927, there were pending of civil actions other than divorce, 65 cases (the number July 1, 1926, was 72), of which 17 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 for from 3 to 6 months, 12 for from 6 to 12 months, 16 for from 1 to 2 years, 7 for from 2 to 3 years, 3 for from 3 to 4 years, and none for more than 4 years.

There were 21 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed in the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 10 were dismissed before trial; 9 divorces were granted to wives, 2 to husbands, and none denied. No case was contested. The number of minor children whose custody was awarded to the wife was 5; none awarded to the husband. No case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed; 8 were tried from 2 to 6, and 3 more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Grounds for divorce were stated as: Abandonment, 6; extreme cruelty, 1; gross neglect of duty, 4.

On July 1, 1927, there were 5 divorce cases pending (on July 1, 1926, there were 9), of which 2 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 for from 3 to 6 months, 2 for from 6 months to 1 year, and none longer than 1 year.

There were 5 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 1 of which was dismissed and 1 continued; plea of guilty was entered in 1 case; 3 cases were tried to the jury, 3 verdicts of guilty and none of not guilty. There were no informations filed the same day as the transcript; 1 was filed not the same day but within 10 days of the filing of the transcript, 2 in from 10 to 30 days. In 2 cases no transcript was filed.

There was 1 criminal case tried or disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 in from 10 to 30 days, none in from 30 days to 3 months, 1 in from 3 to 6 months, none in from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 in more than 1 year; 1 case continued. There was 1 parole granted.

There were 6 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926,

was 5), of which 1 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 for from 3 to 6 months, 3 for from 2 to 3 years—these defendants were on parole.

In cases tried to the jury the time required to select the jury was not furnished.

ATCHISON COUNTY.

HON. W. A. JACKSON, Judge.
JOE C. SEIBEL, Clerk.

There were 111 civil cases, other than divorce, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 28 were dismissed before trial, 67 were tried to the court, 9 to the jury; in 78 cases no answers were filed; 12 answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 12 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 7 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 later than 6 months. There were 31 cases tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 12 from 6 to 12 months, and 11 later than 12 months. In 14 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial; in 35 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 13 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases later than 30 days. We have no report as to the number of cases pending July 1, 1927, and data concerning them.

There were 51 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 13 were dismissed before trial. In 26 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 12 cases to husbands; there were contests in 10 cases; the custody of 24 minor children was given to wives and 9 to husbands. One case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 34 from 60 days to 6 months, and 4 later than 6 months. The grounds for granting divorces were stated as abandonment in 5 cases, extreme cruelty in 5, gross neglect of duty in 26, adultery in 2. The number of divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, and data concerning them is not furnished.

There were 68 criminal cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 49 cases; 13 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 12; the result in the other case is not shown. In 10 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript; in 14 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days. There were 37 cases tried or pleas of guilty entered within 10 days after the information was filed, 10 cases from 10 to 30 days, 13 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and 17 cases from 3 to 6 months. In 31 cases paroles were granted. The number of criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and data concerning them is not shown. Appeals were taken in 2 cases.

BARBER COUNTY.

HON. GEORGE L. HAY, Judge.
EDITH MYERS, Clerk.

There were 68 cases, other than divorce, dismissed or tried on the merits within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 had been appealed from justice court and 1 from probate court; 36 were dismissed before trial; 22 were tried to the court, and 10 to the jury; in 29 cases no answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 4 cases more than 30 days and

less than 60 days, in 13 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and in 8 later than 6 months after the petition was filed. Of the cases tried, 12 were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, and 15 more than 12 months after the petition was filed. In 16 cases the journal entry was filed the same day of trial. In 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 between 10 and 30 days, and 7 more than 30 days after the trial. There were 37 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 10 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, and 20 more than 30 days; 2 were withdrawn. The court decided 34 of these on the same day they were presented, and 1 more than 30 days after presented.

There were 35 civil actions other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926, was 68). Of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months, 15 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years. None longer than 3 years.

There were 22 divorce cases dismissed or tried on the merits within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 5 were dismissed before trial. There were 11 divorces granted to wives and 6 to husbands; none denied. Cases contested, 5. The custody of 14 minor children was awarded to wives and 3 to husbands. No case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed; 15 were tried from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 more than 6 months after the petition was filed. The grounds for granting divorce was stated as abandonment in 9 cases, extreme cruelty in 5, and gross neglect of duty in 3.

There were 5 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926, was 9). Of these, 1 had been pending from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 21 criminal cases tried or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 2 were dismissed before trial; in 15 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty, 4 were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 3, and not guilty in 1. Informations were filed the same day as the transcripts in 5 cases, not the same day but within 10 days in 4 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 1 case, and from 30 days to 3 months in 2 cases. One case was tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year; none later than 1 year. Seven paroles were granted.

There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927 (there were 2 July 1, 1926). Of these 2 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 3 to 6 months.

In jury cases tried, the time required to select a jury was stated in 14 cases as being from 15 to 30 minutes in 5 cases, 30 minutes to 1 hour in 8 cases, and from 1 to 2 hours in 1 case.

BARTON COUNTY.

HON. RAY H. BEALS, Judge.
S. M. KELLAM, Clerk.

There were 74 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been appealed from justice court; 19 were dismissed before trial; 52 were tried to the court, and 3 to the jury. There were 59 cases in which no answers were filed. The

dates for filing answers in the other cases were not given. There were 44 cases tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, and none later than 12 months after the petition was filed. In 47 cases journal entries were filed the same day of trial; in 1 case it was filed not the same day but within ten days; in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases later than 30 days after the case was tried.

There were 9 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 1 was withdrawn, 10 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days; and the 8 presented to the court were decided the same day presented.

There were 18 civil actions pending July 1, 1927 (the number pending July 1, 1926, is not given); of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 to 12 months; none longer than 12 months.

There were 44 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial; divorces were granted to wives in 27 cases and to husbands in 7 cases, and denied in 1 case. There were contests in 6 cases. The custody of 16 minor children was awarded to wives, and 7 to husbands. Two cases were tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 31 from 2 to 6 months, and in 2 the time is not given. The grounds for divorce were stated as abandonment in 5 cases, extreme cruelty in 23 cases, gross neglect of duty in 1 case, conviction of felony in 1 case, habitual drunkenness in 1 case, adultery in 3 cases, and impotency in 1 case.

On July 1, 1927, there were 7 divorce cases pending (the number pending July 1, 1926, is not stated); of these, 6 had been pending less than 6 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, none longer than 6 months.

There were 36 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 11 were dismissed before trial; the defendants entered pleas of guilty in 18; 7 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in 4 verdicts of guilty and 3 of not guilty. Informations were filed the same day with the transcript in 6 cases, not the same day but within ten days in 8, from 10 to 30 days in 4, and from 30 days to 3 months in 2. One case was tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 from 30 days to 3 months; none later than 3 months. Paroles were granted in 4 cases.

There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927; one had been pending less than 3 months, and 1—a wife and child abandonment case in which stated payments were being made—had been pending from 1 to 2 years.

The time required to select juries was noted in 9 cases as being from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 1 case, from 1 to 2 hours in 2 cases, from 2 hours to ½ day in 4 cases, and 1 day or more in 2 cases.

BOURBON COUNTY.

HON. CHARLES F. TRINKLE, Judge.
BURT MOORE, Clerk.

There were 88 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 was removed to federal court; 20 were dismissed before trial; 68 were tried to the court, and none to the jury. In 73 cases no answers were filed; in 5 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 6 cases from 30 to 60 days,

in 2 cases from 60 days to 6 months, in 2 cases later than 6 months. There were 31 cases disposed of within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 26 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 3 later than 12 months. In 55 cases journal entries were filed the day the case was disposed of, in 7 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases later than 30 days. There were 29 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 2 were withdrawn; 25 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, and 2 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 24 were decided the day presented, and 3 not the same day but within 10 days. There were 86 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 31 had been pending less than 3 months, 22 from 3 to 6 months, 24 from 6 to 12 months, and 9 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 37 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial; in 19 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 10 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases divorces were denied. There were contests in 2 cases. The custody of 11 minor children was given to wives and 10 to husbands. There were 27 cases tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed, and 4 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were stated as abandonment in 11 cases, extreme cruelty in 6, gross neglect of duty in 9, conviction of a felony in 3. There were 19 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months; 3 from 6 months to 1 year; and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 32 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 was dismissed; pleas of guilty were entered in 20 cases; 1 case was tried to the jury, resulting in a verdict of not guilty. In 8 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 case later than 30 days. There were 18 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 6 from 6 months to a year.

BROWN COUNTY.

HON. C. W. RYAN, Judge.
LUKE ROGERS, Clerk.

There were 81 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 29 were dismissed before trial; 51 were tried to the court, and 1 to the jury; in 61 cases no answers were filed; in 3 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 7 cases from 30 to 60 days, and in 10 cases from 60 days to 6 months. In 33 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petitions were filed, in 14 cases from 3 to 6 months, and in 5 cases from 6 to 12 months. In 12 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 20 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 12 cases later than 30 days. There were 29 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these 1 was withdrawn; 19 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 later than 30 days. Each of these was decided the same day presented.

There were 39 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Of these, 14 had been pending less than 3 months, 13 from 3 to 6 months, and 12 from 6 to 12 months; none longer than 12 months.

There were 18 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial; in 12 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 2 cases to husbands; 1 case divorce was denied; contests in 6 cases. The custody of 11 minor children was given to wives. Of these cases 15 were tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed. The grounds for divorce are given as abandonment in 4 cases, extreme cruelty in 4, and gross neglect of duty in 7. There were 13 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 27 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 were dismissed before trial. There were pleas of guilty in 16 cases; 6 were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 3 cases, and verdicts of not guilty in 3 cases. In 2 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 7 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 3 cases from 30 days to 3 months. Of cases tried to the jury 6 were tried from 10 to 30 days after the informations were filed. In 8 cases paroles were granted. There were 20 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 to 12 months.

The time required to select a jury is noted in 9 cases as being 45 minutes in 1 case, 1 hour in 4 cases, 2 hours in 3 cases, and 3 hours in 1 case.

BUTLER COUNTY.

HON. A. T. AYRES, Howard, Judge, First Division.
HON. GEO. J. BENSON, El Dorado, Judge, Second Division.
HARVEY L. SONGER, Clerk.

There were 259 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 21 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. Of these 85 were dismissed before trial, 169 were tried to the court and 5 to the jury. In 175 cases no answers were filed. In 32 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 20 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 21 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 11 cases more than 6 months. Sixty-five cases were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 37 from 3 to 6 months, 38 from 6 to 12 months, and 34 cases more than 12 months after the petition was filed. In 78 cases journal entries were filed the same day of trial, in 31 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 23 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 23 cases more than 30 days. There were 41 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. The dates when many of these were filed or decided are not shown.

There were 151 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927 (on July 1, 1926, there were 220). Of these, 40 had been pending less than 3 months, 19 from 3 to 6 months, 21 from 6 to 12 months, 41 from 1 to 2 years, 13 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, and 3 more than 5 years.

There were 83 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 13 were dismissed before trial. In 53 cases divorces were

granted to wives, in 17 to husbands; 3 cases were contested. The custody of 38 minor children was awarded to wives; none to husbands. No case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed; 61 cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 later than 6 months after the petitions were filed. The causes for divorce were stated as: Abandonment in 23 cases, extreme cruelty in 26, gross neglect of duty in 19. There were 61 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number on July 1, 1926, was 41). Of these, 31 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to 1 year, 10 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 for more than 2 years.

There were 86 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 55 cases; there were 19 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 13, and of not guilty in 6; there were no hung juries. Informations were filed the same day as the transcript in 8 cases, not the same day but within 10 days in 4, from 10 to 30 days in 1, from 30 days to 3 months in 12, and more than 3 months in 3. In 9 cases the trials were within 10 days after the transcript was filed, in 6 from 30 days to 3 months, in 3 from 6 months to 1 year, and in 1 more than 1 year. This data as to other cases is not shown. There were 27 paroles granted.

There were 35 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926, was 13). Of these, 17 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 months to 6 months, 6 from 6 months to 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 for more than 2 years.

The time required to select a jury is noted in only 2 cases as being from 1 to 2 hours in 1 case and from 2 hours to ½ day in another.

CHASE COUNTY.

HON. I. T. RICHARDSON, Judge.
CLARINDA F. MALIEN, Clerk.

There were 38 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been appealed from the justice court; fifteen were dismissed. The number tried to the court and jury, respectively, is not stated, but we judge from the record that all were tried, and that all trials were to the court. In 36 cases no answers were filed; in 1 case the answer was filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, and in 1 from 30 to 60 days. Eighteen cases were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 4 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 later than 6 months; in 8 cases journal entries were filed the same day of trial, in 8 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases more than 30 days. There were 8 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. One of these was withdrawn; 4 were presented more than 30 days after they were filed; the time the others were presented is not shown. One was decided from 10 to 30 days after it was presented, 1 more than 30 days after it was presented, and the time of the decision of the others is not shown.

There were 9 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number pending July 1, 1926, is not shown); of these, 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 to 12 months; none more than 12 months.

There were 7 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. All of these were tried; none was contested. In 4 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 1 case to husband; 1 case was dismissed and 1 divorce was denied. The custody of 1 minor child was given to a wife, and 1 to a husband. The grounds for divorce were: Abandonment in 3 cases, and extreme cruelty in 2. In 1 case an emergency was declared and the trial was had within 60 days after the filing of the petition. In the other 4 cases the trials were had from 2 to 6 months after the filing of the petition. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number pending July 1, 1926, is not shown); 1 of these had been pending less than 60 days, and 1 is noted to be dismissed pending outcome of a civil action in the supreme court.

There were 15 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed; in 10 cases pleas of guilty were entered; 3 cases were tried to a jury, resulting in a verdict of guilty; 2 were tried to the court. These cases involved the confiscation of an automobile as a liquor nuisance. Three paroles were granted.

We are not informed as to the number of criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. There were 6 pending July 1, 1926. The time required to select a jury is not given in any case.

CHAUTAUQUA.

HON. A. T. AYRES, Judge, First Division.
HON. GEORGE J. BENSON, Judge, Second Division.
MINNIE K. MORROW, Clerk.

There were 42 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 6 were dismissed before trial; 36 are reported as having been tried to the court. In 33 cases no answers were filed. In 3 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 4 more than 30 and less than 60 days, and 1 case more than 6 months. The time the cases were tried after the petition was filed is not shown. Neither is the time of the filing of journal entries shown. There were 18 motions and demurrers filed to the pleadings. Two of these were withdrawn; 1 was presented within 10 days, and 2 from 10 to 30 days. The time of presenting the other motions was not shown. Four of these were decided on the day presented. The time of the decision of others is not shown.

There were 23 civil actions other than divorce pending July 1, 1927. (We are not informed how many were pending July 1, 1926.) Of these 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 8 from 6 to 12 months; none longer than 12 months.

There were 18 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Seven of these were dismissed. In 10 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 1 to the husband. In 1 case plaintiff was not found at date of trial. In 2 cases the couples were reunited, but the report does not show the disposition of the cases. The custody of 9 minor children was given to wives; none to husbands. The grounds for divorce were abandonment in 2 cases, extreme cruelty in 3 cases, habitual drunkenness in 1, and gross neglect of duty in 6. Emergencies were declared and divorces granted within 60 days in 2 cases. In 6 cases divorces were granted from 2 to 6 months after the petition

was filed, in 1 case more than 6 months, and in 3 cases the dates were not given. There were 3 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. (The number pending July 1, 1926, is not given.)

There were 8 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 2 were dismissed. Pleas of guilty were entered in 3, and 3 were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 2 cases, and a verdict of not guilty in 1. All three trials were had within 3 to 6 months after the informations were filed.

There were 10 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. (The number pending July 1, 1926, is not shown.) Of these 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year.

The time required to select a jury in any case is not shown.

CHEROKEE COUNTY.

HON. F. W. BOSS, Judge. *
HON. JOHN W. HAMILTON, Judge. †
W. B. CLEMENT, Clerk.

There were 200 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 35 had been appealed from justice court, and 6 from probate court; 2 were removed to federal court; 67 were dismissed before trial; 124 were tried to the court, and 7 tried to the jury. In 127 cases no answers were filed; in 33 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 12 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 25 cases from 30 days to 6 months, in 3 cases more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Seventy-six cases were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 28 from 3 to 6 months, 16 from 6 to 12 months, and 13 more than 12 months after the petition was filed. In 84 cases the journal entries were filed the same day of trial, in 14 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 10 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 16 cases more than 30 days after the case was tried. There were 111 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 30 were withdrawn, 35 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 16 from 10 to 30 days, and 31 more than 30 days after they were filed. Of these, 30 were decided the same day they were presented, 73 not the same day but within 10 days, 5 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days after presented.

There were 163 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (on July 1, 1926, the number was 141); of these, 19 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 33 from 6 to 12 months, 34 from 1 to 2 years, 22 from 2 to 3 years, 18 from 3 to 4 years, 7 from 4 to 5 years, and 21 more than 5 years.

There were 120 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 24 were dismissed before trial. In 70 cases divorces were granted to wives. In 26 cases to husbands. There was a contest in 17 cases. The custody of 45 minor children was awarded to wives, and 4 to husbands. In 8 cases emergencies were granted and the cases were tried within 60 days after the petition was filed. In 75 cases the trials were from 2 to 6 months after the petition was filed, and in 10 cases more than 6 months. The grounds for which the divorces were granted are given as: Abandonment in 26 cases,

* Prior to January 10, 1927. † Since January 10, 1927.

extreme cruelty in 33, gross neglect of duty in 35, conviction of felony in 1, habitual drunkenness in 1, adultery in 3. In 1 case there was an annulment of the marriage.

There were 61 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (on July 1, 1926, the number was 60); of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 17 from 6 months to 1 year, 15 from 1 to 2 years, and 16 more than 2 years.

There were 89 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 39 were dismissed, pleas of guilty were entered in 33, and 16 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 8, verdicts of not guilty in 6, and a hung jury in 2. In 7 cases informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 16 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 5 from 30 days to 3 months, and in 4 cases more than 3 months. Twenty-seven cases were tried or disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 14 from 10 to 30 days, 10 from 30 days to 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, and 23 from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 17 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927 (on July 1, 1926, the number was 29); of these, 3 had been pending less than three months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to 1 year, and 3 from 1 to 2 years.

The time required to select a jury was not noted in any case.

CHEYENNE COUNTY.

HON. E. E. KITE, Judge.
MINNIE A. LAWLESS, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, there were disposed of 51 civil actions, other than divorce. Three were dismissed before trial; 37 were tried to the court, 4 to juries, and 1 to a referee. Of those disposed of, 20 cases were filed before, and 31 after July 1, 1926. No answer was filed in 46 cases. One answer was filed within 30 days after the petition, 2 from 60 days to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year. Twenty cases were tried within 3 months after filing petition, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years; 1 from 5 to 6 years. Fifteen journal entries were filed on the day of trial, 11 after 1 and less than 10 days, 9 in from 10 to 30 days, 7 after 30 days from trial. No journal entry was filed in 4 cases. There were 27 motions and demurrers filed, of which 16 were presented to the court within 10 days after filing, and 3 after 30 days. Of these, 15 were decided the same day as presented. In selecting a jury, 1 case took 2 days, 1 case 1½ days, 1 case ½ day, and 1 case 3 hours. In origin, 2 cases were appealed from the probate court, 5 from justices of the peace, and 45 started in district court. The subject matter was: Foreclosure, 15; quiet title, 9; note, 6; attachment, 5; debt, 4; damage, 2; probate, 2; partition, 1; replevin, 1; taxes, 1; forcible entry and detainer, 1; set aside judgment, 1; bond, 1; garnishment, 1; dissolve bank, 1. Other than divorce, 18 cases were pending on July 1, 1927, of which 8 had been filed from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 5 to 6 years.

Of divorce cases, 12 were disposed of before July 1, 1927; 2 were dismissed, and 10 decrees were granted—to wives 6, to husbands 4. For abandonment 6 cases, adultery 2, gross neglect 1, cruelty 1. All 10 cases were not contested.

Four minor children were given to wives, none to husbands. One divorce case was tried 50 days after filing, 6 from 60 to 90 days, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months; the oldest was 3,164, the latest 3,246. No divorce case was pending on July 1, 1927.

Six criminal cases were disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 1 was dismissed, 1 defendant pleaded guilty, 4 were tried to juries and convicted. In 3 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript; 2 cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 from 3 to 6 months after filing. The crimes charged to those tried were: Larceny 3, violation of liquor laws 1, bastardy 1. One criminal case was pending on July 1, 1927, and it had been filed after July 1, 1926. All cases, civil and criminal, are numbered in one series.

CLARK COUNTY.

HON. KARL MILLER, Judge.
MRS. MAY PALMER, Clerk.

There were 34 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 4 of which were appeals from justice court; none were removed to federal court; 12 cases were dismissed before trial, 14 tried to the court, 8 tried to a jury, none to a referee. No answer was filed in 14 cases; in 5 cases an answer was filed within 30 days, in 5 more than 30 days and less than 60, 5 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and in 2 more than 6 months. Three were tried more than 6 months and less than 12 months after filed, 7 more than 12 months. No journal entries were filed the same day as the trial; 2 were filed within 10 days thereafter, 3 more than 30 days thereafter. There were 23 motions and demurrers filed, 3 of which were presented within 10 days, 1 in 10 to 30 days, 2 in more than 30 days; 6 were decided the same day as presented.

The nature of the actions disposed of were as follows: Commission, 1; damages, 6; account, 6; insolvent bank claim, 1; on contract, 1; garnishment, 2; replevin, 1; injunction, 1; soldiers' bonus, 1; on bond, 3; note, 2; quiet title, 4; foreclosure, 2. There were 38 civil actions other than divorce pending July 1, 1927, 8 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 had been pending more than 5 years. There were 46 such cases pending July 1, 1926. The report discloses the time for selecting juries in civil cases, as well as in criminal cases in 8 cases, in 3 of which it took from 1 to 3 hours, in 3 from 2 hours to ½ day, and in 2 an entire day.

There were 5 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 2 of which were dismissed, and in 2 divorces granted to the wife, and in 1 to the husband. None were contested. The custody of 5 minor children was awarded to wives. One of these cases was disposed of within from 3 to 6 months after it was filed. Two divorces were granted on grounds of abandonment, 1 extreme cruelty, and 1 gross neglect of duty. There were 5 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, one of which had been pending less than 3 months; 2 had been pending from 1 to 2 years, and 1 had been pending over 2 years. There were 6 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 17 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 7 of which were dismissed, and in 3 pleas of guilty were entered. In 3 jury returned verdicts of guilty and in 3 verdicts of not guilty, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. Information was filed the same day as the transcripts, in 5 cases within 10 days, in 1 case 10 to 30 days, in 1 case 30 days to 3 months. Three cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, and 4 more than 1 year.

The nature of the crimes charged were as follows: Obtaining money under false pretenses, 1; violation of prohibitory law, 6; violation of city ordinance, 2; larceny, 3; murder, 1; assault with intent to kill, 1; burglary, 2.

There were 19 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, 12 of which had been pending less than 3 months; 2 from 1 to 2 years; 5 from 2 to 3 years, and 3 from 3 to 4 years. Of the pending cases 16 were for violation of the prohibitory law. There were 12 criminal cases pending on July 1, 1926.

CLAY COUNTY.

HON. FRED R. SMITH, Judge.
LEONE D. DELFS, Clerk.

There were 40 civil cases, other than divorce, within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none were removed to the federal court, 17 were dismissed before trial, 13 were tried to the court, 10 were tried to juries, and none tried to a referee. In 19 cases no answers were filed. Answers were filed in 9 cases within 30 days, in 5 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 7 cases from 60 days to 6 months. Of the cases tried, 2 were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 1 within 3 to 6 months, and 5 within 6 to 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 1 case within 10 days, in 5 cases within 30 days, and in 2 cases more than 30 days later. There were 10 motions and demurrers filed; 3 were presented within 10 days, 2 more than 30 days after filing, 5 were withdrawn or not presented, and 4 were decided the same day presented.

In 13 cases juries were selected in from 2 hours to ½ day.

There were 25 civil cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 30 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 were dismissed before trial, 1 was contested, 20 not contested; 13 divorces were granted to wives, 6 to husbands, and 1 divorce was denied; 18 minor children were awarded to wives, 1 child was awarded to husband; 11 cases were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 13 within 3 to 6 months, 5 more than 6 months after petitions were filed; 3 divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment, 11 on the ground of extreme cruelty, 15 on the ground of gross neglect of duty.

There were 7 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927; 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 5 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, all of which were tried to a jury. In 2 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 1 case within 10 days, and in 2 cases within 10 to 30 days; 4 cases were disposed of within 10 to 30 days after informations

were filed, and 1 case within 1 year; in 2 cases paroles were granted. The verdicts are not given.

There was 1 criminal case pending July 1, 1927, which case has been pending from 6 months to 1 year.

CLOUD COUNTY.

HON. JOHN C. HOGIN, Judge.
M. D. CHAMPLIN, Clerk.

There were 79 civil cases, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none were removed to the federal court; 19 were dismissed before trial, 62 were tried to the court, 14 were tried to juries, and 1 tried to a referee. In 32 cases no answers were filed; answers were filed in 20 cases within 30 days, in 6 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 12 cases 60 days to 6 months, in 7 cases more than 6 months after the petitions were filed. Of the cases tried, 30 were tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 6 within 3 to 6 months; 8 within 6 to 12 months, and 13 cases more than 12 months after petitions were filed. No record is at hand when journal entries were filed in these cases. There were 139 motions and demurrers filed; 50 were presented within 10 days after filing, 21 within 10 to 30 days, 53 more than 30 days after filing, 8 were withdrawn or not presented; 114 were decided the same day presented, 5 were decided within 10 days after presentation, and 8 within 10 to 30 days after presentation, 5 after more than 30 days after presentation; 7 have never been presented, 4 of which have been passed over 1 term.

There is no information at hand concerning the time required to select juries.

There were 17 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 more than 5 years; 4 of these cases have been appealed to the supreme court.

There were 16 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial, 2 were contested, 14 not contested, 11 divorces were granted to wives, and 3 divorces to husbands; no divorces were denied; 15 minor children were awarded to wives; none were awarded to husbands. Four cases were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 7 within 3 to 6 months, 3 more than 6 months after petitions were filed. Five divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment, 7 on the ground of extreme cruelty, and 3 on the ground of gross neglect of duty. There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, all pending less than 3 months.

There were 18 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed; 10 pleas of guilty were entered; 6 cases were tried to a jury; verdicts of guilty were returned in 3 cases—not guilty in 2, and 1 was a hung jury. Informations were filed same day of transcript in 4 cases, within 10 days in 4 cases, within 10 to 30 days in 9 cases, and from 30 days to 6 months in 1 case; 2 cases were disposed of within 10 days after informations were filed, 8 within 10 to 30 days, 4 within 30 days to 3 months, 6 within 3 to 6 months, and 1 within 6 months to 1 year, and in 4 cases paroles were granted.

There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 has been pending less than 3 months, the other from 3 to 6 months.

COFFEY COUNTY.

HON. I. T. RICHARDSON, Judge.
JENNIE CAVEN, Clerk.

There were 74 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 were dismissed, 55 were tried to the court, 1 to a jury, none to a referee. No answers were filed in 67 cases; in 2 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 4 cases answers were filed more than 30 days, but less than 60 days, and in 1 case the answer was filed more than 60 days after the petition was filed; 44 cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 7 were tried more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 5 more than 6 months but less than 12 months after the petition was filed, and none of them later than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 41 cases the same day the case was tried, in 7 cases not on the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases more than 30 days after the trial, and in 1 case none has been filed. There were 13 motions and demurrers filed. Of these, 5 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, in 2 more than 30 days, 3 of them were withdrawn or not presented; 6 of these were decided the same day they were presented. The time of the decisions of the other motions is not furnished us.

The nature of the actions disposed of, as shown by the report, is as follows: To quiet title, 35; mortgage foreclosure, 10; recovery of money, 17; suits on notes, 11; partition of real estate, 2; damage suits, 2; to forfeit insurance policy, 1; to dissolve partnership, 1; to confer rights of majority, 1; for increased salary, 2; receiver's report, 1; claim (character not disclosed), 1.

One case was appealed from justice court. All the others were original actions in district court.

There were 29 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 more than 4 years.

Divorce cases: There were 18 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 were dismissed before trial. In 7 cases divorces were granted to wives, 4 on the ground of abandonment, 3 on the ground of extreme cruelty; 7 divorces were granted to husbands, 4 on the ground of abandonment, 3 for extreme cruelty. Only 2 cases were contested; 12 were uncontested. The custody of 8 minor children was given to wives, and 4 minor children to husbands. All of these were tried within 3 months after they were filed. There were 3 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: There were 11 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. None of the cases was dismissed. The defendants entered pleas of guilty in all the cases and were sentenced. The informations were filed in each felony case on the same day the transcript was filed, or within a week thereafter; 6 cases were finally disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 2 from 1 to 3 months, and none of them later than 3 months after the information was filed. The offenses charged were: Burglary, 3; forgery, 2; murder, 1; petty larceny, 1; felony (character not disclosed), 1; violating intoxicating liquor law, 2; wife desertion, 1. Paroles

were granted in 3 cases where defendants were charged with forgery, burglary, and felony. There appears to have been 1 sentence to the Boys' Reform School.

There were 4 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, being 2 charged with violation of the intoxicating liquor law, 1 resisting an officer, and 1 forgery.

COMANCHE COUNTY.

HON. KARL MILLER, Judge.
J. A. MURRAY, Clerk.

There were 42 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 were dismissed before trial, 25 were tried to the court, and 1 to the jury. In 32 cases no answers were filed; in 3 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 5 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 1 case from 60 days to 6 months, and 1 case later than 6 months. There were 10 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed; 5 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 to 12 months, and 5 later than 12 months. There were 103 such cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 to 12 months, 19 from 1 to 2 years, 74 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 longer than 5 years.

There were 5 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 1 was dismissed before trial. In 3 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 1 case to the husband. No cases were contested. The custody of 3 minor children was given to wives. The 4 cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed. The grounds for divorce were stated as abondonment in 1 case, extreme cruelty in 2, and gross neglect of duty in 1. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, and each of these had been pending for less than 3 months.

There were 6 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 2 cases; 1 case was tried to the jury, resulting in a verdict of guilty. In 2 cases the informations were filed within 10 days after the transcripts were filed, and in 1 case from 30 days to 3 months. There were no criminal cases pending July 1, 1927.

COWLEY COUNTY.

HON. O. P. FULLER, Judge.
ANNA L. TONKINSON, Clerk.

There were 254 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 30 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court; 71 were dismissed, 4 were removed to federal court, 168 were tried to the court, and 11 to the jury. In 152 cases no answers were filed; in 48 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 23 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 29 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 cases more than 6 months after the petition was filed. In 117 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 28 cases from 3 to 6 months, and in 15 cases from 6 to 12 months. In 137 cases the journal entry was filed the same day of trial, in 3 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 case more than 30 days after trial.

In the remaining cases the report does not show when, if at all, the journal entry was filed. There were 130 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 33 were withdrawn, 27 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 17 of them from 10 to 30 days, and 21 later than 30 days after they were filed. There were 63 decisions on motions the day presented, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days, the time of decision of the remainder is not shown.

There were 339 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927 (the number pending July 1, 1926, is not shown). Of these, 103 had been pending less than 3 months, 91 from 3 to 6 months, and 145 from 6 to 12 months. The report shows no case pending more that 12 months.

There were 128 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 24 were dismissed before trial. Divorces were granted to wives in 78 cases, and to husbands in 26; 14 cases were contested. The custody of 45 minor children was awarded to wives, and 53 to husbands. In 8 cases emergencies were declared and the divorce granted within 60 days after the petition was filed. In 93 cases the trial was from 60 days to 6 months after the petition was filed, and in 3 cases more than 6 months thereafter. The grounds for divorce are given as: Abandonment in 15 cases, extreme cruelty in 41, gross neglect of duty in 40. It seems that 4 of these cases were annulments of marriage. It is not clear from the report the number of divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

There were 94 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 40 were dismissed before trial, pleas of guilty were entered in 43, 11 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in 10 verdicts of guilty and 1 hung jury. Informations were filed the same day of the transcript in 13 cases, not the same day but within 10 days in 18 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 6 cases, and later than 30 days in 4 cases. In 22 cases the trial or plea was within 10 days after the information was filed, in 18 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 17 cases from 30 days to 3 months, in 20 cases from 3 to 6 months, and in 10 cases from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 20 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 are noted as having been filed less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, and 13 from 6 months to 1 year. The number of paroles granted is not shown.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

HON. L. M. RESLER, Judge, First Division.
HON. GEORGE F. BEASLEY, Judge, Second Division.
FLORENCE F. STEUSSI, Clerk.

The report shows 86 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 21 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. There were 21 cases dismissed before trial, 63 were tried to the court, and 2 to the jury. In 46 cases no answers were filed, in 24 cases the answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 9 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 4 cases from 60 days to 6 months, in 3 cases later than 6 months. In 17 cases the trials were within 3 months after the petitions were filed, in 7 cases from 3 to 6 months, and in 1 case more than 12 months. In 20 cases journal entries were filed the same day of

trial, in 1 case not the same day but within 10 days. The dates of others are not shown. There were 28 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these 8 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 19 were withdrawn. Eight of these were decided the same day as presented, and 1 not the same day but within 10 days. (We are confident this report does not show all the cases disposed of, but we give it as it was furnished to us.)

There were 190 cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 72 had been pending less than 3 months, 28 from 3 to 6 months, 27 from 6 to 12 months, 30 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, 10 from 3 to 4 years, 7 from 4 to 5 years, and 7 more than 5 years.

There were 208 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 63 were dismissed before trial; in 113 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 30 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases divorces were denied. There was a contest in 23 cases. The custody of 73 minor children was given to wives and of 12 to husbands. In 3 cases emergencies were declared and the cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed; 115 cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months, and 29 later than 6 months after the petition was filed. The grounds for divorce are given as: Abandonment in 41 cases, extreme cruelty in 87, gross neglect of duty in 15, and adultery in 1. One case was for annulment of the marriage.

There were 118 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 42 had been pending less than 3 months, 18 from 3 to 6 months, 23 from 6 months to 1 year, 29 from 1 to 2 years, and 7 for more than 2 years.

There were 79 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 42 were dismissed before trial, in 24 pleas of guilty were entered, in 6 cases tried to the jury there were verdicts of guilty, and in 7 cases verdicts of not guilty. In 5 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 18 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 9 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 5 cases from 30 days to 3 months. In 7 cases there was a trial or plea of guilty within 10 days after the information was filed, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 21 cases from 30 days to 3 months, in 18 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 17 cases from 6 months to a year.

There were 27 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 to 12 months, and 10 for more than 12 months.

The time required to select a jury was noted in 18 cases as being from 2 hours to ½ day in 9 cases, from ½ day to 1 day in 8 cases, and more than 1 day in 1 case. The number of paroles granted is not shown.

DECATUR COUNTY.

HON. E. E. KITE, Judge.
IVA N. MILLEN, Clerk.

Within the year ending July 1, 1927, 28 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of in the district court of Decatur county, Kansas. None was removed to federal court. Eight were dismissed before trial, 28 were tried to the court, none to jury or referee. All 28 cases were filed after July 1, 1926. The oldest is No. 2,897, the latest No. 2,936. No answer was filed in 21 cases.

Answer was filed within 30 days after petition in 3 cases, from 30 to 60 days in 1 case, from 60 days to 6 months in 2 cases, from 6 months to 1 year in 1 case. Cases were tried on the merits: 20 within 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months. Journal entries were filed the same day case was tried in 3 cases, from 1 to 10 days in 7, from 10 to 30 days in 5, over 30 days in 2 cases. No journal entry was filed in 11 cases. Thirteen motions and 2 demurrers were filed; 3 were presented within 10 days after filing, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 7 over 30 days; 1 motion was withdrawn. Whether motions and demurrers were decided the same day when presented or later is not shown. Of the cases, 29 originated in district court, and 2 were appeals from justices of the peace. Subject matter of litigation: Quiet title, 11; note, 6; foreclosure, 4; debt, 4; partition, 2; contract, 2; damages, 1; receiver, 1. Other than divorce, 17 civil cases were pending on July 1, 1927. Oldest No. 2,897, latest No. 2,936. Eleven cases were pending less than 3 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 3 to 4 years. One pending case was filed before July 1, 1926, and 16 afterwards. Eight divorce cases were tried or dismissed in the year to July 1, 1927; 2 were dismissed before trial; 5 divorces granted, 3 to wives, 2 to husbands; on grounds of extreme cruelty, 4; abandonment, 1; 1 divorce was denied; 8 minor children were awarded to the wife, 2 to the husband; 1 divorce case was tried the same day the petition was filed, 1 in 27 days after petition, 3 from 60 days to 3 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year. Four divorce cases were pending July 1, 1927, 3 of them under 30 days, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

Three criminal cases were disposed of in the year from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927; 2 were dismissed; 1 defendant plead guilty; in 1 case the information was filed from 3 to 6 months after filing of transcript, and 1 case was disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed. Crimes charged to those tried: Assault, 1. Two criminal cases pending July 1, 1927; both of them were filed before July 1, 1926. All cases, both civil and criminal, are numbered in one series consecutively.

DICKINSON COUNTY.

HON. C. M. CLARK, Judge.
L. E. JEFFCOAT, Clerk.

There were 149 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 30 were dismissed, 112 were tried to the court, 6 to a jury, none to a referee. No answers were filed in 74 cases. In 42 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 16 cases answers were filed more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 12 cases the answer was filed more than 60 days after the petition was filed, and in five cases the answer was filed in more than 6 months; 64 cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 31 were tried more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 7 more than 6 months but less than 12 months after the petition was filed, and 1 more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 54 cases the same day the case was tried, and in 8 cases not on the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases more than 30 days after the trial. There were 34 motions and demurrers filed. Of these, 10 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 7 from 10 to 30 days, in 6 more than 30 days; none of them were withdrawn or not presented; 9 of

these were decided the same day they were presented, 3 were decided within 10 days, 5 in 10 to 30 days; and 6 in more than 30 days. The time of the decisions of the other motions is not furnished us. All of these cases were original actions in the district court.

There were 55 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 20 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 to 12 months, 12 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years.

Divorce cases: There were 41 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial. In 25 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 6 divorces were granted to husbands; 12 divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 11 on extreme cruelty, 6 gross neglect; 2 of the defendants are now in the Penitentiary. Only 1 case was contested, and 31 were uncontested. The custody of 16 minor children were given to wives, and none to husbands. There were 22 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: There were 25 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Two of these cases were dismissed; 15 defendants entered pleas of guilty in these cases. In 6 cases the information was filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 8 cases within 10 days; in 4 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 case in more than 30 days; 3 cases were disposed of within 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 case in 3 to 6 months after the information was filed. We do not have a record of the offenses charged. Paroles were granted in 4 of these cases.

There were 8 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. We do not have a record of the offenses charged.

DONIPHAN COUNTY.

HON. C. W. RYAN, Judge.
GEO. W. STRAHAN, Clerk.

There were 78 civil cases, other than divorces, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none were removed to the federal court, 24 were dismissed before trial, 50 were tried to the court, 4 were tried to juries, and none were tried to a referee. In 45 cases no answers were filed. Answers were filed in 11 cases within 30 days, in 8 cases from 30 to 60 days, and in 10 cases 60 days to 6 months, and in 4 cases more than 6 months after the petitions were filed. Of the cases tried, 27 were tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 14 within 3 to 6 months, 7 within 6 to 12 months, and 6 cases in more than 12 months after petitions were filed. In 4 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 25 cases within 10 days, in 13 cases in 10 to 30 days, and in 8 cases more than 30 days. There were 38 motions and demurrers filed; 29 were presented within 10 days after filing, 3 within 10 to 30 days, 4 more than 30 days after filing, 2 were withdrawn or not presented; 36 were decided the same day presented. In 7 cases a jury was selected in 1 to 2 hours, and in 4 cases within 2 hours to ½ day.

There were 33 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 10 from 6 to 12 months, and 10 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 17 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 were dismissed before trial, 3 were contested, 10 were not contested; 9 divorces were granted to wives, and 2 to husbands. One divorce was denied. Three minor children were awarded to wives, and 4 were awarded to husbands. Six cases were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 9 within 3 to 6 months, 2 more than 6 months after petitions were filed; 6 divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment, 2 on the ground of extreme cruelty, 3 on gross neglect of duty. There were 6 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927; 4 were pending less than 3 months, and 2 pending 6 months to 1 year.

There were 19 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 were dismissed, 4 pleas of guilty were entered, 7 cases were tried to a jury; verdicts of guilty were returned in 6 cases, not guilty in 1 case. In 5 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 3 cases within 10 days, in 2 cases within 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases within 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 cases more than 3 months later. Two cases were disposed of within 10 days after information was filed, 6 within 10 to 30 days, 3 within 30 days to 3 months, 1 within 3 to 6 months, 1 within 6 months to 1 year, and in 3 cases paroles were granted.

There were 4 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 have been pending from 6 months to 1 year, and 2 from 2 to 3 years.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

HON. HUGH MEANS, Judge.
D. F. SMITH, Clerk.

There were 136 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 1 was removed to the federal court, and 24 were dismissed before trial; 86 cases were tried to the court, and 14 to the jury. In 113 cases no answer was filed. In 11 cases the answer was filed within 30 days after the filing of the petition, in 7 cases the answer was filed in from 30 to 60 days, in 4 cases the answer was filed in more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and in 1 case the answer was filed more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Of these cases, 85 were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 14 in from 3 to 6 months, 11 in from 6 to 12 months, and none tried more than 12 months after the petition was filed; date and disposition not given, 1.

In 34 cases journal entries were filed the same day of trial, in 52 cases journal entries were filed not the same day but within 10 days, in 11 cases journal entries were filed in from 10 to 30 days, in 6 cases journal entries were filed more than 30 days after the case was tried, and in 9 cases no data given.

There were 24 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 7 were presented within 10 days after being filed, 6 in from 10 to 30 days, and 10 more than 30 days after filing. One was withdrawn or not presented. Of these motions and demurrers, 17 were decided the same day presented, 4 were decided not the same day but within 10 days after being presented, none within 10 to 30 days, and 1 was decided more than 30 days after being presented.

There were 50 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, of

which 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 12 for from 3 to 6 months, and 20 for from 6 to 12 months.

There were 69 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed during the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 9 were dismissed before trial. Of the remainder, 41 divorces were granted to wives and 18 to husbands, and 1 divorce was denied. There were 9 cases contested and 50 not contested. The number of minor children whose custody was awarded to wives is 23, and those whose custody was awarded to husbands is 1. There were 35 cases tried or dismissed within 3 months after the petition was filed, 27 in from 3 to 6 months, and 7 in more than six months after the filing of the petition. Grounds upon which divorces were granted are stated: Abandonment, 21; extreme cruelty, 9; gross neglect of duty, 28; conviction of felony, 1.

There were 16 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to 1 year, and none more than 1 year.

Of criminal cases, 88 were disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 22 were dismissed, and there were 50 pleas of guilty. There were 16 cases tried to the jury; verdicts had were 10 guilty and 6 not guilty; no disagreements. Of informations, 5 were filed the same day as the transcript, 6 not the same day but within 10 days, 5 in from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 more than 3 months after the transcript was filed; demurrer sustained, 1; bond forfeiture, 1; nuisance cases, 7; plea in justice court, 1.

Of these criminal cases, 44 were tried or disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 13 in from 10 to 30 days, 13 in from 30 days to 3 months, 5 in from 3 to 6 months, 3 in from 6 months to 1 year, and none after more than 1 year; no dates given, 13. There were 21 cases in which paroles were granted.

There were 23 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 5 for from 6 months to 1 year, and none pending for more than 1 year.

EDWARDS COUNTY.

HON. ROSCOE H. WILSON, Judge.
C. E. BURKE, Clerk.

There were 57 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been appealed from justice court and 1 from probate court. Of these, 21 were dismissed before trial, and 36 tried to the court, none to the jury. In 47 cases no answers were filed; in 2 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, 1 case more than 30 days and less than 60, in 1 case from 60 days to 6 months, and in 6 cases more than 6 months after the petition was filed. There was a trial of 16 cases within 3 months after the petition was filed, 11 from 3 to 6 months, and 7 from 6 to 12 months. In 29 cases the journal entries were filed the same day of the trial, in 5 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 2 cases more than 30 days. There were 22 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Other data as to these is not furnished. There were 23 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927 (the number pending July 1, 1926 was 33).

Of these, 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, and 2 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 13 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial, and in 11 cases divorces were granted to wives. No cases contested. The custody of 8 minor children was awarded to wives. All the cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed. The grounds for divorce were given as: Abandonment in 8 cases, and extreme cruelty in 3.

There were 6 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 22 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 15; 2 cases were tried to the jury, both resulting in verdicts of not guilty. In 11 cases the informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 1 case not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 3 cases later than 3 months. There were 7 cases tried or disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 7 from 10 to 30 days, 5 from 30 days to 3 months, and 3 from 3 to 6 months. There were 13 paroles granted.

ELK COUNTY.

HON. A. T. AYRES, Howard, Judge, First Division.
HON. GEORGE J. BENSON, El Dorado, Judge, Second Division.
C. M. RICHARDSON, Clerk.

Data on civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, has not been furnished us. There were 30 civil cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, and 12 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 5 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Divorces were granted to wives in 2 cases, to husbands in 2 cases, and denied in 1. The custody of 2 minor children was awarded to wives. The cases were all tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed. The grounds of divorce were given as extreme cruelty in 4 cases. The number of divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, was not furnished us.

There were 16 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial. We are not advised as to how the others were disposed of, except that 1 case was tried, or a plea of guilty entered, from 30 days to 3 months after the information was filed, 8 cases from 3 to 6 months, and 2 cases from 6 months to 1 year. There were 9 criminal actions pending July 1, 1927.

ELLIS COUNTY.

HON. J. C. RUPPENTHAL, Judge.
P. E. DREILING, Clerk.

Within the year ending with June 30, 1927, the district court of Ellis county disposed of 97 civil actions, other than divorce, 8 divorce cases, and 20 criminal cases, a total of 125. Of civil cases none were removed to federal court, 7 were

dismissed before trial, 79 tried to the court, 11 tried to juries, none to referee; 22 cases disposed of had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 98 cases that were filed thereafter, the oldest being No. 6,936, the latest No. 7,907. No answer was filed in 60 cases; 22 answers were filed within 30 days after filing the petition, 3 answers from 30 to 60 days, 7 answers from 60 days to 6 months, 5 answers from 6 months to 1 year. One case was tried on the merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 1 case from 3 to 6 months, 2 cases from 6 to 12 months, and 2 cases from 4 to 5 years. Journal entries were filed in 3 cases on the same day as trial, in 3 cases after 1 day and within 10 days, in 3 cases over 10 up to 30 days, and 1 case after 30 days. No journal entry was filed in 11 cases. Very incomplete data are given as to answers, trial on the merits and journal entries; 48 motions and demurrers were filed, being 35 motions and 13 demurrers. The meager data show 4 motions and demurrers presented within 10 days after filing, and 9 over 30 days; 1 motion was withdrawn; 10 motions and demurrers were decided the same day when presented, and 1 from 1 to 10 days after hearing. In 2 cases 1 hour each was taken to select a jury. In origin, 102 cases started in the district court, 16 were appeals from justices of the peace, 2 were transcripts from other district courts. The subject matter of litigation was: Quiet title, 26; debt, 15; foreclosure, 14; abstracts of judgment, 14; damage, 8; replevin, 8; attachment, 4; transcript of judgment, 6; note, 5; set aside contract, 4; set aside will, 2; partition, 2; receiver, 2; garnishment, 2; commission, 2; insurance, 1; bond, 1; breach of contract, 1; declaratory judgment, 1; alimony, 1. On July 1, 1927, 45 cases, other than divorce, were pending, of which 26 were on the docket less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years; 7 cases pending were filed before July 1, 1926, and 38 afterwards. The oldest pending case is No. 7,159, the latest No. 7,964. Of divorce cases, 8 were tried or dismissed up to July 1, 1927, the oldest No. 7,696, the latest No. 7,856; 1 divorce case was dismissed before trial; 6 divorces were granted, of which 5 were to wives and 1 to husband. The grounds were: Abandonment, 1; gross neglect, 4; cruelty, 1.

The report does not show if any divorce was contested. Two minor children were awarded to the custody of the wife; 3 divorce cases were tried after 60 days and less than 3 months from filing the petition, 2 were tried from 3 to 6 months after filing petition. Two divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

The clerk's report shows 20 criminal cases disposed of in the year ending June 30, 1927, besides 10 paroles granted from justice of the peace sentences; 8 criminal cases were dismissed. In 8 cases defendant pleaded guilty, 2 were convicted by juries, 1 acquitted, and 1 jury disagreed. In 5 cases the information against the defendant was filed on the same day as the transcript of the preliminary examination before the justice of the peace, 1 information was filed after 1 and within 10 days, 2 informations were filed from 30 days to 3 months after the transcript; 9 criminal cases were disposed of within 10 days after filing the information, 1 case was disposed of from 10 to 30 days, and 4 from 1 to 3 months after filing the information. The crimes charged to those tried were: Homicide, 1; rape, 1; assault, 1; forgery, 3; larceny, 2; nonsupport of family, 1; violation of liquor laws, 5. Two paroles were granted to defendants who had been sentenced by the district court, and 10 to defendants sentenced by justices of the peace. In each case the defendant had been in

jail 30 days or more. Two criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927; both of them had been filed within the preceding year.

The numbering of all cases, civil and criminal, is in one series, consecutively.

ELLSWORTH COUNTY.

HON. DALLAS GROVER, Judge.
J. M. WILSON, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, 74 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of in the district court of Ellsworth county. None was removed to federal court, 4 were dismissed before trial, 64 tried to the court, 5 tried to juries, none to referee. Of cases so disposed of, 9 were filed before July 1, 1926, and 65 filed in the year afterwards. The oldest case is No. 2,637, the latest No. 2,938. No answer was filed in 39 cases. In 24 cases answer was filed within 30 days after the petition, in 4 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 7 cases 2 to 6 months, in 2 cases 6 to 12 months, in 4 cases 1 to 2 years; 35 cases were tried on the merits within 3 months after petition was filed, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years; 4 journal entries were filed the day of trial, 1 after 1 day and within 10 days, 2 in from 10 to 30 days, 2 after 30 days. In 14 cases no journal entry was filed. Of motions and demurrers 27 were filed, being 22 motions and 5 demurrers; 3 were presented within 10 days after filing, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 10 over 30 days; 15 were ruled on the same day when presented, and 1 from 10 to 30 days. Juries were selected in 1 case in 15 minutes, in 2 cases 1 hour, 1 case 3 hours, and 1 case 4 hours. In origin, 72 cases began in district court, 1 was appeal from the State Bonus Board, and 1 from probate court. The subject matter was: Debt, 45; foreclosure, 10; quiet title, 6 partition, 5; replevin, 3; attachment, 3; bonus, 1; assignment, 1. Other than divorce, 10 cases were pending July 1, 1927, of which 7 had been filed less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months; all 10 pending cases were filed after July 1, 1926. The oldest pending case is No. 2,890, the latest No. 2,938.

Of divorce cases 9 were tried or dismissed during the year after July 1, 1926, two were dismissed before trial, and 7 divorces were granted, 6 to wives, and 1 to husband; on grounds of abandonment 4, gross neglect 2, adultery 1; the 7 cases were not contested; 7 minor children were given to the wife, none to the husband; 1 divorce case was tried from 60 to 90 days after filing petition, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months. The oldest divorce case was No. 2,836, the latest No. 2,932; 3 divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

Of criminal cases, 15 were disposed of in the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 8 were dismissed, 2 defendants pleaded guilty, 2 were tried to juries and convicted, 3 were tried to juries and acquitted. In 3 cases the information was filed more than 1 and less than 10 days after the transcript, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, 4 cases 30 to 90 days, 1 case 3 to 6 months; 7 cases were disposed of within 10 days after information filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 to 90 days, 1 from 3 to 6 months. Crimes charged to those tried: Homicide, 1; rape, 1; assault, 1; burglary, 1; larceny, 2; violation liquor laws, 2. No criminal cases were pending July 1, 1927. All cases, civil and criminal, are numbered in one series.

FINNEY COUNTY.

HON. H. E. WALTER, Judge.
RUTH RUCKEL, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 126. None were removed to federal court. The report does not show how many were dismissed before trial; 107 were tried to the court, and 19 to a jury; none to a referee. In 79 of these cases no answer was filed, in 7 an answer was filed within 30 days, in 22 more than 30 and less than 60 days, in 16 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, in 2 more than 6 months; 49 of these cases were tried within 3 months, 15 more than 3 months and less than 6, 41 more than 6 months and less than 12, and 17 more than 12 months after filed. In 28 cases the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, in 7 within 10 days thereafter, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 6 more than 30 days. There were 44 motions and demurrers filed, 16 of which were presented within 10 days, and 23 from 10 to 30 days; 34 were decided the same day as presented, and 2 were decided more than 30 days after they were presented.

The nature of the actions was as follows: Quiet title, 21; appeals from justice of the peace court, 14; rent, 3; injunction, 3; foreclosure, 13; on account and for money, 10; commission, 2; on notes, 15; damages, 12; ejectment, 1; replevin, 9; on contract, 3; attachment, 2; to set aside deed, 1; for possession, 2; for insurance, 3; soldiers' bonus, 3; rescission, 1; foreclosure mechanic's lien, 1; on bond, 1; rights of majority, 1. The report does not disclose the length of time taken to select juries in either criminal or civil cases.

There were 50 civil actions, other than divorce, pending on July 1, 1927, 2 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 13 from 6 to 12 months, 18 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 from 4 to 5 years. There were 74 such actions pending on July 1, 1926.

There were 23 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 6 were dismissed, and in 9 the divorce was granted to the wife, and in 8 to the husband; 4 were contested. The custody of 5 minor children was awarded to wives, and 1 to a husband; 5 of these cases were disposed of within 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 6 more than 6 months; 4 were on the grounds of abandonment, and the grounds for divorce in the other cases are not shown. There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, one of which had been pending from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. There were 12 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 34 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 16 of which were dismissed. There were verdicts of not guilty in 3 cases, and a hung jury in 1. Information was filed the same day as the transcript in 4 cases, and within 10 days in 5 cases, 10 to 30 days in 3, 30 days to 3 months in 5, more than 3 months in 1; 5 cases were tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 6 from 10 to 30 days, 7 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to 1 year, 5 more than 1 year. The report discloses only 1 parole being granted. The nature of the crimes was as follows: Violation of prohibitory law, 5; violation of city ordinance, 7;

murder, 1; assault, 2; disturbing the peace, 1; white slavery, 2; larceny, 6; forgery, 2; violation of parole, 2; burglary, 2; gambling, 2; auto theft, 1.

There were 10 criminal cases pending on July 1, 1927, 3 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year. There were 9 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

FORD COUNTY.

HON. KARL MILLER, Judge.
SUSAN ADER EVANS, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 130. Of these, 1 was removed to federal court, 41 dismissed before trial, 80 tried to the court, and 8 tried to a jury, none to a referee. In 107 of these cases no answer was filed; in 3 of those, however, demurrers to the petition were filed and sustained. Answers were filed in 5 cases within 30 days after the petition was filed, and in 6 cases more than 30 days and less than 60 days, in 10 cases more than 60 days and less than 6 months, in 2 cases more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Of these cases, 54 were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 38 from 3 to 6 months, 18 more than 6 months and less than 1 year, and six more than 1 year after the petition was filed. In 33 cases journal entry was filed the same day as the case was tried, and in 28 cases journal entry was filed within 10 days after trial, in 6 cases more than 10 and less than 30 days after trial, in 5 cases more than 30 days after trial. In these cases 27 motions were filed, 7 of which were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 5 were presented more than 30 days after they were filed, 8 were decided the same day they were presented to court. The records do not disclose the time when other motions were presented and disposed of.

The nature of the actions disposed of were as follows: To quiet title, 15; foreclosure, 16; damages, 8; suit on notes, 24; suits for money or on account, 17; garnishment or attachment, 20; replevin, 5; accounting, 1; on contract, 3; injunction, 2; partition, 2; cancellation of contract, 1; dissolution of partnership, 1; for rent, 2; habeas corpus, 1; condemnation, 1; insurance, 2; cancellation of lease, 1; recovery of interest in oil lease, 1; appeals from justice court, 14; 2 cases were appealed to the supreme court. No records were kept of the time for selecting jury, but the time consumed was short in each case.

There were 75 civil actions, other than divorce, pending on July 1, 1927. Of these, 32 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 months to one year, 13 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, and 4 from 3 to 4 years. On July 1, 1926, there were 65 such actions pending, or 10 less than were pending on July 1, 1927.

There were 52 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial, 4 were contested, and 39 were not contested. Divorces were granted to wives in 32 cases, and to husbands in 11 cases. In no case was a divorce denied. The grounds for granting divorces were: Abandonment, 13; extreme cruelty, 11; gross neglect of duty, 16; conviction of felony, 1; habitual drunkenness, 1. The court awarded the custody of 18 minor children to wives, and 1 to husband. There were 25 divorce cases pending on July 1, 1927; and 20 divorce cases pending on July 1, 1926.

There were 36 criminal cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 14 were dismissed before trial, and in 13 cases the defendant entered plea of guilty. The records disclose that of those tried to a jury, 6 resulted in verdicts of guilty, 2 in verdicts of not guilty, and 1 hung jury. Paroles were granted in 2 cases; 4 cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 case within 10 to 30 days, 1 case within 30 days to 3 months, and 3 cases from 3 to 6 months. The offenses charged were as follows: Violation of city ordinance, 5; burglary, 3; violation of liquor laws, 4; grand larceny, 6; assault, 5; manslaughter, 1; auto theft, 5; embezzlement, 1; statutory rape, 3; forgery, 1; bad check, 1.

There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Five had been pending less than 3 months, and 4 from 3 to 6 months. There were 10 criminal cases pending on July 1, 1926.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

HON. HUGH MEANS, Judge.
ETHEL HIGH, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 133. Of these, 1 was removed to the federal court, 34 dismissed before trial, 87 tried to the court, 11 tried to a jury, none to a referee. In 98 of these cases no answers were filed. Answers were filed in 22 cases within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 3 cases more than 30 and less than 60 days, in 8 cases more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and in 2 cases more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Of these cases, 72 were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 17 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, and 2 more than 12 months after the petition was filed. In 75 cases the journal entry was filed on the same day the case was tried, in 8 cases it was filed not the same day but within 10 days after trial, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days after trial, in 5 cases more than 30 days after trial, and in 4 cases none has been filed. In these cases, 32 motions and demurrers were filed to pleadings, of which 7 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 14 from 10 to 30 days, 4 presented more than 30 days, and 7 were withdrawn or not presented. There were 21 of these motions decided on the same day they were presented, 1 decided not the same day but within 10 days, 3 from 10 to 32 days, and none more than 30 days after being presented. The nature of the actions disposed of were: To quiet title, 39; for recovery of money, 30; to foreclose real-estate mortgages, 16; suits on notes, 11; for damages, 11; for injunctions, 9; for accounting, 3; for cancellation of contracts, 3; replevin, 1; libel, 1; alienation of affections, 1; for alimony, 1; ejectment, 1; specific performance, 1; petition to change name, 1; partition of real estate, 2; forcible entry, 1; appeal from survey, 1; not stated, 2. There were 9 appeals from justice of the peace court, and 2 appeals from probate court, 1 appeal from a survey, and the remainder were original actions. The time for selecting a jury was noted in 11 cases as follows: In 10 minutes, 3; 15 minutes, 3; 30 minutes, 1; 40 minutes, 1; 1 hour, 3. In no case was more than 1 hour consumed in selecting a jury.

There were 44 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of

these, 29 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 49 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 10 were dismissed before the trial, 3 were contested, and 36 were not contested. Divorces were granted to wives in 27 cases, to husbands in 12 cases. In no case tried was the divorce denied. The grounds for granting divorces were: Gross neglect of duty, 19; abandonment, 12; extreme cruelty, 4; conviction of a felony, 4. The court awarded the custody of 25 minor children to wives, and 3 minor children to husbands. There were 12 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

There were 58 criminal cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 were dismissed before trial. In 29 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. In 13 cases pleas of not guilty were entered and these were tried to a jury, resulting in 10 verdicts of guilty and 3 verdicts of not guilty. Paroles were granted in 12 cases, and in 5 of these cases defendants had served 30 days or more in jail at the time the parole was granted. The time consumed in getting the jury was noted in 13 cases as follows: 10 minutes, 5; 15 minutes, 2; 20 minutes, 1; 50 minutes, 1; from 1 to 2 hours 3, 3 hours 1. In these cases the information was filed on the same day the transcript was filed in 11 cases, within 10 days after transcript filed in 5 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 10 cases, from 1 to 3 months in 4 cases, and from 1 to 6 months in 3 cases. Of the cases contested, 4 were tried 30 days after the information was filed, 5 from 1 to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to one year. The offenses charged in cases filed are: burglary, 1; burglary and larceny, 2; embezzlement, 1; perjury, 2; violating intoxicating liquor law, 15; wife or child desertion, 8; prostitution, 2; larceny, 8; selling cigarettes, 3; violating city ordinance, 1; forgery, 5; murder, 2; selling mortgaged property, 1; assault and battery, 2; assault with intent to kill, 1; obtaining money by false pretense, 1; blackmail, 1; gambling, 3; selling goods on Sunday, 1.

There were 10 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. In 5 of these cases the defendants had escaped custody, and in 1 case defendant is in the penitentiary on another charge. None of the other cases had been pending more than 3 months.

GEARY COUNTY.

HON. C. M. CLARK, Judge.
GEORGE J. WEBSTER, Clerk.

There were 74 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 15 were dismissed, 51 were tried to the court, 8 to a jury, none to a referee. No answers were filed in 45 cases. In 2 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 13 cases answers were filed more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 11 cases answers were filed in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, and in 3 cases in more than 6 months answers were filed. Thirty-seven cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 17 were tried more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 4 were tried more than 6 but less than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 37 cases the same day the case was tried, and in 4 cases not on the same day but within 10 days, in 14 cases from 10 to

30 days, and in 3 cases in more than 30 days. There were 22 motions and demurrers filed. Of these, 2 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 4 from 10 to 30 days, 5 more than 30 days, 5 were withdrawn or not presented, 9 were decided within the same day they were presented, and 2 were decided in more than 30 days. The time of the decisions of the other motions is not furnished us. All of these cases were original actions in the district court.

There were 23 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these 19 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, and 1 from 2 to 3 years.

Divorce cases: There were 32 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial. In 19 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 6 divorces were granted to husbands; 8 divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 11 on extreme cruelty, 6 on gross neglect, 7 on adultery. Only 1 case was contested and 25 were uncontested. The custody of 7 minor children was given to wives, and none to husbands. There were 7 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: We do not have a report with reference to the criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. We do not have a record of the offenses charged.

GOVE COUNTY.

HON. J. C. RUPPENTHAL, Judge.
R. B. MCKAY, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, the district court of Gove county disposed of 87 civil actions, 7 divorce cases, and 3 criminal prosecutions. Of civil cases, none was removed to federal court, 15 were dismissed before trial, 64 tried to the court, 4 to juries, none to referee. Of these cases, 17 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 70 afterwards, the oldest being No. 1,974 and the latest No. 2,135. In 53 cases no answer was filed. Answers were filed in 5 cases within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 2 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 2 from 60 days to 6 months, in 4 from 6 months to 1 year, in 2 from 1 to 2 years. Trial on the merits was had in 43 cases within 3 months after filing petition, within 3 to 6 months in 17 cases, within 6 to 12 months in 5 cases, within 1 to 2 years in 3 cases.

Journal entries were filed in 36 cases on the day of trial, in 15 cases from 1 to 10 days later, in 13 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 12 cases more than 30 days after trial, in 4 cases filing of journal entries was neglected. Nine motions and 4 demurrers, a total of 13 dilatory pleadings, were filed. Two motions were presented within 10 days after filing, and 5 more than 30 days from filing, 2 were withdrawn, 7 were decided on the same day when presented. Time taken to select juries was not stated. By origin, 78 cases began in the district court, 5 were appealed from justices of the peace, and 4 from the county commissioners. In subject matter they were: Foreclosure, 28; debt, 27; quiet title, 12; damages, 5; partition, 5; replevin, 2; attachment, 2; specific performance, 2; injunction, 2; note, 1; slander, 1.

On July 1, 1927, 20 cases, other than divorce, were pending; 12 had been

on the docket less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years. Five had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 15 afterwards, the oldest being No. 1,771 and the latest No. 2,143. Of divorce cases, 2 were dismissed and 5 decrees granted, all to wives, all on the ground of abandonment. No case was contested; 6 minor children were given to the wives. The oldest divorce case was No. 2,019, the latest No. 2,115. Two divorces were tried between 60 and 90 days after filing petition, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year. One divorce case was pending July 1, 1927.

Of criminal cases, 2 were dismissed, and in 1 the defendant plead guilty to a violation of the liquor law. One case was disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year. All cases are numbered consecutively, both civil and criminal, in one series.

GRAHAM COUNTY.

HON. CHARLES I. SPARKS, Judge.
MARY E. OVERSTREET, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, there were 38 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of in the district court of Graham county. None was removed to federal court, 12 were dismissed before trial, 26 tried to the court, none to jury or referee. All 38 cases disposed of within the year were filed during such year, and no cases filed before July 1, 1926, were disposed of during the year following. The oldest case disposed of is No. 4,548, the latest No. 4,630. No answer was filed in 35 cases, 1 answer was filed from 30 to 60 days after the petition, 1 from 60 days to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year, 9 cases were tried on the merits within 3 months after the petition was filed; 1 was tried from 3 to 6 months after filing. Six journal entries were filed the same day the case was tried, 3 were filed more than 1 and less than 10 days after trial, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 more than 30 days after trial; in 13 cases no journal entry was filed; 12 motions were filed; 5 motions were presented within 10 days after filing, and 1 from 10 to 30 days; 6 motions were decided the same day when presented, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 2 after 30 days. No report is made of time taken to select jury. In origin, 1 case was appealed from the probate court, the other 37 started in the district court. In subject matter the cases were: Foreclosure, 15; quiet title, 8; note, 4; debt, 3; damages, 3; probate, 1; reform deed, 1; contract, 1; ejectment, 1. Other than divorce, 41 cases were pending on July 1, 1927, of which 13 had been filed for less than 3 months, 13 from 3 to 6 months, 15 from 6 months to 1 year. All 41 cases were filed after July 1, 1926. According to the clerk's report every case filed in the district court of Graham county before July 1, 1926, had been tried and disposed of by the end of June 30, 1927. The oldest pending case is No. 4,549, the latest No. 4,649.

Of divorce cases, 11 were disposed of in the year preceding July 1, 1927; 2 were dismissed, 8 divorces were granted, and 2 were denied. Decrees were to wives, 6; to husbands, 2. For abandonment, 2; gross neglect, 2; habitual drunkenness, 1; and no grounds were stated for 3 divorces. No divorce was contested. Two minor children were given to the wife, none to husband. Five divorce cases were tried after 60 and less than 90 days from filing; 4 were

tried from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year. The oldest divorce case was No. 4,468, the latest No. 4,626. Three divorce cases were pending July 1, 1927.

Twelve criminal cases were disposed of in the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 9 were dismissed, 2 defendants pleaded guilty, and 1 was tried to a jury and convicted. In 1 case information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 2 cases more than 1 and less than 10 days; 4 cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months. The crimes charged to those tried were: Larceny, 3. Two criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927; 1 was filed after July 1, 1926. The numbering of cases is in one series for all cases, civil and criminal.

GRANT COUNTY.

HON. G. L. LIGHT, Judge.
C. W. MAHAN, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 24, of which 6 were dismissed before trial, 18 were tried to the court, without any further information thereto disclosed by the report. Two motions were filed which were decided the same day they were presented. The nature of the actions were as follows: On notes, 9; account, 9; foreclosure, 1; partition, 1; quiet title, 2.

There were 3 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, which had been on file from 3 to 6 months, and the report does not disclose how many were pending July 1, 1926.

There were 4 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, all of which were granted to the husband. One was contested. They were all disposed of more than 3 and less than 6 months after they were filed, 3 on the grounds of abandonment and 1 extreme cruelty. No minor children were involved. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927; 1 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 3 to 6 months, and there was 1 such case pending July 1, 1926.

There were 4 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, in two of which there were pleas of guilty. In 1 there was a verdict of not guilty and in 1 a verdict of guilty. In 1 case the information was filed the same day as the transcript, and in 2 within 10 days thereafter. In 1 case a trial was within 10 days after the information was filed, and in 2 from 10 to 30 days. Paroles were granted in 3 cases.

The nature of the crimes was follows: Violation prohibitory law, 1; assault, 2; bad check, 1.

There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, which had been pending about 4 months. There were no criminal cases pending July 1, 1926.

GRAY COUNTY.

HON. KARL MILLER, Judge.
W. A. LEVAN, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 55; 4 were dismissed before trial, and 51 tried to the court. In 46 no answer was filed; in 1 case an answer was filed within 30 days, in 5 more than

30 days and less than 60, and in 3 more than 60 days and less than 6 months; 25 cases were tried within 3 months, 11 more than 3 months and less than 6 months, 8 more than 6 months and less than 12 months, 2 more than 12 months. In 41 cases the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, and in 1 case within 10 days thereafter, in 1 case 10 to 30 days, and in 4 more than 30 days. There were 7 motions filed, the disposition of which is not shown by the report, except one, which was decided the same day it was presented.

The nature of the actions was as follows: Foreclosure, 11; partition, 1; recovery of money, 2; quiet title, 21; on note, 7; on account, 2; garnishment, 1; attachment, 1; annulment of marriage, 1; injunction, 3; foreclosure mechanic's lien, 1; appeal from justice court, 1; damages, 1; commission, 1; settlement of estate, 1.

There were 20 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 4 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 8 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. There were 15 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 6 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927; 2 were dismissed, 2 were granted to the wife, and 2 to the husband. No contest in 4 cases. The custody of 4 minor children was awarded to wives; 2 cases disposed of within 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months; 2 were on the ground of abandonment, and 2 gross neglect of duty.

There was 1 divorce case pending July 1, 1927, which had been pending less than 3 months, and there were none pending July 1, 1926.

There were no criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. There were 2 pending July 1, 1927, 1 of which had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year. There were no criminal cases pending July 1, 1926.

GREELEY COUNTY.

HON. H. E. WALTER, Judge.
DAVID R. MILLS, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 82. Of these, 8 were dismissed before trial, 65 tried to the court, 4 to a jury, none to a referee; 6 were appealed from justice of the peace court. In 5 of these cases no answer was filed; in 11 cases an answer was filed within 30 days, in 8 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 11 cases more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and in 1 case more than 6 months; 44 cases were tried within 3 months after they were filed, 18 more than 3 months and less than 6, 8 more than 6 months and less than 12, and 1 less than 12 months after they were filed. In 57 cases journal entries were filed the same day as the trial, in 2 cases 10 to 30 days afterwards, and 5 cases more than 30 days afterwards. There were 22 motions and demurrers filed, 9 of which were presented within 10 days, 3 within 10 to 30 days, 9 were decided the same day as presented, 1 was decided more than 30 days after it was presented.

The nature of the actions was as follows: Damages, 3; note, 4; account, 11; quiet title, 9; foreclosure, 47; partition, 1; attachment, 4; bulk-sales law, 2; rent, 3; cancellation of contract, 1; garnishment, 1.

There were 36 civil actions, other than divorce, pending on July 1, 1927; of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 11 from 6 to 12 months, 7 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 from 2 to 3 years. There were 40 cases pending on July 1, 1926.

There were 4 divorce cases tried during the year ending July 1, 1927, in all of which divorces were granted to the wife; 1 was contested. In one case minor children were involved, the custody of which was awarded to the wife. Three of these cases were disposed of within 3 months after they were filed, and 1 more than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were abandonment in 1 case, gross neglect of duty in 1, and extreme cruelty in 2. There was 1 divorce case pending on July 1, 1927; none pending on July 1, 1926. The one pending July 1, 1927, had been filed less than 3 months.

There were 2 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, in one of which there was a plea of guilty, and the other was tried to a jury which returned a verdict of not guilty. In 1 case the information was filed the same day as the transcript, and in the other within 10 days afterwards. The trial in the 1 case was within 10 days after the transcript was filed, and a parole was granted in 1 case. The nature of the crimes: Assault to commit rape, embezzlement, and bad check. There was 1 criminal case pending on July 1, 1927, which had been pending more than 6 months and had been continued on account of the absence of the prosecuting witness. There were no criminal cases pending on July 1, 1926.

GREENWOOD COUNTY.

HON. A. T. AYERS, Judge.
CLYDE DEVINE, Clerk.

There were 162 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 45 were dismissed, 98 were tried to the court, 19 to a jury, none to a referee. No answers were filed in 110 cases. We do not have a report concerning the time within which answers were filed after the filing of the petitions; and we do not have a report concerning the time within which the cases were tried after the commencement of the actions. Journal entries were filed in 31 cases the same day the case was tried, and in 2 cases not on the same day but within 10 days, in 15 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 76 cases more than 30 days after the trial. There were 44 motions and demurrers filed. We do not have a record concerning the time within which they were presented and decided.

There were 72 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. We do not have information concerning the length of time these cases were pending.

Divorce cases: There were 74 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 15 were dismissed before trial. In 36 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 21 divorces were granted to husbands; 2 divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 4 on gross neglect, 3 on nonsupport, 15 on default. We do not have information concerning the number of cases contested and uncontested. The custody

of 28 minor children was given to wives, and 9 to husbands. There were 28 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: There were 48 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927; 14 of these were dismissed; 24 defendants entered pleas of guilty in these cases. We do not have information concerning the time within which the information was filed after the commencement of the action, nor time within which the cases were tried. Paroles were granted in 11 of these cases.

There were 11 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. We do not have a record of the offenses charged.

HAMILTON COUNTY.

HON. H. E. WALTER, Judge.
AMELIA J. MINOR, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 64. None were removed to federal court, 15 were dismissed before trial, and 49 tried to the court, none to a referee and none to a jury. In 51 cases no answer was filed, in 1 case an answer was filed within 30 days, in 4 from 30 to 60 days, 6 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, 2 more than 6 months, 37 of these cases were tried within 3 months after filed, 6 more than 3 months and less than 6, 1 more than 6 months and less than 12, and 4 more than 12 months. In 18 cases the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, in 5 within 10 days thereafter, in 12 from 10 to 30 days, and in 6 more than 30 days. There were 31 motions and demurrers filed, 16 of which were presented within 10 days, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 3 more than 30 days; 11 were decided the same day as presented, 1 within 10 days thereafter, 1 from 10 to 30 days afterwards.

There were 18 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 8 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 3 from 2 to 3 years. There were 36 such cases pending on July 1, 1926.

There were 2 divorce cases tried during the year ending July 1, 1927, and in both of these the divorce was granted to the husband. The custody of 3 minor children was awarded to wives, and 3 to husbands. One case was disposed of within 3 months, and 1 more than 6 months after it was filed. The grounds for divorce were abandonment. There were no divorce cases pending July 1, 1927; 2 were pending July 1, 1926.

There were 4 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927; 2 were dismissed, and in 2 there were verdicts of not guilty. The information was filed in each case more than 30 days and less than 3 months after the transcript was filed, and one case was tried more than 6 months and less than 1 year after it was filed. In the 2 cases tried to a jury, it required ½ day in each case to select the jury.

There were 4 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and 3 July 1, 1926. The 4 pending July 1, 1927, had all been pending less than 6 months. No jury was called at the last term of court in that county prior to July 1, 1927.

HARPER COUNTY.

HON. GEO. L. HAY, Judge.
JAY B. PEARL, Clerk.

There were 91 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been appealed from justice court; 33 were dismissed before trial, 57 were tried to the court, and 1 to the jury. In 66 cases no answers were filed; in 5 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the informations were filed, in 6 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 10 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 4 cases later than 6 months. There were 36 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 to 12 months, and 7 more than 12 months after the petitions were filed. In 56 cases journal entries were filed on the same day of trial, in 16 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 10 cases later than 30 days. There were 35 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 12 were withdrawn; 7 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, and 11 more than 30 days after they were filed. Twenty-two of these were decided the same day they were presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days.

There were 28 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927 (on July 1, 1926 there were 50). Of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 23 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial. In 13 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 1 case to a husband; 4 of the cases were contested. The custody of 5 minor children was given to wives, and 2 to husbands. In 1 case an emergency was declared and the case tried within 60 days after the petition was filed. In 11 cases the trial was from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 cases more than 6 months after the information was filed. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 4 cases, and extreme cruelty in 4 cases. In the other cases it is not shown. There were 8 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (on July 1, 1926, the number was 4). Of these, 2 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 more than 1 year.

There were 31 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 14 were dismissed before trial; in 7 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty; 10 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 5 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 3 cases, and hung jury in 2 cases. In 6 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 7 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 cases more than 3 months. Four cases were tried within 10 days after the informations were filed, 12 from 10 to 30 days, 5 from 30 days to 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, 2 more than 1 year. The report does not show that any paroles were granted.

There were 8 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927 (the number July 1, 1926, was 11). Of these, 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 for more than 1 year.

The time required to select a jury was noted in 11 cases as being 15 minutes or less in 3 cases, from 30 minutes to an hour in 1 case, and from 1 to 2 hours in 7 cases.

HARVEY COUNTY.

HON. W. G. FAIRCHILD, Judge.
W. E. GROVE, Clerk.

There were 41 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Four of these had been appealed from justice court. Three cases were dismissed before trial, 38 were tried to the court, none to the jury. In 30 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 5 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases later than 30 days. There were 43 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 10 from 2 to 3 years, and 2 for more than 3 years.

Four divorce cases were disposed of within the year. In 2 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 2 cases to husbands. The custody of 2 minor children was awarded to husbands. In 2 cases the trial was within 60 days after the petition was filed, in 1 case from 60 days to 6 months, and in 1 case later than 6 months. The grounds of divorce are given as abandonment in 1 case, and extreme cruelty in 2. There were 21 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to 1 year, and 7 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 15 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. In all the cases pleas of guilty were entered. The information was filed the same day as the transcript in 11 cases, not the same day but within 10 days in 3 cases, and from 10 to 30 days in 1 case. In 11 cases the trial was within 10 days after the information was filed, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months. There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and these had been pending for less than 3 months.

HASKELL COUNTY.

HON. G. L. LIGHT, Judge.
GEORGE L. BEYMER, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 22. Nine were dismissed before trial, and 13 were tried to the court, none to a jury, and none to a referee. No answer was filed in 11 cases; in 2 cases an answer was filed within 30 days, in 1 case more than 30 days and less than 60, in 6 cases more than 60 days and less than 6 months, in 2 cases more than 6 months; 4 were tried within 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 months to 1 year, 6 more than a year. In 5 cases the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial; in 1 case it was filed more than 30 days after the trial. There were 7 motions filed; 2 were decided the same day as presented, 3 were presented more than 30 days after they were filed.

The nature of the actions was as follows: Damages, 1; note, 7; quiet title, 8; foreclosure, 3; injunction, 1; recovery of money, 1.

There were 12 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 2 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1

to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 more than 5 years. The latter case, however, has been to the supreme court and a new trial ordered. There were 20 such actions pending July 1, 1926.

There were 2 divorce cases tried during the year ending July 1, 1927, in both of which the divorce was granted to the wife; one was contested; both were disposed of within 3 months after they were tried, and both were on the ground of abandonment. There were no divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, and none pending July 1, 1926.

There were 4 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, in 3 of which pleas of guilty were entered, and 1 case tried to a jury, which returned a verdict of guilty. In 1 case the information was filed the same day as the transcript, and in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days thereafter. All 4 cases were disposed of within 10 days after the transcript was filed. The nature of the crimes committed was grand larceny, 3; and breaking jail, 1.

There were no criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and none July 1, 1926.

HODGEMAN COUNTY.

HON. ROSCOE H. WILSON, Judge.
FRANK PHILLIPS, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 21. None were removed to the federal court. The report of the clerk does not show any dismissed before trial, nor does it show any motions filed, nor any answers filed, and is very meager in the information disclosed. The dates on which the petitions were filed are not even shown. Nineteen cases were tried to the court and 2 to the jury; none to a referee.

The nature of the cases disposed of was as follows: Quiet title, 3; suit on notes, 5; foreclosure, 1; suit for money, 3; partition, 1; damages, 1.

There were 14 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 to 12 months, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 4 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year, ending July 1, 1927. Divorces were granted to wives in 2 cases, and to husbands in 2. There was no contest in any of these cases. Custody of 2 minor children was awarded to wives; 2 cases were disposed of within 2 months, 1 more than 6 months; the date of the other case is not shown. The grounds for granting divorces were: Abandonment, 2; gross neglect of duty, 1; extreme cruelty, 1. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, both of which had been pending less than 3 months.

There were 10 criminal cases tried on the merits or disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, in 6 of which pleas of guilty were entered, and in 3 verdicts of guilty were returned by the jury, and in 1 there was a verdict of not guilty. Four criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, 3 of which had been pending from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year. The offenses charged were as follows: Murder, 1; assault with intent to kill, 1; larceny, 3; appeal from city court, 1; violations of prohibitory law, 3; wife desertion, 1.

JACKSON COUNTY.

HON. M. A. BENDER, Judge.
CHARLES E. TAYLOR, Clerk.

There were 90 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none was removed to the federal court, 30 were dismissed before trial, 57 were tried to the court, 3 were tried to a jury. No further data furnished.

There were 61 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. No further data furnished.

There were 16 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927; 7 were contested, 9 were not contested; 13 divorces were granted to wives, 2 to husbands, and 1 divorce was denied; 5 minor children were awarded to wives, 1 to husband; 8 divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment, 6 on the ground of extreme cruelty. No further data furnished.

There were 12 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. No further data furnished.

There were 10 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927; 1 case was dismissed, and in 7 cases verdicts were guilty, and 2 cases not guilty. No further data furnished.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

HON. M. A. BENDER, Judge.
CHAS. L. GENTRY, Clerk.

There were 67 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been appealed from justice court; 18 were dismissed before trial, 45 were tried to the court, and 4 to the jury. In 47 cases no answers were filed; in 8 cases the answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 6 cases from 30 days to 60 days, in 5 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 1 case later than 6 months. Thirty-four cases were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 10 from 3 to 6 months, and 6 from 6 to 12 months. In 45 cases the journal entry was filed the day of trial, in 2 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 1 case more than 30 days. There were 16 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 3 were withdrawn; 7 were presented within 10 days after being filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 more than 30 days. All 13 were decided the day they were presented.

There were 19 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, of which 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 14 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial. In 4 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 4 cases to husbands; 4 cases were contested. The custody of 3 minor children was given to wives. Eight cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petition was filed. Grounds for divorce were abandonment in 1 case, extreme cruelty in 5, and fraud in 1. There were 6 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, and these had been pending less than 3 months.

There were 41 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 22 were dismissed; there were pleas of guilty in 8, and 11 were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 6 cases, and verdicts of not

guilty in 5. One case was tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 9 from 30 days to 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 6 from 6 months to 1 year. There were paroles granted in 6 cases. There were 4 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and each of these had been pending less than 3 months.

JEWELL COUNTY.

HON. W. R. MITCHELL, Judge.
CLAUDIA GOODWIN, Clerk.

Within the year ending July 1, 1927, 95 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of in the district court of Jewell county, Kansas. None was removed to the federal court, 22 were dismissed before trial, 67 were tried to the court, 5 to juries, 1 to a referee. Thirty cases filed before July 1, 1926, were disposed of, and 65 cases filed after that date. The oldest case disposed of was No. 4,848 and the latest case No. 5,263. But 1 series of numbers is used for both civil and criminal cases. In 61 cases no answer was filed. The time within which answers were filed after the filing of the petition was as follows: 15 cases answer within 30 days, 3 from 30 to 60 days, 12 from 60 days to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years. Twenty-three cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after filing petition, 12 cases from 3 to 6 months, 13 from 6 to 12 months, 4 from 1 to 2 years. In 39 cases no journal entry was filed. The time of filing journal entries after trials is not stated. Seventy-three motions and demurrers were filed, being 18 demurrers and 55 motions. Twenty-nine of these were presented to the court within 10 days after filing, 6 from 10 to 30 days, 31 over 30 days. Three motions were withdrawn. Fifty-five motions and demurrers were decided the same day when presented. Time taken to select juries is not stated.

Ninety cases originated in the district court, 3 were appeals from justices of the peace, and 2 from the probate court. The subject matter of cases was: Debt, 29; foreclosure, 24; garnishment, 10; quiet title, 7; attachment, 4; damages, 2; partition, 2; replevin, 2; injunction, 2; probate, 2; set aside deed, 2; set aside will, 1; note, 1; contract, 1; tax deed, 1; equitable relief, 1; declaratory judgment, 1. On July 1, 1927, 55 cases, other than divorce, were pending on the civil docket. The oldest is No. 4,696, the latest is No. 5,274. Of these, 20 cases were pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 to 12 months, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 over 4 years. Of cases pending, 14 were filed before July 1, 1926, and 41 afterwards.

Eighteen divorce cases were tried or dismissed in the year before July 1, 1927; 5 were dismissed before trial; 13 divorces granted, 10 to wives, 3 to husbands. The grounds in the decrees are: Extreme cruelty, 5; abandonment, 4; gross neglect, 3; nonsupport, 1. Five divorce cases were contested, and 8 were not contested. Thirteen minor children were awarded to the wife, and 2 to the husband. Five divorce cases were tried more than 60 days and less than 3 months from filing the petition, 6 divorce cases were tried from 3 to 6 months, and 2 over 6 months after petition filed. Four petitions for divorce were pending on July 1, 1927.

Seven criminal cases were disposed of in the year up to July 1, 1927; 1 case was dismissed; 3 defendants pleaded guilty (2 in 1 case); 2 cases were tried to juries which convicted, and in 1 case the jury disagreed. In 1 case the in-

formation was filed the same day as the transcript, in 3 cases the information was filed from 30 to 90 days after the transcript, and in 1 case from 3 to 4 months. Three criminal cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed. The crimes charged to those that were tried (using the standard classification of the United States Bureau of Census) were: Assault, 2; larceny, 3. One criminal case was pending on July 1, 1927. This case had been filed before July 1, 1926.

JOHNSON COUNTY.

HON. J. O. RANKIN, Judge. *
HON. G. A. ROBERTS, Judge. †
PEARL MCKEE, Clerk.

There were 173 civil cases, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 was removed to federal court, 42 were dismissed before trial, 116 were tried to the court, 8 were tried to the jury, and 1 to a referee. In 133 of these cases no answer was filed; in 17 an answer was filed within 30 days from the filing of the petition, in 15 from 30 to 60 days, in 8 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 of them the answer was filed more than 6 months from the filing of the petition. Of these, 74 were tried or disposed of within 3 months after the petition was filed, 31 were tried from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, and 4 more than 12 months after the petition was filed.

In 114 cases journal entries were filed the same day the case was tried or disposed of, in 5 cases the journal entry was filed not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 case more than 30 days. In these cases there were 44 motions and demurrers, 11 of them were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 17 from 10 to 30 days, 12 more than 30 days after filing, and 4 of them were withdrawn or not presented. The court decided 33 of the motions the same day presented, 2 of them not the same day but within 10 days, 3 of them from 10 to 30 days, after presented, and 2 were decided more than 30 days after presented.

The nature of the actions was: To quiet title, 53; foreclose mortgages, 31; for the recovery of money, 40; and in 3 of these there were attachment, and in 3 garnishment; for damages, 7; for partition, 5; for specific performance, 2; injunction, 4; to annul marriage, 1; for cancellation of contract, 7; for forcible detainer, 1; for separate maintenance, 2; for reformation of instrument, 1; ejectment, 3; condemnation of real estate, 2; for replevin, 1; "petitioners" (probably habeas corpus), 2. The time required in the jury cases to select jury is not noted. Of these cases, 7 had been appealed from justice court, 4 from probate court, and the remainder filed originally in district court.

The time to select a jury was noted in 3 cases as follows: ½ day, 1; 1 day, 2.

There were 119 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 37 had been pending less than 3 months; 19 from 3 to 6 months; 19 from 6 months to 1 year; 19 from 1 to 2 years; 5 from 2 to 3 years; and 10 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 47 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 14 were dismissed, 9 were contested, and 24 were not contested. Divorce was denied in 1 case. In 22 cases divorces were granted to wives; in

* Prior to January 12, 1927. † Since January 12, 1927.

10 cases to husbands. The reasons for granting divorces as stated are: Gross neglect, 11; abandonment, 7; drunkenness 2 (one to a husband); nonsupport, 1; extreme cruelty, 1; adultery, 1; and in 9 cases the reasons are not stated. The court awarded the custody of 15 minor children to wives, and 5 minor children to husbands. There were 14 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 72 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 19 cases were dismissed; in 44 cases pleas of guilty were entered (in one case after the trial had progressed for a day). There were 9 jury trials, in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 5, verdicts of not guilty in 3. There was 1 hung jury, the case later being dismissed. The offenses charged were: Violating intoxicating liquor law, 46; larceny, 12; burglary and larceny, 3; wife or child desertion, 3; forgery, 2; selling mortgaged property, 1; gambling, 1; rape, 2; criminal assault, 1; misdemeanor (nature not stated), 1. A conditional parole was granted in 1 case. The report shows 1 appeal to the supreme court from a conviction of violating the intoxicating liquor law. In the felony cases the informations were filed on the same day as the transcript in 7 cases, not the same day but within 10 days in 6 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 6 cases, and more than 30 days after filing the transcript in 3 cases. The trial of contested cases was within 30 days after the filing of the information in 5 cases, from 30 days to 3 months in 3 cases, from 3 to 6 months in 1 case, and from 6 to 12 months in 1 case. The time for selecting juries in the criminal cases was not noted.

There were 25 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, and 4 from 6 to 12 months.

KEARNY COUNTY.

HON. H. E. WALTER, Judge.
BEATRICE DARR, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 23. Four of these were dismissed before trial, 17 tried to a court, and 2 to a jury. No answer was filed in 19 cases; in 2 cases an answer was filed more than 30 days and less than 60 days, 1 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and in 1 case more than 6 months; 12 cases were tried within 3 months after they were filed, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months, 3 more than 12 months. Journal entry was filed in 3 cases the same day as the trial, in 8 within 10 days thereafter, 4 in 10 to 30 days, and 1 more than 30 days. There were 6 motions or demurrers filed with no data showing the disposition thereof.

The nature of the actions was as follows: Quiet title, 8; foreclosure, 8; possession of property, 1; on note, 1; damages, 1; on account, 1; injunction, 1; replevin, 1; and suit for commission, 1.

There were 9 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 3 of which had been pending from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. There were 7 such actions pending July 1, 1926. The time required to select juries is shown to be ½ day in 1 case and 1 day in another case.

There were 3 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927; in 2 divorces were granted to the wife, and 1 to the husband. The custody of 2 minor children was awarded to wives, and 1 to a husband. One case was disposed of within 3 to 6 months after it was filed, and 1 more than 6 months. One was on the ground of abandonment and 2 extreme cruelty. There was 1 divorce case pending July 1, 1927, which had been pending less than 6 months, and 1 pending July 1, 1926.

There were 2 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927; in 1 the information was filed the same day as the transcript, and in 1 within 10 days thereafter. The report shows 1 parole granted. No information as to the plea entered as disclosed by the report. One was an auto-theft case, and the other removal of mortgaged property.

There were 5 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927; 1 had been pending from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. They were all continued by agreement. There was only 1 criminal case pending July 1, 1926.

KINGMAN COUNTY.

HON. GEORGE L. HAY, Judge.
NELL H. WALTER, Clerk.

There were 114 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 3 had been appealed from justice court. Thirty were dismissed before trial, 78 were tried to the court, and 6 to the jury. In 80 cases no answers were filed; in 14 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 9 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 7 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 4 cases later than 6 months. In 47 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 16 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 12 cases from 6 months to 1 year, and in 10 cases more than 1 year. In 43 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 11 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 14 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 8 cases later than 30 days. There were 49 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 11 were withdrawn; 12 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 9 from 10 to 30 days, and 17 more than 30 days; 38 motions and demurrers were decided the day presented. There were 22 civil actions pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 1 for more than 1 year.

There were 11 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial. Divorces were granted to wives in 7 cases, and to the husband in 1 case. Two cases were contested, and the custody of 7 minor children was given to wives. Six cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petition was filed, and 2 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 3 cases, extreme cruelty in 2, and gross neglect of duty in 2. The report shows no divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

There were 30 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 10; 13 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 7 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 4 cases, and hung juries in 2 cases. In 2 cases the in-

formations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days. One case was tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 2 cases from 3 to 6 months, and 4 cases from 6 months to 1 year. There were 8 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than three months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 for more than 1 year.

No paroles are shown to have been granted.

KIOWA COUNTY.

HON. KARL MILLER, Judge.
PAUL KLUG, Clerk.

There were 57 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 4 had been appealed from justice court. Of these, 18 were dismissed before trial, 38 were tried to the court, and 1 to the jury. In 47 cases no answers were filed; in 6 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 1 case from 30 to 60 days, in 1 case from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 cases more than 6 months. In 28 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 5 cases from 3 to 6 months, and in 5 cases from 6 months to 1 year. In 26 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, in 6 cases later than 30 days. There were 6 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings.

There were 56 actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 9 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 18 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 5 for longer than 5 years.

There were 5 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. In 3 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 2 cases to husbands. No case was contested. The custody of 11 minor children was given to wives. Four cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petition was filed, and 1 case more than 6 months thereafter. The grounds for divorce were given: Abandonment in 3 cases, insanity in 1, and gross neglect of duty in 1. There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 had been pending less than 3 months, and 2 from 3 to 6 months.

There were 15 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 were dismissed before trial, pleas of guilty were entered in 8 cases, 3 were tried to the jury, resulting in a verdict of guilty in 1 case, a verdict of not guilty in 1 case, and a hung jury in 1 case. In 2 cases the information was filed the same day of the transcript, in 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 1 case more than three months after the transcript was filed. Paroles were granted in 2 cases.

There were 14 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

LABETTE COUNTY.

HON. W. D. ATKINSON, Judge.
H. F. WELTON, Clerk.

There are 2 divisions of the district court in Labette county, one at Oswego and one at Parsons. The report covers both divisions.

There were 119 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were removed to the federal court, 37 were dismissed before trial, 75 were tried to the court, and 6 to the jury. In 71 cases no answers were filed; in 20 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 7 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 12 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 11 cases later than 6 months. There were 43 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 20 from 3 to 6 months, 11 from 6 to 12 months, and 6 later than 12 months. In 28 cases journal entries were filed the day the case was disposed of, in 17 cases within 10 days, in 16 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 11 cases later than 30 days. There were 133 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 22 were withdrawn; 74 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 24 from 10 to 30 days, and 13 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 101 were decided the day presented, 9 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 5 more than 30 days. There were 71 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 31 had been pending less than 3 months, 17 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 for more than 5 years.

There were 104 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 17 were dismissed before trial; divorces were granted to wives in 68 cases, and to husbands in 19 cases. There were contests in 9 cases. The custody of 62 minor children was given to wives, and 9 to husbands. Three cases were tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 77 from 60 days to 6 months, and 7 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 26 cases, extreme cruelty in 28, gross neglect of duty in 28, habitual drunkenness in 3, and adultery in 7. There were 36 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 20 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 6 for more than 2 years.

LANE COUNTY.

HON. H. E. WALTER, Judge.
ORA D. SMELTZER, Clerk.

Seventeen civil cases, other than divorce, were disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. One was appealed from justice court; none removed to federal court; 3 dismissed before trial; 13 tried to the court; 1 tried to a jury; none to a referee. In 13 cases no answer was filed, and in 2 cases the answer was filed within 30 days, in 1 case more than 30 days and less than 60 days, in 1 case more than 60 days and less than 6 months; 4 were tried within 3 months after they were filed, and 5 from 3 to 6 months, 1 more than 6 months and less than 12. Journal entries were filed in 5 cases the same day as the trial,

and in 5 within 10 days after the trial. Two motions were filed which were presented within 10 days and decided the same day they were presented.

The nature of the cases disposed of were as follows: Recovery of property, 1; foreclosure, 8; partition, 1; road appeal, 1; quiet title, 3; collections 3.

Fourteen civil actions, other than divorce, were pending on July 1, 1927, of which 6 had been pending 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. Nine cases were pending July 1, 1926.

There were 3 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 2 were dismissed before trial, and 1 granted to the wife without contest. There were none pending July 1, 1927.

There were no criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. There were 3 pending on that date, one of which (a rape case) was filed March 30, 1925, and was tried July 8, 1926, resulting in a hung jury. One case for violation of liquor law was filed December 20, 1926, and a case against a former justice of the peace for failure to turn his books over to his successor filed on February 25, 1927.

LEAVENWORTH COUNTY.

HON. J. H. WENDORFF, Judge.
FLORENCE PENNINGTON, Clerk.

There were 185 civil actions other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 14 had been appealed from the justice court, and 2 from probate court. Twenty-eight cases were dismissed before trial; 154 were tried to the court, and 3 to the jury. In 58 cases no answers were filed. Data as to filing answers in other cases not shown. In 125 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial. The dates of filing other journal entries not shown. There were 68 motions and demurrers filed. The data as to their disposition are not shown. There were 78 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. The time these cases had been pending is not shown.

There were 160 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 42 were dismissed before trial; in 88 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 28 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases divorces were denied. There was a contest in 17 cases. The custody of 20 minor children was given to wives, and of 3 to husbands. In 4 cases these was a trial within 60 days after the petition was filed, in 103 cases from 60 days to 6 months, in 14 cases more than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were stated as: Abandonment in 22 cases, extreme cruelty in 7, gross neglect of duty in 75, conviction of a felony in 2, and adultery in 3. There were 43 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 17 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, and 16 from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 112 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 71 were dismissed; there were pleas of guilty in 25 cases; 16 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 12 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 2, and a hung jury in 2 cases. In 2 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 10 cases, not the same day but within 10 days, in 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases later than 3 months. Ten cases were tried or dismissed within 10 days after the information was filed,

14 cases from 10 to 30 days, 6 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 7 cases from 3 to 6 months, 4 cases from six months to 1 year, and 2 cases more than 1 year. Paroles were granted in 15 cases.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

HON. DALLAS GROVER, Judge.
E. D. HARLOW, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, the district court of Lincoln county disposed of 32 civil actions, other than divorce, 6 divorce cases, and 9 criminal prosecutions instituted in the name of the state of Kansas. Of civil cases 13 were dismissed before trial, 32 were tried to the court, none to juries or referees. Of cases disposed of, 10 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 22 thereafter, the oldest being No. 3,587 and the latest No. 3,745. No answers were filed in 20 cases. Answers were filed in 7 cases within 30 days after filing the petition, 4 answers from 30 to 60 days, and 1 answer from 1 to 2 years after filing petition. On the merits 22 cases were tried within 3 months after filing, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years. Journal entries were filed in 16 cases on the day of trial, in 6 cases from 1 to 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 case over 30 days after trial. No journal entry was filed in 7 cases. Twenty-one motions and demurrers were filed, being 20 motions and 1 demurrer; 15 of these were presented within 10 days after filing, 3 in from 10 to 30 days, 3 after 30 days; 21 motions and demurrers were decided on the same day when presented; 30 cases originated in the district court, and 2 were appeals from justices of the peace. In subject matter the cases were: Note, 8; foreclosure, 7; damage, 5; insurance, 3; quiet title, 2; confiscate liquor vehicles, 2; partition, 1; replevin, 1; contract, 1; revivor, 1; declaratory judgment, 1.

On July 1, 1927, 17 cases, other than divorce, were pending, of which 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 2 from 4 to 5 years; 7 pending cases were filed before July 1, 1926, and 10 afterwards, the oldest being No. 3,456, the latest No. 3,750. Of divorce cases 2 were dismissed before trial; 4 divorces were granted, 3 to wives, 1 to husband, all for extreme cruelty; none contested. Two minor children were given to the wife, 1 to the husband. Three divorce cases were tried from 60 to 90 days after filing, and 1 from 6 to 8 months. Five divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927, the oldest being No. 3,705, the latest No. 3,734.

Of 9 criminal cases disposed of in the year, 2 were dismissed; 4 defendants pleaded guilty; 2 were tried to juries and acquitted; 1 was tried and the jury disagreed. In 4 cases the information was filed from 30 days to 3 months after the transcript; 2 criminal cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 5 from 30 to 90 days, and 1 from 6 to 12 months. The crimes charged to those tried were: Rape, 2; larceny, 1; violate traffic laws, 1; arson, 1; driving car while drunk, 1; nuisance (not liquor), 1. One criminal case was pending July 1, 1927, and had been filed more than 1 year. The numbering of cases is in 2 series, civil and criminal, the latter numbers running from 92 to 101 in the year.

LINN COUNTY.

HON. CHARLES F. TRINKLE, Judge.
O. M. GRAY, Clerk.

There were 68 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were removed to the federal court, 18 dismissed before trial, 41 tried to the court, 6 tried to juries, none to referee. In 43 cases no answers were filed. Answers were filed in 6 cases within 30 days from the filing of the petition, in 4 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 12 from 60 days to 6 months, and 3 more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Of the cases tried, 21 were tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, and none more than 12 months after the petition was filed. In 32 cases the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, in 4 cases it was filed not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases more than 30 days. In these cases there were 98 motions and demurrers filed; 43 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 30 from 10 to 30 days, and 21 more than 30 days after they were filed; 4 were not presented; 4 were withdrawn after they were presented, and 90 were decided on the same day they were presented. None of them was taken under advisement. Two of the cases had been appealed from justices of the peace; the others were filed originally in the district court. The time required to select juries is given in 6 cases: 1 hour in 2 cases, 2 hours in 2 cases, and 4 hours in 2 cases.

There were 29 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to 1 year, and 4 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 6 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial. Divorces were granted in 4 cases, none of them contested. In 3 cases the divorces were granted to wives, and in 1 case to the husband. The custody of 1 minor child was given to the husband. There were 9 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 have been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 29 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were pending in the district court on applications for parole only; 5 cases were dismissed; in 16 cases pleas of guilty were entered; in 2 cases there were jury trials resulting in 1 verdict of guilty, which case was appealed and the judgment affirmed (124 Kan. 37), and 1 verdict of not guilty; 16 paroles were granted, and 1 parole revoked. In 6 of the cases informations were filed the same day as the transcripts were filed, in 4 not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 from 10 to 30 days, in 1 from 30 days to 3 months. In the 2 jury cases tried it required 1 hour to get the jury in 1 case, and 3 hours in the other; 12 of the cases were disposed of within 30 days after the information was filed; 3 of them from 1 to 3 months, and 2 from 3 to 6 months. In none of them has the information been filed longer than 6 months. The offenses charged were: Violating intoxicating liquor law, 15; grand larceny 7; wife or child desertion, 2; forgery, 2; arson, 1; assault and battery, 1; rape, 1.

There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 to 12 months.

LOGAN COUNTY.

HON. J. C. RUPPENTHAL, Judge.
W. C. RISCHEL, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, the district court of Logan county disposed of 54 civil actions, other than divorce, 3 divorce cases, and 3 criminal cases. No civil case was removed to federal court; 9 were dismissed before trial; 42 tried to the court, 2 to juries, none to referees. Of civil cases disposed of, 23 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 31 afterwards, the oldest being No. 1,923 and the latest No. 2,072. No answer was filed in 41 cases; in 6 cases answer was filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 3 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 3 from 60 days to 6 months, in 1 from 6 months to 1 year. On the merits 16 cases were tried within 3 months after filing, 10 in from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years. Journal entries were filed on the day of trial in 19 cases, from 1 to 10 days in 3 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 3 cases, over 30 days in 1 case. No journal entry was filed in 21 cases; 19 motions were filed, of which 7 were presented within 10 days after filing, 3 in from 10 to 30 days, 9 over 30 days, 2 were withdrawn or not presented, 9 motions decided the same day presented. Selecting jury took 3 hours in 1 case, and 1 day in 1 case. In origin, 49 cases started in district court, and 5 were appeals from justices. In subject matter the cases were: Foreclosure, 18; quiet title, 6; debt, 6; note, 8; attachment, 5; rent, 2; partition, 1; replevin, 1; set aside will, 1; set aside contract, 1; mandamus, 1; tax warrant, 1; garnishment, 1; entry and detainer, 1. On July 1, 1927, 38 civil cases, other than divorce, were pending, of which 12 had been filed less than 3 months, 17 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years. Of these, 6 were filed before July 1, 1926, and 32 after, the oldest being No. 1,746, the latest No. 2,085.

Of divorce cases 3 were disposed of in the year before July 1, 1927; 3 divorces were granted, 2 to wives and 1 to husband. The grounds were: Abandonment, 1; gross neglect, 2. None was contested. Three minor children were awarded to the wives. Two divorce cases were tried from 3 to 6 months after filing, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year, the oldest being No. 1,948 and latest No. 1,979. Four divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

In the year ending July 1, 1927, 3 criminal cases were disposed of, among which 1 defendant pleaded guilty, 1 was convicted by a jury, and 1 acquitted. In 2 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 1 case in from 10 to 30 days, 1 case was disposed of in from 3 to 6 months after the information was filed. The crimes charged to those tried were: Homicide, 2; assault, 1. One criminal case was pending July 1, 1927, and it had been filed during the year preceding. Cases are numbered in 2 series, civil and criminal. The criminal cases were numbered from 223 to 226.

LYON COUNTY.

HON. I. T. RICHARDSON, Judge.
LAURA E. MILLER, Clerk.

There were 125 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 33 were dismissed, 84 were tried to the court, 8 to a jury, none to a referee. No answers were filed in 80 cases. In 23 cases

answers were filed within 30 days, 9 in more than 30 but less than 60 days, 10 in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, 3 in more than 6 months, 55 cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 23 were tried in more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 10 more than 6 months but less than 12 months, and 1 in more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 58 cases the same day the case was tried, and in 9 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 3 cases in more than 30 days after the trial. There were 33 motions and demurrers filed. Of these, 3 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 16 were withdrawn or not presented, and 3 of these were decided the same day they were presented, and 2 were decided within 10 days. All of these actions were original actions in the district court.

We do not have a report concerning the civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927.

We do not have a report concerning the divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Neither do we have a report of the divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: There were 73 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 54 defendants entered pleas of guilty in these cases; in 5 cases the information was filed within 10 days after the transcript was filed, and in 3 cases in more than 3 months; 23 cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 19 in from 10 to 30 days, 9 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year. We do not have a record of the offenses charged. Paroles were granted in 4 of these cases.

We do not have information concerning the criminal cases pending July 1, 1927.

MARION COUNTY.

HON. C. M. CLARK, Judge.
A. R. NOLL, Clerk.

There were 65 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. We do not have information concerning how many of these cases were dismissed; how many were tried to the court, a jury or a referee. No answers were filed in 52 cases; in 9 cases answers were filed within 30 days, in 3 cases answers were filed in more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 1 case answer was filed in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, and 1 case in more than 6 months. One case was tried on its merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 14 were tried more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 14 in more than 6 months but less than 12, and 10 were tried in more than 12 months. We do not have a record of the time within which journal entries were filed after the case was tried. There were 37 motions and demurrers filed. Of these 9 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 2 were withdrawn or not presented, and 10 of these were decided the same day they were presented, and 1 within 10 days. All of these actions were original actions in the district court.

There were 40 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 2

from 6 to 12 months, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 2 from 4 to 5 years.

Divorce cases: There were 19 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Six of these were dismissed before trial; in 9 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 2 to husbands. We do not have a record of the grounds upon which these divorces were granted, nor a record of how many were contested or uncontested. The custody of 6 minor children was granted to wives, and none to husband.

We do not have information concerning the divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: We do not have a record of the criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927.

There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. We have no record of the offenses charged.

MARSHALL COUNTY.

HON. FRED R. SMITH, Judge.
A. R. CAMPBELL, Clerk.

There were 89 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none was removed to the federal court, 9 were dismissed before trial, 78 were tried to the court, 12 were tried to juries. In 82 cases no answers were filed; answers were filed in 3 cases within 30 to 60 days. Of the cases tried, 62 were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 16 within 3 to 6 months, and 2 within 6 months to 1 year. Journal entries were filed in 66 cases the day of trial, in 2 cases within 10 to 30 days, and in 11 cases more than 30 days after. There were 2 motions and demurrers filed; 1 was presented within 10 to 30 days, and 1 was presented more than 30 days after filing. Both were decided the same day presented.

There were 57 civil cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 24 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 11 from 6 months to 12 months, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. There were 19 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial, 4 were contested, and 15 not contested; 14 divorces were granted to wives, 2 to husbands, and 1 divorce was denied; 13 minor children were awarded to wives, 1 to husband. Eight cases were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 7 within 3 to 6 months, 2 more than 6 months after petitions were filed. Four divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment, 7 on extreme cruelty, and 5 on the ground of gross neglect of duty.

There were 10 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, but no information is at hand showing the length of time any of them were pending.

There were 8 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 was dismissed, 4 pleas of guilty were entered, and 3 were tried to juries. Verdicts of guilty were rendered in 2 cases, not guilty in 1 case. Informations were filed same day as transcripts in 2 cases, within 10 days in 1 case, and within 30 days to 3 months in 2 cases.

One case was tried within 10 days after information filed, and 1 from 3 to 6 months; in 6 no trial dates were given.

There were 7 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927; of these, 4 have been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year.

McPHERSON COUNTY.

HON. W. G. FAIRCHILD, Judge.
MATSON MURRAY, Clerk.

There were 70 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 3 had been appealed from justice court, and 2 from probate court. Nineteen cases were dismissed before trial; 43 were tried to the court, and 8 to the jury. The disposition of the remainder is not shown. In 61 cases no answers were filed; in 1 case the answer was filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 3 cases from 30 to 60 days, and in 5 cases from 60 days to 6 months. There were 12 motions or demurrers to pleadings, of which 5 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days, and each was decided the same day as presented. There were 20 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 2 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 10 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 1 was dismissed before trial; in 7 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 2 cases to husbands; no case was contested. The custody of 2 minor children was given to wives. All trials were had from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed. The grounds for divorce are given as abandonment in 3 cases, extreme cruelty in 2, and in 4 cases it is not stated. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, and these had been pending less than 3 months.

There were 14 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 were dismissed; in 8 cases there were pleas of guilty; 2 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in 1 conviction and 1 acquittal; in 5 cases the information was filed within 10 days after the transcript, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and in 8 cases from 30 days to 3 months. There were 3 criminal cases pending July, 1, 1927, and each of these had been pending less than 3 months. The time to select a jury was noted in 10 cases as being from 1 to 2 hours, in 7 cases from 2 hours to ½ day, in 1 case from ½ day to 1 day, in 1 case more than 1 day.

MEADE COUNTY.

HON. KARL MILLER, Judge.
MRS. LOTTIE STAMPER, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 73. Ten were dismissed before trial; 58 were tried to the court, and 5 to juries. In 59 no answers were filed; in 6 answers were filed more than 30 days and less than 60, in 7 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, in 1 more than 6 months; 21 were tried within 3 months, 16 more than 3 months and less than 6, 14 more than 6 months and less than 12, and 2 more than 12 months. In 2 cases the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 3 more than 30 days. There were 9 motions filed, 1 of which was presented within 10 days.

The nature of the actions was as follows: For money, 11; soldiers' com-

pensation, 1; foreclosure, 8; road appeal, 1; partition, 2; to set aside sale, 1; and in the others the nature of the case is not disclosed.

There were 25 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 7 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. The latter case was dismissed on July 19, 1927, for want of prosecution. There were 48 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 13 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. Three were dismissed; 8 were granted to the wife, and 2 to the husband; 1 case was contested. The custody of 9 minor children was awarded to wives, and 7 to husbands. Three cases were disposed of within 3 months, and 6 within 3 to 6 months, 2 on the ground of abandonment, 5 extreme cruelty, 5 gross neglect of duty. In the others the grounds were not stated. There were 3 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. One had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year. There were 3 pending July 1, 1926.

There were 13 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. Three were dismissed, and pleas of guilty were entered in 10. There were 4 paroles granted; 1 parole revoked.

There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. One had been pending from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. There were 2 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

MIAMI COUNTY.

HON. G. A. ROBERDS, Judge.
THELMA RAND, Clerk.

There were 175 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these none was removed to the federal court, and 58 were dismissed before trial. There were 109 tried to the court, 8 tried to a jury, and none tried to a referee. In 114 cases no answer was filed; in 23 cases the answer was filed within 30 days after the petition was filed; in 16 cases the answer was filed in from 30 days to 60 days, in 17 cases the answer was filed in more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and in 5 cases the answer was filed more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Of these cases, 73 were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 22 in more than 3 months and less than 6 months, 14 in more than 6 months and less than 12 months, and 8 more than 12 months after the petition was filed. In 43 cases the journal entry was filed the same day of the trial, in 59 cases journal entry was filed not the same day but within ten days, in 4 cases journal entry filed in from 10 to 30 days, and in 11 cases journal entry filed more than 30 days after the trial. There were 35 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, 8 of which were presented within 10 days after having been filed, 10 in from 10 to 30 days, and 9 were presented more than 30 days after filing; 8 were withdrawn or not presented. Of these, 22 were decided the same day presented, 2 decided not the same day but within 10 days, 2 in from 10 to 30 days, and 1 decided more than 30 days after being presented.

On July 1, 1927, there were pending 60 civil actions, other than divorce, of which 20 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 for from 3 to 6 months, 12 for from 6 to 12 months, 11 for from 1 to 2 years, 4 for from 2 to 3 years, 4 for from 3 to 4 years, 1 for from 4 to 5 years, and none for more than 5 years.

There were 34 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed during the year ending July 1, 1927, 5 of which were dismissed before trial. There were 20 divorces granted to wives, 8 to husbands, and 1 denied. Four cases were contested, and 25 not contested. The custody of 7 minor children was awarded to wives, and of 4 minor children custody was awarded to husbands. Of these cases, 18 were tried or dismissed within 3 months after the petition was filed, 10 in from 3 to 6 months, and 6 in more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Grounds upon which divorces were granted are given as: Abandonment, 8; extreme cruelty, 9; gross neglect of duty, 8; habitual drunkenness, 3; adultery, 1.

On the first day of July, 1927, 17 divorce cases were pending, of which 10 had been pending for less than 3 months, 3 for from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year, 2 for from 1 to 2 years, and 1 for more than 2 years.

There were 18 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 9 were dismissed, and there were 8 pleas of guilty. No cases were tried to the jury; 1 was tried to the court, a jury having been waived, and resulted in a verdict of guilty. On informations, 1 was filed the same day as the transcript, and 1 was filed in from 30 days to 3 months after the transcript was filed. In 12 cases no informations were filed. There were 3 cases tried or disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 in from 10 to 30 days, 1 in from 30 days to 3 months, 1 in from 3 to 6 months, and none 6 months after the information was filed.

On July 1, 1927, there were 13 criminal cases pending, of which 2 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 for from 3 to 6 months, 2 for from 6 months to 1 year, 3 for from 1 to 2 years, 4 for from 2 to 3 years, and none more than 3 years.

MITCHELL COUNTY.

HON. W. R. MITCHELL, Judge.
J. P. HARVEY, Clerk.

During the year ending June 30, 1927, 50 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of in the district court of Mitchell county. No case was removed to federal court; 15 were dismissed before trial; 32 tried to court; 3 tried to juries; 1 tried to referee. All 50 cases that were disposed of were filed after July 1, 1926, and none before that date. The oldest case disposed of was No. 5,088, the latest No. 5,157. No answer was filed in 34 cases. In 11 cases answer was filed within 30 days after filing petition, 1 from 30 to 60 days, 2 from 60 days to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year. Twenty cases were tried on the merits within 3 months after filing petition, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 to 12 months. Sixteen journal entries were filed the same day the case was tried, 6 were filed after 1 day and within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 over 30 days after trial. In 27 cases no journal entry was filed. Nineteen motions and 1 demurrer were filed; 6 of these were presented within 10 days after filing, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 9 more than 30 days after filing; 17 motions were decided on the day when presented. Selecting jury took 1 hour in 1 case, and 2 hours in another case.

By origin, 44 cases started in the district court; 4 were justice of the peace appeals; 1 appeal from county commissioners; 1 case from another district court.

In subject matter the cases were: Debt, 17; foreclosure, 9; damages, 6; quiet title, 5; replevin, 2; partition, 1; note, 1; abstract of judgment, 5; transcript of judgment, 1; garnishment, 1; change of name, 1; rights of majority, 1. On July 1, 1927, 10 cases, other than divorce, were pending, of which 12 were pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 11 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years. Of cases pending, 6 were filed before July 1, 1926, and 34 thereafter. The oldest pending case is No. 4,614, the latest No. 5,185.

Of divorce cases, 5 were tried during the year ending June 30, 1927. All 5 were granted, 2 to wives, 3 to husbands; for abandonment, 3 gross neglect, 1; extreme cruelty, 1. No divorce case was contested. Six minor children were given to the wife. Four divorce cases were tried from 60 to 90 days after petition filed, 1 from 3 to 6 months. The oldest divorce case was No. 5,093, the latest No. 5,153. Nine divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

Of criminal cases, 22 were disposed of in the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 8 were dismissed; 11 defendants pleaded guilty; 3 were tried to juries and convicted; 1 tried to jury which disagreed. In 4 cases information was filed same day as transcript, 3 cases from 1 to 10 days, 4 cases 10 to 30 days, 6 cases 30 days to 3 months. Seven cases were disposed of within 10 days after filing information, 7 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 to 90 days, 2 from 2 to 3 years. Crimes charged to those tried: Burglary, 6; larceny, 2; nonsupport, 1; felony, 1; violation liquor laws, 2; disturbing peace, 2. Three criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, all filed within the year preceding. Cases are numbered in 2 series, civil and criminal.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

HON. JOSEPH W. HOLDREN, Judge.
G. V. BLACKFORD, Clerk.

There were 254 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 14 had been appealed from justice court. Of these, 108 cases were dismissed before trial; 129 were tried to the court, and 17 to the jury. In 149 cases no answers were filed, in 38 cases the answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 25 cases from 30 days to 60 days, in 32 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 10 cases later than 6 months. In 62 cases the trial was within 3 months of the filing of the petition, in 48 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 26 cases from 6 to 12 months; and in 12 cases more than 12 months. In 62 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 48 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 26 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 10 cases later than 30 days. There were 182 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 39 were withdrawn, 85 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 18 from 10 to 30 days, and 40 more than 30 days. Of these, 133 were decided the same day as presented, 3 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 6 more than 30 days.

There were 130 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 44 had been pending less than 3 months, 27 from 3 to 6 months, 21 from 6 to 12 months, 16 from 1 to 2 years, 13 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 more than 5 years.

There were 236 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1,

1927. Of these, 80 were dismissed before trial; in 113 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 41 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases divorces were denied. There were contests in 36 cases. The custody of 108 minor children was given to wives, and of 7 to husbands. There were 12 cases tried within 60 days from the filing of the petition, 131 cases from 60 days to 6 months, 13 cases later than 6 months. The causes of divorce were given as abandonment in 49 cases; extreme cruelty in 59; gross neglect of duty in 27; and conviction of a felony in 2. There were 53 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 27 had been pending less than 3 months, 15 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 months to 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 for more than 2 years.

There were 128 criminal actions disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 62 were dismissed before trial, in 48 cases pleas of guilty were entered; 18 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 6, and verdicts of not guilty in 12. In 36 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, 11 cases not the same day but within ten days, in 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 3 cases from 30 days to 3 months. In the contested cases, 4 were tried within 30 days after the informations were filed, 10 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year. A parole was granted in 1 case. There were 73 criminal actions pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 52 had been pending less than 3 months, and 21 from 3 to 6 months.

The time taken to select a jury was noted in 28 cases, being from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 2 cases, from 1 to 2 hours in 1 case, from 2 hours to ½ day in 8 cases, from ½ day to 1 day in 10 cases, and more than 1 day in 7 cases.

MORRIS COUNTY.

HON. C. M. CLARK, Judge.
MRS. ORIEL C. THOMAS, Clerk.

There were 69 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 24 were dismissed, 40 were tried to the court, 5 to a jury, and none to a referee. No answers were filed in 46 cases; in 11 cases answers were filed within 30 days, in 6 cases answers were filed in more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 5 cases answers were filed in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, and in 1 case the answer was filed in more than 6 months. One case was tried on its merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 2 were tried more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 2 were tried more than 6 months but less than 12. In 1 case the journal entry was filed the same day the case was tried, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 48 cases the journal entry was filed in more than 30 days. There were 26 motions and demurrers filed. Of these 5 were presented within 10 days after filed, 2 were presented in 10 to 30 days, 2 in more than 30 days, and 2 were withdrawn or not presented, and 10 were decided the same day they were presented. The time of the decisions of the other motions is not furnished us. All of these cases were original actions in the district court.

There were 21 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 5 from 2 to 3 years.

Divorce cases: There were 22 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial. In 9 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 2 divorces were granted to husbands; 2 divorces were denied; 14 were uncontested; 10 divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 1 on extreme cruelty, 1 on gross neglect, and in 10 cases we have no records of the grounds. The custody of 6 minor children was given to wives and none to husbands. There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, 1 of which had been pending less than 3 months.

Criminal cases: There were 7 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 3 were dismissed; 2 defendants entered pleas of guilty in these cases. In 3 cases the information was filed within 10 days after the transcript was filed, in 1 case within 10 to 30 days, and in 3 cases in 30 days to 3 months. We do not have a record of the time within which these cases were disposed of after the information was filed. In 1 case a parole was granted. There were 7 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. These 7 cases had been pending from 2 to 3 years.

MORTON COUNTY.

HON. G. L. LIGHT, Judge.
J. E. SAUNDERS, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 39. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial, 27 were tried to the court, 3 to a jury, none to a referee. In 32 of these cases no answer was filed; in 3 the answer was filed within 30 days, in 2 from 30 to 60 days, and in 1 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, in 1 more than 6 months, 3 were tried within 3 months after they were filed, 6 in 3 months and less than 6, 1 more than 6 months and less than 12, 3 more than 12 months; data incomplete on others. There were 16 motions filed, disposition of which is not shown by the records.

Nature of the cases is as follows: Collections, 13; foreclosure, 19; property rights, 1; quiet title, 3; replevin 2.

There were 33 civil actions, other than divorce, pending on July 1, 1927, and 30 pending on July 1, 1926. Of those pending July 1, 1927, 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 9 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 7 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 was dismissed, 2 were granted to wives, and 2 to husbands, 1 was contested, 5 were not contested, the custody of 3 minor children was awarded to the wives, and 2 to the husbands. Two cases were disposed of within 3 months, 3 within 3 to 6 months. The grounds for divorce were as follows: Abandonment, 3; extreme cruelty, 1; ground not stated, 3. There were 3 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, 1 of which had been pending less than 3 months, the other 2 from 3 to 6 months. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 4 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. In 3 of these pleas of guilty were entered, and a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury in 1 case. In 2 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, and in the other 2 cases was filed within 10 days. In 2

cases the action was tried within 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases within 30 days to 3 months. Paroles were granted in 3 cases. The offenses charged were: Forgery, 2; violation of liquor law, 1; larceny, 1.

There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and 3 pending July 1, 1926. All three of the cases pending July 1, 1927, had been pending less than 3 months.

NEMAHA COUNTY.

HON. C. W. RYAN, Judge.
ALICE HAINER, Clerk.

There were 58 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none were removed to the federal court; none were dismissed before trial; 55 cases were tried to the court, 3 were tried to juries. In 43 cases no answers were filed; answers were filed in 13 cases within 30 days, in 2 cases within 30 to 60 days. Of the cases tried, 35 were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 22 within 3 to 6 months, and 1 within 6 months to 1 year. Journal entries were filed same day of trial in 20 cases, within 10 days in 16 cases, within 10 to 30 days in 11 cases, and in 11 cases more than 30 days after trial. There were 36 motions and demurrers filed; 29 were presented within 10 days, 3 within 10 to 30 days, 1 more than 30 days after filing, and 3 were withdrawn. It required 2 hours to ½ day to select juries.

There were 25 civil cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 13 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial; 3 were contested and 3 were not contested; 7 divorces were granted to wives, and 4 to husbands; 11 minor children were awarded to wives, 5 to husbands. Five cases were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, and 8 within 3 to 6 months. Three divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment; 2 on the ground of extreme cruelty; and 6 on the ground of gross neglect of duty.

There were 6 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Two of these were pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 33 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed; 12 pleas of guilty were entered; 11 cases were tried to a jury, resulting in 4 verdicts of guilty, 4 verdicts of not guilty, and one hung jury. Informations were filed same day of transcripts in 1 case, within 10 days in 9 cases, within 10 to 30 days in 2 cases, within 30 days to 3 months in 1 case. Three cases were disposed of within 30 days after informations were filed, 1 within 10 to 30 days, 8 within 30 days to 3 months, in 2 cases paroles were granted.

There were 10 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 have been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year, and one from 1 year to 2 years.

NEOSHO COUNTY.

HON. S. C. BROWN, Judge.
EMERY W. NOBLES, Clerk.

There were 21 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 16 were dismissed, 2 were tried to the court, and 3 to the jury. In 11 cases no answers were filed; in 3 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 3 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 1 case from 60 days to 6 months, and in 3 cases more than 6 months. Two cases were tried from 3 to 6 months after the petitions were filed, and 3 cases from 6 months to a year. (This record must be incomplete.)

There were 62 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, of which 26 had been pending less than 3 months; 5 from 3 to 6 months; 5 from 6 to 12 months; 6 from 1 to 2 years; and 6 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 18 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 were dismissed; there was a contest in 2 of them, but the disposition is not shown. One case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, and 1 from 60 days to 6 months. There were 18 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 had been pending less than 3 months, and 12 from 3 to 6 months.

There were 18 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, the report shows 13 to have been dismissed; 5 were tried to the jury, resulting in 2 verdicts of guilty, 2 verdicts of not guilty, and 1 hung jury.

There were 25 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year, and 7 from 1 to 2 years.

NESS COUNTY.

HON. ROSCOE H. WILSON, Judge.
MARTHA BORTHWICK, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 80. Fifteen dismissed before trial, 3 appealed from justice court, none removed to the federal court; 60 were tried to the court, and 5 to juries, none to a referee. In 54 cases no answer was filed; in 4 cases an answer was filed within 30 days, in 4 more than 30 days and less than 60 days, 5 more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and 1 filed after the expiration of 6 months; 38 were tried within 3 months after they were filed, 20 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to 1 year, 1 more than 1 year. Journal entries were filed in 40 cases on the same day as tried, in 8 cases within 10 days after trial, in 3 from 10 to 30 days, in 9 more than 30 days. The report discloses only 2 motions or demurrers filed, 1 of which was presented within 10 days and decided the same day as presented.

The nature of the cases disposed of was as follows: Suits on notes, 26; for damages, 1; foreclosure, 13; soldiers' compensation, 2; accounting, 1; replevin, 7; quiet title, 8; on account, 12; injunction, 1; partition, 4; attachment and garnishment, 3. One of these cases was filed in 1920, 1 in 1921, 2 in 1922, 1 in 1923, 1 in 1924, and 12 in 1925.

There were 51 civil cases, other than divorce, pending on July 1, 1927, of which 9 were filed in 1922, 7 in 1923, 3 in 1924, 5 in 1925, 6 in 1926, and 21 in

1927. Of the 9 cases on file since 1922, it appears there are 7 in default; in the other 2 answers have been filed, but no replies. There were 55 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1926.

There were 11 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial, 3 granted to wives, 5 to husbands. In no case tried was the divorce denied; 2 were contested. The custody of 4 minor children was granted to wives, none to husbands. Two cases were disposed of within 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 2 in more than 6 months. The grounds for granting divorces were: Abandonment, 6; gross neglect of duty, 1; adultery, 1; and in 3 cases the grounds are not shown. There were 2 divorce cases pending on July 1, 1927, both of which had been pending less than 3 months. There were 3 pending July 1, 1926.

There were 12 criminal cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 case was dismissed before trial; 1 case involving 8 defendants resulted in a hung jury, after which it was dismissed as to 6 defendants and 2 pleaded guilty; in 5 other cases pleas of guilty were entered, and in 3 cases pleas of not guilty were entered, and the jury returned verdicts of guilty. Paroles were granted in 6 cases. The time consumed in getting a jury in one case was 3 hours, in 1 case 2½ hours, and in another 2 hours. Two of the trials lasted 2 days each and 1 a day and a half.

The offenses charged in the cases disposed of were as follows: Violation of liquor law, 6; violation of cigarette law, 1; larceny, 1; drunkenness, 1; embezzlement, 1. Three criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, and 5 on July 1, 1926.

NORTON COUNTY.

HON. E. E. KITE, Judge.
PEARL THOMPSON, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, 35 civil actions were disposed of by the district court of Norton county. Eight were dismissed before trial; 26 tried to the court, 1 to jury, none to referee. Of all these, 20 were filed before July 1, 1926, and 15 afterwards, the oldest being No. 4,209, the latest No. 4,527. No answer was filed in 28 cases. Answer filed in 1 case within 30 days after the petition, 1 from 30 to 60 days, 3 from 60 days to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months. Twelve cases were tried on the merits within 3 months after petition was filed, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 to 12 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years. In 8 cases, all dismissals, no journal entry was filed. Thirteen journal entries were filed the day of trial; 4 from 1 to 10 days; 4 from 10 to 30 days; 6 over 30 days. Seven motions were filed, of which 2 were presented within 10 days and ruled on the same day. The one jury case required 30 minutes to select the jury.

By origin, 32 cases began in district court, and 3 were appeals from justice courts. By subject matter the cases were: Foreclosure, 7; quiet title, 5; debt, 8; note, 4; attachment, 3; damage, 2; partition, 2; garnishment, 1; contract, 1; injunction, 1; alienation, 1. Other than divorce, 28 cases were pending July 1, 1927, of which 12 had been filed within the year, and 16 more than a year, the oldest being No. 3,672, the latest No. 4,533. Of pending cases, 9 were pending from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 8 to 9 years.

Of divorce cases, 19 were disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 2 were dismissed before trial, and 17 divorces granted—to wives, 13, to husbands 4. Grounds upon which granted: For cruelty, 11; for abandonment, 6. None of the 17 divorce cases was contested. Ten minor children were awarded to wives, 2 to husbands. One divorce case was tried less than 60 days after filing, 12 were tried more than 60 and less than 90 days, and 4 from 3 to 6 months after filing. The oldest was No. 4,468, the latest No. 4,532. Five divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

Nine criminal cases were disposed of within the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 5 were dismissed; 1 defendant pleaded guilty, 2 were tried to juries and convicted, 1 was tried to a jury and acquitted. In 1 case the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 2 cases between 1 and 10 days. One case was disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 5 were disposed of from 10 to 30 days after trial, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 to 12 months. The crimes charged to those tried were: Assault, 1; larceny, 2; violation of liquor laws, 1. One criminal case was pending on July 1, 1927, and had been filed after July 1, 1926. All cases both civil and criminal, are numbered in one series.

OSAGE COUNTY.

HON. C. E. CARROLL, Judge.
FLOYD T. HEPWORTH, Clerk.

There were 91 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 23 were dismissed, 60 were tried to the court, 8 to a jury, and none to a referee. No answers were filed in 61 cases; in 15 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 6 cases answers were filed in more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 5 cases answers were filed more than 60 days but less than 6 months, and in 4 cases answers were filed in more than 6 months. Seven cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 1 was tried in more than 3 months but less than 6, 2 were tried in more than 6 months but less than 12, and 14 were tried in more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 6 cases the same day the case was tried, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 cases from 10 to 30 days. There were 48 motions and demurrers filed. Of these 8 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 12 were presented in 10 to 30 days, and 15 were presented in more than 30 days, 1 was withdrawn or not presented, 18 were decided the same day they were presented, 3 were decided not the same day but within 10 days, and 2 were decided in more than 30 days. All of these cases were original actions in the district court.

There were 35 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 2 for more than 5 years.

Divorce cases: There were 20 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 5 were dismissed before trial; in 10 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 5 divorces were granted to husbands. Six divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 8 on the grounds of extreme cruelty, 1 on the grounds of adultery, and in 5 cases the grounds are not stated. Four cases were contested and 11 were uncontested.

The custody of 4 minor children was given to wives, and 1 to a husband. There were 9 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927; 6 cases had been pending less than 2 months, and 3 cases from 3 to 6 months.

Criminal cases: There were 33 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 were dismissed. We do not have a record of how many of these cases were tried to the court, a jury, or how many pleas of guilty. In 8 cases the information was filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months. Twelve cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 months to 1 year. We do not have a record of the offenses charged. Paroles were granted in 3 of these cases. There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. One case had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year.

OSBORNE COUNTY.

HON. W. R. MITCHELL, Judge.
LAURA M. SMITH-MANN, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, 84 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of in the district court of Osborne county. None was removed to federal court; 20 were dismissed before trial, 64 tried to court, none to jury, none to referee. Twenty-six cases of those disposed of were filed before July 1, 1926, and 58 thereafter, the oldest being No. 4,329, the latest No. 4,528. No answer was filed in 68 cases; answer was filed in 2 cases within 30 days after petition, 3 from 30 to 60 days, 8 from 60 days to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to 1 year; 27 cases were tried on the merits within 3 months after filing petition, 15 from 3 to 6 months, 11 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years. Forty-nine journal entries were filed the same day the case was tried, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 1 after 30 days. No journal entry was filed in 30 cases, including 18 dismissals. Thirty motions were filed, of which 3 were presented within 10 days after filing, 1 after 30 days, 1 motion was withdrawn, 2 were decided the same day when presented. Others are not reported, nor the time taken to select jury.

In origin, all the cases started in the district court, and none was appealed from any lower tribunal. In subject matter the litigation was: Quiet title, 20; foreclosure, 30; note, 11; partition, 7; debt, 6; damage, 3; replevin, 3; contract, 2; set aside deed, 1; construe will, 1. Sixteen cases, other than divorce, were pending on July 1, 1927, of which 7 had been filed less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 3 to 4 years; 1 was filed before July 1, 1926, and 15 during the year thereafter. The oldest pending case is No. 4,126, the latest No. 4,536.

Of divorce cases, 13 were disposed of during the year ending June 30, 1927; of these, 3 were dismissed and 10 decrees were granted, 9 to wives, 1 to husband; on grounds of abandonment, 6; gross neglect, 3; cruelty, 1. None of the 10 divorces was contested. Eight minor children were given to custody of wife, none to husband. Six divorce cases were tried from 60 to 90 days after filing, 4 from 3 to 6 months after filing. The oldest was No. 4,450, the latest No. 4,513. One divorce case was pending July 1, 1927.

Of criminal cases, 6 were disposed of in the year ending June 30, 1927; 1 was dismissed; the others are not reported. How soon information was filed after transcript is not reported. One case was disposed of from 10 to 30 days after filing information, 5 cases from 2 to 3 years after filing information. The nature of the crimes was not reported. One criminal case was pending on July 1, 1927, having been filed within the year preceding. Cases are numbered in 2 series, civil and criminal.

OTTAWA COUNTY.

HON. DALLAS GROVER, Judge.
NELL ERBENTRAUT, Clerk.

There were 87 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1 was dismissed, 82 were tried to the court, 4 to a jury, and none to a referee. No answers were filed in 58 cases. In 14 cases answers were filed within 30 days, in 8 cases answers were filed in more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 7 cases answers were filed in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, and in 2 cases answers were filed in more than 6 months. Thirty-four cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 20 were tried in more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 15 in more than 6 months but less than 12 months, and 10 were tried in more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 23 cases the same day the case was tried, and in 10 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 16 cases in more than 30 days. There were 44 motions and demurrers filed. We have no record of the time within which these were presented or decided, or how many were withdrawn or not presented after they were filed. There were 4 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. These 4 had been pending less than 3 months.

Divorce cases: There were 18 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial. In 11 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 4 divorces were granted to husbands. Seven divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 1 on extreme cruelty, 6 on gross neglect of duty, and in 3 the grounds are not stated. One case was contested, and 17 were uncontested. The custody of 7 minor children was given to wives, and 2 to husbands. There were 5 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. One of these had been pending less than 3 months.

Criminal cases: There were 9 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. None of these was dismissed. One defendant entered a plea of guilty in these cases. In 1 case the information was filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 2 cases within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months. We have no record of the time within which these cases were disposed of after the information was filed, and we have no record of the offenses charged, nor how many paroles were granted. There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and these 3 cases had been pending from 6 months to 1 year.

PAWNEE COUNTY.

HON. ROSCOE H. WILSON, Judge.
ROSE MASON, Clerk.

There were 81 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. There were 14 cases dismissed before trial; 59 cases were tried to the court, and 8 to the jury. In 62 cases no answers were filed; in 9 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 4 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 5 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 1 case later than 6 months. There were 15 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. One of these was withdrawn; 7 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 of them later than 30 days. All of them were decided the same day presented. There were 27 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, and 4 from 1 to 2 years. There were 14 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. In 11 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 3 cases to husbands. No case was contested. The custody of 7 minor children was given to wives, and 2 to husbands. One case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, and in 13 from 60 days to 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 4 cases, and gross neglect of duty in 10. There was 1 divorce case pending July 1, 1927, and that had been pending less than 3 months.

There were 19 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 were dismissed; there were pleas of guilty in 12 cases, 2 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in a verdict of not guilty in both cases. In 11 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 3 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months. There were 3 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 9 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months. Paroles were granted in 6 cases. There were 8 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, and 1 more than 2 years.

PHILLIPS COUNTY.

HON. E. E. KITE, Judge.
W. N. MCILVAIN, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, 51 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of in the district court of Phillips county. None was removed to federal court; 12 were dismissed before trial; 39 tried to the court, none to jury or referee. Thirteen cases were filed before July 1, 1926, and 38 afterward; of those disposed of, the oldest being No. 5,850, the latest No. 7,256. No answer was filed in 46 cases. Answer was filed in 2 cases from 30 to 60 days after the petition, in 3 cases from 60 days to 6 months; 20 cases were tried on the merits within 3 months after petition filed, 12 in from 3 to 6 months, 5 in from 6 to 12 months, 1 in from 1 to 2 years, 1 in from 2 to 3 years. Seven journal entries were filed on the day of trial, 9 between 1 and

10 days, 8 from 10 to 30 days, and 8 more than 30 days after trial. In 17 cases no journal entry was filed, including 9 dismissals. Five dilatory pleadings, including 2 motions and 3 demurrers, were filed; 1 of them was presented within 10 days after filing; the rest are not reported. One motion was decided the same day presented; the rest are not reported. Time taken to select juries is not reported. All 51 cases started in the district court, and none came by appeal from other courts.

In subject matter the litigation was: Foreclosure, 20; note, 16; quiet title, 5; attachment, 2; set aside deed, 2; damages, 1; partition, 1; account, 1; contract, 1; bonus, 1. Other than divorce, 46 cases were pending on July 1, 1927, of which 20 had been filed less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years. Nine cases were filed before July 1, 1926, and 31 after, the oldest pending case being No. 5,983, and the latest No. 7,284.

Of divorce cases, 17 were disposed of in the year preceding July 1, 1927. Six were dismissed; 11 divorces were granted, 8 to wives, 3 to husbands. For abandonment, 7; gross neglect, 1; extreme cruelty, 1. One divorce case was contested, and 10 not contested. Nine minor children were given to custody of the wife, 2 minors to husband. One divorce case was tried 47 days after filing, 1 in 53 days, 5 between 60 and 90 days, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months. The oldest divorce case was No. 7,093, the latest No. 7,254. Four divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

Ten criminal cases were disposed of in the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 4 were dismissed, 3 defendants pleaded guilty, 2 were tried to juries and convicted, 1 was tried to a jury and acquitted. In 4 cases information was filed from 30 days to 3 months after the transcript, 1 case was disposed of from 10 to 30 days after information was filed, 3 from 30 to 90 days, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months, and 3 from 1 to 2 years after information filed. Crimes charged to those tried were: Assault, 2; violation of liquor laws, 4. Eight criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, of which 3 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 5 afterwards. All cases are numbered, both civil and criminal, in one series.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY.

HON. M. A. BENDER, Judge.
CHAS. S. SMITH, Clerk.

There were 132 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 35 were dismissed, 92 were tried to the court; 5 to a jury, and none to a referee. No answers were filed in 91 cases; in 38 cases the answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 4 cases the answers were filed in more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 7 cases the answers were filed in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, and in 2 cases the answers were filed in more than 6 months; 54 cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 12 were tried in more than 6 months but less than 12 months, 31 were tried in more than 3 months but less than 6 months. Journal entries were filed in 96 cases the same day the case was tried, in 1 case not the same day but within 10 days, and 1 case from 10 to 30 days. There were 57 motions and demurrers filed.

Of these, 19 were presented within 10 days after filed, 13 were presented in 10 to 30 days, 7 in more than 30 days, 8 were withdrawn or not presented, and 39 were decided the same day they were presented. The time of the decisions of the other motions is not furnished us.

There were 52 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 13 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

Divorce cases: There were 10 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial. In 3 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 4 divorces were granted to husbands. Three divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, and 4 on extreme cruelty; 1 divorce was denied, 2 were contested, and 6 cases were uncontested. The custody of 1 minor child was given to a wife, and 1 to a husband. There were 5 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. One of these had been pending less than 3 months.

Criminal cases: There were 22 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Four of these cases were dismissed; 9 defendants entered pleas of guilty in these cases. In 5 cases the information was filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 2 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, 3 cases were disposed of in 10 to 30 days, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 from 3 to 6 months after the information was filed. Paroles were granted in 6 of these cases. There were 5 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. One case had been pending less than 3 months; 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 case from 6 months to 1 year.

PRATT COUNTY.

HON. GEORGE L. HAY, Judge.
W. A. RIENIETS, Clerk.

There were 52 civil cases tried on the merits, or dismissed, within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 3 were appealed from the justice court. Twenty-one were dismissed before trial, 28 were tried to the court, and 3 to the jury. In 40 cases no answer was filed; in 5 an answer was filed within 30 days, 1 from 30 to 60 days, 3 from 60 days to 6 months, and 3 more than 6 months. Six cases were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months, 3 more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed the same day of trial in 2 cases, not the same day but within 10 days in 5 cases, and from 10 to 30 days in 3 cases. There were 8 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 2 were withdrawn, 2 presented within 10 days after filing, and 4 presented more than 30 days. The 6 presented were decided the day presented. There were 28 civil cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 7 were pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 46 divorce cases tried on the merits, or dismissed, within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 were dismissed before trial. In 20 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 10 cases to husbands. Eleven minor children were awarded to the custody of wives, and 3 to husbands. There were 26 cases tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petition was filed,

to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, and 3 later than 1 year. Paroles were granted in 25 cases.

There were 31 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 10 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 less than 3 years. The time required to select a jury was reported in 14 criminal cases as being 1 day in each case.

REPUBLIC COUNTY.

HON. JOHN C. HOGIN, Judge.
WM. E. GOODWIN, Clerk.

There were 56 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none was removed to the federal court, 21 were dismissed before trial, 29 were tried to the court, 6 were tried to juries, and none tried to a referee. In 45 cases no answers were filed; answers were filed in 6 cases within 30 days, in 3 cases within 30 to 60 days, and in 2 cases more than 6 months after the petitions were filed. Of the cases tried, 16 were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 4 within 3 months to 6 months, 5 within 6 to 12 months, and 4 within 1 year after petitions were filed. Journal entries were filed in 5 cases the day of trial, in 9 cases within 10 days, in 6 cases within 10 to 30 days, and in 4 cases more than 30 days later. There were 51 motions and demurrers filed; 27 were presented within 10 days after filing, 8 within 10 to 30 days after filing, 4 within 30 days after filing, 12 were withdrawn or not presented, 39 were decided same day presented. Other data not furnished. Selection of juries required from 2 hours to ½ day. There were 24 civil cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 13 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial, 1 was contested, 9 were not contested; 7 divorces were granted to wives, 3 to husbands. One divorce was denied. Six minor children were awarded to wives, 1 to husband. Seven cases were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 3 within 3 to 6 months, 1 more than 6 months after petition was filed. Four divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment, 4 on the ground of extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty, and 5 not stated. There was 1 divorce case pending July 1, 1927, which case had been pending less than 3 months.

There were 17 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed; 6 pleas of guilty were entered; 4 cases were tried to a jury; 3 verdicts were not guilty, and 1 was a hung jury. Informations were filed the same day as transcripts in 10 cases, within 10 days in 3 cases, and within 10 to 30 days in 3 cases. Four cases were disposed of within 10 days after information was filed, 4 within 10 to 30 days, and 2 within 30 days to 3 months. There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927; both of these pending less than 3 months.

RICE COUNTY.

HON. RAY H. BEALS, Judge.
LILLIAN GREEN GRANT, Clerk.

There were 108 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 19 were dismissed before trial; 86 were tried to the court and 3 to the jury. In 76 cases no answers were filed; in 9 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 14 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 7 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 cases later than 6 months. There were 62 cases tried or disposed of within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 15 cases from 3 to 6 months, 5 cases from 6 to 12 months, and 7 cases later than 12 months. In 49 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 17 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 3 cases later than 30 days. There were 23 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 6 were withdrawn; 10 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 4 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 15 were decided the same day as presented, and 2 not the same day but within 10 days. There were 21 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to a year. No civil action had been pending longer than 1 year.

There were 28 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 10 were dismissed before trial. In 12 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 6 cases to husbands. The custody of 6 minor children was given to wives, and of 3 to husbands. One case was tried less than 60 days after the petition was filed, 15 from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 more than 6 months. The grounds for divorce are given as abandonment in 4 cases, extreme cruelty in 7, and gross neglect of duty in 7. There were 7 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 19 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed; in 9 cases pleas of guilty were entered; seven cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 2 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 4, and 1 hung jury. In 5 cases informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 2 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months. There were 5 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 to 12 months. There were 4 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 6 to 12 months.

RILEY COUNTY.

HON. FRED R. SMITH, Judge.
C. E. WOOD, Clerk.

There were 45 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 43 were tried to the court, 2 to a jury, and none to a referee. We have no record of the number of answers filed in these cases, nor the time within which they were filed. Forty-two cases were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed. Journal entries were filed in 35 cases

the same day the case was tried, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days. Only 1 motion was filed, which motion was presented in more than 30 days. There were 14 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 11 cases had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 to 12 months.

Divorce cases: There were 32 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial; in 19 cases divorces were granted to wives and 4 divorces were granted to husbands. Four divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 6 on extreme cruelty, and 9 on gross neglect of duty. One case was contested, and 31 were uncontested. The custody of 5 minor children was given to wives and 3 to husbands. There were 9 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: There were 25 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed; 15 defendants entered pleas of guilty in these cases. In 20 cases the information was filed the same day the transcript was filed, and in 4 the information was filed within 10 days. Six cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 12 within 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 6 months, and 1 from 3 to 6 months after the information was filed. Paroles were granted in 2 of these cases. There was 1 criminal case pending July 1, 1927, which had been pending less than 3 months.

ROOKS COUNTY.

HON. CHARLES I. SPARKS, Judge.
GEORGE F. CRANE, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, 97 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of in the district court of Rooks county. None was removed to federal court; 10 were dismissed before trial, 87 were tried to the court, none to jury or referee. All 97 cases disposed of had been filed during the year preceding. All cases filed before July 1, 1926, had been disposed of on that date and were no longer pending. The oldest case disposed of was No. 5,363, the latest No. 5,511. No answer was filed in 96 cases; 1 answer was filed from 60 days to 6 months after filing petition. Seven cases were tried on the merits within 3 months after the petition was filed; the rest are not reported. One journal entry was filed on the day of trial; the rest are not reported; in 20 cases no journal entry was filed. One demurrer was filed. This demurrer was presented within 10 days after filing, and was decided the same day. No report is made of the time taken to select juries.

By origin, 96 cases started in the district court, and 1 was appealed from justice of the peace. The subject matter of litigation was: Foreclosure, 37; quiet title, 14; note, 11; stockholders' lien, 6; attachment, 5; application, 5; abstract of judgment, 4; bank stock, 4; debt, 2; partition, 2; damage, 1; lien, 1; rights of majority, 1; garnishment, 1; transcript of judgment, 1; ejectment, 1; mandamus, 1. Other than divorce, 43 cases were pending on July 1, 1927, all of which had been filed in the year following July 1, 1926. Twelve of these had been on file less than 3 months, 14 from 3 to 6 months, 17 from 6 to 12 months. The oldest pending case is No. 5,361, the latest No. 5,528.

Fifteen divorce cases were disposed of in the year preceding July 1, 1927, of which 1 was dismissed; 12 divorces were granted, and 2 denied. Wives

secured 8 decrees, husbands 4. The grounds are not reported. Three minor children were given to the custody of the wife, 1 to the husband. One divorce case was tried 51 days after filing, 1 in 47 days, 8 from 60 to 90 days, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 to 12 months. The oldest divorce case was No. 5,359, the latest No. 5,519. Five divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

Eight criminal cases were disposed of in the year ending June 30, 1927. Two were dismissed; 4 defendants pleaded guilty; 2 were tried to juries and convicted. In 2 cases the information was filed more than 1 and less than 10 days after the transcript, 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, 1 case from 30 to 90 days; 1 case was disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, and 1 from 10 to 30 days. The crimes charged to those tried are: Homicide, 1; drunkenness, 1; felony, 4. Two criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, and had been filed after July 1, 1926. All cases, civil and criminal, are numbered in one series.

RUSH COUNTY.

HON. ROSCOE H. WILSON, Judge.
W. G. HOPKINS, Clerk.

There were 25 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial, 17 were tried to the court, and 2 to the jury. There were 7 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 11 cases from 3 to 6 months, and 1 case from 6 to 12 months. There were 6 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 6 to 12 months. There were 10 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial; in 3 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 5 to husbands. No case was contested. The custody of 1 minor child was given to the wife. Seven cases were tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed, and 1 case more than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 8 cases. There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 6 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. There were pleas of guilty in 5 cases; 1 was tried to a jury, resulting in a verdict of not guilty. In 6 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript. There was 1 criminal case pending July 1, 1927, and that had been pending from 3 to 6 months. The time to select a jury was noted in 1 case as being from 1 to 2 hours.

RUSSELL COUNTY.

HON. J. C. RUPPENTHAL, Judge.
J. G. BANKER, Clerk.

Within the year ending July 1, 1927, 132 civil actions, other than divorce, were disposed of by the district court of Russell county. One was removed to federal court; 47 were dismissed before trial, 75 tried to the court, 9 tried to juries, none to a referee. Seventy-four cases had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 58 afterwards, that were disposed of, the oldest being No. 3,114, and the latest No. 4,314. No answer was filed in 69 cases. Within 30 days after the petition answer was filed in 24 cases, from 30 to 60 days in 14 cases, from

60 days to 6 months in 19 cases, from 6 months to 1 year in 5 cases, from 1 to 2 years in 1 case. Fourteen cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after filing, 24 cases from 3 to 6 months, 18 cases from 6 to 12 months, 11 cases from 1 to 2 years, 7 cases from 2 to 3 years, 1 case from 4 to 5 years, and 1 case was tried between 7 and 8 years after filing. Journal entries were filed in 6 cases the same day of trial, in 6 cases after 1 and within 10 days, in 9 cases over 30 days after trial. Journal entry was filed in all but 1 case. Thirty-five motions and 12 demurrers were filed; 1 motion was presented within 10 to 30 days after filing, and 1 more than 30 days after filing. Data are lacking on other motions, and also as to promptness of decision after presentation. Time for selecting jury is reported as 1 day in 1 case, ½ day in each of 5 cases, 3 hours in 2 cases, and 2 hours in 1 case.

In origin, 128 cases started in district court, 3 were appealed from justices of the peace, and 1 from the probate court. The subject matter of litigation was: Debt, 94; quiet title, 8; foreclosure, 5; damages, 5; declaratory judgment, 4; injunction, 3; partition, 2; accounting, 2; replevin, 1; slander, 1; revivor, 1; ejectment, 1; condemnation, 1; cancel lease, 1; cancel deed, 1; probate, 1; dissolution of bank, 1. Other than divorce, 77 civil cases were pending on July 1, 1927; of these, 17 were pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 23 from 6 to 12 months, 12 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years. Of pending cases, 21 were filed before July 1, 1926, and 56 thereafter. Twenty divorce cases were tried or dismissed in the year ending July 1, 1927; 11 divorce cases were dismissed before trial; 9 divorces were granted, 5 to wives, and 4 to husbands. The grounds were abandonment 1, gross neglect 7. Three divorce cases were contested, and 6 were not. Four minor children were awarded to the wife and 2 to the husband. One divorce case was tried after 60 days and less than 3 months from filing the petition, 5 were tried from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, and 1 from 1 to 2 years after filing petition. Eleven divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927, 4 having been filed before July 1, 1926, and 7 after. The oldest pending civil case is No. 3,543, the latest No. 4,323. The oldest pending divorce case is No. 3,936, the latest No. 4,315.

In the year ending with June 30, 1927, 23 criminal cases were disposed of, of which 9 were dismissed, 13 defendants pleaded guilty, and 1 was tried to a jury and convicted. In 1 case the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 4 cases from 1 to 10 days, and in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days. Six criminal cases were disposed of within 10 days after filing the information, 4 cases in from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year. The crimes charged to those tried are: Assault, 1; burglary, 1; forgery, 1; larceny, 5; violation liquor laws, 6; breaking jail, 1. Nine paroles were granted, 2 of them after the defendant had been in jail less than 30 days, and 7 after 30 days to 3 months in prison. Nine criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, of which 3 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 6 afterwards. Of the 3, 1 defendant is in the Penitentiary on another charge, 1 is a fugitive whose bond has been forfeited, and 1 is on probation, making payments after sentence for not supporting his family. All cases, both civil and criminal, are numbered consecutively as one series. In all, 175 cases were disposed of in the fiscal year and in the same time 161 new cases were filed.

SALINE COUNTY.

HON. DALLAS GROVER, Judge.
G. R. BERGSTEN, Clerk.

There were 165 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 58 were dismissed, 97 were tried to the court; 10 to a jury, and none to a referee. No answers were filed in 112 cases; in 28 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 11 cases answers were filed in more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 6 cases answers were filed in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, and in 17 cases answers were filed in more than 6 months. Fifty-nine cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 12 were tried in more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 14 were tried in more than 6 months but less than 12 months, and 22 were tried in more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 68 cases the same day the case was tried, in 25 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 10 cases in more than 30 days. There were 104 motions and demurrers filed. Of these 6 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 24 more than 30 days, 66 were withdrawn or not presented, 31 were decided the same day they were presented. The time of the decisions of the other motions is not furnished us. There were 113 civil actions, other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 26 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 29 from 6 to 12 months, 21 from 1 to 2 years, 11 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years; and 8 for more than 5 years.

Divorce cases: There were 61 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 10 were dismissed before trial. In 35 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 15 divorces were granted to husbands. Thirteen divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 31 on extreme cruelty, 4 on gross neglect of duty, and in 13 cases the grounds are not stated. One divorce was denied; 2 cases were contested, and 48 were uncontested. The custody of 15 minor children was given to wives, and 2 to husbands. There were 44 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: There were 38 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Four of these were dismissed; 24 defendants entered pleas of guilty in these cases. In 15 cases the information was filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 7 not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, and 1 case from 30 days to 3 months. Twenty-one cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 5 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months. Paroles were granted in 3 of these cases. There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927; 6 of these had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year.

SCOTT COUNTY.

HON. H. E. WALTER, Judge.
MRS. C. A. EASLEY, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 50. Ten were appealed from justice court; 9 were dismissed before trial, 37 were tried to the court, and 4 to a jury, none to a referee. Answer was filed in 43 cases; within 30 days in 4 cases, more than 30 days and less than 60 in 2 cases, more than 60 days and less than six months in 1; time not shown on the others. Sixteen cases were tried within 3 months, 10 within 3 to 6 months, 10 within 6 to 12 months, 4 more than 12 months. Eleven motions and demurrers were filed, but the report does not indicate the disposition thereof.

The nature of the cases follows: Injunction, 1; ouster, 2; on notes, 6; foreclosure, 17; replevin, 3; foreclosure mechanic's lien, 3; garnishment, 4; quiet title, 3; accounts, 5; appeals from justice court, 1; from police court, 3; partition, 1; appeals from commissioners, 1.

There were 17 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 6 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 4 cases 3 to 6 months, 1 case 6 to 12 months, 3 cases 1 to 2 years, 2 cases 2 to 3 years, 1 case 3 to 4 years; and there were 16 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 7 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. One was dismissed; 3 granted to the wife and 3 to the husband. No contest in 4 cases. The custody of 4 minor children was awarded to the wives, and 3 to the husbands. Four cases were disposed of within 3 months, and the other 2 more than 3 months and less than 6. Grounds for divorce in 4 cases were abandonment, 1 extreme cruelty, and 2 adultery. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, which had been filed less than 3 months, and there were 2 pending July 1, 1926.

There were 11 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 4 of which were dismissed, 3 resulted in verdicts of guilty, and 3 verdicts of not guilty. In 3 cases the information was filed within 60 days after the transcripts, one case was tried from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed; 1 case 30 days to 3 months; 1 case 3 to 6 months, 1 case 6 months to 1 year. Paroles were granted in two cases. The nature of the crimes is not shown on the report. One criminal case was pending July 1, 1927, in which the transcript was filed December 31, 1926. Five criminal cases were pending July 1, 1926.

SEDGWICK COUNTY.

HON. J. E. ALEXANDER, Judge, First Division.
HON. THORNTON W. SARGENT, Judge, Second Division.
HON. GROVER PIERPONT, Judge, Third Division.
HON. I. N. WILLIAMS, Judge, Fourth Division.
A. E. JACQUES, Clerk.

We have no report concerning civil actions or divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, nor the data concerning those pending on that date.

The report concerning criminal cases is obviously inaccurate and incomplete. It shows 402 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 244 were dismissed before trial. There were pleas of guilty in 158

cases, and no jury trials. In 19 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 27 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 39 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 43 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 5 cases later than 3 months. Paroles were granted in 89 cases. There were 82 criminal actions pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 53 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, and 18 from 6 months to a year.

SEWARD COUNTY.

HON. G. L. LIGHT, Judge.
H. W. LANE, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, 67. Fifteen of these were disposed of before trial; 44 were tried to the court, and 8 to a jury, none to a referee; 4 were appeals from justice court; in 35 cases no answer was filed; in 10 cases an answer was filed within 30 days, in 10 cases more than 30 days and less than 60 days, 7 in more than 60 days and less than 6 months, in 5 cases more than 6 months. Twenty of these cases were tried within 3 months after they were filed, 23 more than 3 months and less than 6 months, 5 more than 6 months and less than 12, and 5 more than 12 months. In 14 cases journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, and in 12 cases within 10 days thereafter, in 7 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 12 cases more than 30 days. There were 20 motions and demurrers filed; 3 were presented within 10 days, 12 within 10 to 30 days, and 19 were decided the same day they were presented to the court.

The nature of the cases disposed of was as follows: Collections, 37; quiet title, 7; rights of majority, 1; action to set aside judgment, 1; replevin, 3; foreclosure, 9; appeal, 1; foreclosure chattel mortgage, 2; declaratory judgment, 2; habeas corpus, 1; injunction, 1; partition, 1. The time consumed in selecting juries is reported in 13 cases; in 5 a jury was selected in from 1 to 2 hours, in 7 from 2 hours to ½ day, and in 1 case a whole day was consumed. The data relative to the time consumed in selecting juries covers criminal as well as civil cases. There were 17 civil actions, other than divorce, pending on July 1, 1927, of which 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years, and 3 from 2 to 3 years. There were 23 such actions pending on July 1, 1926.

There were 15 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 2 of which were dismissed. In 8 a divorce was granted to the wife, and in 5 to the husband. None of these cases was contested. The custody of 15 minor children was awarded to wives, and 2 to husbands. Nine of these cases were disposed of within 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months; 1 more than 6 months. Six divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 3 extreme cruelty, 4 gross neglect of duty, and 1 adultery. There were 2 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, both of which had been pending less than 3 months, and there were 2 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 15 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 6 of which were dismissed, and in 5 pleas of guilty were entered; 4 were tried to a jury and verdict of guilty returned in 1; 3 were tried more than 30 days and less than 3 months after they were filed, 7 from 3 to 6 months;

paroles were granted in 4 cases. The nature of the crimes committed was as follows: attempted rape, 1; violation of prohibitory law, 3; appeal from police court, 6; bad check, 2; misdemeanors, 2. There were 18 criminal cases pending on July 1, 1927, none of which had been pending longer than 6 months. Seven had been continued on application of defendants. No criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1926.

SHAWNEE COUNTY.

HON. JAMES A. MCCLURE, Judge, First Division.
HON. GEO. H. WHITCOMB, Judge, Second Division.
HON. OTIS E. HUNGATE, Judge, Third Division.
MAE BREWER, Clerk.

There were 729 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none was removed to the federal court; 258 were dismissed before trial, 398 were tried to the court, 72 were tried to juries, and 1 was tried to a referee. Answers were filed in 124 cases within 30 days, 65 within 30 to 60 days, 68 within 60 days to 6 months after petitions were filed; 20 cases no data given. In 444 cases no answers were filed. Of the cases tried, 214 were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 76 within 3 to 6 months, 98 within 6 months to 1 year, and 72 more than 1 year after petitions filed. Journal entries were filed in 332 cases the day of trial, in 71 cases within 10 days, in 14 cases within 10 to 30 days, in 35 cases more than 30 days later; in 28 cases no data given. There were 552 motions and demurrers filed; 180 were presented within 10 days, 125 within 10 to 30 days, 211 more than 30 days after filing; 36 were withdrawn or not presented; 310 were decided same day presented, 32 within 10 days, 121 within 10 days to 30 days, and 47 more than 30 days after presentation. There were 512 cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 140 had been pending less than 3 months, 88 from 3 months to 6 months, 97 from 6 to 12 months, 86 from 1 to 2 years, 43 from 2 to 3 years, 34 from 3 to 4 years, 7 from 4 to 5 years, and 17 more than 5 years.

There were 452 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 164 were dismissed before trial, 65 were contested, and 186 were not contested. In 225 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 56 cases to husbands, and in 7 cases divorces were denied; 126 minor children were given to wives, 20 to husbands; in 54 cases no information given as to disposition. In 197 trials 8 were within 3 months after petitions were filed, 119 within 3 to 6 months, 130 more than 6 months later, and in 6 no information given. The grounds are not stated. There were 163 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 94 were pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 36 from 6 months to 1 year, 13 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 more than 2 years.

There were 376 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 143 were dismissed, 201 pleas of guilty were entered, and 32 cases were tried to a jury. Verdicts of guilty were returned in 20 cases, of not guilty in 11 cases, and 1 case resulted in a hung jury. Informations were filed same day as transcripts in 80 cases, within 10 days in 15 cases, within 10 to 30 days in 2 cases, within 30 days to 3 months in 31 cases, more than 3 months later in 2 cases. Seventy-five cases were disposed of within 10 days after infor-

mations were filed, 41 within 10 to 30 days, 126 within 30 days to 3 months, 77 within 3 to 6 months, 31 within 6 months to 1 year, and 1 more than 1 year later; in 52 cases paroles were granted; in 25 cases no information given as to disposition. There were 74 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 42 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, and 22 from 6 months to 1 year.

SHERIDAN COUNTY.

HON. CHARLES I. SPARKS, Judge.
ILVA M. EDWARDS, Clerk.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, the district court of Sheridan county disposed of 26 civil actions, other than divorce, 4 divorce cases, and 8 prosecutions in the name of the state of Kansas. Of civil cases none was removed to the federal court; 17 were dismissed before trial, and 2 after trial; 8 were tried to the court, 1 to a jury, none to referee. Nineteen cases had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 7 filed thereafter. The oldest case was No. 2,469, the latest No. 2,733. In 18 cases no answer was filed; 1 answer was filed within 30 days after the filing of the petition, 4 from 30 to 60 days, 1 from 60 days to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year, 1 from 1 to 2 years. On the merits, 4 cases were tried in from 6 to 12 months, 4 in from 1 to 2 years, and 1 in from 2 to 3 years. No journal entry was filed in 16 cases. Journal entries were filed in 1 case on the day of trial, in 3 cases in from 1 to 10 days, 1 case from 10 to 30 days, 2 cases over 30 days. Fifteen motions and demurrers were filed, being 12 motions and 3 demurrers. Of these, 1 was presented within 10 days after filing, 1 over 30 days; the others are not noted; 1 motion was withdrawn; 2 were decided the same day when presented, and 1 in from 1 to 10 days after presenting. The 1 jury case required ½ hour to secure the jury.

By origin, 23 of the cases were filed first in the district court, 2 were appeals from justices of the peace, 1 from a survey. By subject matter the cases were: Debt, 9; foreclosure, 2; damages, 2; partition, 2; note, 2; quiet title, 1; soldiers' bonus, 1; garnishment, 1; alimony, 1; survey, 1; contract, 1; specific performance, 1; malicious prosecution, 1; injunction, 1; assault, 1. On July 1, 1927, 29 cases, other than divorce, were pending. Eight cases had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to 1 year, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 7 to 8 years. Thirteen cases had been filed before July 1, 1926, of those pending, and 16 thereafter, the oldest being No. 2,238, the latest No. 2,760.

Of divorce cases, 4 were disposed of within a year, and 1 dismissed before trial. Three divorces were granted, all to the wives, on grounds of abandonment, 2; cruelty, 1. None was contested. Five minor children were given to the custody of the wife. Three divorce cases were all tried between 60 and 90 days after filing the petition. The oldest divorce case was No. 2,701, the latest No. 2,709. Six divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

Of 8 criminal cases disposed of within the year, 5 were dismissed, 2 defendants pleaded guilty, 1 was convicted on jury trial, 2 acquitted by juries. Report was not made of the time elapsing between filing transcript and information. One case was disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 in from 10 to 30 days, and 3 from 30 days to 3 months. The crimes charged to those tried were: Burglary, 1; forgery, 1; larceny, 1; violation liquor laws, 1.

same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, in 6 cases later than 30 days. There were 12 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, the data as to the time they were presented and disposed of are not shown. There were 22 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, and no case longer than 12 months.

There were 15 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial; in 7 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 5 cases to husbands. No case was contested. The custody of 7 minor children was given to wives, and 2 to husbands. One case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, and 11 cases from 60 days to 6 months. There were 6 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 19 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 12 cases, 4 were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 2 cases and verdicts of not guilty in 2 cases. In 4 cases the informations were filed the same days as the transcript, in 2 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and 1 case from 30 days to 3 months. One case was tried within 30 days after the information was filed, and 3 cases from 3 to 6 months. Paroles were granted in 3 cases.

STANTON COUNTY.

HON. G. L. LIGHT, Judge.
ROBERT AMRINE, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 33. Of these, 1 was appealed from justice of the peace court; none was removed to the federal court; 3 were dismissed before trial, 28 tried to the courts, and 2 to juries, none to a referee. The data do not disclose any information relative to the filing of answers or replies. Nineteen of these cases were disposed of within 3 months after they were filed, 7 from 3 to 6 months; in 15 journal entries were filed the same day as the trial, and 2 within 10 days thereafter, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 5 more than 30 days. Eleven motions were filed, 4 of which were presented within ten days, 1 within 10 to 30 days, 2 more than 30 days, and 7 were decided the same day presented. Eight of these actions were to quiet title, 9 to foreclose mortgages, 1 injunction, 6 on notes, 2 damages, 1 partition, 1 on bond, 2 for money. There were 2 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, both of which had been on file less than 3 months.

One divorce case was disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, in which the divorce was granted to the husband on the ground of abandonment, and was disposed of within 3 months after it was filed. No divorce cases were pending July 1, 1927, nor was there any such case pending July 1, 1926.

There were 19 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 were dismissed before trial, in 6 the defendant entered plea of guilty, and of the 9 trials 3 resulted in verdicts of not guilty and 6 in verdicts of guilty. The offenses charged in the cases filed are: Larceny, 6; violation of prohibitory law, 10; gambling, 1; possession of cigarettes, 1. There

were two criminal cases pending on July 1, 1927. One had been pending less than 3 months and the other less than 6 months. There were 6 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

STEVENS COUNTY.

HON. G. L. LIGHT, Judge.
JOHN F. FULKERSON, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 42. Four were dismissed, 34 tried to the court, 4 tried to a jury, none to a referee. No answer was filed in 40; answer filed within 30 days in 1, more than 60 days and less than 6 months in 1. Twenty-two were tried within 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 2 more than 6 months and less than 12, 5 more than 12 months. In one case the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, in 2 less than 30 days thereafter, and in 19 more than 30 days thereafter. The nature of the actions was as follows: Foreclosure, 25; garnishment, 1; on notes and accounts, 12; for possession of real estate, 1; quiet title, 1.

There were 34 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 12 of which had been pending less than 3 months, 15 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. There were 18 such cases pending on July 1, 1926.

There were 4 divorce cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927; 2 were granted to the wife, and 2 to the husband, none of which was contested. The custody of 2 minor children was awarded to the husbands. Three cases were disposed of within from 3 to 6 months, 1 more than 6 months. Two were on the ground of abandonment, and 2 extreme cruelty. There was 1 divorce case pending July 1, 1927, which had been pending less than 3 months; and there were 2 such cases pending July 1, 1926.

There were 3 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, in all of which pleas of guilty were entered. In 2 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript and in 1 within 10 days thereafter. There were no criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, and none July 1, 1926.

SUMNER COUNTY.

HON. L. H. FINNEY, Judge.
LURA PLUMB, Clerk.

There were 179 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 1 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court; 1 was removed to federal court, 44 were dismissed before trial, 130 were tried to the court, and 4 to the jury. In 103 cases no answers were filed; in 33 cases the answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 17 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 18 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 8 cases later than 6 months. In 67 cases the trial was had within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 31 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 19 cases from 6 to 12 months, and in 17 cases later than 12 months. There were 177 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings; 26 of these were withdrawn; 103 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 16 from 10 to 30 days, and 32 later than 30 days; 150 were decided the same day presented, and 1 not the same day but within 10 days. There were 161 civil actions, other than

There were 14 cases, other than divorce, pending on July 1, 1927. Of these 7 had been filed less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. Two pending cases were filed before July 1, 1926, and 12 afterwards. Nine divorce cases were tried or dismissed in the year ending June 30, 1927; 1 was dismissed before trial; 8 divorces were granted, 4 to wives and 4 to husbands; on grounds of gross neglect 4, abandonment 3, extreme cruelty 1. Two divorce cases were contested; 6 were not contested. Three minor children were awarded to the wife, 2 to the husband, and 1 to grandparents. Three divorce cases were tried after 60 days and less than 3 months from filing petition, 3 were tried from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year after petition was filed. One divorce case was pending on July 1, 1927. The oldest civil case, not divorce, pending July 1, 1927, was No. 2,398, the latest was No. 2,517.

In the year from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, 15 criminal cases were disposed of; 4 of them were dismissed; in 5 cases defendant plead guilty, 2 were tried and convicted by a jury, and 1 was acquitted by a jury; in 1 case the jury disagreed; in 2 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 1 the information was filed more than 1 day and less than 10 days after the transcript, in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 1 case from 30 days to 3 months, in 1 case from 3 to 6 months after transcript was filed. Two criminal cases were disposed of within 10 days after information was filed, 2 were disposed of from 3 to 6 months after information filed. The crimes charged to those tried are: Larceny, 6; nonsupport of family, 2; arson, 1; assault, 1; liquor violation, 3. One defendant was found insane and 1 was put under bond to keep the peace. Two criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, both filed within the preceding year. One series of numbering of cases is used for all classes, both criminal and civil, each case receiving the next higher number when filed.

WABAUNSEE COUNTY.

HON. C. E. CARROLL, Judge.
MRS. J. B. BARNES, Clerk.

There were 36 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 were dismissed before trial, 1 was removed to the federal court, 22 were tried to the court, 1 to a jury, and none to a referee. No answers were filed in 11 cases; in 10 cases answers were filed within 30 days, in 3 cases answers were filed in more than 30 but less than 60 days, in 7 cases answers were filed in more than 60 days but in less than 6 months, and in 4 cases the answers were filed in more than 6 months. Eight cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 4 were tried in more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 8 were tried in more than 6 months but less than 12 months, and 8 were tried in more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 18 cases the same day the case was tried, 2 were filed not the same day but within 10 days. There were 55 motions and demurrers filed. Of these, 23 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 9 in 10 to 30 days, 16 were presented in more than 30 days, 2 were withdrawn or not presented, 40 were decided the same day they were presented, 3 were decided within 10 days, 1 decided in 10 to 30 days, and 4 were decided in more than 30 days. All of these cases were original actions in the

district court. There were 23 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 to 12 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, and 5 for more than 5 years.

Divorce cases: There were 10 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial; in 7 cases divorces were granted to wives, and 1 divorce was granted to a husband; 3 divorces were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 3 on extreme cruelty, and 2 on nonsupport; 2 cases were contested and 4 were uncontested. The custody of 6 minor children was given to wives, and 1 minor child to a husband. There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927; these 4 cases had been pending from 3 to 6 months.

Criminal cases: There were 33 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Eighteen of these cases were dismissed, and 8 defendants entered pleas of guilty. In 21 cases the information was filed the same day the transcript was filed. We have no record of the time within which these cases were disposed of after the information was filed. Paroles were granted in 3 of these cases. There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Two of these had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year.

WALLACE COUNTY.

HON. J. C. RUPPENTHAL, Judge.
IDA WARD, Clerk.

There were 43 civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of in the district court of Wallace county within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 12 were dismissed before trial; none was removed to federal court. Thirty cases were tried to the court, and 1 to a jury, none to a referee. Twenty-one civil cases of these had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 22 had been filed after that date. The oldest case disposed of was No. 1,099; the latest case disposed of was No. 1,258. In 30 cases no answer was filed; in 4 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed. One answer was filed between 30 and 60 days, 3 answers from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 answers 6 months to 1 year after petition filed, a total of 10 answers filed. On their merits, 7 cases were disposed of within 3 months after the petition was filed, 14 cases from 3 to 6 months, and 5 cases from 6 to 12 months after petition filed. In 32 cases journal entries were filed on the same day that the case was tried, and in 5 cases after one day but less than 10 days; in 2 cases no journal entries were filed until after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1927. One demurrer and 7 motions were filed; 2 of these were presented within 10 days after filing, and 6 more than 30 days after filing; all 8 were ruled on and decided the day when presented.

Of the 43 civil actions disposed of their subject matter was: Mortgage foreclosure, 14; quiet title, 11; debt, 10; attachment, 3; damages, 2; replevin, 1; specific performance, 1; set aside judgment, 1.

By origin, 2 were appeals from the county court and 41 were original in the district court. On July 1, 1927, 20 cases, other than divorce, were pending on the civil docket. Of these 2 had been filed for more than 1 year and the other 18 had been filed after July 1, 1926. The oldest was No. 1,161, the

latest No. 1,257. Less than 3 months 8 cases had been pending, from 3 to 6 months in 6 cases, from 6 months to 1 year in 4 cases, and 1 year to 2 years in 2 cases.

Of divorce cases, 6 were disposed of during the year; 4 cases were dismissed before trial; two divorces were granted, 1 to the wife, 1 to the husband. No divorce was contested. Both trials were after 60 days and within 3 months from filing petition. Four divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

In the year from July 1, 1926, to June 30, 1927, 5 criminal cases were disposed of; 1 was dismissed and 4 defendants pleaded guilty. In 4 cases the information was filed more than 1 day but less than 10 days after the transcript from the county court was filed. All 4 cases were disposed of within 10 days after transcript was filed. The charge was robbery in 4 cases; 1 case was a bond to keep the peace. No criminal cases were pending on the docket of the district court on July 1, 1927.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

JOHN C. HOGIN, Judge.
GEO. W. DICKSON, Clerk.

There were 76 civil cases, other than divorce, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, none was removed to the federal court, 22 were dismissed before trial, 50 were tried to the court, 3 were tried to juries, and none tried to a referee. In 54 cases no answers were filed. Of the cases tried, 32 were disposed of within 3 months after petitions were filed, 17 within 3 to 6 months, 19 within 6 months to 1 year, and 7 more than 1 year, and 1 case was not heard. There is no information given as to journal entries.

There were 42 motions and demurrers filed; 25 were presented within 10 days after filing, 4 within 10 to 30 days, 4 more than 30 days; 23 were decided same day presented, 6 within 10 days, and 4 within 10 to 30 days, and 9 were withdrawn or not presented. There were 26 civil cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 15 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial, 1 was contested, 8 not contested; no divorce denied. Twelve minor children were awarded to wives, none to husbands. Six cases were tried within 3 months after petitions were filed, 3 within 3 to 6 months, 5 within 6 months to 1 year. Eight divorces were granted on the ground of abandonment and 1 on the ground of extreme cruelty.

There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 3 had been pending less than 3 months and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 9 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed, 4 pleas of guilty were entered, 2 were tried to a jury, and 2 verdicts of not guilty. Informations were filed same day as transcripts in 4 cases, within 10 days in 3 cases, and within 10 to 30 days in 2 cases. Other information not given. There were 2 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, both of which have been pending less than 3 months.

WICHITA COUNTY.

HON. H. E. WALTER, Judge.
ANNA G. DENNING, Clerk.

Civil actions, other than divorce, disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 34, of which 5 were dismissed before trial, and 29 were tried to the court. The report does not show any trial to a jury. In 29 no answer was filed, in 2 answer was filed more than 30 days and less than 60 days; 25 cases were disposed of within 3 months after they were filed, and 4 from 3 to 6 months. In 13 cases the journal entry was filed the same day as the trial, and in 8 within 10 days thereafter, 1 case from 10 to 30 days, in 5 more than 30 days. The report does not show any information as to the filing of motions or demurrers. The nature of the action was as follows: Foreclosure, 22; quiet title, 5; on judgments, 5 (probably on notes and accounts). There were 8 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, 2 of which had been pending less than 3 months, and 6 from 6 to 12 months. Four such cases were pending July 1, 1926.

One divorce case was disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, in which the divorce was granted to the wife. It was contested, and the ground for divorce was extreme cruelty. There was 1 divorce case pending July 1, 1927, which had been pending from 3 to 6 months, and there was 1 divorce case pending July 1, 1926.

There were 5 criminal cases disposed of during the year ending July 1, 1927, 2 of which were dismissed, and there were verdicts of guilty in 3. Paroles were granted in 3. The report discloses no further information other than the fact that all of them were for violation of prohibitory law, except 1 bad-check case. There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, 1 of which had been pending over 1 year and the other 2 pending less than 3 months. There was 1 case pending on July 1, 1926.

WILSON COUNTY.

HON. S. C. BROWN, Judge.
J. E. MCCRAY, Clerk.

There were 91 civil actions, other than divorce cases, disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 4 had been appealed from probate court. There were 23 cases dismissed before trial; 64 were tried to the court, and 4 to the jury. In 58 cases no answers were filed, in 13 cases the answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 10 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 8 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 cases more than 6 months. In 41 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 13 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 7 cases from 6 to 12 months, and in 7 cases later than 12 months. In 58 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 3 cases later than 30 days. There were 15 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 6 were withdrawn; 3 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 5 more than 30 days. Seven of these were decided the same day as presented, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 more than 30 days. There were 60 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 4

from 6 to 12 months, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, and 6 more than 5 years.

There were 37 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 were dismissed before trial. Divorces were granted to wives in 26 cases, and to husbands in 6 cases. No case was contested. The custody of 11 minor children was given to wives, and 5 to husbands. Four cases were tried within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 25 from 60 days to 6 months, and 3 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce are stated as abandonment in 3 cases, extreme cruelty in 20, gross neglect of duty in 8, and adultery in 1. There were 21 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927; of these, 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 to 12 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 less than two years.

There were 32 criminal actions disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial. There were pleas of guilty in 18 cases, 8 were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 7, and verdict of not guilty in 1. In 6 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 3 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 cases later than 3 months. There were 12 cases tried or disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed; 4 from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 months to 1 year. There were 19 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months, and 5 from 1 to 2 years.

WOODSON COUNTY.

HON. FRANK R. FORREST, Judge.
MRS. FLORA FREVERT, Clerk.

There were 54 civil actions other than divorce disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 were dismissed, 35 were tried to the court, 1 to a jury, and none to a referee. No answers were filed in 40 cases; in 7 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 5 cases answers were filed in more than 30 days but less than 60 days, in 2 cases answers were filed in more than 60 days but less than 6 months, in 9 cases answers were filed in more than 6 months. Thirteen cases were tried on their merits within 3 months after the petition was filed, 7 were tried in more than 3 months but less than 6 months, 8 were tried in more than 6 months but less than 12 months, 8 were tried in more than 12 months. Journal entries were filed in 28 cases the same day the case was tried, in 1 case not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 case in more than 30 days after the trial. There were 53 motions and demurrers filed. Of these, 10 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 10 from 10 to 30 days, 21 presented in more than 30 days, and 9 were withdrawn or not presented; 27 were decided the same day they were presented, 3 were decided within 10 days, 4 in 10 to 30 days, and 8 were decided in more than 30 days. All of these were original actions in the district court. There were 56 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 28 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to

2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 3 for more than 5 years.

Divorce cases: There were 8 divorce cases tried on their merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 were dismissed before trial. In 3 cases divorces were granted to wives, 3 cases were uncontested, 3 were granted on the grounds of abandonment, 2 on extreme cruelty, and 1 for adultery. There were 3 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.

Criminal cases: We were furnished no record concerning the criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. There were 12 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Two of these had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 9 from 6 months to 1 year.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY.

HON. E. L. FISCHER, Judge, First Division.
HON. F. D. HUTCHINGS, Judge, Second Division.
HON. W. H. MCCAMISH, Judge, Third Division.
HON. C. A. MILLER, Judge, Fourth Division.
WALTER F. MATHIS, Clerk.

There were 798 civil cases other than divorce disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 22 were removed to the federal court, 149 were dismissed before trial, 518 tried to the court, 108 tried to a jury, and 1 tried to a referee. There were 453 cases in which no answer was filed, 185 cases in which an answer was filed within 30 days after filing of the petition, 69 in which the answer was filed in from 30 to 60 days, 73 in which answer was filed in more than 60 days and less than 6 months, and 18 in which the answer was filed more than 6 months after filing of the petition. Of these, 339 cases were tried within 3 months after the petition was filed, 117 tried more than 3 months but less than 6 months after the petition was filed, 114 tried more than 6 but less than 12 months after the petition was filed, and 57 tried more than 12 months after the petition was filed. Of these cases, 604 journal entries were filed the same day of the trial, and none thereafter.

There were 201 motions and demurrers filed, of which 93 were presented within 10 days after being filed, 40 presented in from 10 to 30 days, and 34 presented more than 30 days after being filed. There were 34 motions and demurrers withdrawn or not presented. Of these motions and demurrers presented, 157 were decided the same day presented, 2 were decided not the same day but within 10 days after being presented, 2 within 10 to 30 days, and 1 more than 30 days after being presented.

Of civil cases, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927, there were 2,182, of which 265 had been pending less than 3 months, 301 pending from 3 to 6 months, 325 from 6 to 12 months, 433 from 1 to 2 years, and 858 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 544 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed in the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 50 were dismissed before trial; there were 365 divorces granted to wives, and 126 to husbands, 2 divorces denied, 1 submitted. There were 14 divorce cases contested, and 471 not contested. Estimated number of minor children whose custody was awarded to wives was 140, estimated number awarded to husbands 21. There were 373 divorce cases

tried or dismissed within 3 months after the petition was filed, 135 in from 3 to 6 months, and 31 more than 6 months after the petition was filed. Grounds of divorce are not stated in report. There were 952 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 152 had been pending less than 3 months, 96 for from 3 to 6 months, 188 for from 6 months to 1 year, 235 for from 1 year to 2 years, and 281 for more than 2 years.

The number of criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, was 227, of which 97 were dismissed, and no data given in 2. There were 75 pleas of guilty; 55 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in 39 verdicts of guilty, 15 verdicts of not guilty, 1 hung jury, and no data given in 9 cases. Of these cases, 30 informations were filed the same day as the transcript, 13 filed not the same day but within 10 days, 19 filed in from 10 to 30 days, 14 filed in from 30 days to 3 months, 10 filed more than 3 months after filing of the transcript.

There were 23 criminal cases tried or disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 21 in from 10 to 30 days, 33 in from 30 days to 3 months, 12 in from 3 to 6 months, and 54 in from 6 months to 1 year after the information was filed; none in more than 1 year. There were 62 paroles granted. There were 491 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 86 had been pending for less than 3 months, 36 for from 3 to 6 months, 68 for from 6 months to 1 year, 30 for from 1 to 2 years, 45 for from 2 to 3 years, 30 for from 3 to 4 years, 51 for from 4 to 5 years, and 145 for more than 5 years. Of civil cases, other than divorce, there were 1,291 pending July 1, 1926, and 2,182 pending July 1, 1927, an increase of 891. Divorce cases pending July 1, 1926, were 516, and July 1, 1927, 952, an increase of 436. Criminal cases pending July 1, 1926, were 301, and July 1, 1927, 491, an increase of 190. Average time to get jury estimated 1 to 2 hours.

SUMMARIES BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

The following is a statement in the form of a summary as to each judicial district separately, made from reports received from the clerks of the courts. In this we have included the area in square miles of the judicial district; also the population and assessed value. These figures were taken from the report of the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture for 1926. Where a judicial district consists of but one county, the summary heretofore given by counties is not repeated, but the page where it may be found is referred to.

FIRST DISTRICT.

HON. J. H. WENDORFF, of Leavenworth, Judge.

One county: Leavenworth. Area, 440 square miles; population, 41,362; assessed value, $45,193,732. For summary see page 77.

SECOND DISTRICT.

HON. W. A. JACKSON, of Atchison, Judge.

One county: Atchison. Area, 412 square miles; population, 25,381; assessed value, $48,324,611. For summary see page 34.

THIRD DISTRICT.

HON. JAMES A. MCCLURE, of Topeka, Judge, First Division.
HON. GEORGE H. WHITCOMB, of Topeka, Judge, Second Division.
HON. OTIS E. HUNGATE, of Topeka, Judge, Third Division.

One county: Shawnee. Area, 544 square miles; population, 75,768; assessed value, $126,885,205. For summary see page 108.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

HON. HUGH MEANS, of Lawrence, Judge.

Three counties: Anderson, Douglas and Franklin. Area, 1,540 square miles; population, 58,582; assessed value, $119,183,890.

There were 380 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 17 had been appealed from justice court, and 5 from probate court. Two cases were removed to federal court. Eighty-six were dismissed before trial; 154 were tried to the court, and 20 to the jury. In 289 cases no answers were filed; in 45 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 22 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 19 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 5 cases later than 6 months. There were 188 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 62 from 3 to 6 months, 30 from 6 to 12 months, and 13 later than 12 months after the petitions were filed. In 123 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 195 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 40 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 13 cases later than 30 days. There were 56 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 8 were withdrawn; 21 were pre-

sented within 10 days after they were filed, 20 from 10 to 30 days, and 14 later than 30 days. There were 38 of these decided the day presented, 5 not the same day but within 10 days, 3 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days.

There were 159 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 64 had been pending less than 3 months, 27 from 3 to 6 months, 37 from 6 months to 1 year, 20 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, and 3 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 139 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 29 were dismissed before trial. In 67 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 32 cases to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. There were contests in 12 cases. The custody of 53 minor children was given to wives, and of 4 to husbands. There were 9 cases disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 94 from 60 days to 6 months, and 13 later than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 39 cases; extreme cruelty in 14 cases; gross neglect of duty in 53 cases, and conviction of felony in 5 cases.

There were 33 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 22 had been pending less than 3 months; 5 from 3 to 6 months; and 6 from 6 months to a year.

There were 151 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 35 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 72 cases. There were 32 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 23 cases, and verdicts of not guilty in 9 cases. In 16 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 12 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 17 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 7 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and 4 cases later than 3 months. There were 45 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 18 cases from 10 to 30 days, 18 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 8 cases from 3 to 6 months, 5 cases from 6 months to a year, and 1 case later than 1 year. Paroles were granted in 34 cases.

There were 39 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 15 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 7 from 2 to 3 years. In the cases pending more than 1 year, defendant had broken custody or absconded and had not been re-arrested.

The time required to select a jury is noted in 24 cases (from Franklin county only) as being 10 minutes in 8 cases, 15 minutes in 5 cases, 20 minutes in 1 case, 30 minutes in 1 case, 40 minutes in 1 case, 50 minutes in 1 case, 1 hour in 3 cases, 1 to 2 hours in 3 cases, and 3 hours in 1 case.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

HON. I. T. RICHARDSON, of Emporia, Judge.

Three counties: Chase, Coffey and Lyon. Area, 2,240 square miles; population, 48,217; assessed value, $107,641,772.

There were 239 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. There were 55 cases dismissed before trial, 160 tried to the court, and 9 to the jury. No answers

were filed in 185 cases; in 26 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 14 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 11 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 3 cases later than 6 months. There were 117 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 34 cases from 3 to 6 months, 16 cases from 6 months to 12 months, and 1 case later than 12 months. In 107 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 24 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 12 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 7 cases more than 30 days. There were 54 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these 20 were withdrawn; 8 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 6 from 10 to 30 days, and 6 later than 30 days. Of these, 9 were decided the day presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days.

There were 38 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927 (Lyon county not reported). Of these, 22 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 25 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927 (Lyon county not reported). Of these, 5 were dismissed before trial. In 11 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 8 cases to husbands; 2 cases were contested. The custody of 9 minor children was given to wives, and 5 to husbands. One case was tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 18 from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 2 cases, extreme cruelty in 9, gross neglect of duty in 1.

There were 4 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 had been pending less than 3 months, and 2 longer than 3 months.

There were 102 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 2 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 75 cases, and 13 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 6 cases, a verdict of not guilty in 1 case, and a hung jury in 1 case. In 5 cases informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 11 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases later than 3 months. There were 29 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 22 from 10 to 30 days, 14 from 30 days to 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year. Paroles were granted in 9 cases.

There were 4 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927 (Lyon county not reported). Each of these had been pending for less than 3 months. The time required to select a jury was not furnished.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

HON. CHARLES F. TRINKLE, of Fort Scott, Judge.

Two counties: Bourbon and Linn. Area, 1,269 square miles; population, 38,581; assessed value, $56,987,022. There were 156 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 10 had been appealed from justice court and 1 from probate court. Four cases were removed to federal court. Thirty-eight were dismissed before trial; 108 were tried to the court and 6 to the jury. In 116 cases no answers were filed; in 11 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the

petitions were filed, in 10 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 14 cases from 60 days to 6 months, in 5 cases more than 6 months. There were 52 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 44 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 to 12 months, and 3 more than 12 months. In 87 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 11 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 4 cases more than 30 days. There were 127 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these 10 were withdrawn; 68 presented within 10 days after they were filed, 30 from 10 to 30 days, 23 more than 30 days. There were 114 of these decided the day presented, and 3 not same day but within 10 days.

There were 115 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 47 had been pending less than 3 months, 28 from 3 to 6 months, 27 from 6 to 12 months, and 13 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 43 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 were dismissed before trial. In 22 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 11 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. There were contests in 3 cases. The custody of 12 minor children was given to wives, and of 10 to husbands. There were 4 cases disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 31 from 60 days to 6 months, and 4 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 15 cases, extreme cruelty in 6 cases, gross neglect of duty in 9 cases, and conviction of felony in 3 cases.

There were 28 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to one year, 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 55 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 46 cases. There were 3 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 1 case, and not guilty in 2 cases. In 14 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 10 cases not the same day but within 10 days, 6 from 10 to 30 days, 2 from 30 days to 3 months. There were 12 cases disposed of from 10 to 30 days after the informations were filed, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months. Paroles were granted in 6 cases.

There were 27 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, and 9 from 6 months to 1 year.

The time required to select the jury is reported in 6 cases from Linn county (no report from Bourbon county) as being from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 2 cases, from 2 hours to ½ day in 2 cases, and from ½ day to 1 day in 2 cases.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

HON. S. C. BROWN, of Chanute, Judge.

Two counties: Neosho and Wilson. Area, 1,161 square miles; population, 43,022; assessed value, $78,641,462.

There were 112 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been appealed from justice court. There were 39 cases dismissed before trial; 66 cases were tried to the court, and 7 to the jury. In 69 cases no answers were filed;

in 16 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, 13 cases from 30 to 60 days, 9 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 5 cases later than 6 months. In 41 cases the trials were had within 3 months after the petitions were filed. In 15 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 10 cases from 6 to 12 months, and in 7 cases later than 12 months. In 15 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 5 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and in 6 cases later than 30 days. There were 18 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 7 were withdrawn; 4 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 6 later than 30 days. There were 122 cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 44 had been pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 9 from 6 months to a year, 12 from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, and 6 longer than 5 years.

There were 55 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 21 were dismissed before trial. In 26 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 6 cases to husbands. There were contests in 2 cases. The custody of 11 minor children was given to wives, and 5 to husbands. In 5 cases the trials were had within 60 days after the petitions were filed, in 26 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 3 cases later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce are given as abandonment in 3 cases, extreme cruelty in 20, and gross neglect of duty in 8.

There were 39 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 17 had been pending less than 3 months, 14 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to 1 year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 longer than 2 years.

There were 50 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 19 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 18 cases. There were 13 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 9 cases and not guilty in 3 cases, and a hung jury in 1 case. In 7 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 7 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 6 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 6 cases later than 3 months. There were 13 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, 13 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 4 cases from 3 to 6 months, and 7 cases more than 1 year.

There were 44 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to a year, and 12 more than 1 year. There were 14 paroles granted in Wilson county.

The time required to select a jury was noted in 18 cases, as follows: Fifteen minutes in 1 case, 20 minutes in 1 case, 30 minutes in 1 case, 40 minutes in 1 case, 50 minutes in 1 case, 1 hour in 4 cases, 1 to 2 hours in 6 cases, 2 to 3 hours in 2 cases, and 5 hours in 1 case.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

HON. C. M. CLARK, of Peabody, Judge.

Four counties: Dickinson, Geary, Marion and Morris. Area, 2,895 square miles; population, 70,926; assessed value, $161,423,047.

There were 452 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits, or dismissed, within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 26 had been ap-

pealed from justice court, and 4 from probate court. There were 63 cases dismissed before trial; 144 were tried to the court, and 19 to the jury. There were 259 cases in which no answers were filed, in 87 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 43 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 35 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 12 cases later than 6 months. In 122 cases the trials were within 3 months after the petitions were filed, in 64 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 27 cases from 6 to 12 months, in 11 cases later than 12 months. In 92 cases the journal entry was filed the same day of trial, in 16 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 25 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 52 cases later than 30 days. There were 118 motions and demurrers to pleadings, of which 9 were withdrawn; 19 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 15 from 10 to 30 days, and 13 later than 30 days. Of these, 38 were decided the day presented, 4 not the same day but within 10 days, 5 from 10 to 30 days after presented, and 8 more than 30 days.

There were 139 civil actions, other than divorce, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 70 had been pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 19 from 6 months to 1 year, 19 from 1 to 2 years, 10 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 more than 4 years.

There were 110 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 22 were dismissed before trial. In 67 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 19 cases to husbands; in 4 cases divorces were denied. The custody of 31 minor children was given to wives, and 2 to husbands. One case was tried within 60 days after the information was filed, 65 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 5 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were stated as being abandonment in 30 cases, extreme cruelty in 23 cases, gross neglect of duty in 13, conviction of a felony in 2, and adultery in 7. There were 33 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, of which 10 had been pending less than 3 months. The time others were pending is not shown.

There were 32 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927 (Geary and Marion counties not reporting on this). Of these, 5 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 17; there were 22 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 19, not guilty in 2, and a hung jury in 1. In 6 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 11 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 3 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 1 case later than 3 months. In 3 cases the trial was held from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, in 4 cases from 1 to 3 months, in 1 case from 3 to 6 months. Paroles were granted in 5 cases.

There were 20 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, and 7 from 2 to 3 years.

The time required to select a jury is noted in 14 cases as being 1 hour in 7 cases, two hours, in 3 cases, ½ day, in 3 cases, and 2 days in 1 case.

NINTH DISTRICT.

HON. W. G. FAIRCHILD, of Hutchinson, Judge.

Three counties: Harvey, Mc Pherson and Reno. Area, 2,682 square miles; population, 87,906; assessed value, $195,277,363.

There were 528 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits

or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 160 were dismissed before trial; 315 were tried to the court, and 53 to the jury. In 269 cases no answers were filed; in 78 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 72 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 67 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 31 cases later than 6 months. There were 48 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 32 from 3 to 6 months, 57 from 6 to 12 months, and 47 later than 12 months. In 65 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 38 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 19 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 56 cases later than 30 days. There were 255 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 49 were withdrawn; 78 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 34 from 10 to 30 days, and 87 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 199 were decided the same day as presented.

There were 311 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 79 had been pending less than 3 months, 27 from 3 to 6 months, 54 from 6 to 12 months, 89 from 1 to 2 years, 35 from 2 to 3 years, 16 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years, and 6 more than 5 years.

There were 190 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 37 were dismissed before trial. In 115 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 38 cases to husbands. There were contests in 7 cases. The custody of 80 minor children was given to wives and 14 to husbands. Four cases were tried within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 139 from 60 days to 6 months, and 10 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce are stated as abandonment in 53 cases, extreme cruelty in 61, gross neglect of duty in 29, conviction of a felony in 2, and adultery in 3. There were 104 divorces cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 57 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 24 from 6 months to 1 year, and 12 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 192 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 100 were dismissed; in 75 cases pleas of guilty were entered. There were 17 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 6 cases, not guilty in 6 cases, and a hung jury in 5 cases. In 25 cases informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 32 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 19 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 28 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 3 cases later than 3 months. There were 13 cases tried within 10 days after the informations were filed, 4 from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to a year, and 3 later than 1 year. Paroles were granted in 36 cases. There were 36 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 10 from 6 months to 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

TENTH DISTRICT.

HON. G. A. ROBERDS, of Olathe, Judge.

Two counties: Johnson and Miami; area, 1,088 square miles; population, 40,962; assessed value, $79,802,438.

There were 306 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 12 had been appealed from justice court, and 7 from probate court. One case was removed to federal court; 102 were dismissed before trial; 188 were tried to the court, 16 to the

jury, and 1 to a referee. In 203 cases no answers were filed; in 40 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 31 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 25 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 7 cases later than 6 months. In 147 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 53 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 16 cases from 6 to 12 months, and in 12 cases more than 12 months. In 157 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 64 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 12 cases later than 30 days. There were 79 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 12 were withdrawn; 19 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 27 from 10 to 30 days, and 21 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 55 were decided the same day as presented, 4 not the same day but within 10 days, 5 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days.

There were 179 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927, of which 57 had been pending less than 3 months, 27 from 3 to 6 months, 31 from 6 to 12 months, 30 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, 14 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 more than 4 years.

There were 81 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 19 were dismissed before trial. In 42 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 18 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases divorces were denied. There were contests in 13 cases. The custody of 22 minor children was given to wives, and 9 to husbands. Two cases were disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 53 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 7 cases later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were stated as abandonment in 15 cases, extreme cruelty in 9, gross neglect of duty in 19, habitual drunkenness in 5, and adultery in 2.

There were 30 cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years, and 3 more than 2 years.

There were 90 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 28 were dismissed; pleas of guilty were entered in 52 cases; 10 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 9 cases, not guilty in 3, and a hung jury in 1. In 8 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months. Three cases were tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 6 from 10 to 30 days, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year. A parole was granted in 1 case.

There were 38 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 months to a year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 from 2 to 3 years.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

HON. JOHN W. HAMILTON, of Columbus, Judge.

One county, Cherokee. Area, 605 square miles; population, 35,780; assessed value, $41,302,980. For summary see page 41.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

HON. JOHN C. HOGIN, of Belleville, Judge.

Three counties: Cloud, Republic and Washington. Area, 2,308 square miles; population, 49,384; assessed value, $131,151,243.

There were 227 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 6 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. There were 55 cases dismissed before trial; 141 were tried to the court, 23 to the jury, and 1 to a referee. In 131 cases no answers were filed; in 26 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 9 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 12 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 9 cases later than 6 months. In 78 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 27 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 32 cases from 6 to 12 months, and in 24 cases more than 12 months. In 5 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 9 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 4 cases later than 30 days. There were 232 motions and demurrers to pleadings, of which 29 were withdrawn; 102 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 33 from 10 to 30 days, and 61 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 176 were decided the day presented, 11 not the same day but within 10 days, 12 from 10 to 30 days, and 5 later than 30 days.

There were 67 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 31 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 12 from 6 to 12 months, 11 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 longer than 2 years.

There were 47 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial. In 26 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 7 cases to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. There were contests in 4 cases. The custody of 33 minor children was given to wives, and 1 to a husband. Four cases were disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 25 from 60 days to 6 months, and 5 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were stated as abandonment in 17 cases, extreme cruelty in 12, gross neglect of duty in 3. There were 9 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 46 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 15 were dismissed before trial, pleas of guilty were entered in 20; 12 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 3, not guilty in 6, and hung juries in 2. In 14 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days. Six cases were tried or disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 12 from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year. Paroles were granted in 4 cases. There were 6 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been pending less than 3 months, and 1 from 3 to 6 months.

The time required to select a jury is reported from Republic county in 6 cases as "regular," in 2 cases as "usual" time, and in 1 case from 2 to 3 hours. No report on this from Cloud and Washington counties.

7; nonsupport, 1. One divorce was denied. Six divorce cases were contested, and 25 not contested. Twenty-seven minor children were given to the wife, and 2 to the husband. One emergency divorce was granted within 45 days after filing; 19 were tried in from 60 to 90 days, 14 from 3 to 6 months, 3 after 6 months from filing petition; 16 divorce cases were pending on July 1, 1927.

Of criminal cases, 45 were disposed of within the year, of which 14 were dismissed; 19 defendants pleaded guilty; 6 were tried to juries and convicted, 1 was tried to a jury and acquitted, 2 juries disagreed. In 6 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 6 cases from 1 to 10 days, in 5 from 10 to 30 days, in 9 from 30 to 90 days, and in 2 more than 3 months after transcript; 11 cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 8 in from 10 to 30 days, 3 in from 30 days to 3 months, 2 in from 3 to 6 months, 2 in from 6 to 12 months, 1 in from 1 to 2 years, 7 in from 2 to 3 years. The crimes charged to those tried were: Assault, 2; burglary, 7; larceny, 7; nonsupport of family, 2; felony, 1; violation of liquor laws, 6; disturbance of peace, 1. There were 7 criminal cases pending on July 1, 1927, of which 4 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 3 after that date.

Two counties number all their cases, civil and criminal, in one series; and two counties have two series of numbers, one for civil and one for criminal cases.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. WILLIAM D. ATKINSON, of Parsons, Judge.

One county: Labette. Area, 643 square miles; population, 32,926; assessed value, $46,642,267. For summary see page 76.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. E. E. KITE, of St. Francis, Judge.

Five counties: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips. Area of district, 4,726 square miles; population, 45,316; assessed value, $89,286,566.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, there were filed and disposed of in the district courts of the seventeenth judicial district, counties of Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips, 214 civil actions, other than divorce. None was removed to federal court; 35 were dismissed before trial; 125 tried to court, 5 to juries, 1 to referee. Of these, 54 so disposed of were filed before July 1, 1926, and 160 afterwards. No answer was filed in 187 cases; in 6 cases answer was filed within 30 days after petition, 5 from 30 to 60 days, 11 from 60 days to 6 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months. On the merits, 94 cases were tried within 3 months after filing, 42 from 3 to 6 months, 20 from 6 to 12 months, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 5 to 6 years. No journal entry was filed in 49 cases, including 17 dismissals; journal entry was filed in 41 cases on day of trial, in 31 from 1 to 10 days, in 26 from 10 to 30 days, in 23 over 30 days. Of dilatory pleadings, 58 were filed, being 50 motions and 8 demurrers, of which 22 were presented within 10 days after filing, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 11 over 30 days; 1 was withdrawn; 18 were decided the same day when presented. In selecting juries, time required in 1 case was 2 days, 1 case 2 hours, 1 case 1½ hours, 2 cases ½ hour each.

By origin, 198 cases started in district court, 15 were appeals from justices of the peace, and 2 from probate court. By subject matter the cases were: Foreclosure, 53; quiet title, 37; note, 49; debt, 23; attachment, 12; partition, 11; damages, 6; contract, 4; set aside deed, 2; garnishment, 2; probate, 2; replevin, 1; mandamus, 1; account, 1; soldier bonus, 1; alienation, 1; injunction, 1; receiver, 1; taxes, 1; forcible entry, 1; set aside judgment, 1; bond, 1; dissolve bank, 1.

Other than divorce, there were pending on July 1, 1927, 134 cases in the district, of which 41 had been filed less than 3 months, 23 from 3 to 6 months, 18 from 6 to 12 months, 23 from 1 to 2 years, 17 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 5 to 6 years, 1 from 8 to 9 years. Of 134 pending cases, 52 were filed before July 1, 1926, and 82 afterwards.

Of divorce cases, 58 were tried or dismissed within the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 12 were dismissed before trial; 45 divorces were granted, and 1 denied. Decrees were granted to wives in 32 cases, to husbands in 13; for abandonment, 21 gross neglect, 2; extreme cruelty, 18; adultery, 2. Divorce cases contested in 2, not contested in 38. Twenty-five minor children were given to wives, 6 to husbands. Six divorce cases were emergencies; 1 was tried the day of filing petition, 1 after 27 days, 1 after 50 days, 1 after 53 days, 1 under 60 days, 26 from 60 to 90 days, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 1 from 1 to 2 years. Fifteen divorce actions were pending on July 1, 1927.

In the year ending June 30, 1927, 36 criminal cases were disposed of in the seventeenth district, of which 15 were dismissed; 6 defendants pleaded guilty, 9 were tried to juries and convicted, 3 tried to juries and acquitted; no hung jury. In 5 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 2 cases from 1 to 10 days, in 2 from 10 to 30 days, in 5 from 1 to 3 months, in 1 over 3 months. Four cases were disposed of within 10 days after filing the information, 7 in from 10 to 30 days, 4 in from 1 to 3 months, 5 in from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years. The crimes charged to those tried were: Rape, 1; assault, 5; larceny, 5; violation liquor laws, 7; misdemeanor, 1; bastardy, 1.

Fifteen criminal cases were pending in the district on July 1, 1927, of which 6 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 9 afterwards. All five counties number their cases, both civil and criminal, in a single series.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. J. E. ALEXANDER, of Wichita, Judge, First Division.
HON. THORNTON W. SARGENT, of Wichita, Judge, Second Division.
HON. GROVER PIERPONT, of Wichita, Judge, Third Division.
HON. I. N. WILLIAMS, of Wichita, Judge, Fourth Division.

One county: Sedgwick. Area, 994 square miles; population, 115,266; assessed value, $185,236,030. For summary see page 106.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. O. P. FULLER, of Winfield, Judge.

One county: Cowley. Area, 1,133 square miles; population, 40,593; assessed value, $82,278,220. For summary see page 47.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

HON. RAY H. BEALS, of St. John, Judge.

Three counties: Barton, Rice and Stafford. Area, 2,395 square miles; population, 43,620; assessed value, $133,419,367.

There were 246 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 57 were dismissed before trial; 179 were tried to the court, and 10 to the jury. In 189 cases no answers were filed; in 12 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 16 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 8 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 6 cases later than 6 months. There were 134 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 32 from 3 to 6 months, 12 from 6 to 12 months, and 8 later than 12 months. In 130 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 22 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 11 cases later than 30 days. There were 44 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings, of which 7 were withdrawn; 14 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, and 6 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 23 were decided the same day as presented, and 2 not the same day but within 10 days.

There were 61 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 20 had been pending less than 3 months, 15 from 3 to 6 months, 19 from 6 to 12 months, and 7 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 87 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 22 had been dismissed before trial. In 46 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 18 cases to husbands, and 1 divorce was denied. There were contests in 6 cases. The custody of 29 minor children was given to wives, and 12 to husbands. Four cases were disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 57 from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 9 cases, extreme cruelty in 30, gross neglect of duty in 8, conviction of a felony in 1, habitual drunkenness in 1, and adultery in 4.

There were 20 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 14 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 4 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 74 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927, of which 17 were dismissed; pleas of guilty were entered in 39 cases. There were 18 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 8 cases, not guilty in 9 cases, and a hung jury in 1 case. In 15 cases informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 12 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 7 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 7 cases from 30 days to 3 months. There were 6 cases tried within 10 days after the informations were filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 8 from 30 days to 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year. Paroles were granted in 7 cases.

There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 6 to 12 months, and 1 for more than 12 months.

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

HON. FRED R. SMITH, of Manhattan, Judge.

Three counties: Clay, Marshall and Riley. Area, 2,147 square miles; population, 57,758; assessed value, $133,884,283.

There were 174 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. There were 26 cases dismissed before trial, 123 cases were tried to the court, and 11 to the jury. In 101 cases no answers were filed; in 12 cases answers were filed within 30 days, in 9 cases from 30 days to 60 days, in 7 cases from 60 days to 6 months. There were 106 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 17 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 to 12 months. In 101 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 7 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 8 cases 10 to 30 days, in 13 cases later than 30 days. There were 13 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 5 were withdrawn; 3 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 later than 30 days. There were 6 of these decided the day presented.

There were 96 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these 40 had been pending less than 3 months, 21 from 3 to 6 months, 17 from 6 to 12 months, 13 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 81 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 19 were dismissed before trial. In 56 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 12 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. There were contests in 7 cases. The custody of 36 minor children was given to wives, and 4 to husbands. There were 2 cases disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 56 from 60 days to 6 months, 3 later than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 11 cases, extreme cruelty in 24 cases, gross neglect of duty in 19 cases.

There were 26 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year. The time pending in 10 cases, in Marshall county, was not shown.

There were 38 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 16 cases. There were 12 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 14, and not guilty in 3. In 24 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months. There were 7 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 16 cases from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 case later than one year. Paroles were granted in 4 cases.

There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 5 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 months to 1 year. The time required to select a jury was noted in 18 cases as being from 2 hours to ½ day in 1 case, and from ½ day to 1 day in 17 cases.

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

HON. C. W. RYAN, of Wathena, Judge.

Three counties: Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha. Area, 1,665 square miles; population, 54,030; assessed value, $130,457,544.

There were 217 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits, or dismissed, within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 13 had been appealed from justice court. There were 53 cases dismissed before trial, 156 tried to the court, and 8 to the jury. In 149 cases no answers were filed; in 27 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 17 cases answers were filed from 30 to 60 days, in 20 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 14 cases later than 6 months. In 95 cases the trial was within 3 months after the petition was filed, in 50 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 13 cases from 6 to 12 months, and in 6 cases later than 12 months. In 36 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 61 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 32 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 31 cases later than 30 days. There were 103 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 9 were withdrawn; 77 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 11 from 10 to 30 days, and 10 later than 30 days. Of those presented, 64 were decided the same day presented. The time of decision of the others is not shown.

There were 114 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 44 had been pending less than 3 months, 33 from 3 to 6 months, 37 from 6 to 12 months, and none more than 1 year.

There were 48 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 9 were dismissed before trial. Divorces were granted to wives in 28 cases, and to husbands in 9, and in 1 case a divorce was denied. There were contests in 12 cases. The custody of 25 minor children was given to wives, and 9 to husbands. There were 36 cases tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed, and 3 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 13 cases, extreme cruelty in 8 cases, and gross neglect of duty in 16.

There were 25 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, and 7 from 6 months to 1 year.

There were 79 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 were dismissed before trial; in 33 cases pleas of guilty were entered; 24 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 15 cases, not guilty in 8, and a hung jury in 1. In 8 cases the information was filed the same day as the transcript, in 19 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 12 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 6 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 cases later than 3 months. There were 5 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 13 cases from 10 to 30 days, 11 from 30 days to 3 months, 1 case from 3 to 6 months, and 1 more than 6 months. Paroles were granted in 5 cases. The time required to select a jury is reported in 29 cases as being from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 2 cases, from 1 to 2 hours in 12 cases, and from 2 hours to ½ day in 15 cases.

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

HON. J. C. RUPPENTHAL, of Russell, Judge.

Six counties: Ellis, Gove, Logan, Russell, Trego and Wallace. Area of district, 5,778 square miles; population, 43,601; assessed value, $97,489,210.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, the six district courts of the twenty-third judicial district, in the counties of Ellis, Gove, Logan, Russell, Trego and Wallace, disposed of 475 civil cases, other than divorce, 53 divorce cases, and 69 criminal prosecutions. Of civil cases, 111 were dismissed before trial, 1 was removed to federal court, 253 tried to the court, 22 to juries, none to referee. Of cases disposed of, 162 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 313 were filed afterwards. In 305 cases no answer was filed; in 62 cases answer was filed within 30 days after filing the petition, in 19 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 34 cases from 60 days to 6 months, in 14 cases from 6 months to 1 year, in 3 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 1 case from 4 to 5 years. Trial on the merits was had in 102 cases within 3 months after filing the petition, in 72 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 37 cases from 6 to 12 months, in 16 cases from 1 to 2 years, in 8 cases from 2 to 3 years, in 1 case from 3 to 4 years, in 3 cases from 4 to 5 years, in 1 case from 7 to 8 years. Journal entries were filed on the day of trial in 107 cases, from 1 to 10 days in 39 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 25 cases, over 30 days in 31 cases. In 43 cases no journal entry was filed. Of dilatory pleadings, 145 were filed, being 115 motions and 30 demurrers, of which 18 were presented to the court within 10 days after filing them, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 30 over 30 days, 5 were withdrawn.

The reports are incomplete and show only that 34 dilatory pleadings were ruled on on the date when presented, and 1 within 10 days thereafter. Time taken to select juries was 1 hour in 3 cases, 2 hours in 2 cases, 3 hours in 3 cases, ½ day in 5 cases, and 1 day in 2 cases.

In origin, 430 cases of the civil docket started in the district court, 34 were appealed from justices of the peace, 4 from county courts, 4 from county commissioners, 1 from probate court, 2 were transcripts from other district courts.

The total of cases disposed of, criminal, divorce and other civil, numbers 597. The subject matter of civil litigation, other than divorce, was: Debt, 169; foreclosure of liens, 83; quiet title to real estate, 67; damages, 22; notes, 16; attachment, 16; replevin, 14; partition of real estate, 13; set aside contracts, 5; declaratory judgment, 5; injunction, 6; specific performance, 3; set aside will, 3; accounting, 2; slander, 2; rent, 2; garnishment, 3; receiver, 2; commission, 2; revivor, 1; ejectment, 1; condemnation, 1; set aside lease, 1; set aside deed, 1; set aside judgment, 1; probate, 1; dissolve bank, 1; contract, 1; mandamus, 1; tax warrant, 1; forcible entry and detainer, 1; bond, 1; insurance, 1; breach of contract, 1; alimony, 1; abstract of judgment, 14; transcript of judgment, 6.

Other than divorce, 214 civil cases were pending in the district on July 1, 1927, of which 82 were filed less than 3 months, 48 from 3 to 6 months, 42 from 6 to 12 months, 24 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 8 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years. Of civil cases pending on July 1, 1927, 171 had been filed in the year preceding, and 43 were filed before July 1, 1926.

Divorce cases to the number of 53 were tried or dismissed during the year

ending June 30, 1927; 19 were dismissed before trial; 33 divorces were granted. Of these 22 decrees were granted to the wife, and 11 to the husband. Only 5 divorce cases were contested. The grounds of the decrees were: Gross neglect of duty, 17; abandonment more than 1 year, 11; extreme cruelty, 2. Children were awarded, 18 to the wife and mother, 4 to the husband and father, 1 to grandparents. The trial of 13 divorce cases was from 60 to 90 days after filing of petition, of 12 cases from 3 to 6 months, and of 7 cases over 6 months.

On July 1, 1926, there were 24 divorce cases pending in this district. On July 1, 1927, there were 23 pending, of which 5 had been filed less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 to 12 months, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 1 over 2 years No divorce was denied at trial.

During the year ending June 30, 1927, there were 69 criminal cases disposed of in the district, of which 20 were dismissed; in 29 cases the defendants pleaded guilty, 6 were convicted, and 3 acquitted by juries; 2 juries disagreed. The information was filed the same day as the transcript in 10 cases, from 1 to 10 days in 10 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 8 cases, from 30 days to 3 months in 2 cases, more than 3 months in 2 cases. Criminal cases were tried and disposed of within 10 days after information filed in 20 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 5 cases, from 30 days to 3 months in 7 cases, from 3 to 6 months in 4 cases, from 6 months to 1 year in 3 cases. Paroles from district court sentences are reported in 9 cases, all from 1 county.

On July 1, 1926, 9 criminal cases were pending in the district, and on July 1, 1927, 14, of which 8 were pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years. Crimes charged to those tried were: Homicide, 3; rape, 1; robbery, 4; assault, 4; burglary, 1; forgery, 4; larceny, 13; nonsupport, 3; liquor laws, 15; arson, 1; break jail, 1; peace bond, 2. One was insane. In 5 counties all cases are numbered in one series. In one county civil and criminal cases are numbered separately.

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

HON. GEO. L. HAY, of Kingman, Judge.

Four counties: Barber, Harper, Kingman and Pratt. Area, 3,526 square miles; population, 45,986; assesed value $116,783,838. There were 323 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 15 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court; 120 were dismissed before trial; 185 were tried to the court, and 20 to the jury. In 215 cases no answers were filed; in 36 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petition was filed, in 20 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 33 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 19 cases later than 6 months. There were 101 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 31 from 3 to 6 months, 21 from 6 months to a year, 35 more than 12 months after the petitions were filed. In 117 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 36 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 27 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 25 cases more than 30 days. There were 129 motions and demurrers filed to the pleadings. Of these 27 were withdrawn; 31 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 19 from 10 to 30 days, 52 more than 30 days. There were 100 of these decided the same day pre-

sented, 1 not same day but within 10 days, and 1 more than 30 days after presented.

There were 113 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these 35 had been pending less than 3 months, 24 from 3 to 6 months, 12 from 6 to 12 months, 31 from 1 to 2 years, 6 from 2 to 3 years, and 2 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 102 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 33 were dismissed before trial. In 51 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 18 cases to husbands. There were contests in 11 cases. The custody of 37 minor children was given to wives, and of 8 to husbands. There was 1 case disposed of within 60 days after the petition was filed, 58 from 60 days to 6 months, and 10 later than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 26 cases, extreme cruelty in 25 cases, gross neglect of duty in 7 cases, and adultery in 1 case.

There were 28 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 14 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 months to 1 year, 4 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 99 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 30 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 38 cases. There were 28 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 15 cases, not guilty in 9 cases, and 4 hung juries. In 13 cases the informations were filed the same day of the transcript, 18 cases not the same day but within 10 days, 9 from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 more than 3 months. There were 8 cases tried or disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 17 cases from 10 to 30 days, 14 from 30 days to 3 months, 12 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 months to 1 year, 2 more than 1 year. Paroles were granted in 7 cases.

There were 25 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 14 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

The time required to select the jury is noted in 41 cases (Pratt county not reported) as being less than 15 minutes in 3 cases, from 15 to 30 minutes in 10 cases, from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 15 cases, from 1 to 2 hours in 12 cases, and 4 hours and 15 minutes in 1 case.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

HON. L. H. FINNEY, of Wellington, Judge.

One county: Sumner. Area, 1,179 square miles; population, 27,815; assessed value, $65,050,589. For summary see page 113.

(There are no judicial districts with numbers 26, 27, or 28.)

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

HON. EDWARD L. FISCHER, of Kansas City, Judge First Division.
HON. F. D. HUTCHINGS, of Kansas City, Judge, Second Division.
HON. W. H. MCCAMISH, of Kansas City, Judge, Third Division.
HON. C. A. MILLER, of Kansas City, Judge, Fourth Division.

One county: Wyandotte. Area, 143 square miles; population, 133,897; assessed value, $172,884,102. For summary see page 121.

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

HON. DALLAS GROVER, of Salina, Judge.

Four counties: Ellsworth, Lincoln, Ottawa and Saline. Area, 2,877 square miles; population, 55,434; assessed value, $150,912,705.

There were 475 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 32 had been appealed from justice court, and 11 from probate court. There were 59 cases dismissed before trial, 270 tried to the court, and 18 to the jury. In 278 cases no answers were filed; in 90 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 37 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 26 cases from 60 days to 6 months, in 34 cases more than 6 months. There were 150 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 53 from 3 to 6 months, 35 from 6 months to 1 year, 37 more than 12 months. There were journal entries filed the same day of trial in 111 cases, 42 not same day but within 10 days, 18 from 10 to 30 days, and 29 more than 30 days. There were 226 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these 66 were withdrawn; 24 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 7 from 10 to 30 days, 37 more than 30 days. There were 67 of these decided the day presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days.

There were 144 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 41 had been pending less than 3 months, 15 from 3 to 6 months, 31 from 6 to 12 months, 25 from 1 to 2 years, 12 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, 8 from 4 to 5 years, and 8 more than 5 years.

There were 94 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 16 were dismissed before trial; in 53 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 21 cases to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. There were contests in 3 cases. The custody of 31 minor children was given to wives, and of 5 to husbands. There were 2 cases disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 67 from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 24 cases, extreme cruelty in 36 cases, gross neglect of duty in 12 cases, and adultery in 1 case.

There were 54 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been pending less than 3 months, and 2 from 1 to 2 years. (Ottawa and Saline counties do not show time cases pending.)

There were 71 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 13 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 31 cases. There were 19 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 8 cases, not guilty in 7 cases, and 1 hung jury. In 16 cases informations were filed the same day as transcript, in 12 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 11 cases 30 days to 3 months, and 1 more than 3 months. There were 30 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, 11 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 4 cases from 3 to 6 months, 1 case from 6 months to a year. Paroles were granted in 3 cases.

There were 13 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

The time required to select the jury is reported in 21 cases from Ellsworth and Saline counties (Lincoln and Ottawa counties not reporting on this) as being less than 15 minutes in 2 cases, from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 6 cases, from 1 to 2 hours in 6 cases, from 2 hours to ½ day in 6 cases, more than 1 day in 1 case.

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

HON. KARL MILLER, of Dodge City, Judge.

Six counties: Clark, Comanche, Ford, Gray, Kiowa and Meade. Area, 5,407 square miles; population, 42,905; assessed value, $97,996,974.

There were 349 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927 (Comanche county not reporting). Of these, 44 had been appealed from justice court. One case was removed to federal court. Eighty-six were dismissed before trial; 228 were tried to the court and 21 to the jury. In 273 cases no answers were filed; in 17 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 23 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 26 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 7 cases more than 6 months. There were 128 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 70 from 3 to 6 months, 49 from 6 to 12 months, and 17 more than 12 months. In 102 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 34 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 12 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 19 cases later than 30 days. There were 72 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Eleven of these were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 7 more than 30 days. There were 15 of these decided the day presented.

There were 317 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 62 had been pending less than 3 months, 26 from 3 to 6 months, 45 from 6 to 12 months, 53 from 1 to 2 years, 110 from 2 to 3 years, 12 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 7 more than five years.

There were 86 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 15 were dismissed before trial. In 50 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 19 cases to husbands; there were contests in 5 cases. The custody of 48 minor children was given to wives, and of 1 to husbands. There were 5 cases disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 62 from 60 days to 6 months, and 7 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 23 cases, extreme cruelty in 19 cases, gross neglect of duty in 26 cases, conviction of felony in 2 cases, habitual drunkenness in 1 case, and fraudulent contract in 1 case.

There were 38 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927 (Comanche county not reporting). Of these, 19 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 months to 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 3 more than 2 years.

There were 81 (Comanche and Gray counties not reporting) criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 26 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 32 cases. There were 22 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 10 cases, not guilty in 6 cases, and hung juries in 6 cases. In 8 cases the informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days,

in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, in 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 case more than 3 months. There were 7 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 1 case from 10 to 30 days, 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 9 cases from 3 to 6 months, 2 cases from 6 months to a year, and 4 cases more than a year. Paroles were granted in 11 cases.

There were 46 (Comanche county not reporting) criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 25 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to a year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, and 4 from 3 to 4 years.

The time required to select the jury was reported in 9 cases from Clark and Meade counties (other counties not reporting) as being from 1 to 2 hours in 4 cases, 2 hours to ½ day in 3 cases, and from ½ day to 1 day in 2 cases.

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

HON. H. E. WALTER, of Syracuse, Judge.

Seven counties: Finney, Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Lane, Scott and Wichita. Area, 6,039 square miles; population, 23,176; assessed valuation, $61,869,389.

There were 396 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 43 were dismissed before trial; 313 were tried to the court, and 30 to the jury. There were 285 cases in which no answer was filed; in 25 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 41 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 36 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 6 cases later than 6 months. In 187 cases trials were had within 3 months after the petitions were filed, in 62 cases from 3 to 6 months, in 62 cases from 6 months to 1 year, and in 29 cases later than 1 year. In 133 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 33 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 24 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 23 cases later than 30 days. There were 106 motions and demurrers filed to the pleadings. Of these, 43 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 31 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 more than 30 days. There were 56 of these decided the same day as presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 more than 30 days.

There were 152 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 28 were pending less than 3 months, 27 from 3 to 6 months, 40 from 6 to 12 months, 35 from 1 to 2 years, 15 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 43 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 were dismissed before trial. In 20 cases divorces were granted to wives, and in 14 cases to husbands. There were contests in 6 cases. The custody of 15 minor children was given to wives and 8 to husbands. There was 1 case disposed of within 60 days after the petition was filed, 27 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 1 more than 6 months. The grounds for divorce are stated as abandonment in 12 cases, extreme cruelty in 5, gross neglect of duty in 2, and adultery in 2. There were 13 cases in which the grounds were not stated.

There were 9 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 4 had been

pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 58 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 24 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 1 case; 16 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 6 cases, not guilty in 9 cases, and a hung jury in 1 case. In 6 cases informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 10 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 7 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 1 case more than 3 months. There were 6 cases tried or disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 7 from 10 to 30 days, 8 from 30 days to 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to 1 year, and 5 more than 1 year. Paroles were granted in 8 cases. (Lane county not reporting on criminal cases.)

There were 27 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 months to 1 year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years.

The time required to select the jury is reported in 5 cases as being from 2 hours to ½ day in 2 cases, and ½ day to 1 day in 3 cases.

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

HON. ROSCOE H. WILSON, of Jetmore, Judge.

Five counties: Edwards, Hodgeman, Ness, Pawnee and Rush. Area, 4,009 square miles; population, 35,639; assessed value, $99,385,636.

There were 274 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these 7 had been appealed from justice court, and 2 from probate court. Fifty-six cases were dismissed before trial; 157 cases were tried to the court, and 17 to the jury. In 163 cases no answers were filed; in 15 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 9 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 11 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 8 cases more than 6 months. There were 62 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 42 from 3 to 6 months, 15 more than 6 months but less than 12 months, and 1 more than 12 months. In 61 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 16 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 11 cases more than 30 days. There were 39 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 1 was withdrawn; 8 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 more than 30 days. There were 16 of these decided the same day presented.

There were 124 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 37 had been pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 25 from 6 to 12 months, 18 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, and 12 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 52 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 were dismissed before trial. In 30 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 15 cases to husbands. There were contests in 2 cases. The custody of 22 minor children was given to wives, and 2 to husbands. There were 2 cases disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed,

38 from 60 days to 6 months, and 3 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 27 cases, extreme cruelty in 4 cases, gross neglect of duty in 11 cases, and adultery in 1 case.

There were 15 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to 1 year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 67 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 12 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 44 cases. There were 13 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 6 cases, not guilty in 6 cases, and a hung jury in 1 case. In 30 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 3 cases more than 3 months. There were 12 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 17 cases from 10 to 30 days, 10 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and 5 cases from 3 to 6 months. Paroles were granted in 25 cases.

There were 20 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to a year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years.

The time required to select the jury is reported in 9 cases from Ness and Rush counties (no report from other counties) as being from 15 to 30 minutes in 2 cases, 30 minutes to 1 hour in 3 cases, 1 to 2 hours in 3 cases, and from ½ day to 1 day in 1 case.

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

HON. C. I. SPARKS, of Goodland, Judge.

Area of district, 4,797 square miles; population, 38,549; assessed value, $72,786,054.

Within the year ending June 30, 1927, in the district courts of the Thirty-fourth judicial district, counties of Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Graham and Rooks, 266 civil actions, other than divorce, were filed and disposed of. One was removed to federal court; 41 were dismissed before trial; 184 tried to court, 9 to jury, none to referee. Of these 31 cases had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 235 were filed afterwards. No answer was filed in 238 cases. Answer was filed within 30 days after petition in 7 cases, from 30 to 60 days in 9 cases, from 2 to 6 months in 6 cases, from 6 to 12 months in 5 cases, from 1 to 2 years in 1 case. On the merits, 62 cases were tried within 3 months after filing petition, 24 from 3 to 6 months, 9 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years. No journal entry was filed in 70 cases; in 18 cases journal entry was filed on day of trial, in 22 cases from 1 to 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 4 cases over 30 days. Of dilatory pleadings, 57 were filed, being 49 motions and 8 demurrers. Of these, 20 were presented within 10 days after filing, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 6 over 30 days; 1 was withdrawn; 28 were decided the same day when presented, 3 in from 1 to 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 3 after 30 days. Time required to select juries was: 1 case 1 day, 3 cases ½ day each, and 1 case ½ hour.

By origin, 257 cases started in the district court, 6 were appeals from justices of the peace, 2 from probate courts, 1 from a survey. By subject mat-

ter the cases were: Foreclosure, 62; quiet title, 44; debt, 43; note, 28; damages, 14; attachment, 10; partition, 8; replevin, 8; stockholders' lien, 6; application, 5; bank stock, 4; abstract of judgment, 4; rights of majority, 3; injunction, 2; contract, 2; garnishment, 2; dissolution of bank, 1; probate, 1; reform deed, 1; lien, 1; transcript of judgment, 1; will, 1; revivor, 1; condemnation, 1; assault, 1; mandamus, 1; soldier bonus, 1; alimony, 1; survey, 1; specific performance, 1; malicious prosecution, 1.

On July 1, 1927, other than divorce, 196 civil cases were pending, of which 63 had been filed less than 3 months, 55 from 3 to 6 months, 48 from 6 to 12 months, 18 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, 1 from 7 to 8 years. Of cases pending 30 had been filed before July 1, 1926, and 166 afterwards.

Of divorce cases, 49 were tried or dismissed within the year ending June 30, 1927, of which 4 were dismissed before trial; 42 divorces were granted; to wives 28, to husbands 14; on grounds of abandonment, 18; gross neglect, 2; extreme cruelty, 4; habitual drunkenness, 1; adultery, 1. None was contested; 4 divorces were denied. Twenty-five minor children were awarded to wives, and 4 to husbands. Five emergency cases were heard, 1 after 47 days from filing petition, 1 after 51 days, 3 under 60 days. Twenty cases were tried after 60 to 90 days, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 to 12 months. Twenty-one divorce petitions were pending on July 1, 1927.

In the year ending June 30, 1927, 32 criminal cases were disposed of in the thirty-fourth district, of which 17 were dismissed; 8 defendants pleaded guilty; 4 were tried to juries and convicted, 3 were tried to juries and acquitted. One information was filed the same day as the transcript, 2 from 1 to 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 to 90 days. Six criminal cases were disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 4 from 30 to 90 days, 5 from 3 to 6 months; 1 from 6 to 12 months. The crimes charged to those tried were: Homicide, 1; burglary, 1; forgery, 1; larceny, 5; felony, 1; violation liquor laws, 1; drunkenness, 1. One parole was reported.

Twenty-one criminal cases were pending on July 1, 1927, all of which had been filed after July 1, 1926. In 3 counties all cases are numbered in a single series; in 2 counties 2 series, civil and criminal, separately.

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

HON. CAREY E. CARROLL, of Alma, Judge.

Two counties: Osage and Wabaunsee. Area, 1,513 square miles; population, 30,847; assessed value, $63,719,552.

There were 185 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. One case was removed to the federal court. Thirty-nine were dismissed before trial; 54 were tried to the court and 9 to the jury. In 110 cases no answers were filed; in 33 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 10 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 15 cases from 60 days to 6 months, in 15 cases more than 6 months. There were 15 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed; 5 from 3 to 6 months, 10 cases from 6 to 12 months, and 22 more than 12

months. In 24 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, 8 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 cases from 10 to 30 days. There were 103 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these 3 were withdrawn; 31 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 21 from 10 to 30 days, 31 more than 30 days. There were 58 of these decided the day presented, 6 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and 6 more than 30 days.

There were 58 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 15 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 to 12 months, 13 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 7 more than 5 years.

There were 30 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 were dismissed before trial. In 17 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 6 cases to husbands. There were contests in 6 cases. The custody of 10 minor children was given to wives, and of 2 to husbands. There were 20 cases disposed of from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed, and 3 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 9 cases, extreme cruelty in 11 cases, gross neglect of duty in 2 cases, and adultery in 1 case.

There were 13 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 2 had been pending less than 3 months, and 5 from 3 to 6 months.

There were 66 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 30 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 8 cases. There were 3 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty. In 29 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 10 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 5 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 1 case more than 3 months. There were 12 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 months to 1 year. Paroles were granted in 6 cases.

There were 6 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to 1 year.

The time required to select the jury is reported in 11 cases as being from 1 to 2 hours in 4 cases, from 2 hours to ½ day in 5 cases, and from ½ day to 1 day in 1 case.

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

HON. M. A. BENDER, of Holton, Judge.

Three counties: Jackson, Jefferson and Pottawatomie. Area, 2,047 square miles; population, 44,303; assessed value, $107,415,385.

There were 341 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 25 had been appealed from justice court, and 2 from probate court. Seventy-three were dismissed before trial; 194 were tried to the court, and 12 to the jury. In 171 cases no answers were filed; in 47 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, 12 from 30 to 60 days, 16 from 60 days to 6 months, and 6 more than 6 months. There were 88 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 41 from 3 to 6 months, 18 from 6 to 12 months. In

141 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 3 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 case more than 30 days. There were 73 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these 11 were withdrawn; 26 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 15 from 10 to 30 days, 11 more than 30 days. There were 52 of these decided the day presented.

There were 132 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 29 had been pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 16 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. (Jackson county does not report time cases pending.)

There were 40 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 8 were dismissed before trial. In 20 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 10 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. The custody of 9 minor children was given to wives, and of 1 to husbands. There were 16 cases disposed of from 60 days to 6 months after the petitions were filed, and 2 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 12 cases, and extreme cruelty in 15 cases.

There were 23 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 7 had been pending less than 3 months. (Jackson county does not show time cases pending.)

There were 73 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 38 were dismissed before trial; pleas of guilty were entered in 9 cases. There were 22 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 14 cases, and not guilty in 8 cases. In 5 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 2 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days. There was 1 case disposed of within 10 days after the information was filed, 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, 13 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year. Paroles were granted in 12 cases.

There were 21 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to 1 year. (Jackson county does not show time cases pending.)

The time required to select the jury is reported in 9 cases from Jefferson county (no report from other counties) as being from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 2 cases, from 1 to 2 hours in 8 cases, and from 2 hours to ½ day in 1 case.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

HON. FRANK R. FORREST, of Iola, Judge.

Two counties: Allen and Woodson. Area, 1,013 square miles; population, 32,954; assessed value, $56,407,141.

There were 233 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 11 had been appealed from justice court, and 1 from probate court. Seventy were dismissed before trial, 118 tried to the court, and 5 to the jury. In 159 cases no answers were filed; in 25 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 13 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 22 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 14 cases more than 6 months. There were 54 cases tried within 3

months after the petitions were filed, 20 from 3 to 6 months, 23 from 6 to 12 months, and 18 more than 12 months. There were journal entries filed the day of trial in 88 cases, in 15 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 7 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 21 cases more than 30 days. There were 77 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 9 were withdrawn; 13 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 13 from 10 to 30 days, and 30 more than 30 days. There were 38 of these decided the day presented, 3 not the same day but within 10 days, 4 from 10 to 30 days, and 8 more than 30 days.

There were 187 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 59 had been pending less than 3 months, 27 from 3 to 6 months, 53 from 6 to 12 months, 31 from 1 to 2 years, 15 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 3 more than 5 years.

There were 58 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 22 were dismissed before trial. In 29 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 5 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. There were contests in 7 cases. The custody of 11 minor children was given to wives, and of 5 to husbands. There were 9 cases disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 23 from 60 days to 6 months, and 19 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 28 cases, extreme cruelty in 11 cases, gross neglect of duty in 20 cases, and adultery in 3 cases.

There were 41 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 10 from 6 months to 1 year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 more than 2 years.

There were 35 criminal cases (Woodson county not reporting) disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 18 were dismissed before trial; plea of guilty was entered in 1 case. There were 17 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 8 cases, not guilty in 4 cases, and a hung jury in 2 cases. In 1 case the information was filed the same day of the transcript, 1 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, and 2 more than 3 months. There were 6 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 8 from 6 months to 1 year, and 5 more than 1 year. No parole granted.

There were 26 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 months to 1 year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

The time required to select the jury is reported in 2 cases from Allen county (no report from Woodson county) as being from 15 to 30 minutes in 1 case, and from 30 minutes to 1 hour in 1 case.

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

HON. L. M. RESLER, of Pittsburg, Judge, First Division.
HON. GEO. F. BEEZLEY, of Girard, Judge, Second Division.

One county: Crawford: Area, 605 square miles; population, 60,372; assessed value, $54,413,522. For summary see page 48.

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

HON. G. L. LIGHT, of Liberal, Judge.

Six counties: Grant, Haskell, Morton Seward, Stanton and Stevens. Area, 3,930 square miles; population, 18,710; assessed value, $40,226,443.

There were 227 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 had been appealed from justice court. Forty-four were dismissed before trial; 164 were tried to the court, and 17 to the jury. In 118 cases no answers were filed, in 16 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 13 cases from 30 days to 60 days, in 15 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 8 cases more than 6 months. There were 69 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 49 from 3 to 6 months, 15 from 6 to 12 months, and 19 more than 12 months after the petitions were filed. In 35 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 14 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 9 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 37 cases more than 30 days. There were 57 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 1 was withdrawn; 7 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 14 from 10 to 30 days, and 5 more than 30 days. There were 30 of these decided the day presented.

There were 101 civil actions other than divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 31 had been pending less than 3 months, 25 from 3 to 6 months, 19 from 6 to 12 months, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years; 2 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 more than 5 years.

There were 31 divorce cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 3 were dismissed before trial. In 14 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 14 cases to husbands. There were contests in 3 cases. The custody of 18 minor children was given to wives, and of 6 to husbands. There were 2 cases tried or disposed of within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 24 from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 more than 6 months. The grounds on which divorces were granted are stated as abandonment in 17 cases, extreme cruelty in 5 cases, gross neglect of duty in 6 cases, and adultery in 1 case.

There were 8 divorce cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 5 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months.

There were 51 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 10 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 22 cases. There were 17 cases tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 13 cases, not guilty in 3 cases, and a hung jury in 1 case. In 9 cases informations were filed the same day of the transcript, in 3 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 7 cases from 10 to 30 days. There were 6 cases disposed of within 10 days after the informations were filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, 13 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 more than 1 year. Paroles were granted in 10 cases.

There were 25 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, and 4 from 6 months to 1 year.

The time required to select the jury is reported in 22 cases, from Seward and Stanton counties, as being from 1 to 2 hours in 5 cases, from 2 hours to ½ day in 15 cases, and from ½ day to 1 day in 2 cases.

SUMMARY FOR THE STATE AS A WHOLE.

The following is a statement in the form of a summary, for the state as a whole (except Sedgwick county, from which we have no reports), with respect to the business transacted in the district courts of the state for the year ending July 1, 1927, and the condition of business in those courts on that date:

There were 10,035 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 519 had been appealed from justice court, 199 from city court, 82 from probate court, 4 from county court, 2 from surveys, and 1 from the Compensation Board. There were 42 cases removed to the federal court. There were 2,617 cases dismissed before trial on the merits; 6,701 were tried to the court, 657 to the jury, and 18 to referees. In 6,431 cases no answers were filed; in 1,262 cases answers were filed within 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 686 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 753 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 320 cases later than 6 months. There were 3,337 cases tried within 3 months after the petitions were filed, 1,370 from 3 to 6 months, 918 from 6 to 12 months, and 562 later than 12 months. In 3,545 cases journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 854 not the same day but within 10 days, in 428 from 10 to 30 days, in 621 later than 30 days. There were 4,100 motions and demurrers filed to pleadings. Of these, 556 were withdrawn; 1,332 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 595 from 10 to 30 days, and 679 later than 30 days. Of those presented to the court, 2,295 were decided the day presented, 169 not the same day but within 10 days, 198 from 10 to 30 days, and 102 later than 30 days.

There were 7,746 civil actions, other than divorce cases, pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1,769 had been pending less than 3 months, 1,061 from 3 to 6 months, 1,227 from 6 to 12 months, 1,196 from 1 to 2 years, 1,287 from 2 to 3 years, 187 from 3 to 4 years, 88 from 4 to 5 years, and 110 for longer than 5 years.

There were 3,886 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 899 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 2,189 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 754 cases to husbands, and in 44 cases divorces were denied. There were contests in 353 cases. The custody of 1,389 minor children was given to wives, and 273 to husbands. There were 159 cases tried within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 2,446 from 60 days to 6 months, and 307 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 666 cases, extreme cruelty in 700 cases, gross neglect of duty in 328 cases, conviction of a felony in 23 cases, habitual drunkenness in 15 cases, adultery in 60 cases, impotency in 1 case, and fraudulent contract in 1 case.

There were 2,216 actions for divorce pending July 1, 1927, of which 719 had been pending less than 3 months, 285 from 3 to 6 months, 392 from 6 to 12 months, 363 from 1 to 2 years, and 350 more than 2 years.

There were 3,494 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1927. Of these, 1,329 were dismissed before trial on the merits; in 1,557 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty; 608 cases were tried to the jury, resulting in verdicts of guilty in 374, not guilty in 190, and hung juries in 44. In 484 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcripts, in 346 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 348 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 208 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 59 cases later than 3 months. There were 482 cases tried, or pleas of guilty received, within 10 days after the informations were filed, 342 cases from 10 to 30 days, 441 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 282 from 3 to 6 months, 213 from 6 months to 1 year, and 40 later than 1 year.

There were paroles granted in 475 cases. (Add 89 for Sedgwick county.)

There were 1,457 criminal cases pending July 1, 1927. Of these, 516 had been pending less than 3 months, 239 from 3 to 6 months, 259 from 6 months to 1 year, 101 from 1 to 2 years, 84 from 2 to 3 years, 38 from 3 to 4 years, 51 from 4 to 5 years, and 146 for longer than 5 years.

TABULATIONS.

Tabulation of Form 1.

In addition to the summary statements previously set out and for more ready reference in comparison, we have made a tabulation from the reports made to us by the various clerks of the district court on form 1. This form requested a report on all civil cases (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1927. It asked for the case number; whether the case had been appealed from justice court, probate court, or some other court inferior to the district court; the date the petition or transcript was filed; the nature of the action; the nature of any motions or demurrers to the petition, the date it was filed, the date it was presented to the court, and the date it was decided, and how decided; the date the answer was filed, the nature of motions or demurrers filed to answers, the date of filing, the date presented to the court, the date decided and how; the date a reply was filed; the date the case was dismissed, if it were dismissed; whether it was tried to the court, a jury, or a referee; the date the trial was begun; the time consumed in getting a jury to try the case; the time consumed in the trial; the date the journal entry was filed; the nature of motions filed after trial, the date such motions were filed, the date presented to the court, the date decided and how; and for remarks on any special matter not specifically inquired about.

TABLE I.

(Compiled from Form 1.)

CIVIL ACTIONS (OTHER THAN DIVORCE CASES) TRIED ON THE MERITS (OR DISMISSED), YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1927.

COUNTIES.	Number of cases.	Dismissed before trial.	Tried to court.	Tried to jury.	No answer filed.	Answer filed.			
						In 30 days.	In 30 to 60 days.	In 60 days to 6 months.	After 6 months.
Allen	122	52	66	4	86	9	7	15	5
Anderson	111	25	77	9	78	12	12	7	2
Atchison	69	17	52	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barber	68	36	22	10	29	12	4	13	8
Barton	74	19	52	3	59	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bourbon	88	20	67	.....	73	5	6	2	2
Brown	81	29	51	1	61	3	7	10	.....
Butler	259	85	169	5	175	32	20	21	11
Chase	38	15	23	.....	38	1	1	.....	.....
Chautauqua	42	6	36	.....	34	3	4	.....	1
Cherokee	200	67	124	7	127	33	12	25	3
Cheyenne	48	7	36	4	43	1	.....	2	2
Clark	34	13	14	7	17	5	5	5	2
Clay	40	17	13	10	19	9	5	7	.....
Cloud	96	19	62	14	32	20	6	12	7
Coffey	74	18	55	1	67	2	4	1	.....
Comanche	42	16	25	1	32	3	5	1	1
Cowley	254	71	168	11	152	48	23	29	2
Crawford	86	21	63	2	46	24	9	4	3
Decatur	28	.....	28	.....	21	3	1	2	1
Dickinson	149	30	112	6	77	42	16	12	5
Doniphan	78	24	50	4	45	11	8	10	4
Douglas	136	24	86	14	113	11	7	4	1
Edwards	57	21	36	.....	47	2	1	1	6
Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellis	97	7	79	8	60	22	3	7	5
Ellsworth	74	1	68	5	33	24	4	7	6
Finney	126	.....	107	19	79	7	22	16	2
Ford	130	41	80	8	107	5	6	10	2
Franklin	133	34	87	11	98	22	3	8	2
Geary	74	15	51	8	45	2	13	11	3
Gove	68	.....	64	4	53	5	2	2	6
Graham	38	12	26	.....	35	.....	1	1	1
Grant	24	6	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gray	55	4	51	.....	46	1	5	3	1
Greeley	82	11	67	4	51	11	8	11	1
Greenwood	162	45	98	19	110	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton	64	15	49	.....	51	1	4	6	2
Harper	91	33	57	1	66	5	6	10	4
Harvey	41	3	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haskell	22	9	13	.....	11	2	1	6	2
Hodgeman	31	.....	29	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	90	30	57	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	67	18	45	4	47	8	6	5	1
Jewell	95	22	67	5	61	15	3	12	4
Johnson	131	42	79	8	89	17	15	8	2
Kearny	23	4	17	2	19	.....	2	1	1
Kingman	114	30	78	6	80	14	9	7	4
Kiowa	57	18	38	1	47	6	1	1	2
Labette	119	39	75	5	71	20	7	12	11
Lane	17	3	13	1	13	2	1	1	.....
Leavenworth	185	28	154	3	58	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	32	.....	32	.....	20	7	4	.....	1
Linn	68	18	41	6	43	6	4	12	3
Logan	54	.....	42	2	41	6	3	3	1
Lyon	125	33	84	8	80	23	9	10	3
Marion	65	64	1	.....	52	9	3	1	.....
Marshall	89	9	78	2	82	3	4	.....	.....
McPherson	70	19	43	8	61	1	3	5	.....
Meade	73	10	58	5	59	.....	6	7	1
Miami	175	58	109	8	114	23	16	17	5
Mitchell	50	15	32	3	34	11	1	2	2
Montgomery	254	108	129	17	149	38	25	32	10
Morris	69	24	40	5	46	11	6	5	1
Morton	39	9	27	3	32	3	2	1	1

TABLE I.—Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Number of cases.	Dismissed before trial.	Tried to court.	Tried to jury.	No answer filed.	Answer filed.			
						In 30 days.	In 30 to 60 days.	In 60 days to 6 months.	After 6 months.
Nemaha	58	.....	55	3	43	13	2	.....	.....
Neosho	21	16	2	3	11	3	3	1	3
Ness	80	15	60	5	54	4	4	5	1
Norton	35	8	26	1	28	1	1	3	2
Osage	91	23	60	8	61	15	6	5	4
Osborne	84	20	64	.....	68	2	3	8	3
Ottawa	87	1	82	4	58	14	8	7	2
Pawnee	81	14	59	8	62	9	4	5	1
Phillips	51	12	39	.....	46	.....	2	3	.....
Pottawatomie	132	35	92	5	91	28	4	7	2
Pratt	52	21	28	3	40	5	1	3	3
Rawlins	46	9	37	.....	43	1	1	1	.....
Reno	417	138	234	45	208	77	39	62	31
Republic	56	21	29	6	45	6	3	.....	2
Rice	108	19	86	3	76	9	14	7	2
Riley	45	.....	43	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rooks	97	10	87	.....	96	.....	.....	1	.....
Rush	25	6	17	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Russell	132	47	75	9	69	24	14	19	6
Saline	165	58	97	10	12	28	11	6	17
Scott	50	9	37	4	43	4	2	1	.....
Sedgwick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward	67	15	44	8	35	10	10	7	5
Shawnee	729	258	398	72	444	124	65	68	28
Sheridan	26	17	8	1	18	1	4	1	2
Sherman	48	13	31	4	41	4	2	.....	1
Smith	60	19	39	2	55	.....	1	3	1
Stafford	64	19	41	4	54	3	2	1	4
Stanton	33	3	28	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stevens	42	4	34	4	40	1	.....	1	.....
Sumner	179	44	130	4	103	33	17	18	8
Thomas	57	1	51	4	48	2	2	3	2
Trego	39	4	32	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Wabaunsee	36	12	20	1	11	10	3	7	4
Wallace	43	12	30	1	30	4	1	3	2
Washington	75	22	50	3	54	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wichita	34	5	29	.....	29	.....	2	.....	.....
Wilson	91	23	64	4	58	13	10	8	2
Woodson	54	18	35	1	40	7	5	2	9
Wyandotte	798	149	518	108	453	185	69	73	18
Totals	10,035	2,617	6,701	657	6,431	1,262	686	753	320

TABLE I.—Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Cases tried.				Journal entry filed day of trial.	Not same day but within ten days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.
	In 3 months of petition.	In 3 to 6 months.	In 6 to 12 months.	After 12 months.				
Allen	37	11	12	10	60	14	6	20
Anderson	31	16	12	11	14	35	13	2
Atchison	30	24	15	.....	43	15	6	5
Barber	12	3	2	15	16	4	4	7
Barton	44	6	2	.....	47	1	2	2
Bourbon	31	26	7	3	55	7	3	2
Brown	33	14	5	.....	12	20	8	12
Butler	65	37	38	34	78	31	23	23
Chase	18	4	1	.....	8	8	2	2
Chautauqua	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherokee	76	28	16	13	84	14	10	16
Cheyenne	20	7	5	9	16	12	9	11
Clark	.....	.....	4	7	.....	1	2	4
Clay	2	1	4	.....	.....	1	5	2
Cloud	30	6	8	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coffey	44	7	5	.....	41	7	6	2
Comanche	10	5	6	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cowley	117	28	15	.....	137	3	2	1
Crawford	17	7	.....	1	20	1	.....	.....
Decatur	20	8	.....	.....	3	7	5	2
Dickinson	64	31	7	1	54	8	6	2
Doniphan	27	14	7	6	4	25	13	8
Douglas	85	14	11	.....	34	52	11	6
Edwards	16	11	7	.....	29	5	.....	2
Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellis	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	1
Ellsworth	35	16	3	3	4	1	2	2
Finney	49	15	41	17	28	7	5	6
Ford	54	38	18	6	33	28	6	5
Franklin	72	17	7	2	75	8	6	5
Geary	37	17	4	.....	37	4	14	3
Gove	43	17	5	3	36	15	13	12
Graham	9	1	.....	.....	6	3	2	1
Grant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gray	25	11	8	2	41	1	1	4
Greeley	44	18	8	1	57	.....	2	5
Greenwood	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	2	15	76
Hamilton	37	6	1	4	18	5	12	6
Harper	36	10	6	7	56	16	6	10
Harvey	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	5	1	2
Haskell	4	4	7	6	5	.....	.....	1
Hodgeman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	34	10	6	.....	45	2	.....	1
Jewell	23	12	13	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnson	74	31	2	4	114	5	1	1
Kearny	12	4	1	3	3	8	4	1
Kingman	47	16	12	10	43	11	14	8
Kiowa	28	5	5	.....	26	4	1	6
Labette	48	20	11	6	28	17	16	11
Lane	4	5	1	.....	5	5	.....	.....
Leavenworth	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	22	5	3	2	16	6	2	1
Linn	21	18	7	.....	32	4	1	2
Logan	16	10	3	1	19	3	3	1
Lyon	55	23	10	1	58	9	4	3
Marion	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	62	16	2	.....	66	2	1	11
McPherson	1	1	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meade	21	16	14	2	2	.....	2	3
Miami	73	22	14	8	43	59	4	11
Mitchell	20	8	4	.....	16	6	2	1
Montgomery	62	48	26	10	62	48	26	10
Morris	1	2	2	.....	1	4	5	48
Morton	3	6	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nemaha	35	22	1	.....	20	16	11	11
Neosho	.....	2	3	.....	.....	1	1	3
Ness	38	20	5	1	40	8	3	9

TABLE I.—Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

COUNTIES.	Cases tried.				Journal entry filed day of trial.	Not same day but within ten days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.
	In 3 months of petition.	In 3 to 6 months.	In 6 to 12 months.	After 12 months.				
Norton	12	9	4	2	13	4	4	6
Osage	7	1	2	14	6	6	4	.....
Osborne	27	15	11	1	49	.....	3	1
Ottawa	34	20	15	10	23	10	6	16
Pawnee	1	.....	2	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Phillips	20	12	5	2	7	9	8	8
Pottawatomie	54	31	12	.....	96	1	1	.....
Pratt	6	2	1	3	2	5	3	.....
Rawlins	22	6	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reno	47	31	52	43	35	33	18	54
Republic	16	4	5	4	5	9	6	4
Rice	62	15	5	7	49	17	2	3
Riley	42	.....	.....	.....	35	4	2	.....
Rooks	7	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Rush	7	11	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Russell	14	24	18	20	6	6	.....	9
Saline	59	12	14	22	68	25	8	10
Scott	16	10	10	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sedgwick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward	21	23	5	5	14	12	7	12
Shawnee	214	76	98	72	332	71	14	35
Sheridan	.....	.....	4	5	1	3	1	2
Sherman	19	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smith	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1
Stafford	28	11	5	1	34	4	1	6
Stanton	19	7	.....	.....	15	2	1	5
Stevens	22	9	2	5	1	.....	1	19
Sumner	67	31	19	17	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas	37	13	2	2	10	16	3	1
Trego	21	6	4	2	11	7	6	6
Wabaunsee	8	4	8	8	18	2	.....	.....
Wallace	7	14	5	.....	32	5	.....	2
Washington	32	17	19	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wichita	25	4	.....	.....	13	8	1	5
Wilson	41	13	7	7	58	4	.....	3
Woodson	13	7	8	8	28	1	1	1
Wyandotte	339	117	114	57	604	.....	.....	.....
Totals	3,337	1,370	918	562	3,545	854	428	621

TABLE I.—Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Motions and demurrers.								After 30 days.
	Number filed.	Withdrawn or not presented.	Presented in ten days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.	Decided day presented.	Not same day but within ten days.	In 10 to 30 days.	
Allen	24	.....	3	3	9	11	.....	.....	3
Anderson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Atchison	42	16	15	6	5	23	.....	1	.....
Barber	37	10	5	20	2	34	.....	.....	1
Barton	9	1	4	1	3	8	.....	.....	.....
Bourbon	29	2	25	.....	2	24	3	.....	.....
Brown	29	1	19	5	5	28	.....	.....	.....
Butler	41	5	1	6	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chase	8	1	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	1	1
Chautauqua	18	2	1	2	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Cherokee	111	30	35	16	31	30	73	5	1
Cheyenne	25	.....	12	.....	1	13	.....	.....	.....
Clark	23	.....	3	1	2	6	.....	.....	.....
Clay	10	5	3	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....
Cloud	139	8	50	21	53	114	5	8	5
Coffey	13	3	5	3	2	6	.....	.....	.....
Comanche	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cowley	130	33	27	17	21	63	.....	1	1
Crawford	28	19	8	1	.....	8	1	.....	.....
Decatur	15	1	3	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dickinson	34	.....	10	7	6	9	3	5	6
Doniphan	38	2	29	3	4	36	.....	.....	.....
Douglas	24	1	7	6	10	17	4	.....	1
Edwards	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellis	48	1	4	.....	9	10	1	.....	.....
Ellsworth	57	.....	3	2	10	15	1	.....	.....
Finney	44	.....	16	23	.....	34	.....	.....	2
Ford	27	.....	7	.....	5	8	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	32	7	7	14	4	21	1	3	.....
Geary	22	5	2	4	5	9	.....	.....	2
Gove	13	2	2	.....	5	7	.....	.....	.....
Graham	12	.....	5	1	.....	6	.....	12	.....
Grant	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Gray	7	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Greeley	22	.....	9	3	.....	9	.....	.....	1
Greenwood	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton	31	.....	16	5	3	11	1	1	.....
Harper	35	12	7	5	11	22	1	.....	.....
Harvey	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haskell	7	.....	.....	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....
Hodgeman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	16	3	7	2	4	13	.....	.....	.....
Jewell	73	3	29	6	31	55	.....	.....	.....
Johnson	44	4	11	17	12	33	2	3	2
Kearny	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingman	49	11	12	9	17	38	.....	.....	.....
Kiowa	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Labette	133	22	74	24	13	96	9	1	5
Lane	2	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Leavenworth	68	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	21	.....	15	3	3	21	.....	.....	.....
Linn	98	8	43	30	21	90	.....	.....	.....
Logan	19	2	7	3	9	9	.....	.....	.....
Lyon	33	16	3	3	.....	3	2	.....	.....
Marion	37	2	9	2	.....	10	1	.....	.....
Marshall	2	.....	.....	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....
McPherson	12	.....	5	1	1	7	.....	.....	.....
Meade	9	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miami	35	8	8	10	9	22	2	2	1
Mitchell	20	.....	6	5	9	17	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	182	39	85	18	40	133	3	1	6
Morris	26	2	5	2	2	10	.....	.....	.....
Morton	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nemaha	36	3	29	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Neosho	3	1	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....
Ness	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....

TABLE I.—Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Concluded.*

Counties.	Motions and demurrers.								After 30 days.
	Number filed.	Withdrawn or not presented.	Presented in ten days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.	Decided day presented.	Not same day but within ten days.	In 10 to 30 days.	
Norton	7	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Osage	48	1	8	12	15	18	3	.....	2
Osborne	30	1	3	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Ottawa	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee	15	1	7	3	4	15	.....	.....	.....
Phillips	5	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Pottawatomie	57	8	19	13	7	39	.....	.....	.....
Pratt	8	2	2	.....	4	6	.....	.....	.....
Rawlins	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reno	241	49	73	33	86	192	.....	.....	.....
Republic	51	12	27	8	4	39	.....	.....	.....
Rice	23	6	10	4	3	15	.....	.....	.....
Riley	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rooks	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Rush	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Russell	47	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Saline	104	66	6	2	24	31	.....	.....	.....
Scott	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sedgwick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward	20	.....	3	12	.....	19	.....	.....	.....
Shawnee	552	36	180	125	211	310	32	121	47
Sheridan	15	1	1	.....	1	2	1	.....	.....
Sherman	6	.....	2	1	2	4	.....	.....	1
Smith	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stafford	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanton	11	.....	4	1	2	7	.....	.....	.....
Stevens	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sumner	177	26	103	16	32	150	1	.....	.....
Thomas	23	.....	11	1	3	15	2	1	.....
Trego	10	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Wabaunsee	55	2	23	9	16	40	3	1	4
Wallace	8	.....	2	.....	6	8	.....	.....	.....
Washington	42	9	25	4	4	23	6	4	.....
Wichita	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson	15	6	3	1	5	7	.....	1	1
Woodson	53	9	10	10	21	27	3	4	8
Wyandotte	201	34	93	40	34	157	2	2	1
Totals	4,100	558	1,332	595	679	2,295	169	198	102

TABULATION OF FORM 2.

Form 2 asked for data similar to that contained on Form 1, of civil cases (other than divorce cases) pending July 1, 1927.

TABLE II.

(Compiled from Form 2.)

CIVIL ACTIONS (OTHER THAN DIVORCE CASES), PENDING JULY 1, 1927.

COUNTIES.	Civil actions pending July 1, 1927.	Pending less than 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.
Allen	131	41	22	25	26	12	4	1	.....
Anderson	65	17	10	12	16	7	3	.....	.....
Atchison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barber	35	10	4	5	15	1	.....	.....	.....
Barton	18	10	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bourbon	86	31	22	24	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown	39	14	13	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Butler	151	40	19	25	41	13	6	4	3
Chase	9	4	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chautauqua	23	13	2	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherokee	163	21	7	33	34	22	18	7	21
Cheyenne	18	.....	.....	.....	8	6	2	1	1
Clark	38	8	4	7	8	5	5	.....	1
Clay	25	5	8	5	6	1	.....	.....	.....
Cloud	17	8	3	1	3	.....	.....	1	1
Coffey	29	18	5	1	1	2	1	1	.....
Comanche	103	4	1	4	19	74	.....	.....	1
Cowley	281	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crawford	192	74	28	27	39	9	10	7	7
Decatur	17	11	.....	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Dickinson	55	20	6	14	12	1	1	1	.....
Doniphan	33	8	5	10	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Douglas	50	18	12	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Edwards	23	4	2	5	6	4	2	.....	.....
Elk	30	11	7	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellis	45	26	5	7	3	2	.....	2	.....
Ellsworth	10	7	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Finney	50	2	8	13	18	5	1	3	.....
Ford	75	32	6	14	13	6	4	.....	.....
Franklin	44	29	5	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....
Geary	23	19	.....	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Gove	20	12	2	1	2	.....	3	.....	.....
Graham	41	13	13	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grant	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gray	20	4	3	8	1	2	1	1	.....
Greeley	36	10	4	11	7	4	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton	18	8	2	2	3	3	.....	.....	.....
Harper	28	10	4	2	9	2	.....	1	.....
Harvey	43	13	.....	7	11	10	1	1	.....
Haskell	12	2	.....	5	1	1	.....	2	1
Hodgeman	14	4	2	6	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	19	11	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jewell	55	20	7	14	11	2	.....	1	.....
Johnson	119	47	19	19	19	5	10	.....	.....
Kearny	9	.....	3	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingman	22	8	10	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kiowa	56	7	9	9	6	18	2	.....	5
Labette	71	31	17	7	2	5	3	4	1
Lane	14	1	6	2	3	1	1	.....	.....
Leavenworth	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincoln	17	4	3	2	4	1	1	2	.....
Linn	29	16	6	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Logan	38	12	17	3	4	1	1	.....	.....
Lyon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion	40	18	10	2	4	3	1	2	.....
Marshall	57	24	11	11	7	3	1	.....	.....
McPherson	20	8	.....	1	5	3	1	2	.....

TABLE II.—Civil actions (other than divorce cases), pending July 1, 1927.—*Concluded.*

COUNTIES.	Civil actions pending July 1, 1927.	Pending less than 3 months.	3 to 6 months.	6 to 12 months.	1 to 2 years.	2 to 3 years.	3 to 4 years.	4 to 5 years.	Above 5 years.
Meade	25	7	3	3	6	5	.....	1	.....
Miami	60	20	8	12	11	4	1	.....	.....
Mitchell	34	12	11	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery	130	44	27	21	16	13	5	3	1
Morris	21	13	.....	.....	3	5	.....	.....	.....
Morton	33	11	5	9	5	2	1	.....	.....
Nemaha	25	12	8	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Neosho	62	26	14	13	3	6	.....	.....	.....
Ness	54	12	9	6	6	5	4	12	.....
Norton	28	.....	9	7	5	5	.....	1	1
Osage	35	9	2	2	11	7	2	.....	2
Osborne	16	7	8	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Ottawa	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee	27	13	3	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillips	46	20	11	6	5	3	.....	1	.....
Pottawatomie	52	17	11	13	6	4	1	.....	.....
Pratt	28	7	6	5	6	3	.....	1	.....
Rawlins	25	10	3	.....	5	3	2	2	.....
Reno	248	58	27	46	73	22	14	2	6
Republic	24	12	1	7	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Rice	21	3	2	9	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley	14	11	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rooks	43	12	14	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rush	6	5	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Russell	77	17	16	23	12	2	4	3	.....
Saline	113	26	9	29	21	11	3	6	8
Scott	17	6	4	1	3	2	1	.....	.....
Sedgwick	714	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward	17	4	2	3	5	3	.....	.....	.....
Shawnee	512	140	88	97	86	43	34	7	17
Sheridan	29	8	4	4	6	2	3	1	1
Sherman	64	21	21	8	9	2	3	.....	.....
Smith	19	6	2	4	2	4	1	.....	.....
Stafford	22	7	8	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanton	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stevens	34	12	15	2	3	1	1	.....	.....
Sumner	161	51	2	28	26	23	12	1	18
Thomas	19	9	3	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trego	14	7	2	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wabaunsee	23	6	4	4	2	2	.....	.....	5
Wallace	20	8	6	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington	26	11	5	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wichita	8	2	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson	60	18	11	4	9	6	6	.....	6
Woodson	56	18	5	20	5	3	1	1	3
Wyandotte	2,182	275	301	325	433	858	.....	.....	.....
Totals	7,436	1,769	1,061	1,227	1,198	1,287	187	88	110

Tabulation of Form 3.

Form 3 requested a report on divorce cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1927, giving the number of the case, the date the petition was filed; the nature of motions or demurrers before answer, the date they were filed, the date presented to the court, and the date decided, and how; the date an answer was filed; the nature of motions, or demurrers thereto, the date filed, the date presented, and the date decided, and how; the date a reply was filed; the date the case was dismissed, if it were dismissed; the date of trial; whether there was a contest, whether the divorce was granted to the wife or to the husband, and the grounds on which it was granted, or whether denied; whether the custody of minor children was given to the wife or to the husband, and the number, with a place for remarks.

TABLE III.

(Compiled from Form 3.)

DIVORCE CASES TRIED ON THE MERITS (OR DISMISSED), YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1927.

Counties.	Total number cases.	Cases dismissed.	Divorces granted to wives.	Divorces granted to husbands.	Divorces denied.	Divorce cases contested.	Minor children awarded to wives.	Minor children awarded to husbands.	Trials in 60 days of petition.	In 60 days to 6 months
Allen	50	17	26	5	2	7	11	5	8	24
Anderson	21	10	9	2	.....	.....	5	.....	6	7
Atchison	51	13	26	12	.....	10	24	9	1	34
Barber	22	5	11	6	.....	5	14	3	.....	15
Barton	44	9	27	7	1	6	16	7	2	31
Bourbon	37	6	19	10	2	2	11	10	.....	27
Brown	18	3	12	2	1	6	11	.....	.....	15
Butler	83	13	53	17	.....	3	38	.....	.....	61
Chase	7	1	4	1	1	.....	1	1	1	4
Chautauqua	18	11	7	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	1	4
Cherokee	120	24	70	26	.....	17	45	4	8	78
Cheyenne	12	2	6	4	.....	.....	4	.....	1	8
Clark	5	2	2	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	3
Clay	30	8	15	6	1	2	18	1	.....	21
Cloud	20	6	11	3	.....	2	15	.....	4	7
Coffey	18	4	7	7	.....	2	8	4	.....	14
Comanche	5	.....	3	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	4
Cowley	128	24	78	26	.....	14	45	53	8	93
Crawford	208	63	113	30	2	23	73	12	3	115
Decatur	8	2	3	2	1	.....	8	2	3	1
Dickinson	41	9	25	6	1	1	16	.....	1	28
Doniphan	17	4	9	3	1	3	3	4	.....	10
Douglas	69	9	41	18	1	9	23	1	1	51
Edwards	13	2	11	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	11
Elk	5	.....	2	2	1	.....	2	.....	.....	5
Ellis	8	2	5	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	5
Ellsworth	9	2	6	1	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	6
Finney	23	6	9	8	.....	4	5	1	1	15
Ford	52	9	32	11	.....	4	18	1	5	34
Franklin	49	10	27	12	.....	3	25	3	2	36
Geary	32	6	19	6	1	1	7	.....	.....	25
Gove	7	2	5	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	4
Graham	11	2	6	2	1	.....	2	.....	2	7
Grant	4	.....	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4
Gray	6	2	2	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	4
Greeley	4	.....	4	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	3
Greenwood	74	15	36	21	2	.....	28	9	.....	.....
Hamilton	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	3	3	.....	1
Harper	23	9	13	1	.....	4	5	2	1	11
Harvey	4	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	2	2	1
Haskell	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2
Hodgeman	4	.....	2	2	.....	.....	2	.....	1	1
Jackson	16	.....	13	2	1	7	5	.....	.....	1
Jefferson	14	6	4	4	.....	4	3	.....	.....	8
Jewell	18	5	10	3	.....	5	13	2	.....	11
Johnson	47	14	22	10	1	9	15	5	.....	28
Kearny	3	.....	2	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	2
Kingman	11	3	7	1	.....	2	7	.....	.....	6
Kiowa	5	.....	3	2	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	4

TABLE III.—Divorce cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Total number cases.	Cases dismissed.	Divorces granted to wives.	Divorces granted to husbands.	Divorces denied.	Divorce cases contested.	Minor children awarded to wives.	Minor children awarded to husbands.	Trials in 60 days of petition.	In 60 days to 6 months.
Labette	104	17	68	19	.....	9	62	9	3	77
Lane	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leavenworth	160	42	88	28	2	17	20	3	4	103
Lincoln	6	2	3	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	3
Linn	6	2	3	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	4
Logan	3	.....	2	1	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	2
Lyons	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion	19	1	13	5	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....
Marshall	19	2	14	2	1	4	13	.....	1	15
McPherson	10	1	7	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	9
Meade	13	3	8	2	.....	1	9	7	.....	9
Miami	34	5	20	8	1	4	7	4	2	25
Mitchell	5	.....	2	3	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	5
Montgomery	236	80	113	41	2	36	108	7	12	131
Morris	19	6	9	2	2	.....	6	.....	.....	12
Morton	5	1	2	2	.....	1	3	2	.....	4
Nemaha	13	2	7	4	.....	3	11	5	.....	11
Neosho	18	16	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1	1
Ness	11	3	3	5	.....	2	4	.....	.....	6
Norton	19	2	13	4	.....	.....	10	2	1	16
Osage	20	5	10	5	.....	4	4	1	.....	12
Osborne	13	3	9	1	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	10
Ottawa	18	3	11	4	.....	1	7	2	.....	14
Pawnee	14	.....	11	3	.....	.....	7	2	1	13
Phillips	17	6	8	3	.....	1	9	2	2	8
Pottawatomie	10	2	3	4	1	2	1	1	.....	7
Pratt	46	16	20	10	.....	.....	11	3	.....	26
Rawlins	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	2
Reno	176	36	106	34	.....	7	78	12	2	129
Republic	12	1	7	3	1	1	6	1	.....	10
Rice	28	10	12	6	.....	.....	6	3	1	15
Riley	32	9	19	4	.....	1	5	3	1	20
Rooks	15	1	8	4	2	.....	3	1	2	11
Rush	10	2	3	5	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	7
Russell	20	11	5	4	.....	3	4	2	.....	6
Saline	61	10	35	15	1	2	15	2	2	54
Scott	7	1	3	3	.....	.....	4	3	.....	6
Sedgwick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward	15	2	8	5	.....	.....	15	2	2	10
Shawnee	452	164	225	56	7	65	126	20	19	217
Sheridan	4	1	2	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	3
Sherman	11	.....	4	7	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Smith	14	5	5	3	1	1	.....	.....	1	7
Stafford	15	3	7	5	.....	.....	7	2	1	11
Stanton	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Stevens	4	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	3
Sumner	51	8	41	2	.....	7	42	.....	.....	38
Thomas	8	.....	7	1	.....	.....	14	.....	3	5
Trego	9	1	4	4	.....	2	3	2	.....	6
Wabaunsee	10	2	7	1	.....	2	6	1	.....	8
Wallace	6	4	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Washington	15	6	8	1	.....	1	12	.....	.....	8
Wichita	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson	37	5	26	6	.....	.....	11	5	4	25
Woodson	8	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
Wyandotte	543	50	365	126	2	14	140	21	32	432
Totals	3,886	899	2,189	754	44	353	1,389	273	159	2,446

TABLE III.—Divorce cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	After 6 months.	Abandonment.	Extreme cruelty.	Gross neglect of duty.	Conviction of a felony.	Habitual drunkenness.	Adultery.	Impotency.	Fraudulent contract.	Grounds not stated.
Allen	18	15	9	20			2			
Anderson	4	6	1	6						
Atchison	4	5	5	26			2			1
Barber	2	9	5	3						5
Barton		5	23	1	1	1	3	1		10
Bourbon	4	11	6	9	3					
Brown		4	4	7						
Butler	9	23	26	19						2
Chase	1	4	2	1						
Chautauqua	1		6	4						2
Cherokee	10	26	33	32	1	1	3			
Cheyenne	1	6	1	1			2			
Clark		2	1	1						
Clay		3	11	5						11
Cloud	3	5	7	3						
Coffey		7	7							
Comanche		1	2	1						
Cowley	3	15	45	40	3	1				
Crawford	29	41	87	16			1			
Decatur	1	4								
Dickinson	3	12	11	6	2					
Doniphan	3	6	2	3						6
Douglas	8	21	9	28	1					
Edwards		8	3							
Elk			4							
Ellis		1	1	4						
Ellsworth	1	4		2			1			
Finney	1	4								13
Ford	5	13	11	16	1	1				
Franklin	1	12	4	19	4					
Geary	1	8	11	6			7			
Gove	1	5								
Graham		2		2		1				3
Grant		3	1							
Gray		2		2						
Greeley		1	1	2	1					
Greenwood		2		7			15			
Hamilton	1	2								
Harper	2	4	4							6
Harvey	1	1	2							
Haskell		2								
Hodgeman		1	1							
Jackson		8	6							1
Jefferson	1	1	5						1	1
Jewell	2	4	5	4						
Johnson	5	7		12		2	1			9
Kearny	1	1	2							
Kingman	2	3	2	2						1
Kiowa	1	3		1	1				1	
Labette	7	26	28	28		3	7			
Lane										
Leavenworth	14	22	7	75	2		3			10
Lincoln	1		4							
Linn			4							
Logan	1	1		2						
Lyons										
Marion										
Marshall	1	4	7	5						3
McPherson		3	2							4
Meade	1	2	5	5						4
Miami	2	8	9	7		3	1			6
Mitchell		3	1	1						
Montgomery	13	49	59	39	2					5
Morris	1	10	1	1						10
Morton		3	1							3
Nemaha		3	2	6						2
Neosho										
Ness	2	6		1			1			3
Norton		6	11							
Osage	3	6	8				1			5
Osborne		6	1	3						

TABLE III.—Divorce cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Concluded.*

Counties.	After 6 months.	Abandonment.	Extreme cruelty.	Gross neglect of duty.	Conviction of a felony.	Habitual drunkenness.	Adultery.	Impotency.	Fraudulent contract.	Grounds not stated.
Ottawa	2	7	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Pawnee	.....	4	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phillips	1	7	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pottawatomie	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pratt	4	10	14	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3
Rawlins	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reno	9	49	57	29	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Republic	1	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Rice	2	4	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley	2	4	6	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rooks	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
Rush	1	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Russell	3	1	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Saline	5	13	31	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Scott	.....	4	.....	1	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Sedgwick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Seward	1	6	3	4	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Shawnee	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sheridan	1	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sherman	.....	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smith	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Stafford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stanton	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stevens	1	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sumner	5	10	22	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thomas	.....	4	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Trego	2	3	1	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wabaunsee	.....	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallace	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Washington	1	8	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wichita	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilson	3	3	20	8	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Woodson	1	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
Wyandotte	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	542
Totals	307	666	700	328	23	15	60	1	1	717

TABULATION OF FORM 4.

Form 4 requested a report on divorce cases pending July 1, 1927, and asked for the same information as Form No. 3.

TABLE IV.

(Compiled from Form 4.)

DIVORCE CASES PENDING JULY 1, 1927.

COUNTIES.	Number of cases.	Pending less than 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 months to 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	More than 2 years.
Allen	38	13	9	10	5	1
Anderson	5	2	1	2	.....	.....
Atchison	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Barber	5	.....	1	2	2	.....
Barton	7	6	1	.....	.....	.....
Bourbon	19	10	4	3	2	.....
Brown	13	4	6	3	.....	.....
Butler	61	31	11	5	10	4
Chase	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chautauqua	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherokee	61	10	2	17	15	16
Cheyenne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clark	5	2	.....	.....	2	1
Clay	7	3	2	2	.....	.....
Cloud	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coffey	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....
Comanche	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cowley	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crawford	118	41	18	23	29	7
Decatur	4	3	.....	.....	.....	1
Dickinson	22	15	6	.....	.....	1
Doniphan	6	4	.....	2	.....	.....
Douglas	16	10	2	4	.....	.....
Edwards	6	4	1	.....	1	.....
Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellis	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellsworth	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Finney	4	.....	1	2	1	.....
Ford	25	14	3	5	1	2
Franklin	12	10	2	.....	.....	.....
Geary	7	3	4	.....	.....	.....
Gove	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Graham	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grant	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Gray	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greeley	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenwood	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harper	8	2	2	3	1	.....
Harvey	21	8	1	5	7	.....
Haskell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hodgeman	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jewell	4	.....	.....	.....	3	1
Johnson	13	3	3	3	2	2
Kearny	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kingman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kiowa	4	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Labette	36	20	2	5	3	6
Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leavenworth	43	17	10	16	.....	.....
Lincoln	5	3	.....	.....	2	.....
Linn	9	6	2	1	.....	.....
Logan	4	.....	3	1	.....	.....
Lyon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McPherson	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Meade	3	1	1	1	.....	.....
Miami	17	10	3	1	2	1
Mitchell	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE IV.—Divorce cases pending July 1, 1927.—*Concluded.*

Counties.	Number of cases.	Pending less than 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 months to 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	More than 2 years.
Montgomery	53	27	15	6	3	2
Morris	4	2	2			
Morton	3	1	2			
Nemaha	6	2	2	2		
Neosho	18	6	12			
Ness	2	2				
Norton	5	3	1	1		
Osage	9	6	3			
Osborne	1	1				
Ottawa	5	4	1			
Pawnee	1	1				
Phillips	4	3		1		
Pottawatomie	5	4	1			
Pratt	15	12	1	1	1	
Rawlins	2	1		1		
Reno	81	47	10	19	5	
Republic	1	1				
Rice	7	3	1	3		
Riley	9	5	4			
Rooks	5	1	3	1		
Rush	4	3		1		
Russell	11	2	2	3	3	1
Saline	44					
Scott	2	2				
Sedgwick						
Seward	2	2				
Shawnee	163	94	16	36	13	4
Sheridan	6			1	5	
Sherman	4	3		1		
Smith	2	2				
Stafford	6	5		1		
Stanton						
Stevens	1	1				
Sumner	45	18	1	3	5	18
Thomas	1	1				
Trego	1			1		
Wabaunsee	4		4			
Wallace	4	1	1	1	1	
Washington	4	3			1	
Wichita	1		1			
Wilson	21	11	2	4	2	2
Woodson	3					
Wyandotte	952	152	96	188	235	281
Totals	2,216	719	286	392	363	350

Tabulation of Form 5.

Form 5 requested a report on the criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1927, and requested a report on the case number; the nature of the crime charged; the date the transcript was filed, if one were filed; date the information was filed; the nature of motions before trial, with the date filed, the date presented, and the date decided, and how; the date the case was dismissed, if it were dismissed; the plea made by defendant to the charge, whether guilty or not guilty; the date the trial was begun, the time consumed in getting a jury to try the case; the time consumed in the trial; the nature of the verdict, whether guilty or not guilty, or a hung jury; the nature of motions after trial, with the date filed, the date presented and the date decided, and how; the date sentence was imposed; the date a parole was granted, if one were granted; the date an appeal was taken, if one were taken; and for remarks explaining any special feature of the case.

TABLE V.

(Compiled from Form 5.)

CRIMINAL CASES TRIED ON THE MERITS (OR DISMISSED), YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1927.

Counties.	Total cases.	Cases dismissed.	Pleas of guilty.	Cases tried to jury.	Verdicts of guilty.	Verdicts of not guilty.	Hung jury.
Allen	35	17	1	17	10	5	2
Anderson	5	1	1	3	3	.....	.....
Atchison	68	6	49	13	12	.....	1
Barber	21	2	15	4	3	1	.....
Barton	36	11	18	7	4	3	.....
Bourbon	32	1	30	1	.....	1	.....
Brown	27	5	16	6	3	3	.....
Butler	86	12	55	19	13	6	.....
Chase	15	2	10	3	1	2	.....
Chautauqua	8	2	3	3	2	1	.....
Cherokee	89	40	33	16	8	6	2
Cheyenne	6	1	1	4	4	.....	.....
Clark	17	7	3	.....	3	3	1
Clay	5	.....	.....	5	3	2	.....
Cloud	20	6	8	6	3	2	1
Coffey	11	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Comanche	6	3	2	1	1	.....	.....
Cowley	94	40	43	11	10	.....	1
Crawford	79	42	24	13	6	7	.....
Decatur	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dickinson	25	2	15	8	6	2	.....
Doniphan	19	8	4	7	6	1	.....
Douglas	88	22	50	16	10	6	.....
Edwards	22	5	15	2	.....	2	.....
Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellis	20	8	8	4	2	1	1
Ellsworth	15	8	2	5	2	3	.....
Finney	34	16	12	6	2	3	1
Ford	36	14	13	9	6	2	1
Franklin	58	16	29	13	10	3	.....
Geary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gove	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graham	12	9	2	1	1	.....	.....
Grant	4	1	2	1	1	.....	1
Gray	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greeley	2	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....
Greenwood	48	14	24	10	7	3	.....
Hamilton	4	2	.....	2	.....	2	.....
Harper	31	14	7	10	5	3	2
Harvey	15	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haskell	4	.....	3	1	1	.....	.....
Hodgeman	10	.....	6	4	3	1	.....
Jackson	10	1	.....	9	7	2	.....
Jefferson	41	22	8	11	6	5	.....
Jewell	7	1	3	3	2	.....	1
Johnson	72	19	44	9	5	3	1
Kearny	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE V.—Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Total cases.	Cases dismissed.	Pleas of guilty.	Cases tried to jury.	Verdicts of guilty.	Verdicts of not guilty.	Hung jury.
Kingman	30	7	10	13	7	4	2
Kiowa	15	4	8	3	1	1	1
Labette	50	13	17	16	20	1	3
Lane							
Leavenworth	112	71	25	16	12	2	2
Lincoln	9	2	4	3		2	1
Linn	23	5	16	2	1	1	
Logan	3		1	2	1	1	
Lyon	76	4	62	7	5	1	1
Marion							
Marshall	8	1	4	3	2	1	
McPherson	14	4	8	2	1	1	
Meade	13	3	10				
Miami	18	9	8	1	1		
Mitchell	20	5	11	4	3		1
Montgomery	128	62	48	18	6	12	
Morris	7	3	2	2	1		1
Morton	4		3		1		
Nemaha	33	9	13	11	6	4	1
Neosho	18	13		5	2	2	1
Ness	10	2	4	4	3		1
Norton	9	5	1	3	2	1	
Osage	33	12	19	2	2		
Osborne	6	5	1				
Ottawa	9		6	3	1	2	
Pawnee	19	5	12	2		2	
Phillips	10	4	3	3	2	1	
Pottawatomie	22	5	9	8	6	2	
Pratt	17	7	9	1		1	
Rawlins	8	3	3	2	1	1	
Reno	163	96	52	15	5	5	5
Republic	16	6	6	4	1	2	1
Rice	19	3	9	7	2	4	1
Riley	25	6	15	4	2	2	
Rooks	8	2	4	2	2		
Rush	6		5	1		1	
Russell	23	9	13	1	1		
Saline	36	4	24	8	6	2	
Scott	11	4	1	6	3	3	
Sedgwick	402	244	158				
Seward	15	6	5	4	4		
Shawnee	376	143	201	32	20	11	1
Sheridan	8	3	2	3	1	2	
Sherman							
Smith	10	3	5	2	1	1	
Stafford	19	3	12	4	2	2	
Stanton	19	4	6	9	6	3	
Stevens	3		3				
Sumner	43	10	15	18	10	4	4
Thomas	4	3		1		1	
Trego	15	6	5	4	2	1	1
Wabaunsee	29	18	8	3	3		
Wallace	5	1	4				
Washington	9	3	4	2		2	
Wichita	5	2		3	3		
Wilson	32	6	18	8	7	1	
Woodson							
Wyandotte	227	97	75	55	39	15	1
Totals	3,494	1,329	1,557	608	374	190	44

TABLE V.—Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Information filed.				
	Same day as transcript.	Not same day but in 10 days.	In 10 to 30 days.	In 30 days to 3 months.	After 3 months.
Allen	1	1	1	6	2
Anderson	.....	1	2	.....	.....
Atchison	10	14	6	.....	.....
Barber	5	4	1	2	.....
Barton	6	8	4	2	.....
Bourbon	8	6	4	1	.....
Brown	2	7	8	3	.....
Butler	8	4	1	12	3
Chase	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chautauqua	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherokee	7	16	5	5	4
Cheyenne	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clark	5	1	1	1	.....
Clay	2	1	2	.....	.....
Cloud	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Coffey	5	6	.....	.....	.....
Comanche	.....	2	.....	1	.....
Cowley	13	18	6	4	.....
Crawford	5	18	9	5	.....
Decatur	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Dickinson	6	8	4	.....	1
Doniphan	5	3	2	2	2
Douglas	5	6	5	3	1
Edwards	11	1	4	2	3
Elk	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellis	5	1	2	.....	.....
Ellsworth	.....	3	1	4	1
Finney	4	5	3	5	1
Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklin	11	5	10	4	3
Geary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Graham	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Grant	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gray	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greeley	1	1	.....	1	.....
Greenwood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Harper	6	7	5	4	2
Harvey	11	3	1	.....	.....
Haskell	1	.....	3	.....	.....
Hodgeman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jewell	1	.....	.....	3	1
Johnson	7	6	6	3	.....
Kearny	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Kingman	2	4	2	.....	.....
Kiowa	2	.....	.....	2	1
Labette	9	2	5	1	.....
Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leavenworth	2	10	8	.....	2
Lincoln	.....	.....	.....	4	.....
Linn	6	4	2	1	.....
Logan	2	.....	1	.....	.....
Lyon	.....	5	.....	.....	3
Marion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	2	1	.....	2	.....
McPherson	.....	5	1	8	.....
Meade	1	3	.....	1	.....
Miami	1	.....	.....	1	.....
Mitchell	4	3	4	3	.....
Montgomery	36	11	8	3	.....
Morris	.....	3	1	3	.....
Morton	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Nemaha	1	9	2	1	.....
Neosho	1	3	.....	3	4

TABLE V.—Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Information filed.				
	Same day as transcript.	Not same day but in 10 days.	In 10 to 30 days.	In 30 days to 3 months.	After 3 months.
Ness	2				
Norton	1	2			
Osage	8	6	5	2	
Osborne					
Ottawa	1	2	1	2	
Pawnee	11	3	2	2	
Phillips				4	
Pottawatomie	5	2	3		
Pratt		3	1		
Rawlins	1		2	1	
Reno	14	24	17	20	3
Republic	10	3	3		
Rice	5	2	2	4	
Riley	20	4			
Rooks		2	2	1	
Rush	6				
Russell	1	4	2		
Saline	15	7	3	1	
Scott		3			
Sedgwick	19	27	39	43	5
Seward					
Shawnee	80	15	32	31	2
Sheridan					
Sherman					
Smith	1	3	1		1
Stafford	4	2	1	1	
Stanton			4		
Stevens	2	1			
Sumner	5	5	9	10	3
Thomas					
Trego	2	1	3	2	2
Wabaunsee	21	4	3	3	1
Wallace		4			
Washington	4	3	2		
Wichita					
Wilson	6	4	2	3	2
Woodson					
Wyandotte	30	13	19	14	10
Totals	484	346	348	208	59

TABLE V.—Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Continued.*

Counties.	Cases disposed of (not dismissals).						
	In 10 days after information filed.	In 10 to 30 days.	In 30 days to 3 months.	In 3 to 6 months.	In 6 months to 1 year.	After 1 year.	Paroles granted.
Allen	6	1	3	5	8	5	.....
Anderson	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	1
Atchison	37	10	13	17	.....	.....	31
Barber	1	.....	2	2	1	.....	7
Barton	1	2	4	.....	.....	.....	4
Bourbon	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brown	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Butler	9	.....	6	.....	3	1	27
Chase	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	2
Chautauqua	.....	.....	1	4	3	.....	2
Cherokee	27	14	10	8	23	.....	2
Cheyenne	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1
Clark	3	.....	.....	3	2	4	1
Clay	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	1	2
Cloud	2	8	4	6	1	.....	4
Coffey	6	3	2	.....	.....	.....	3
Comanche	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cowley	22	18	17	20	10	.....	1
Crawford	7	5	21	18	17	.....	.....
Decatur	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dickinson	.....	3	4	1	.....	.....	4
Doniphan	2	6	3	1	1	.....	3
Douglas	44	13	13	5	3	.....	21
Edwards	7	7	5	3	.....	.....	13
Elk	.....	.....	1	8	2	.....	.....
Ellis	9	1	4	.....	.....	.....	13
Ellsworth	7	3	1	1	.....	.....	.....
Finney	5	6	7	3	3	5	1
Ford	4	1	1	3	.....	.....	2
Franklin	.....	4	5	2	2	.....	12
Geary	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gove	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1
Graham	4	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....
Grant	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Gray	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greeley	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Greenwood	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Hamilton	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Harper	4	12	5	5	2	2	.....
Harvey	11	2	2	.....	.....	.....	5
Haskell	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hodgeman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jackson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Jefferson	1	5	9	6	5	.....	6
Jewell	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Johnson	.....	5	3	1	1	.....	1
Kearny	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Kingman	1	3	4	2	4	.....	.....
Kiowa	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	2
Labette	15	8	12	4	1	.....	.....
Lane	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leavenworth	10	14	6	7	4	2	15
Lincoln	2	1	5	.....	1	.....	.....
Linn	.....	12	3	2	.....	.....	6
Logan	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3
Lyon	23	19	9	3	2	.....	4
Marion	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marshall	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
McPherson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Meade	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
Miami	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	1
Mitchell	7	4	3	.....	.....	.....	3
Montgomery	.....	4	10	2	2	.....	1
Morris	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Morton	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	3
Nemaha	3	1	8	.....	.....	.....	3

TABLE V.—Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1927.—*Concluded.*

Counties.	Cases disposed of (not dismissals).						
	In 10 days after information filed.	In 10 to 30 days.	In 30 days to 3 months.	In 3 to 6 months.	In 6 months to 1 year.	After 1 year.	Paroles granted.
Neosho	1	4	7	3	4	.....	.....
Ness	2	1	4	1	.....	.....	6
Norton	1	5	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Osage	12	.....	2	3	3	.....	3
Osborne	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	5	.....
Ottawa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pawnee	3	9	1	1	.....	.....	6
Phillips	.....	1	3	2	1	3	2
Pottawatomie	.....	3	4	1	.....	.....	6
Pratt	2	2	3	3	.....	.....	2
Rawlins	.....	.....	1	1	1	2	.....
Reno	2	2	4	2	2	3	25
Republic	4	4	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Rice	5	2	4	1	2	.....	.....
Riley	6	12	6	1	.....	.....	2
Rooks	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Rush	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Russell	6	4	3	.....	1	.....	9
Saline	21	2	5	3	.....	.....	3
Scott	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	2
Sedgwick	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89
Seward	.....	.....	3	7	.....	.....	4
Shawnee	75	41	126	77	31	1	52
Sheridan	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1
Sherman	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Smith	1	.....	.....	2	2	1	.....
Stafford	.....	1	.....	3	.....	.....	3
Stanton	1	1	1	4	.....	3	.....
Stevens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sumner	1	6	4	6	1	1	5
Thomas	.....	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....
Trego	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	1
Wabaunsee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Wallace	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1
Washington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Wichita	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Wilson	12	4	6	1	3	.....	14
Woodson	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wyandotte	23	21	33	12	54	.....	62
Totals	482	342	441	282	213	40	475

Tabulation of Form 6.

Form 6 requested a report on criminal cases pending July 1, 1927, giving the same information as Form No. 5, as far, of course, as the same was shown by the records.

TABLE VI.

(Compiled from Form 6.)

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING JULY 1, 1927.

Counties.	Number of cases.	Time cases pending.							
		Less than 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 months to 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 4 years.	From 4 to 5 years.	More than 5 years.
Allen	14	4	3	5	2				
Anderson	6	1	2			3			
Atchison									
Barber	3	2	1						
Barton	2	1			1				
Bourbon	18	6	6	6					
Brown	20	16	2	2					
Butler	35	17	4	6	6	1	1		
Chase									
Chautauqua	10	3	6	1					
Cherokee	17	3	7	4	3				
Cheyenne	1	1							
Clark	19	12			2	2	3		
Clay	1			1					
Cloud	2	1	1						
Coffey	4	4							
Comanche*									
Cowley	20	2	5	13					
Crawford	21	8	5	4	10				
Decatur	2				2				
Dickinson	8	4	2	2					
Doniphan	4			2	2				
Douglas	23	12	6	5					
Edwards	4	2		1	1				
Elk	25	8	8	9					
Ellis	2	2							
Ellsworth									
Finney	10	3	5	2					
Ford	9	5	4						
Franklin	10	2	2		2	4			
Geary	2		2						
Gove									
Graham	2	2							
Grant	2		2						
Gray	2	1		1					
Greeley	1			1					
Greenwood	11								
Hamilton	4	1	3						
Harper	8	4	3						
Harvey	2	2							
Haskell									
Hodgeman	4		3	1					
Jackson	12								
Jefferson	4	4							
Jewell	1					1			
Johnson	25	16	5	4					
Kearny	5		1	3	1				
Kingman	8	3	4		1				
Kiowa	13	7	3	2			1		
Labette	21	2	4	6	3	4	2		
Lane	3		1	1		1			
Leavenworth	13	6	4	3					
Lincoln	1				1				
Linn	9	3	3	3					
Logan	1		1						
Lyon									
Marion	3	3							
Marshall	7	4	1	2					

TABLE VI.—Criminal cases pending July 1, 1927.—*Concluded.*

Counties.	Number of cases.	Time cases pending.							
		Less than 3 months.	From 3 to 6 months.	From 6 months to 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 4 years.	From 4 to 5 years.	More than 5 years.
McPherson	3	3							
Meade	2		1		1				
Miami	13	2	2	2	3	4			
Mitchell	3		3						
Montgomery	73	52	21						
Morris	7					7			
Morton	3	3							
Nemaha	10	7	1	1	1				
Neosho	25	10	7	1	7				
Ness	3	1	2						
Norton	1			1					
Osage	3	1	1	1					
Osborne	1	1							
Ottawa	3			3					
Pawnee	8	3	2	2		1			
Phillips	8	2	1	2	1	2			
Pottawatomie	5	1	3	1					
Pratt	6	5		1					
Rawlins	3	1		1	1				
Reno	31	11	6	10	3		1		
Republic	2	2							
Rice	4	3		1					
Riley	1	1							
Rooks	2	1	1						
Rush	1		1						
Russell	9	3		2	3	1			
Saline	9	6	1	2					
Scott	1				1				
Sedgwick	82	53	11	18					
Seward	18	7	7	4					
Shawnee	74	42	10	22					
Sheridan	6	4	2						
Sherman	10	2	8						
Smith	2	1	1						
Stafford	3	3							
Stanton	2	1	1						
Stevens									
Sumner	28	5	2	6	6	8			1
Thomas									
Trego	2	2							
Wabaunsee	3	2		1					
Wallace									
Washington	2	2							
Wichita	3	2			1				
Wilson	19	8	4	2	5				
Woodson	12	2	1	9					
Wyandotte	491	86	36	68	30	45	30	51	145
Totals	1,457	516	239	259	101	84	38	51	146

* No actions pending.

CONCLUSION.

We have purposely refrained from making extended comments upon the business transacted in the district courts of the state and the status of the business therein on July 1, 1927, and from comparing one county or one judicial district with another in these respects, preferring to let the record as furnished us, and the summaries and tabulations made therefrom, speak for themselves. We regret we cannot say that all of the reports sent to us, and hence our summaries and tabulations, are complete and accurate, but considering the detail and the magnitude of the work, and the fact that it was new to all who took part in it, the showing is very good.

Next year we plan to make a similar survey of the work of district courts upon blanks of the same form as was used this year. We hope to be able to say that the report made therefrom will be complete and accurate. We also plan to make a survey of the work of probate courts and of other courts inferior to the district courts, including county courts, city courts, and justices of the peace.

We have also refrained in this report from making any recommendation of changes in statutes which may be deemed advisable, for the reason that the legislature will not meet in regular session for more than a year, within which time we shall file another report. We plan at that time to make such suggestions with reference to changes of statutes as we are then convinced will be advisable.

In conclusion we wish especially to thank the clerks of district courts who have furnished us data used in the making of this report, the editors of newspapers, many of whom have printed editorials or news items concerning the work of the Judicial Council, and the judges, lawyers and citizens generally who have written us in response to our open letter, or have otherwise taken an interest and assisted us in our work. Our study already convinces us that there is room for improvement in the judicial procedure of our state. Improvement cannot well be made by radical or ill-considered changes. The subject requires the thoughtful consideration of all those having to do with, or who may be affected by it. Neither can needful changes be acomplished by one person, or by a small group, but can be best accomplished by the coöperation of all those having to do with our judicial procedure.

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