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### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

TOPEKA, KAN., December 1, 1928.

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 second annual report of the Judicial Council.

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### SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

### SCOPE OF THE WORK.

The Judicial Council, created by chapter 187, Laws of 1927, was organized in June of that year, and made its first report to the governor December 1, 1927. It will not be necessary to repeat what was contained in that report, except such references as are necessary to show a continuance of the work, for the Judicial Council is a continuing body, and this report will deal with the work of the last year. It is well to keep in mind the scope and nature of the work of the Judicial Council, the sources of its information, and the extent of its powers and duties. These are defined by the statute 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.

"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 ascertained, 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.

"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."

### THE PROPOSED RULES.

A part of our report last year pertains to fifteen proposed rules (see pp. 14-16, 20-27 of our 1927 report) which it was suggested might be promulgated by the supreme court relating to the transaction of business in district courts. Several of these rules were but statements of existing rules and principles of law, and were suggested largely to obtain a discussion and greater familiarity of them. As to these it is not material whether they were promulgated or not. Other of the suggested rules pertained to the time of presenting motions and demurrers and within which they should be decided. These were designed to speed up the work of the courts, not only with reference to getting cases at

issue, but also with reference to their final disposition. Some of the suggested rules related to the keeping of a more complete record of the business of the court. As to rules suggested relating to the more prompt disposition of business and the keeping of better records of the business, we found, on investigation, that a great variety of conditions exist in the several judicial districts of the state. Some judicial districts consist of but one county. Some of these contain several divisions of the court, with a judge presiding in each division. Other judicial districts consist of two or more counties, one of them containing seven, and several containing as many as four or five or six counties. These, of course, necessarily include a large area. We found, also, that a few of the judicial districts needed no rules with reference to the prompt conduct of the business—their reports showed that the business was being conducted promptly. In these districts, of course, it was necessary to use care not to promulgate a rule that would cause inconvenience, or that would seriously interfere with an obviously satisfactory condition. It proved to be no easy task to formulate rules pertaining to these matters that would be uniform throughout the state, that would accomplish the desired purpose in the judicial districts where they were needed, and at the same time not prove detrimental in the judicial districts where they were not needed. After much consideration the Council rewrote these proposed rules, designed for the more prompt disposition of business and the keeping of better records, so as to read as follows:

"1. The judge or/and judges of each judicial district in the state of Kansas shall designate at least two days in each calendar month (but may except the months of July and August) as motion days and shall designate their time and place. Such designation shall be filed in offices of each and all clerks of the court in each county of the district, and general notice of such motion days shall be given as the said judge or/and judges may direct.

"2. All motions and demurrers affecting the pleadings and all temporary or/and interlocutory motions, as well as post-decision motions, shall stand for hearing at the first motion day following the filing of the same and shall be disposed of by the judge if not submitted by the parties on or before the second motion day following the filing of the same; provided, that the court may for good cause extend the hearing of the same for such reasonable time as

the circumstances merit.

"3. 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.

"4. When any motion or demurrer is ruled upon, or any cause decided, counsel for the prevailing party shall, within ten days, 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 within five days. 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.

"5. When approved the journal entry shall be signed by the judge, filed

with the clerk, and recorded at length on the journal.

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

These rules with respect to the time of taking up motions and demurrers were not, of course, designed to prevent the taking up of motions on notice as provided by statute (R. S. 60-2932), or the time which might be stipulated by the parties with the consent of the court. They were designed to suggest a maximum rather than a minimum time within which motions should be heard. These modified rules were submitted to the district judges of the state, and their application with reference to the conditions in the various judicial districts has been discussed. Modifications of them have been suggested as follows: (1) That when one files a motion or demurrer he should file with it a statement or memorandum of the particular point, or points, on which he relies and any authorities he desires to submit and state whether he desires to present the matter to the court orally. A copy of this should be served on opposing counsel, who should, within a time fixed, file any authorities he has in opposition thereto and state whether he desires oral argument. If neither party desires oral argument the matter should be regarded as submitted on the memorandum and authorities presented. If oral argument is desired it should be heard at the next motion day. (2) That in each county in the judicial district one day each month should be designated by the court for the hearing of motions, demurrers, defaults and court matters, and the day so designated should not be changed within a calendar year. It develops that in the judicial districts consisting of more than one county the judges get in each county about once a month, but aside from the fixed days of the opening terms of court there is no time fixed for their appearance, and many times counsel are absent or not otherwise prepared to present matters. These fixed days, of course, would not prevent the court from hearing matters on other days if he so desired. (3) A rule should be framed providing that when a motion, demurrer, or cause is presented and taken under advisement by the court, notice of the time decision is to be made, or is made, should be served on counsel promptly. (4) That rule 6, as proposed, be modified by omitting the second sentence.

The result is that the supreme court has not as yet been requested to promulgate any specific rules for the district courts. It has developed that the very fact that rules pertaining to these matters have been proposed and discussed has resulted in the more prompt dispatch of business in many of the judicial districts of the state. The judges and attorneys in some of the districts have attempted to conduct their business in substantial conformity to the proposed rules, notwithstanding the fact that they have not been promulgated. In other districts but little attention has been paid to the matter and the work has drifted along much as it did before. Perhaps if in each judicial district a procedure could be worked out that was adaptable to the peculiar conditions there existing, and which would result in the prompt disposition of the business, it would be better for that to be done than for any of the suggested rules to be promulgated. Whether such can be worked out depends largely upon the ambition to do so on behalf of the court officials and the attorneys who practice in the district. Further consideration is being given and will continue to be given, to the matter of proposed rules of this character until suitable rules are framed and promulgated, or the situation changes to the extent that they become unnecessary.

### JURY TRIALS.

It has been repeatedly suggested that a change should be made in our constitution and statutes by which fewer than twelve jurors could return a verdict. Most of these suggestions apply to civil cases only, but some suggestions include misdemeanor cases, and a few even apply to all cases, criminal and civil. We have attempted to collect data on the number of jury cases tried in the district courts of the state within the year ending July 1, 1928, the number of hung juries, and how they were divided. The reports disclose that there were 664 criminal cases tried to juries, and in 39 cases the jurors were unable to agree. The reports disclose that there were 969 civil cases tried to juries within the year ending July 1, 1928. In 59 cases the jurors were unable to agree. No record is kept either in civil or criminal cases as to how a jury, which is unable to agree, stood, but we asked the judges and clerks to advise us if they learned or knew. Their reports apply to civil cases only. In 37 of the 59 cases they had no information as to how the juries stood, indicating a substantial division. In three cases it was reported that the jury stood 6 to 6, in two cases 7 to 5, in three cases 8 to 4, in five cases 9 to 3, in five cases 10 to 2, and in four cases 11 to 1. This report as to how juries were divided, in so far as given, is necessarily based upon rumor, and may or may not be accurate. These reports disclose that about 6 per cent of the jury cases resulted in disagreement of the jury. They also indicate that if nine jurys were permitted to return a verdict it would result in verdicts in about 20 per cent of the hung-jury cases and approximately 1 per cent of the total number of jury cases. In view of these reports we question the wisdom of any change which would authorize a verdict to be returned by fewer than the whole number of jurors. These reports indicate there is really no way to avoid hung juries, unless the jury were composed of an odd number of jurors and a majority was authorized to return a verdict. This would be such a radical change of our jury system that we do not recommend it.

Our jury system, providing for twelve jurors and requiring that their verdict be unanimous, is one having substantial merit. The unanimous decision of such a body has a stabilizing effect. Perhaps there is no better way to settle controverted questions of fact, or to weigh conflicting evidence, than to submit these matters to a substantial number, as twelve, fair-minded, intelligent jurors under appropriate instructions from the court. One difficulty is that we do not always get fair-minded, intelligent persons for jury service. We can improve our method of selecting persons for jury service. Our statute now provides (R. S. 43-101) that the trustees in each organized township and the mayor of cities not included in organized townships, prepare a list of persons for jury service. This applies to all judicial districts in the state except two-the eighteenth and twenty-ninth—where the judges of the several divisions of the district court (under R. S. 43-135 et seq.) prepare the list of persons for jury service. None of these methods insures the proper selection of persons for jury service. The statute respecting the selection of persons for jury service should be so revised as to insure, as near as that can be done, the selection of those only who, being otherwise qualified, are intelligent and fairminded.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

In presenting our recommendations for improvements of our judicial system we deem it best to express our ideas as clearly as we can rather than to draft measures or bills for the legislature in their final form. We wish it understood, however, that the suggestions made here are not intended to be all-inclusive, but include only those to which our specific attention has been called and which we have considered sufficiently to feel justified in making recommendations concerning them.

In order for our state to have as efficient a judicial system as it is reasonably possible for us to have there should be a general reconstruction of our constitutional and statutory provisions pertaining to the judiciary. Article III of our constitution should be rewritten with these points in mind:

- (1) To make it clear that the judicial system is a unit, with the proper jurisdiction and functions of the respective courts outlined in such a way as to show their relations each to the other, rather than to construct them as separate units.
- (2) Generally speaking, we need but three classes of courts in this state: (1) The supreme court, with substantially its present jurisdiction; (2) district courts, having general jurisdiction as trial courts; and (3) a county court, with probate jurisdiction and a limited jurisdiction in civil and criminal matters. Appeals from this court should be on questions of law only. The overlapping of jurisdiction between courts should be avoided. Justice of the peace courts have outlived their usefulness in this state. If the centers of population in a county are such that a court inferior to the district court should exist at a place other than the county seat a division of the county court should be provided. All courts should be presided over by one trained in the law and having the qualifications of a real jurist.
- (3) There should be provision for transferring temporarily a judge from one district to another, or from one court to another, where the press of business, or disqualification of the regular judge, makes it advisable, and this should include a provision authorizing the calling of a district judge to sit on the supreme court in the event a member of that body is ill or is disqualified to sit.
- (4) The judges of all courts of the state should be qualified lawyers. It is inconceivable that we can have an efficient judicial system when a substantial part of the judicial business of the state is transacted by courts presided over by laymen.
- (5) There should be a provision by which authority is placed somewhere to ask a judge to resign, or to remove him, for the good of the service. The only methods now of removing a judge are by impeachment (§§ 27, 28, Art. II, Const.), or joint resolution of the legislature (§ 15, Art. III, Const.), or perhaps in some instances by the ouster statute (R. S. 60-1609 et seq.); but before any of these can be invoked there must be a violation of some penal statute or serious misconduct. The occasion seldom arises when they can be, or are, applied. But we need something more than that. Under our present system anyone (having the statutory qualifications [R. S. 20-105], where the statute prescribes qualifications) who desires to run for a judicial office, and who succeeds in getting enough votes, is elected, and for a definite term. The result

is we frequently have one elected whose ability as a jurist proves to be mediocre, and occasionally one is chosen who proves to be thoroughly unsuited for the work. It is peculiarly true that whatever may be a person's success in the practice of law, or in other vocations of life, he may or may not have qualities which make him an efficient jurist. Whether he is, or becomes, efficient as a jurist can in fact be determined only by observation of him after he has undertaken to perform the duties. If it developed that one who had been appointed or elected to a judicial position does not have the qualities or the ability of transacting the business of the court efficiently and promptly there should be authority placed somewhere to ask him to step aside for the good of the service, and that should be done without any reflection on his integrity or honor.

- (6) There should be no terms of judicial office. One who becomes efficient in that work should be retained and have the assurance that he can be retained as long as his efficiency continues, at which time he should be asked to retire. It is not so important whether he be appointed or elected in the first instance. Experience discloses that the efficient jurists have been chosen by each of the methods, and each method has resulted in obtaining inefficient ones. If there were authority existing for removing for the good of the service, any faults in the method of selecting could be corrected. In filling vacancies on the higher courts preference should be given to judges of the courts of lower grade; at least there should be no constitutional or statutory barrier to such action.
- (7) Compensation of jurists should at all times be adequate, and under present economical and social conditions should be substantially twice what it is at present. Within the about two years last past several of our most capable and efficient district judges have resigned, or declined to be candidates for reelection, because of the inadequacy of the compensation. The plan of our judiciary should be so framed that an attorney who becomes a jurist, and who establishes his efficiency in that work, can with confidence devote his life to it, with the possibility before him of advancement to the highest court of the state. His compensation should be sufficient that he can live respectably and rear and educate his children and have something laid aside for the years when he may be inefficient to perform the duties of a jurist.
- (8) All questions dealing purely with the procedure of courts should be in accordance with rules promulgated by the supreme court rather than by statute.
- (9) Clerks of the court should be appointed by the judges and responsible directly to the courts for their efficiency as clerks. A court clerk in each county could perform the duties of that office both for the district court and for the county court.

This remodeling of our constitutional provisions relating to the judiciary would call for a corresponding remodeling of our statute. We have no doubt that a remodeling of our constitutional and statutory provisions along the lines suggested would, in a few years at most, result in a judicial system which would dispose of judicial business much more promptly and efficiently than is done at present. The clear authority of the supreme court now to promulgate rules for procedure in trial courts covers a narrow field. The proposed remodeling of our judicial system would greatly extend that field and would add con-

siderably to the duties of the members of the supreme court. In view of the fact that the time of the members of that court is now well occupied with the work before them, in order to do the additional work efficiently it should have the advice of some continuing body such as the Judicial Council, that would collect data and information and make recommendations to it.

While to accomplish the changes in our judicial system above suggested a rewriting of the judicial article of our constitution is desirable, it is possible for some of the suggested changes to be made with little or no change in our constitution, and these changes should be made by legislation without waiting for constitutional changes.

# RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC COURTS. THE SUPREME COURT.

With respect to promptness in the dispatch of business no complaint has reached us with respect to the supreme court. Its work is well up, and the cases are assigned for hearing about as rapidly as counsel, in the ordinary conduct of their business, can prepare the necessary abstracts and briefs for their presentation. Appealed criminal cases have preference over ordinary civil cases in the time of hearing. They are placed on the next docket after the appeal is filed and the case is ordinarily reached for hearing in about three months after the appeal is filed in the supreme court. Ordinary civil cases are assigned for hearing in the order of their filing, and are usually reached for hearing about six months after the appeal is filed. Continuances are granted only on application made therefor, and for good cause shown. Either original cases, or appealed cases involving questions of public interest, may be advanced and heard as soon as counsel can be prepared to present them. It is not unusual for such a case to be heard within thirty days after it is filed, and the decision announced within a week after the hearing. Usually the cases are decided and the written opinions filed approximately thirty days after they are heard. If there is a pressing need for an earlier decision the opinion is sometimes handed down earlier. Occasionally, owing to the nature of the questions presented in a case, or the press of business of the court, an opinion will be delayed a month or more. A few suggestions have been made for relieving this court of some of its work. A suggestion that the jurisdiction of the court on appeal be limited so as to reduce the number of cases appealed, and also that there be a method of permissive appeals in the nature of certiorari have not met with general approval. Our statutes are now very liberal with reference to cases which may be appealed, and the general sentiment seems to prevail that these should not be modified. The fact remains that the court has an enormous amount of work to do. It decides and files written opinions in about fifty cases each month, and in addition to that considers and disposes of many motions. Most of one week in each month is taken up with the hearing of oral arguments, and practically another week in consultation, leaving about two weeks of the month for the justices to make a more thorough study of cases specifically assigned to them and write the opinion of the court thereon. Some cases presented are not complicated, nor the questions difficult of solution, but these require the necessary time for careful consideration

and the preparation of written opinions. Many cases presented are not so easily disposed of, and some of them require exhaustive study and research. As to such cases it is not always possible for each member of the court to make a careful study of the questions presented, and many times reliance must be had upon the study and investigation given a case by the member of the court assigned to write the opinion. This has a tendency for the opinion of the court to be that of one of its justices, and perhaps in the very kind of a case where it is important to have the judgment of all of the members of the court. A condition of this kind is attempted to be remedied in some states by having an intermediate court of appeals, or by increasing the number of justices of the supreme court, or by having supreme court commissioners in addition to the justices of the court. The situation is not sufficiently serious in this state to require any of those measures, and none of them should be adopted if it is reasonably possible to avoid it. What could be done, however, would be to increase the appropriation for stenographic and clerical help for the justices to \$300 per month. This would permit the members of the court to have a stenographer and a law clerk, either one or two persons, as he could find and choose. Much of the drudgery of the work could be done by a competent law clerk. This would enable the justices to have more time for the study of intricate legal questions.

With reference to the time of appeal, we recommend that R. S. 60-3309 be amended to provide that the notice of appeal should be given within thirty or sixty days from the rendition of the judgment or order appealed from instead of six months, and that section 60-3312, with respect to the time of filing the abstract, be amended so that if the appeal taken does not require a transcript of testimony the abstract should be filed within thirty days. Under the present provisions of the code concerning the time within which appeals must be taken in civil actions, and the sections designating what rulings and orders are appealable, it sometimes happens that one who desires to appeal from an adverse ruling on motions or demurrers to pleadings or a demurrer to evidence has to take such appeal before the case is finally disposed of in the trial court. These statutes should be so modified that on an appeal properly taken from a final judgment all questions decided adversely to appellant, at any stage of the progress of the case, may be reviewed. Generally speaking, there should be no appeal before final judgment.

There is some confusion in the matter of the specific circumstances under which it is necessary to file a motion for a new trial in order to have questions sought to be raised reviewed in the supreme court. Perhaps this could be avoided by amending R. S. 60-3001 defining the new trial to be a reëxamination in the same court of the issues, whether of law or facts, in an action after a verdict by a jury, report of a referee, or decision of a court, thus making the definition of a new trial conform to the definition of a trial as defined by R. S. 60-2901. In any event, the matter is one which should receive attention. Perhaps a better thing to do would be to repeal these two sections, and other sections of the code pertaining to appeals, and let those matters be governed entirely by rules promulgated by the supreme court. Such rules could be framed to fit various classes of cases and apply to varying conditions that may arise, and could be modified promptly when modification was found beneficial.

In original cases, when it is necessary that testimony be taken, frequently a commissioner is appointed to hear the evidence and make findings of fact and conclusions of law. This is necessary because the court itself does not have time for that work, nor can it spare the time of one of its justices for such duties. If it were possible for the supreme court to assign a trial judge from one of the district courts of the state to such duties it would greatly reduce the expense in such cases and perhaps be advantageous in other respects.

### DISTRICT COURTS.

Our reports disclose that the method of keeping records of the business of the court is not uniform throughout the counties of the state. Our statute (R. S. 60-3801) specifies certain books to be kept "and such other books as may be ordered by the court or required by law." The forms of the books required by the statute to be kept are not uniform, and some of these are cumbersome and inadequate, and in some districts at one time or another the court has ordered other books to be kept. The statutes pertaining to such records should be revised so as to have a uniform, efficient system of records or the statutes should be repealed and the supreme court authorized by rule to provide such a system. Our reports also disclose defects in the records of the courts because of the failure to make proper entries in the records. Our statutes (R.S. 60-3122, 60-3802, et seq.) contemplates that the clerk shall make all proper entries. But as to many rulings and judgments of the court, the clerks, not being lawyers, ordinarily, are not regarded by counsel as being competent to draft the form of the entry which should be made in the journal, and a practice has grown up, which is almost universal, of counsel preparing the form of the entries of such orders and judgments to be made on the journal. This has resulted in uncertainty and delay in making the proper and necessary records, and at times in the failure to make any record. This situation should be corrected. The duty of drafting the forms of these records should be definitely vested in some one competent to do it, and there should be a requirement that the work be done promptly.

The most frequent and persistent criticisms which have come to us concerning the transaction of civil business in district courts relate to the time of presenting and disposing of motions and demurrers to pleadings and of motions after trial. The complaint is of delay in presenting and disposing of such matters. In some of the judicial districts there is no such criticism, and reports received from clerks of courts in those districts disclose that motions and demurrers are presented and disposed of with reasonable promptness, leaving no ground for such criticism. In other judicial districts the reports disclose much delay in presenting motions and demurrers, some of them remaining on the docket for months before being presented for hearing. And, much less frequently, there is delay in deciding such matters after they are presented. We are well aware that speed is not the only thing to be accomplished in the transaction of judicial business, and that too much speed may produce unjust results. But the fact remains that any delay in the transaction of judicial business in excess of that necessary or proper for a full and fair presentation of questions to be determined, and for a proper consideration of them on behalf of the court, tends to render our judicial system inefficient and to result in injustice to one or both of the litigants. In an efficient judicial system business must move along with reasonable promptness. What constitutes reasonable promptness necessarily varies with the nature of the litigation and the situation of the parties, but this fact should not be used as an excuse for unnecessary delay. Some effective statutes should be enacted, or rules promulgated by the supreme court, that will insure the reasonably prompt dispatch of business in those judicial districts where the reports show habitual delay.

We recommend that a statute be enacted that in actions for divorce or alimony, or both, the petition, or cross petition, state the cause of action in the language of the statute only. If the opposing party desires a statement of facts relied upon, the same to be furnished in a bill of particulars upon which the case must be tried, but not to be filed in the trial court. If the case is appealed, the bill of particulars to be included in the abstract filed in the supreme court if it is important for the consideration of the questions presented by the appeal.

With respect to our code of civil procedure, except as to questions elsewhere dicussed herein, there is little complaint. There is lack of clarity in some sections, and omissions in others. We have not attempted a careful review of them with a view of suggesting amendments.

Concerning procedure in criminal cases, several suggestions of modification of statutes, or additions thereto, have been made, which we deem worthy of consideration by the legislature: (1) That the statute (R. S. 62-1402, 62-1403) be amended so that, in the selection of the jury, the state and the defendant have an equal number of peremptory challenges. We see no reason why this change should not be made. (2) That the statute (R. S. 62-1420) be so amended as to permit counsel for the state to comment upon, and the jury to consider, the fact that defendant, or his wife, did not testify (if they did not). The statute should be so amended, or should be changed so as to make such comment or consideration reversible error. (3) That the statute (R. S. 62-1429) be amended so that when two or more persons are jointly charged with a felony they may be tried together, or separately, in the discretion of the trial court. (4) That a statute be enacted making conspiracy of two or more persons to commit a crime, when such conspiracy is accompanied by an overt act, an offense. The federal government has such a statute, which is found useful in the prosecution of federal offenses. Several of the states have such a statute. With respect to matters which might be covered by such a statute our prosecutors proceed under our statute relating to aiding and abetting the commission of offenses (R. S. 62-1016) or the statutes relating to attempting to commit certain offenses. These do not cover the full field of a conspiracy statute and they are frequently inadequate. (5) That provision be made by which the state, as well as the defendant, may have a change of venue, in a case proper therefor. (6) That the statutes be so changed that informations, in all cases, be in the short form; if defendant desires a statement of facts on which the prosecution relies, the same to be furnished in the form of a bill of particulars. (7) That the court be authorized to allow fees to counsel appointed to represent a poor person charged with crime, such fee to be paid by the county.

There is quite a little criticism of the operation of our statute relating to paroles of persons found guilty, or who plead guilty, to criminal offenses. The



complaint, which applies to some judicial districts only, is that paroles are too readily granted and that there is too little, or no, supervision of persons paroled, with the result that a large per cent of those who plead guilty, or are found guilty of crime, escape punishment. There is also much criticism of our indeterminate sentence law. With respect to both these matters the thought seems to be that a definite punishment, which is certain, is a better deterrent of crime and more conducive to good government than our system of parole and our indeterminate sentences, as these have actually been used.

Generally speaking, however, with reference to the criticism frequently made, that our criminal laws are inefficiently enforced, it may be said that the reports to the Judicial Council disclose that very little of that criticism can justly be laid to the courts. Prosecuting officials have no difficulty in getting their matters heard in court as promptly as they are ready to hear them, and generally speaking they have little difficulty in obtaining convictions when the evidence justifies it. Only occasionally does a report indicate extended delay in criminal cases. The real difficulty in the prosecution of criminal offenses lies largely in the inability of prosecuting officers to ascertain the facts concerning crimes alleged to have been committed and to procure the evidence in relation thereto, and in apprehending the accused. A study of the situation should be made with a view of providing measures to overcome those defects; but the Judicial Council has not had time to go into a study of that question.

### PROBATE COURTS.

The probate court, primarily designed to have jurisdiction in estates of deceased persons, minors and persons of unsound mind, in cases of habeas corpus (Art. III, § 8 of Const.), has had many other duties conferred upon it by the legislature. The probate judge is judge of the juvenile court (R. S. 38-401), much of the work of which is in the nature of welfare work. He is also judge of the county court (R. S. 20-803) in counties where such courts are organized, and as such has jurisdiction in certain criminal and civil cases. Jurisdiction is conferred to grant restraining orders (R. S. 60-1103), to appoint receivers (R. S. 60-1201), and make important orders in actions for divorce (R. S. 60-1507), in cases pending in district court, in the absence of the district judge from the county, and to hear proceedings in aid of execution (R.S. 60-3487), for the hearing of insanity cases (R.S. 39-201, 76-1205), and for the adoption of children (R. S. 38-106). Other statutes confer upon the probate court, or the judge thereof, duties which are clerical, or administrative, in their nature and may be well performed by one, otherwise qualified, who has not had legal training. But much of the work of the court as disclosed by the statutes above cited is purely judicial in character and can be performed efficiently only by a competent lawyer. Of the 105 probate judges in the state, none of whom is required by statute to have legal training, about 15 of them are in fact lawyers, although perhaps some of those do not have the qualifications required of other judges of courts of record. (R. S. 20-105). While the probate judges of our state are uniformly persons of high character, who conscientiously perform the duties of the office to the best of their knowledge and ability, it is nothing short of folly to attempt to have an efficient judicial system in our state when so much important judicial business is transacted in courts presided over by laymen. We recommend that a statute be enacted prescribing the qualifications of a probate judge to be the same as those of other judges of courts of record; that the judge's compensation be paid by salary, for we regard it as not conducive to an efficient judiciary for a judge to be paid for any part of his services in fees; and that the judge be prohibited from practicing law, as are other judges of courts of record. practice existing in some counties of the state of the probate judge appearing as attorney for parties in the district court in estates or other controversies which grew out of matters in his court is not conducive to an efficient judiciary. The court should be given jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases substantially as that now provided by the county court act. Justice of the peace courts should be abolished, or their jurisdiction limited, so that all business in the county, within the jurisdiction of the probate and county court, will be conducted in that court. Perhaps such jurisdiction should be made exclusive, that is, not concurrent with the district court. Appeals from it should be on questions of law only, either to the district court, or directly to the supreme court, for if parties have a trial on issues of fact, in a competent, efficient court, there is no reason for a trial de novo on appeal. In counties where the business is more than one judge can handle, additional judges should be provided, and where the centers of population justify it the court should sit at different places in the county. The constitution does not now require that the probate judge be his own clerk, hence there is no constitutional reason why the clerical work of this office should not be added to that of the clerk of the district court, making such clerk a court clerk both for the district court and the probate or county court.

While the probate court is made a court of record, the statute does not specifically provide what records should be kept—except inferentially in the various statutes conferring powers and duties—nor what entries shall be made in the records. The result is a lack of uniformity among the various probate courts of the state as to the books of record, as to the nature and extent of the entries made therein, and in the various forms used in transacting the business of the court. These should be designated and made uniform by the legislature, or the supreme court should be authorized to promulgate rules respecting them. In some counties probate judges have been elected who are as unfamiliar with keeping records as they are with the law, with the result in such counties that the books are very imperfectly kept.

There prevails a general sentiment that our probate procedure be remodeled with the view of making it more just, prompt and efficient. While we concur in that view we have not been able to give sufficient time to that matter to enable us to prepare a revised probate procedure.

If justice of the peace courts are to be retained as a part of our judicial system the provisions concerning electing two justices of the peace for each township should be eliminated, actually or in effect, and authority given to the county commissioners, or other appropriate body, to divide the county into justice of the peace districts and let one justice of the peace be elected from each district. In most counties from three to five such districts would be sufficient. This would enable a justice of the peace to be elected in the several centers of population in the county and would tend to the permanency and efficiency of the justice of the peace system.

## OTHER COURTS INFERIOR TO DISTRICT COURTS. CITY COURTS.

To avoid unsatisfactory conditions existing in justice of the peace courts, city courts have been created in the cities of Atchison (R.S. 20-1501), Coffeyville (R. S. 20-1601), Kansas City (R. S. 20-1701), Leavenworth (R. S. 20-1801), Topeka (R.S. 20-1901), and Wichita (R.S. 20-2001); and a general statute (R.S. 20-1401) exists by which city courts may be created. These courts have the general jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts, and some of them have an additional limited jurisdiction in civil actions. In cities where they exist justice of the peace courts are practically abolished, their jurisdiction being limited to civil actions for the recovery of money where the amount claimed does not exceed one dollar. The judges of these courts are required to be lawyers. The reports from these courts indicate that they are efficient units in our judicial system. They handle many cases with apparent promptness and efficiency. For the sake of uniformity, however, and believing the business of these courts could be as well or better done, we recommend that they be abolished and their duties incorporated in the probate and county court system previously discussed.

### COUNTY COURTS.

County courts are authorized by statute (R.S. 20-801) to be established in such counties as may adopt the provisions of the act. Such courts have been established in fourteen counties. They have the general jurisdiction of justice of the peace courts, with an additional limited jurisdiction in civil cases. The probate judge is judge of the county court, and there is no requirement that he be a lawyer. The jurisdiction of justices of the peace in counties where such courts are created is not limited. Reports from these courts indicate an indifferent efficiency. Some of them are handling quite a little business, others practically none, depending, apparently, upon the particular type and ability of the presiding judge of the court. From the nature of their organization they cannot be relied upon as an effective unit in an efficient judicial system. The thought underlying the county court act was to create a court so much better than justice of the peace courts that the latter would be in effect eliminated. The trouble is that it did not establish a court necessarily any superior to that of the justice of the peace, except to the extent that it gave it slightly larger civil jurisdiction. There is still no provision that the judge of the court should be a lawyer, an essential element in an efficient court that has jurisdiction of important judicial matters. We recommend that the statute providing for their creation be repealed. The duties now conferred upon such courts would come within the scope of the probate and county court heretofore outlined.

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS.

There has been a growing tendency in our state to eliminate justice of the peace courts. This is demonstrated by the creation of city courts, by the act creating county courts, and perhaps more clearly by the fact that the people themselves have, in many localities, declined to nominate or elect anyone for justice of the peace. Our constitution (§ 9, art. III) provides that two justices

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of the peace shall be elected in each township. If that were complied with we would have 3,258 justices of the peace in the state, without reference to the statute (R.S. 80-602) which authorizes the increase of that number. The county clerks report to us that 982 had been elected at the last general election. Most of these had no business before them. Only 297—fewer than ten per cent of the possible number—reported business in their courts. Perhaps there are a few who had business that have made no report to us, but we are confident that number is few. Some justice of the peace courts function very well and are useful in their respective communities, but most of them are regarded with disfavor. There are many reasons why these courts are not necessary or desirable units in an efficient judicial system of our state. The 297 reported to us have, however, transacted business in a substantial amount. All that business could be transacted fully as well, and most of it a great deal better, in a probate and county court, as previously outlined. We therefore recommend that these courts be abolished, either actually or in effect, by limiting their jurisdiction.

Two suggestions have been made to us with reference to procedure in justice of the peace courts, and other courts of the same jurisdiction, which we deem worthy of consideration: (1) That some change be made so as to provide that when there is a trial of a misdemeanor case before a jury, and the case is appealed, it shall not then be before a jury in the district court. There can be no reason for giving one charged with a misdemeanor trial before a jury in each of the two courts, such not being allowed to persons charged with a felony. This could be done by requiring the case to be certified to the district court for trial when a jury is demanded in the justice court, which would have the effect of eliminating jury trials in misdemeanor cases in such court, or require the appeal to be on questions of law only. One difficulty with this is that the trial in justice court is not in a court presided over by a lawyer, and there would almost be sure to be error in it, and no suitable way is made for preserving the evidence. (2) That in the trial of civil cases a provision be made for appeal on questions of law only. The only method now for appeal is by giving a bond in double the amount of the judgment. In view of the fact that in some of the justice courts there are many erroneous rulings, particularly in such cases as attachment of exempt property, or garnishment of wages exempt, in whole or in part, the defendant now has no means of protecting himself from such judgments except by giving the bond, which frequently he is unable to do. We are told that there are many cases of decided injustice to poor people from this cause.

The reason for our present statute providing that cases tried in courts inferior to the district court, when appealed, should be tried in the district court de novo is that such inferior courts are not presided over by persons trained in the law, hence our statutes are designed to give to a party who desires it a trial before a real judicial tribunal. If the probate and county court, as heretofore outlined, is presided over by one having the same qualifications as judges of other courts of record, and the court is otherwise equipped properly to try controverted questions of fact, there would be no reason for the trial de novo of cases appealed from such court, and the expense and delay of such a trial would be eliminated.

# SUMMARIES OF THE WORK OF THE COURTS. SUPREME COURT.

The following is a summary of the work of the supreme court for the year ending July 1, 1928: There were 529 appealed civil cases disposed of in the supreme court within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of this number 143 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 386 of them were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed. Of this number 261 were affirmed, 104 reversed and 21 modified. The court also disposed of 101 appealed criminal cases. Of this number 44 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits, and 57 cases were presented on the merits and written opinions filed. Of this number 52 were affirmed and 5 reversed. The court also disposed of 43 original cases, of which number 13 were dismissed before having been presented on the merits and 30 of them were presented on the merits and written opinions filed, making a total of 673 cases disposed of, of which 200 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 473 were presented on the merits and written opinions filed therein. The court also considered and disposed of 1,293 motions.

The data with respect to the progress of cases through the court may be of interest. In the 529 civil appealed cases disposed of the interim between the date of the judgment appealed from and the date the notice of appeal was filed in the trial court was as follows: Within 10 days, 85 cases; 10 to 30 days, 103 cases; 1 to 2 months, 80 cases; 2 to 3 months, 66 cases; 3 to 4 months, 53 cases; 4 to 5 months, 48 cases; 5 to 6 months, 65 cases; over 6 months, 15 cases; and in 14 cases the dates were omitted. The interim between the date notice of appeal was filed in the trial court and the date notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court was as follows: Within 10 days, 316 cases; 10 to 20 days, 93 cases; 20 to 30 days, 44 cases; 1 to 2 months, 32 cases; 2 to 3 months, 17 cases; 3 to 4 months, 10 cases; 4 to 5 months, 5 cases; 5 to 6 months, 3 cases; over 6 months, 1 case; and in 8 cases the dates were not reported. The interim between the date notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date the docket fee was filed, was as follows: Within 10 days, 236 cases; 10 to 20 days, 84 cases; 20 to 30 days, 72 cases; 1 to 2 months, 48 cases; 2 to 3 months, 8 cases; over 3 months, 23 cases; and in 58 cases the dates were not reported. In 416 cases either a bond or a deposit for costs was filed, the interim between the date of filing such bond or deposit and the date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court being as follows: Within 10 days, 169 cases; 10 to 20 days, 74 cases; 20 to 30 days, 100 cases; 1 to 2 months, 47 cases; 2 to 3 months, 9 cases; and over 3 months, 17 cases. In the 386 cases which were submitted on the merits, the time from the date of the judgment appealed from until they were submitted was as follows: Less than 1 month, 1 case; 1 to 3 months, 6 cases; 3 to 6 months, 17 cases; 6 to 9 months, 115 cases; 9 months to 1 year, 124 cases; 1 year to 15 months, 77 cases; 15 months to 18 months, 25 cases; 18 months to 2 years, 10 cases; 2 years or more, 4 cases; and in 7 cases some of the dates were not reported. The interim between the date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date the case was submitted on the merits was as follows: Less than 1 month, 5 cases; 1 to 3 months, 8 cases; 3 to 6 months, 73 cases; 6 to 9 months, 223 cases; 9 months to 1 year, 53 cases; 1 year to 15 months, 16 cases; 15 months to 18 months, 4 cases; 18 months to 2 years, 2 cases; 2 years or more, 1 case; and the date was not reported in 1 case.

In the 386 cases which were submitted on the merits, 3 were decided and opinions filed before the first regular opinion day thereafter, 364 on the first opinion day after submission, 21 on the second, 1 on the fourth, and 1 on the sixth opinion day after submission. In these cases the interim between the date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date appellant's abstract was filed, was as follows: Less than 1 month, 35 cases; 1 to 4 months, 201 cases; 4 to 6 months, 100 cases; 6 to 12 months, 43 cases; over 1 year, 4 cases; and in 3 cases the dates were omitted. In 98 cases the appellants' briefs were filed the same day as appellants' abstracts; 32 were filed not on the same day but within 10 days; 69 within 10 to 30 days; 174 after 30 days; and in 13 cases the dates were not reported. In 97 cases the appellees' briefs were filed within 15 days after the filing of appellants' briefs; 103 within 15 to 30 days; 85 within 30 to 60 days; 77 after 60 days; in 12 cases the appellees' briefs were filed prior to the filing of appellants' briefs, and in 12 cases appellees' briefs were not filed. Of the 143 cases which were dismissed without having been submitted on the merits, 12 were dismissed within less than 1 month after the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court, 28 were dismissed within 1 to 3 months; 24 within 3 to 6 months; 54 within 6 to 9 months; and 25 within 9 months to 1 year.

In the 101 appealed criminal cases which were disposed of, the interim between the date of the judgment appealed from and the date notice of appeal was filed in the trial court, was as follows: Within 10 days, 62 cases; 10 to 30 days, 14 cases; 1 to 2 months, 7 cases; 2 to 3 months, 3 cases; 3 to 4 months 2 cases; 4 to 5 months, 4 cases; over 6 months, 6 cases; and in 3 cases the dates were not reported. The interim between the date notice of appeal was filed in the trial court and date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court, was as follows: Within 10 days, 48 cases; 10 to 20 days, 21 cases; 20 to 30 days, 13 cases; 1 to 2 months, 8 cases; 2 to 3 months, 2 cases; 3 to 4 months, 1 case; 4 to 5 months, 5 cases; 5 to 6 months, 1 case; over 6 months, 1 case; and in 1 case the date was not reported. The interim between the date notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date the docket fee was filed, was as follows: Within 10 days, 27 cases; 10 to 20 days, 13 cases; 20 to 30 days, 20 cases; 1 to 2 months, 6 cases; 2 to 3 months, 5 cases; more than 3 months, 8 cases; and in 22 cases the dates were not reported. In only 8 cases was bond or deposit for costs filed, 1 being filed within 10 days after the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court, 3 within 10 to 20 days, 2 within 1 to 2 months, and 2 within 2 to 3 months. In the 57 cases which were submitted on the merits, the interim between the date of the judgment appealed from and the date the case was submitted on the merits in the supreme court, was as follows: 3 to 6 months, 16 cases; 6 to 9 months, 20 cases; 9 to 12 months, 8 cases; 1 year to 15 months, 4 cases; 15 months to 18 months, 4 cases; and 18 months to 2 years, 5 cases. Of these 57 cases, 3 were submitted on the merits within 1 to 3 months after the date the notice of appeal was filed in e

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the supreme court, 26 were submitted within 3 to 6 months, 12 within 6 to 9 months, 7 within 9 months to 1 year, 3 within 1 year to 15 months, 4 within 15 to 18 months and 2 within 18 months to 2 years. In 54 cases the opinions were filed the first opinion day after the cases were submitted, and in three cases on the second opinion day. The interim between the date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date the appellant's abstract was filed, was as follows: Less than 1 month, 3 cases; 1 to 4 months, 24 cases; 4 to 6 months, 12 cases; 6 months to 1 year, 11 cases; over 1 year, 5 cases; and in 2 cases the dates were not reported. Of the 57 cases which were submitted on the merits, in 22 cases the appellants' briefs were filed on the same day as appellants' abstracts were filed, 9 were filed not on the same day but within 10 days; 11 within 10 to 30 days, 13 over 30 days; and in 2 cases the dates were not reported. In the 44 cases which were dismissed before having been submitted on the merits, the interim between the date the notice of appeal was filed in the supreme court and the date of dismissal, was as follows: Less than 1 month, 2 cases; 1 to 3 months, 9 cases; 3 to 6 months, 17 cases; 6 to 9 months, 10 cases; 9 months to 1 year, 2 cases; 1 year to 15 months, 3 cases; and 18 months to 2 years, 1 case.

In the 30 original cases which were submitted on the merits, the interim between the date the petition or application was filed and the date the case was submitted on the merits, was as follows: Less than 1 month, 6 cases; 1 to 3 months, 9 cases; 3 to 6 months, 10 cases; 6 to 9 months, 4 cases and after 2 years, 1 case. In 18 cases answers or returns were filed, 9 of which were filed within 10 days after the petition or application was filed, 7 within 10 to 30 days and 2 within 2 to 3 months. Eight cases were decided the same day presented, 1 was decided not on the same day but within 10 days, 13 within 10 to 30 days, 6 within 1 to 2 months, and 2 within 3 to 4 months.

Of the 13 original cases which were dismissed before having been presented, 2 were dismissed within less than 30 days after the applications or petitions were filed, 4 within 1 to 3 months, 2 within 3 to 6 months, 3 within 1 year to 15 months and 2 within 18 months to 2 years. Answers or returns were filed in 9 cases, 3 of which were filed within 10 days after the application or petition was filed, 3 within 10 to 30 days, 2 within 1 to 2 months, and 1 after 1 year.

The total costs in the 386 appealed civil cases which were submitted on the merits were \$17,059.19, an average cost of \$44.19. The highest amount was \$3,359.40 and the lowest was \$8.95. The total costs in 142 of the appealed civil cases which were dismissed before submission on the merits (costs in one case were not reported) were \$1,053.55, an average of \$7.42. The highest amount was \$71.80, which was in a case in which three had been consolidated, and the lowest amount was \$3.45. In the civil cases which were submitted on the merits, in 2 cases the costs were less than \$10, in 258 cases costs varied from \$10 to \$25; in 63 cases from \$25 to \$50; in 35 cases from \$50 to \$100, and in 28 cases the costs were more than \$100. Of the civil cases which were dismissed, in 121 cases the costs were less than \$10; in 19 cases costs varied from \$10 to \$25; in one case from \$25 to \$50; 1 case \$50 to \$100; and 1 case over \$100. The total costs in the 57 appealed criminal cases which were submitted on the merits were \$1,366.65, an average cost of \$23.98. The highest

amount was \$117.19 and the lowest amount was \$10.55. In 39 cases the costs varied from \$10 to \$25; in 16 cases from \$25 to \$50, in 1 case from \$50 to \$100; and in 1 case the costs exceeded \$100. The total costs in the 44 appealed criminal cases which were dismissed were \$341.20, an average of \$7.75. The highest amount was \$13 and the lowest \$3.25. In 38 of the cases the costs were less than \$10; in 5 cases costs varied from \$10 to \$25, and in 1 case only the costs were from \$25 to \$50. The total costs in the 30 original cases which were presented on the merits were \$9,937.02, an average of \$331.23. The highest amount was \$7,537.75 and the lowest amount was \$2.25. In 11 cases the costs were less than \$10, in 11 cases they ranged from \$10 to \$25, in 4 cases from \$25 to \$50, and in 4 cases the costs were more than \$100. The total costs in the 13 original cases which were dismissed were \$2,308.84, an average of \$177.60. The highest amount was \$701 and the lowest was \$4. In 6 of the cases the costs were less than \$10, in 3 cases they were between \$10 and \$25, and in 4 cases the costs exceeded \$100.

Of the 187 appealed civil and criminal cases which were dismissed, 75 were dismissed under rule 8, 34 for lack of prosecution and 78 on motion to dismiss.

In the appealed civil and criminal cases, and in the original cases, which were presented on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928, and in such civil, criminal and original cases as were pending on July 1, 1928, there were 1,293 motions filed. Of these motions 646 were presented on the same day as filed, 263 were presented not on the same day but within 10 days, 217 within 10 to 30 days and 81 were presented after 30 days; 1,144 were decided on the same day as presented, 28 were decided not on the same day but within 10 days, 26 within 10 to 30 days and 9 were decided after 30 days. There was a total of 907 motions in the appealed civil cases. In the cases which were presented on the merits there were 383 motions prior to the submission of the case on the merits and 197 post-decision motions; in the cases dismissed before submission on the merits there were 133 motions prior to dismissal and 33 motions after dismissal; and in the cases which were pending on July 1, 1928, there were 161 motions. There was a total of 222 motions in the appealed criminal cases. In the cases which were submitted on the merits there were 74 motions prior to submission on the merits and 25 post-decision motions; in the cases dismissed before submission on the merits there were 43 motions prior to dismissal and 8 motions after dimissal; and in the cases which were pending on July 1, 1928, there were 72 motions. There was a total of 164 motions in the original cases. In the cases submitted on the merits there were 54 motions prior to submission on the merits and 9 post-decision motions; in the cases dismissed before submission on the merits there were 29 motions prior to dismissal and 6 motions after dismissal; and in the cases which were pending on July 1, 1928, there were 66 motions. The records do not show the disposition of 86 of the 1,293 motions; however, the majority of these motions were disposed of at the time the cases were submitted on the merits or dismissed, and several of them were pending on July 1, 1928, having been recently filed. The nature and disposition of the motions are as follows: 529 to extend time, of which 516 were allowed and 4 denied; 160 for rehearing, of which 7 were allowed and 148 denied; 155 to dismiss, of which 98 were allowed and 36 denied; 104 to reinstate, of which 92 were allowed and 12 denied; 77 to advance, of which 63 were allowed and 8 denied; 39 for stay, of which 27 were allowed and 6 denied; 29 to consolidate, all of which were allowed; 14 to strike, of which 3 were allowed and 4 denied; 11 to modify mandate, of which 2 were allowed and 9 denied; 10 to quash, of which 1 was allowed and 3 denied; 10 to amend, of which 8 were allowed; 8 to revive, all of which were allowed; 8 to substitute parties, or bonds, all of which were allowed; 7 for judgment, of which 4 were allowed and 1 denied; 7 to retax costs, of which 3 were allowed and 3 denied; 6 for commissioners, of which 4 were allowed and 1 denied; 6 to set aside some previous order, of which 4 were allowed; 5 to withdraw, of which 2 were allowed and 1 denied; 5 to withhold mandate, all of which were allowed; 3 to confirm commissioners' report, of which 1 was allowed; 3 for receiver, all of which were allowed; 3 for attorneys' fees, all of which were allowed; and 91 miscellaneous motions, of which 56 were allowed and 21 denied.

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### SUMMARIES BY JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

The following is a statement in the form of a summary as to each of the judicial districts, separately, of the business transacted and pending in the district courts, 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 furnished us by the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture for 1928, and the assessed value for that year as furnished by the state tax commissioner.

### FIRST DISTRICT.

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

One county: Leavenworth. Area, 440 square miles; population 41,527; assessed value, \$46,296,729.

There were 111 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 33 were dismissed before trial on the merits: 74 were tried to the court and 7 to the jury. In 60 cases no answers were filed. In 26 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed; in 9 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 15 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 1 case later than 6 months. There were 58 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 17 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 to 12 months, and none later than 12 months. In 9 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 1 case not the same day but within 10 days. In 68 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 163 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 11 were withdrawn, 75 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 12 from 10 to 30 days, and 16 later than 30 days. There were 103 motions decided the same day they were presented. Forty-nine motions were still pending. The court costs were reported in 111 cases, showing a minimum of \$2, a maximum of \$94.15, and an average of \$16.65. There were 138 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 19 had been pending less than 3 months, 54 from 3 to 6 months, 65 from 6 to 12 months, and none later than

There were 113 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the

year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 12 were dismissed before trial. In 59 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 39 cases to husbands, and in 3 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 18 were contested. The custody of 43 minor children was awarded to wives and 10 to husbands. There were 8 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 89 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 4 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 22 cases, extreme cruelty in 6, gross neglect of duty in 66. There were 75 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 23 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 36 from 6 months to a year.

There were 130 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 67 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 42 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 21 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 12, verdicts of not guilty in 8, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. There were 56 cases filed originally in the district court and 62 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 2 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases from 10 days to 30 days, and in 1 case later than 30 days. There were 2 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 2 cases from 6 months to a year, and none later than a year. There were 13 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 23 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 10 from 6 months to a year, and none later than 1 year. Of the 28 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

### SECOND DISTRICT.

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

One county: Atchison. Area, 412 square miles; population, 25,818; assessed value, \$47,871,203.

There were 126 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 48 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 76 were tried to the court and 2 to the jury. In 88 cases no answers were filed. In 24 cases answers were filed in 30 days after petitions were filed; in 7 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 2 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 5 cases later than 6 months. There were 45 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 14 from 3 to 6 months, 13 from 6 to 12 months, and 6 later than 12 months. In 77 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial. In 1 case the journal entry had not been filed. There were 64 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 17 were withdrawn, 10 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 9 from 10 to 30 days, and 19 later than 30 days. There were 38 motions decided the same day they were presented. Nine motions were still pending. The court costs were reported in 126 cases, showing a minimum of \$2.10, a maximum of \$246.58, and an average of \$22.29. There were 141 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 21 from 3 to 6 months, 24 from 6 to 12 months, 25 from 1 to 2 years, 17 from 2 to 3 years, 14 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, and 16 over 5 years.

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There were 76 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 31 were dismissed before trial. In 34 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 11 cases to husbands, and none was denied. Of the cases tried, 7 were contested. The custody of 20 minor children was awarded to wives and 3 to husbands. There were 3 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 33 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 4 cases, extreme cruelty in 3, gross neglect of duty in 37, and conviction of a felony in 1. There were 34 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 15 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year, 9 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 more than 2 years.

There were 145 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 69 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 71 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 3 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned. There were 97 cases filed originally in the district court and 9 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 6 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 13 not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 10 cases from 30 days to 3 months, in 4 cases later than 3 months. There was 1 case tried from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, 1 case from 30 days to 3 months, 1 case from 3 to 6 months. There were 52 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 32 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 20 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 5 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there was 1 hung jury.

#### THIRD DISTRICT.

HON. GEO. A. KLINE, of Topeka, Judge, First Division.

HON. GEORGE A. WHITCOMB, of Topeka, Judge, Second Division.

HON. OTIS E. HUNGATE, of Topeka, Judge, Third Division.

One county: Shawnee. Area 544 square miles; population 75,959; assessed value, \$134,420,852.

There were 662 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 242 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 369 were tried to the court and 71 to the jury. In 402 cases no answers were filed. In 151 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed; in 43 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 40 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 26 cases later than 6 months. There were 192 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 76 from 3 to 6 months, 82 from 6 to 12 months, and 70 later than 12 months. In 377 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 34 cases within 10 days, in 2 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 6 cases later than 30 days. In 1 case the journal entry had not been filed. There were 616 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 53 were withdrawn, 125 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 173 from 10 to 30 days, 212 later than 30 days. There were 272 motions decided the same day they were presented, 30 not the same day but within 10 days, 144 from 10 to 30 days, and 64 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 53. There were 366 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 143 had been pending less than 3 months, 55 from 3 to 6 months, 62 from 6 to 12 months, 51 from 1 to 2 years, 29 from 2 to 3 years, 11 from 3 to 4 years, 11 from 4 to 5 years, and 4 over 5 years.

There were 444 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 127 were dismissed before trial. In 285 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 26 cases to husbands, and 2 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 89 were contested. The custody of 176 minor children was awarded to wives and 16 to husbands. There were 71 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 203 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 43 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 5 cases, extreme cruelty in 4, gross neglect of duty in 126, extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty in 135, extreme cruelty and abandonment in 1, gross neglect of duty and abandonment in 39, and extreme cruelty, drunkenness and gross neglect of duty in 1. There were 254 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 106 had been pending less than 3 months, 64 from 3 to 6 months, 57 from 6 months to 1 year, 23 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 more than 2 years.

There were 390 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 136 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 200 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 54 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 39, verdicts of not guilty in 8. There were 214 cases filed originally in the district court and 48 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 7 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 8 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, in 2 cases later than 3 months. There was 1 case tried within 10 days, 7 cases from 10 to 30 days, 17 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 11 cases from 3 to 6 months, and 4 cases from 6 months to a year. There were 63 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 148 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 63 had been pending less than 3 months, 33 from 3 to 6 months, 19 from 6 months to 1 year, 28 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years. Of the 125 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 13 hung juries.

### FOURTH DISTRICT.

HON. HUGH MEANS, of Lawrence, Judge.

Three counties: Anderson, Douglas and Franklin. Area, 1,540 square miles; population, 60,722; assessed value, \$122,053,174.

There were 306 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 78 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 209 were tried to the court and 19 to the jury. In 235 cases no answers were filed. In 39 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 14 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 16 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 cases later than 6 months. There were 152 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 52 from 3 to 6 months, 22 from 6 to 12 months, and 2 later than 12 months. In 117 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 52 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 28 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 12 cases later than 30 days. In 19 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 126 mo-

tions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 16 were withdrawn, 30 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 22 from 10 to 30 days, and 34 later than 30 days. There were 69 motions decided the same day they were presented, 7 not the same day but within 10 days, 7 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 24. The court costs were reported in 193 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.70, a maximum of \$86.65, and an average of \$17.18. There were 161 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 78 had been pending less than 3 months, 32 from 3 to 6 months, 34 from 6 to 12 months, 8 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 145 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 36 were dismissed before trial. In 80 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 28 cases to husbands. Of the cases tried 20 were contested. The custody of 52 minor children was awarded to wives and 7 to husbands. There were 2 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 98 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 8 cases, extreme cruelty in 22, gross neglect of duty in 51. There were 52 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 40 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 136 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 33 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 69 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 34 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 28, verdicts of not guilty in 5, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. There were 73 cases filed originally in the district court and 11 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 20 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 17 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 9 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 4 from 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 later than 3 months. There were 22 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, and 3 from 3 to 6 months. There were 20 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 42 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 21 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year, 1 from 1 to 2 years, and 6 from 2 to 3 years. Of the 60 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 3 hung juries.

### FIFTH DISTRICT.

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

Three counties: Chase, Coffey and Lyon. Area, 2,240 square miles; population, 49,227; assessed value, \$111,347,534.

There were 218 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 47 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 160 were tried to the court and 11 to the jury. In 181 cases no answers were filed. In 13 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 17 from 30 to 60 days, in 6 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 1 case later than 6 months. There were 140 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 13 from 6 to 12 months, and 2 later than 12 months. In 118 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 26 cases not the same

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30 .oday but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 11 cases later than 30 days. In 11 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 36 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 9 were withdrawn, 20 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 2 later than 30 days. There were 23 motions decided the same day they were presented. Four motions were still pending. The court costs were reported in 48 cases, showing a minimum of \$0.65, a maximum of \$46.80, and an average of \$16.86. There were 74 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 16 had been pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 22 from 6 to 12 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 7 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 100 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 22 were dismissed before trial. In 62 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 15 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 20 were contested. The custody of 49 minor children was awarded to wives and 5 to husbands. There were 6 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 63 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 17 cases, extreme cruelty in 32, gross neglect of duty in 19. There were 16 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 12 from 6 months to a year.

There were 61 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 6 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 47 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 8 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 7 and verdict of not guilty in 1. There were 9 cases filed originally in the district court and 5 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 23 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 5 cases not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 later than 3 months. There were 3 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 cases from 10 to 30 days, 1 case from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to a year. There were 4 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 7 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months. Of the 32 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there was 1 hung jury.

#### SIXTH DISTRICT.

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

Two counties: Bourbon and Linn. Area, 1,269 square miles; population, 38,204; assessed value, \$57,858,203.

There were 203 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 71 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 126 were tried to the court, and 6 to the jury. In 145 cases no answers were filed. In 20 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 10 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 23 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 5 cases later than 6 months. There were 78 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 26 from 3 to 6 months, 17 from 6 to 12 months, and 11 later than 12 months. In

90 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 15 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 12 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 12 cases later than 30 days. In 3 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 201 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 15 were withdrawn, 98 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 38 from 10 to 30 days, and 46 later than 30 days. There were 179 motions decided the same day they were presented, and 1 not the same day but within 10 days. Four motions were still pending. There were 142 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 48 had been pending less than 3 months, 35 from 3 to 6 months, 35 from 6 to 12 months, 19 from 1 to 2 years, and 5 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 77 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 16 were dismissed before trial. In 46 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 12 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 5 were contested. The custody of 46 minor children was awarded to wives and 4 to husbands. There were 6 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 52 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 3 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 29 cases, extreme cruelty in 7, and gross neglect of duty in 17. There were 31 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 8 from 6 months to a year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 100 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 18 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 67 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 15 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 3, verdicts of not guilty in 10. There were 53 cases filed originally in the district court and 1 case tried in the district court on complaint from an inferior court. In 22 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 13 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 5 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 1 case later than 3 months. There were 5 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 4 cases from 10 to 30 days, 2 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 2 cases from 3 to 6 months, and 1 case 6 months to a year. There were 9 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 36 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 9 from 6 months to a year, and 13 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 33 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 3 hung juries.

### SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Hon. S. C. Brown, of Chanute, Judge.

Two counties: Neosho and Wilson. Area, 1,161 square miles; population, 42,503; assessed value, \$96,108,935.

There were 188 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 47 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 133 were tried to the court and 8 to the jury. In 133 cases no answers were filed. In 22 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 19 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 83 cases

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There were 112 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 17 were dismissed before trial. In 72 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 23 cases to husbands. Of the cases tried, 9 were contested. The custody of 35 minor children was awarded to wives and 10 to husbands. There were 16 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 71 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 8 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 58 cases, extreme cruelty in 22 cases, and gross neglect of duty in 12. There were 50 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 19 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 13 from 6 months to a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 6 more than 2 years.

There were 83 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 20 had been dismissed before trial on the merits. In 48 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 15 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 11, verdicts of not guilty in 3, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. There were 38 cases filed originally in the district court and 4 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 12 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 15 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 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 2 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 4 cases from 10 to 30 days, 3 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year. There were 3 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 27 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, 8 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. Of the 24 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 4 hung juries.

#### EIGHTH DISTRICT.

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

Four counties: Dickinson, Geary, Marion and Morris. Area, 2,895 square miles; population, 72,770; assessed value, \$164,589,819.

There were 318 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 123 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 183 were tried to the court and 11 to the jury. In

226 cases no answers were filed. In 42 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 25 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 21 cases 60 days to 6 months, and in 4 cases later than 6 months. There were 108 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 61 from 3 to 6 months, 23 from 6 to 12 months, and 3 later than 12 months. In 129 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 33 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 17 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 7 cases later than 30 days. In 9 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 150 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 14 were withdrawn, 64 were presented within 10 days after they were filed, 15 from 10 to 30 days, and 44 later than 30 days. There were 116 motions decided the same day they were presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days, and 6 from 10 to 30 days. Motions pending, 13. The court costs were reported in 118 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.35, a maximum of \$884.75, and an average of \$57.58. There were 192 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 85 had been pending less than 3 months, 41 from 3 to 6 months, 34 from 6 to 12 months, 18 from 1 to 2 years, 11 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 112 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 27 were dismissed before trial. In 59 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 21 cases to husbands, and in 3 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried 9 were contested. The custody of 43 minor children was awarded to wives and 6 to husbands. There were 6 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 70 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 38 cases, extreme cruelty in 14 cases, gross neglect of duty in 11. There were 42 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 24 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 10 from 6 months to a year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 58 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 11 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 33 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 12 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 6, verdicts of not guilty in 5, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. There were 2 cases filed originally in the district court and 7 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 16 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 19 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 15 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 4 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 1 case later than 3 months. There were 4 cases tried from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year. There were 3 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 15 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to a year. Of the 28 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 5 hung juries.

### NINTH DISTRICT.

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

Three counties: Harvey, McPherson and Reno. Area, 2,682 square miles; population, 90,287; assessed value, \$202,633,719.

There were 527 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 127 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 273 were tried to the court and 22 to the jury. In 297 cases no answers were filed. In 47 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 34 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 31 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 17 cases later than 6 months. There were 174 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 65 from 3 to 6 months, 43 from 6 to 12 months, and 21 later than 12 months. In 286 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 48 cases not the same day but within 10 days, 22 from 10 to 30 days, and 27 later than 30 days. In 24 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 212 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 31 were withdrawn, 37 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 28 from 10 to 30 days, and 67 later than 30 days. There were 128 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, and 2 from 10 to 30 days. Motions pending, 49. The court costs were reported in 274 cases, showing a minimum of \$2.40, a maximum of \$509.30, and an average of \$24.14. There were 330 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 111 had been pending less than 3 months, 47 from 3 to 6 months, 74 from 6 to 12 months, 46 from 1 to 2 years, 20 from 2 to 3 years, 14 from 3 to 4 years, 8 from 4 to 5 years, and 10 over 5 years.

There were 247 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 50 were dismissed before trial. In 142 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 50 to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 41 were contested. The custody of 98 minor children was awarded to wives and 21 to husbands. There were 28 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 158 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 27 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 52 cases, extreme cruelty in 77 cases, and gross neglect of duty in 51. There were 113 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 51 had been pending less than 3 months, 20 from 3 to 6 months, 18 from 6 months to a year, 20 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 more than 2 years.

There were 162 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 64 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 78 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 20 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 14, verdicts of not guilty in 3, and in 3 cases there were hung juries. There were 6 cases filed originally in the district court and 111 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 13 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days. There were 20 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 55 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 25 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 13 from 6 months to a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 2 to 3 years. Of the 44 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 4 hung juries.

### TENTH DISTRICT.

Hon. G. A. Roberds, of Olathe, Judge.

Two counties: Johnson and Miami; area, 1,088 square miles; population, 44,158; assessed value, \$95,498,905.

There were 348 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 117 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 211 were tried to the court, 19 to the jury and 1 to a referee. In 248 cases no answers were filed. In 44 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 23 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 31 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 later than 6 months. There were 138 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 52 from 3 to 6 months, 27 from 6 to 12 months, and 14 later than 12 months. In 170 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 53 not the same day but within 10 days, 4 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days. In one case the journal entry had not been filed. There were 127 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 17 were withdrawn, 32 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 26 from 10 to 30 days, and 23 later than 30 days. There were 80 motions decided the same day they were presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days. Motions pending, 29. The court costs were reported in 175 cases, showing a minimum of \$2.05, a maximum of \$721.25, and an average of \$36.65. There were 188 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 64 had been pending less than 3 months, 29 from 3 to 6 months, 28 from 6 to 12 months, 33 from 1 to 2 years, 17 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 10 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 109 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 24 were dismissed before trial. In 55 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 30 to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 14 were contested. The custody of 37 minor children was awarded to wives and 14 to husbands. There were 2 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 80 from 60 days to 6 months, and 3 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 22 cases, extreme cruelty in 21 and gross neglect of duty in 34. There were 41 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 27 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to a year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 more than 2 years.

There were 129 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 36 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 65 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 19 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 10, verdicts of not guilty in 7, and in 4 cases there were hung juries. There were 84 cases filed originally in the district court and 19 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. 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 8 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 5 cases from 30 days to 3 months. There was one case tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 7 from 30 days to 3 months, and 3 from 6 months to a year. There were 2 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 41 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 23 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months,

5 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 from 2 to 3 years. Of the 38 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 4 hung juries.

### ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

HON. JOHN W. HAMILTON, of Columbus, Judge.

One county: Cherokee. Area, 605 square miles; population, 35,178; assessed value, \$39,155,720.

There were 167 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 58 were dismissed before trial on the merits; 102 were tried to the court, 7 to the jury, and 1 to a referee. In 123 cases no answers were filed. In 27 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 6 from 30 to 60 days, in 5 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 6 cases later than 6 months. There were 78 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 9 from 6 to 12 months, and 6 later than 12 months. In 79 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 10 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 cases 10 to 30 days, and in 12 cases later than 30 days. In 5 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 195 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 10 were withdrawn, 40 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 26 from 10 to 30 days, and 59 later than 30 days. There were 109 motions decided the same day they were presented, 13 not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 60. There were 212 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 39 had been pending less than 3 months, 34 from 3 to 6 months, 28 from 6 months to a year, 35 from 1 to 2 years, 20 from 2 to 3 years, 15 from 3 to 4 years, 16 from 4 to 5 years, and 25 over 5 years.

There were 142 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 53 were dismissed before trial. In 66 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 21 cases to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 7 were contested. The custody of 62 minor children was awarded to wives and 8 to husbands. There were 17 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 66 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 6 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 14 cases, extreme cruelty in 41 cases, gross neglect of duty in 23 cases, habitual drunkenness in 3 cases, and extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty in 6 cases. There were 61 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 28 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 months to a year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 more than 2 years.

There were 68 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 24 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 35 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 9 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 4, verdicts of not guilty in 4, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. There were 9 cases filed originally in the district court and 20 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 19 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 9 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 3 cases later than 3

months. There was 1 case tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, and 2 from 3 to 6 months. There was one case in which a parole was granted. There were 20 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 5 from 6 months to a year. Of the 16 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there was 1 hung jury.

### TWELFTH DISTRICT.

HON. JOHN C. HOGIN, of Belleville, Judge.

Three counties: Cloud, Republic and Washington. Area, 2,308 square

miles; population, 48,724; assessed value, \$132,564,151.

There were 200 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 61 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 124 were tried to the court and 15 to the jury. In 157 cases no answers were filed. In 18 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 6 from 30 to 60 days, in 13 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 6 cases later than 6 months. There were 67 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 36 from 3 to 6 months, 20 from 6 to 12 months, and 16 later than 12 months. In 57 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 44 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 14 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 13 cases later than 30 days. In 11 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 208 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 7 were withdrawn, 97 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 27 from 10 to 30 days, and 57 later than 30 days. There were 178 motions decided the same day they were presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days, and 1 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 21. There were 73 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 33 had been pending less than 3 months, 14 from 3 to 6 months, 19 from 6 to 12 months, 4 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 37 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 8 were dismissed before trial. In 21 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 4 cases to husbands, and in 4 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 4 were contested. The custody of 24 minor children was awarded to wives. There were 3 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 21 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 1 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 10 cases, extreme cruelty in 7 and gross neglect of duty in 1. There were 21 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 2 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 11 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 40 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 14 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 15 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 11 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 6, verdicts of not guilty in 5. There were 8 cases filed originally in the district court and 4 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. 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 5 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 6 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 from 3 to 6 months. There were 8 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 12 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months. Of the 27 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Hon. A. T. Ayres, of Howard, Judge, First Division. Hon. George J. Benson, of El Dorado, Judge, Second Division.

Four counties: Butler, Chautauqua, Elk and Greenwood. Area, 3,896

square miles; population, 75,776; assessed value, \$201,406,612.

There were 456 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 117 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 310 were tried to the court and 29 to the jury. In 375 cases no answers were filed. In 35 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 17 from 30 to 60 days, in 24 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 5 cases later than 6 months. There were 170 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 72 from 3 to 6 months, 62 from 6 to 12 months, and 35 later than 12 months. In 163 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 55 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 28 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 36 cases later than 30 days. In 57 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 121 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 17 were withdrawn, 23 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 7 from 10 to 30 days, and 20 later than 30 days. There were 49 motions decided the same day they were presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days. Motions pending, 54. The court costs were reported in 228 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.70, a maximum of \$275.50, and an average of \$30.03. There were 332 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 108 had been pending less than 3 months, 65 from 3 to 6 months, 66 from 6 to 12 months, 43 from 1 to 2 years, 23 from 2 to 3 years, 12 from 3 to 4 years, 7 from 4 to 5 years, and 8 over 5 years.

There were 195 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 45 were dismissed before trial. In 104 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 45 cases to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 14 were contested. The custody of 91 minor children was awarded to wives, and 14 to husbands. There were 20 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 106 from 60 days to 6 months, and 24 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 64 cases, extreme cruelty in 31 cases, and gross neglect of duty in 49. There were 103 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 32 had been pending less than 3 months, 18 from 3 to 6 months, 23 from 6 months to a year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, and 14 more than 2 years.

There were 204 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 34 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 125 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 44 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 24, verdicts of not guilty in 15 and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There were 48 cases filed originally in

the district court and 92 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 8 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 19 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 14 from 10 to 30 days, in 14 from 30 days to 3 months, and in 9 cases later than 3 months. There were 9 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 9 from 30 days to 3 months, and 7 from 3 to 6 months. There were 40 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 68 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 29 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 11 from 6 months to a year, 16 from 1 to 2 years, and 4 from 2 to 3 years. Of the 92 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 5 hung juries.

#### FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. JOSEPH W. HOLDREN, of Independence, Judge.

One county: Montgomery. Area, 644 square miles; population, 55,435; assessed value, \$76,762,008.

There were 229 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 92 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 116 were tried to the court, and 21 to the jury. In 140 cases no answers were filed. In 27 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 20 from 30 to 60 days, in 32 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 10 later than 6 months. There were 64 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 31 from 3 to 6 months, 24 from 6 to 12 months, and 18 later than 12 months. In 76 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 30 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 11 cases 10 to 30 days, and in 17 cases later than 30 days. In 3 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 255 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 15 were withdrawn, 84 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 33 from 10 to 30 days, and 82 later than 30 days. There were 195 motions decided the same day they were presented, 3 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 41. There were 122 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 38 had been pending less than 3 months, 20 from 3 to 6 months, 27 from 6 to 12 months, 30 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 181 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 52 were dismissed before trial. In 90 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 36 cases to husbands, and in 3 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 28 were contested. The custody of 41 minor children was awarded to wives and 11 to husbands. There were 17 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 99 from 60 days to 6 months, and 13 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 51 cases, extreme cruelty in 51 cases, gross neglect of duty in 13 cases, adultery in 1 case, extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty in 10 cases. There were 68 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 28 had been pending less than 3 months, 21 from 3 to 6 months, 16 from 6 months to a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 more than 2 years.

There were 169 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 82 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 38 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 49 cases tried to the jury in

which verdicts of guilty were returned in 22 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 25, and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There were 48 cases filed originally in the district court and 29 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 54 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 20 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 14 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 2 cases 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 cases later than 3 months. There were 6 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 25 from 10 to 30 days, 10 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to a year. There were no paroles granted. There were 16 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to a year. Of the 74 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 4 hung juries.

#### FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. W. R. MITCHELL, of Mankato, Judge.

Four counties: Jewell, Mitchell, Osborne and Smith. Area, 3.395 square miles; population, 51,349; assessed value, \$138,551,888.

There were 283 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 84 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 179 were tried to the court and 20 to the jury. In 173 cases no answers were filed. In 49 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 30 from 30 to 60 days, in 27 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 6 cases later than 6 months. There were 88 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 53 from 3 to 6 months, 39 from 6 to 12 months, and 14 later than 12 months. 77 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 38 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 16 cases from 10 to 30 days, and 27 later than 30 days. In 41 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 285 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 61 were withdrawn, 110 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 23 from 10 to 30 days, and 60 later than 30 days. There were 183 motions decided the same day they were presented, 5 not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 31. The court costs were reported in 259 cases, showing a minimum of \$2.05, a maximum of \$721.25, and an average of \$42.32. There were 157 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 53 had been pending less than 3 months, 28 from 3 to 6 months, 29 from 6 to 12 months, 26 from 1 to 2 years, 13 from 2 to 3 years, 5 from 3 to 4 years, and 2 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 66 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 13 were dismissed before trial. In 37 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 16 cases to husbands. Of the cases tried, 4 were contested. The custody of 40 minor children was awarded to wives and 3 to husbands. There were 6 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 41 from 60 days to 6 months, and 6 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 27 cases, extreme cruelty in 2, and gross neglect of duty in 3. There were 18 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, and 4 from 6 months to a year.

There were 41 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1,

1928. Of these 9 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 26 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 6 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in all of them. There were 18 cases filed originally in the district court and 10 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 9 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 2 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 3 from 10 to 30 days, in 3 from 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 later than 3 months. There was one case tried from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year. There were 14 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 28 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, and 3 from 3 to 4 years. Of the 26 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were no hung juries.

#### SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. WILLIAM D. ATKINSON, of Parsons, Judge.

One county: Labette. Area, 643 square miles; population, 32,913; assessed value, \$47,453,234.

There were 47 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 17 were dismissed before trial on the merits, and 30 were tried to the court. In 33 cases no answers were filed. In 3 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 8 from 30 to 60 days, in 2 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 1 later than 6 months. There were 13 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 12 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 to 12 months, and 1 later than 12 months. In 25 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 1 case not the same day but within 10 days, in 1 case 10 to 30 days, and in 2 cases later than 30 days. In 1 case the journal entry had not been filed. There were 53 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 5 were withdrawn, 12 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 8 later than 30 days. There were 17 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 25. The court costs were reported in 47 cases, showing a minimum of \$4.85, a maximum of \$279.71, and an average of \$34.98. There were 27 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 8 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 to 12 months, 6 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 11 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 1 was dismissed before trial. In 8 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 2 cases to husbands. Of the cases tried, 2 were contested. The custody of 10 minor children was awarded to wives. All of them were tried within 60 days to 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 6 cases, extreme cruelty in 2 cases, and incompatibility in 2 cases. There were 6 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 2 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to a year, and 2 more than 2 years.

There were 7 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928.

Of these 1 was dismissed before trial on the merits. In 4 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. One case was tried to the jury in which a verdict of guilty was returned. There were 5 cases filed originally in the district court and 1 case tried in the district court on complaint from an inferior court. In 1 case the information was filed within 10 days from the day the transcript was filed. There was 1 case tried within 10 days. There were 3 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 1 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 13 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were no hung juries.

### SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. E. E. KITE, of St. Francis, Judge.

Five counties: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips. Area, 4,726 square miles; population, 43,063; assessed value, \$85,012,292.

There were 248 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 70 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 171 were tried to the court and 7 to the jury. In 191 cases no answers were filed. In 20 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 12 from 30 to 60 days, in 14 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 11 later than 6 months. There were 74 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 36 from 3 to 6 months, 17 from 6 to 12 months, and 11 later than 12 months. In 39 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 26 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 32 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 23 cases later than 30 days. In 16 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 135 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 15 were withdrawn, 61 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 12 from 10 to 30 days, and 28 later than 30 days. There were 93 motions decided the same day they were presented, 7 not the same day but within 10 days, and 1 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 19. The court costs were reported in 47 cases (Decatur county only), showing a minimum of \$5.50, a maximum of \$5,271.48, and an average of \$299.83. There were 157 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 41 had been pending less than 3 months, 30 from 3 to 6 months, 34 from 6 to 12 months, 40 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 4 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 over 5 years.

There were 64 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 were dismissed before trial. In 48 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 17 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 2 were contested. The custody of 60 minor children was awarded to wives and 7 to husbands. There were 6 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 54 from 60 days to 6 months, and 4 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 30 cases, extreme cruelty in 16, and gross neglect of duty in 10. There were 16 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 24 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 11 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 6 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 6 cases tried to the jury in

which verdicts of guilty were returned in 4 and verdicts of not guilty in 2. There were 2 cases filed originally in the district court and 8 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 8 cases the informations were filed the same day the transcript was filed, 4 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 3 months. There was 1 case tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, and 2 from 3 to 6 months. There were 2 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 20 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 8 had been pending less than 3 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 6 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 8 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were no hung juries.

#### 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, 123,090; assessed value, \$200,560,950.

The data for Sedgwick county is incomplete and covers a partial report of a period of about six months from July 1 to December 31, 1927. There were 450 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits, or dismissed, within this six months' period. Of these, 159 were dismissed before trial on the merits; the number tried to the court is not stated, while 19 were tried to the jury. In 313 cases no answers were filed. In 53 cases answers were filed within 30 days; in 29 cases from 30 to 60 days; in 53 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 2 cases later than 6 months. The time elapsing before these cases were tried on the merits is not given. The date of filing is not stated, but there were 280 cases in which journal entries were filed and 170 in which no journal entry was filed.

There were 173 motions and demurrers filed, of which 23 were withdrawn, 23 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 48 from 10 to 30 days, and 29 later than 30 days. There were 100 motions decided the same day they were presented. Motions pending, 50. There were 354 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 156 had been pending less than 3 months, 84 from 3 to 6 months, 114 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 405 divorce cases tried on the merits, or dismissed, within the six months' period, July 1 to December 31, 1927. Of these, 141 were dismissed before trial. In 234 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 31 to husbands, and in one case this information is not given. As to the number of cases denied or contested no report is made, and as to whether the custody of minor children was awarded to the wife or husband is stated in no case. Neither is the time between the filing of the information and the trial of the case, nor the nature of the charge, reported in any instance. There were 602 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 123 had been pending less than 3 months, 98 from 3 to 6 months, 70 from 6 months to a year, 311 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 225 criminal cases disposed of within the six months' period ending December 31, 1927. Of these, 117 were dismissed before trial on the

merits. In 12 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 21 cases tried to the jury in which the number of verdicts of guilty is given as four, with no report on the number of verdicts of not guilty or whether a hung jury resulted in any case. There were 225 cases in which transcripts were filed and 177 in which informations were filed. In 129 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcripts, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 19 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 25 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and none later than 3 months. The interim between the date of the filing of the information and the trial of the case is not stated. There were 48 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 211 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 117 had been pending less than 3 months, 58 from 3 to 6 months, and 36 from 6 months to a year. Of the 124 civil cases tried to juries there were 7 hung juries.

This partial report from Sedgwick county was received too late to be included in the tables.

# NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

HON. O. P. FULLER, of Winfield, Judge.

One county: Cowley. Area, 1,133 square miles; population, 40,896; assessed value, \$81,194,471.

There were 201 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 58 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 133 were tried to the court, and 10 were tried to the jury. In 111 cases no answers were filed. In 49 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 25 from 30 to 60 days, in 13 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 3 later than 6 months. There were 104 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 31 from 3 to 6 months, and 8 from 6 to 12 months. In 133 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 7 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 3 cases later than 30 days. There were 156 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 11 were withdrawn, 59 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 31 from 10 to 30 days, and 31 later than 30 days. There were 118 motions decided the same day they were presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days, and 2 from 10 to 30 days. Motions pending, 24. The court costs were reported in 129 cases, showing a minimum of \$3.05, a. maximum of \$3,788.81, and an average of \$62.11. There were 162 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 64 had been pending less than 3 months, 37 from 3 to 6 months, and 61 from 6 to 12 months.

There were 116 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 23 were dismissed before trial. In 67 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 25 cases to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 11 were contested. The custody of 31 minor children was awarded to wives and 7 to husbands. There were 15 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, and 78 from 60 days to 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 17 cases, extreme cruelty in 47 cases, gross neglect of duty in 26, conviction of a felony in 1, habitual drunkenness in 1. There were 60 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 31 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, and 19 from 6 months to a year.

There were 103 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 27 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 58 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 18 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 13 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 3, and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There were 41 cases filed originally in the district court and 12 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 21 cases the informations were filed within 10 days from the day the transcript was filed, 19 not the same day but within 10 days, 7 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 from 30 days to 3 months. There were 5 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 5 cases from 10 to 30 days, and 3 cases from 3 to 6 months. There were 5 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 18 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 10 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to a year. Of the 81 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 4 hung juries.

#### TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

HON. RAY H. BEALS, of St. John, Judge.

Three counties: Barton, Rice and Stafford. Area, 2,395 square miles; population, 44,079; assessed value, \$126,866,794.

There were 162 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 45 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 110 were tried to the court and 7 to the jury. In 129 cases no answers were filed. In 15 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 7 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 7 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 4 later than 6 months. There were 86 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 8 from 6 to 12 months, and 7 later than 12 months. In 87 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial. In 10 not the same day but within 10 days, in 4 from 10 to 30 days, and in 10 later than 30 days. In 6 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 65 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 19 were withdrawn, 35 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 6 later than 30 days. There were 42 motions decided the same day they were presented, and 1 later than 30 days. Three motions were still pending. The court costs were reported in 116 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.50, a maximum of \$386.30, and an average of \$27.68. There were 156 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 25 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, 15 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 2 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 78 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 22 were dismissed before trial. In 44 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 12 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 1 was contested. The custody of 32 minor children was awarded to wives and none to husbands. There were 5 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 49 from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 13 cases, extreme cruelty in 29, and gross neglect of duty in 9. There were 20 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 15 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 86 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1,

1928. Of these 16 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 50 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 20 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 14 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 4, and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There were 14 cases filed originally in the district court and 18 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 27 cases the informations were filed within 10 days from the day the transcript was filed, 15 not the same day but within 10 days, 8 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 later than 3 months. There were 7 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 6 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months. There were 19 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 2 to 3 years. Of the 28 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

### TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

HON. FRED R. SMITH, of Manhattan, Judge.

Three counties: Clay, Marshall and Riley. Area, 2,147 square miles; population, 58,226; assessed value, \$146,963,145.

There were 192 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 56 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 120 were tried to the court and 17 to the jury. In 129 cases no answers were filed. In 26 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 15 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 16 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 6 cases later than 6 months. There were 71 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 29 from 3 to 6 months, 18 from 6 to 12 months, and 18 later than 12 months. In 18 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 14 not the same day but within 10 days, in 11 from 10 to 30 days, and in 9 cases later than 30 days. In 36 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 62 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 4 were withdrawn, 22 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 9 from 10 to 30 days, and 12 later than 30 days. There were 43 motions decided the same day they were presented. Fifteen motions were still pending. There were 95 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 38 had been pending less than 3 months, 25 from 3 to 6 months, 19 from 6 to 12 months, 9 from 1 to 2 years, 1 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 86 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 17 were dismissed before trial. In 53 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 16 to husbands. None of the cases tried was contested. The custody of 52 minor children was awarded to wives and 12 to husbands. There were 6 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 57 from 60 days to 6 months, and 5 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 18 cases, extreme cruelty in 25, and gross neglect of duty in 22. There were 27 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 13 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 33 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 2 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 21 cases the defend-

ants entered pleas of guilty. There were 10 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 5 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 3, and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There was 1 case filed originally in the district court and 1 case tried in the district court on complaint from an inferior court. In 24 cases the informations were filed within 10 days from the day the transcript was filed, 3 not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 later than 3 months. There were 5 cases tried from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 1 later than a year. There were 11 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 8 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to a year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 41 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 4 hung juries.

#### TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

Hon. C. W. RYAN, of Wathena, Judge.

Three counties: Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha. Area, 1,665 square miles; population, 53,487; assessed value; \$130,568,179.

There were 262 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 80 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 166 were tried to the court and 16 to the jury. In 170 cases no answers were filed. In 41 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 20 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 19 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 12 later than 6 months. There were 117 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 41 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 to 12 months, and 10 later than 12 months. In 26 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 48 not the same day but within 10 days, in 58 from 10 to 30 days, and in 28 later than 30 days. In 12 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 234 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 33 were withdrawn, 105 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 39 from 10 to 30 days, 35 later There were 173 motions decided the same day they were than 30 days. presented, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 5 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 22. The court costs were reported in 181 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.90, a maximum of \$1,078.84, and an average of \$40.34. There were 161 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 92 had been pending less than 3 months, 33 from 3 to 6 months, 20 from 6 to 12 months, 11 from 1 to 2 years, 4 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 64 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 15 were dismissed before trial. In 33 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 14 to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 5 were contested. The custody of 28 minor children was awarded to wives and 5 to husbands. There were 12 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 28 from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 14 cases, extreme cruelty in 6, and gross neglect of duty in 25. There were 30 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 17 had been pending less than 3 months, 11 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year.

There were 91 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 28 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 47 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 16 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 9 cases, verdicts of not guilty in 5, and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There were 39 cases filed originally in the district court and 15 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 17 cases the informations were filed within 10 days from the day the transcript was filed, 5 not the same day but within 10 days, 8 from 10 to 30 days, and 6 from 30 days to 3 months. There were 3 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months. There were 10 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 33 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

# TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

HON. J. C. RUPPENTHAL, of Russell, Judge.

Six counties: Ellis, Gove, Logan, Russell, Trego and Wallace. Area, 5,778 square miles; population, 43,985; assessed value, \$96,548,708.

There were 417 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 96 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 312 were tried to the court and 7 to the jury. In 299 cases no answers were filed. In 40 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 34 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 26 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 16 later than 6 months. There were 131 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 110 from 3 to 6 months, 55 from 6 to 12 months, and 23 later than 12 months. In 209 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 29 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 13 from 10 to 30 days, and in 39 later than 30 days. In 29 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 244 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 47 were withdrawn, 16 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 18 from 10 to 30 days, and 84 later than 30 days. There were 158 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 2 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 29. The court costs were reported in 423 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.10, a maximum of \$1,734.25, and an average of \$31.75. There were 196 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 67 had been pending less than 3 months, 39 from 3 to 6 months, 42 from 6 to 12 months, 41 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 55 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 12 were dismissed before trial. In 34 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 7 to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 9 were contested. The custody of 30 minor children was awarded to wives and 6 to husbands. There were 4 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 32 from 60 days to 6 months, and 7 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 10 cases, extreme cruelty in 3, and gross neglect of duty in 23. There were 23

divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to a year, 3 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 more than 2 years.

There were 56 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 15 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 27 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 14 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 3, verdicts of not guilty in 9. There were 11 cases filed originally in the district court and 24 tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 14 cases the informations were filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 2 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 3 cases from 10 to 30 days. There were 2 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 from 30 days to 3 months. There were 15 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 10 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 4 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years and 2 from 2 to 3 years. Of the 35 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 3 hung juries.

### TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

HON. GEO. L. HAY, of Kingman, Judge.

Four counties: Barber, Harper, Kingman and Pratt. Area, 3,526 square miles; population, 46,244; assessed value, \$123,051,234.

There were 363 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 116 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 226 tried to the court, 20 to the jury, and 1 to a referee. In 259 cases no answers were filed. In 41 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 23 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 25 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 15 cases later than 6 months. There were 137 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 65 from 3 to 6 months, 31 from 6 to 12 months, and 14 later than 12 months. In 110 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 39 not the same day but within 10 days, in 35 from 10 to 30 days, and in 24 later than 30 days. In 39 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 175 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 18 were withdrawn, 63 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 32 from 10 to 30 days, and 51 later than 30 days. There were 144 motions decided the same day they were presented, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 1 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 23. The court costs were reported in 89 cases (Barber county only), showing a minimum of \$1.75, a maximum of \$105.00, and an average of \$22.07. There were 129 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 45 had been pending less than 3 months, 24 from 3 to 6 months, 35 from 6 to 12 months, 21 from 1 to 2 years, and 3 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 106 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 30 were dismissed before trial. In 54 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 19 to husbands, and in 3 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 7 were contested. The custody of 49 minor children was awarded to wives and 10 to husbands. There were 3 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 66 from 60 days to 6 months, and 7 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as

abandonment in 28 cases, extreme cruelty in 25, and gross neglect of duty in 9. There were 29 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 18 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.

There were 76 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 33 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 18 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 24 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 10 cases and verdicts of not guilty in 14. There were 16 cases filed originally in the district court and 17 were tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 8 cases the informations were filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 14 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 13 from 10 to 30 days, and in 8 from 30 days to 3 months. There were 4 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 6 from 6 months to a year. There were 6 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 28 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 14 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 7 from 6 months to a year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 47 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there was 1 hung jury.

## TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

HON. L. H. FINNEY, of Wellington, Judge.

One county: Sumner. Area, 1,179 square miles; population, 29,633; as-

sessed value, \$75,539,976.

There were 219 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 79 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 134 were tried to the court and 6 to the jury. In 115 cases no answers were filed. In 47 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 18 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 29 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 10 cases later than 6 months. There were 85 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 25 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 to 12 months, and 16 later than 12 months. In 116 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 4 cases not the same day but within 10 days, and in 5 cases later than 30 days. In 15 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 380 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 52 were withdrawn, 176 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 32 from 10 to 30 days, and 80 later than 30 days. There were 275 motions decided the same day they were presented, 4 not the same day but within 10 days, and 9 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 40. The court costs were reported in 214 cases, showing a minimum of \$3.60, a maximum of \$1,731.25, and an average of \$67.67. There were 138 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 34 had been pending less than 3 months, 25 from 3 to 6 months, 24 from 6 to 12 months, 24 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, 12 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, and 6 over 5 years.

There were 93 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 37 were dismissed before trial. In 43 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 13 cases to husbands. Of the cases tried, 3 were contested. The custody of 41 minor children was awarded to wives and

8 to husbands. There were 3 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 52 from 60 days to 6 months, and 1 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 16 cases, extreme cruelty in 21 cases, gross neglect of duty in 12 cases, conviction of a felony in 1 case, extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty in 4 cases, and gross neglect of duty and abandonment in 2 cases. There were 32 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 18 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to a year, and 6 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 60 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 20 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 29 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 11 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 8 cases, and verdicts of not guilty in 3 cases. There were 3 cases filed originally in the district court and 20 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 17 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 3 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, and in 3 cases later than 3 months. There were 4 cases tried from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 from 3 to 6 months. There were 6 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 34 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, and 3 from 4 to 5 years. Of the 17 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were no hung juries.

## 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, 134,440; assessed value, \$166,257,501.

There were 1,006 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 317 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 537 were tried to the court and 152 to the jury. In 531 cases no answers were filed. In 218 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 114 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 112 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 31 cases later than 6 months. There were 235 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 111 from 3 to 6 months, 214 from 6 to 12 months, and 129 later than 12 months. In 689 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 357 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 48 were withdrawn, 91 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 81 from 10 to 30 days, and 84 later than 30 days. There were 254 motions decided the same day they were presented, and 2 from 10 to 30 days. Motions pending, 53. There were 1,522 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 205 had been pending less than 3 months, 201 from 3 to 6 months, 329 from 6 to 12 months, 405 from 1 to 2 years, and 382 from 2 to 3 years.

There were 641 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the

year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 82 were dismissed before trial. In 403 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 147 to husbands, and in 5 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 30 were contested. The custody of 161 minor children was awarded to wives and 18 to husbands. There were 40 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 427 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 92 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 114, extreme cruelty in 178, gross neglect of duty in 68, habitual drunkenness in 7, conviction of a felony in 9, adultery in 22, impotency in 3, extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty in 100, extreme cruelty and abandonment in 14, gross neglect of duty and abandonment in 3, extreme cruelty and drunkenness in 14, extreme cruelty, gross neglect of duty and abandonment in 1, adultery and drunkenness in 2, extreme cruelty, gross neglect of duty and drunkenness in 1, adultery and extreme cruelty in 5, venereal disease in 1, drunkenness and gross neglect of duty in 1, abandonment and drunkenness in 2, adultery and gross neglect of duty in 2, adultery and abandonment in 1, and previous marriage in 2 cases. There were 803 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 86 had been pending less than 3 months, 58 from 3 to 6 months, 139 from 6 months to a year, 276 from 1 to 2 years, and 244 later than 2 years.

There were 584 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of those 305 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 197 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 82 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 52, verdicts of not guilty in 23, and in 6 cases there were hung juries. There were 174 cases filed originally in the district court and 221 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 72 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 14 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 36 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 38 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 29 cases later than 3 months. There were 8 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 13 from 10 to 30 days, 18 from 30 days to 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, and 18 6 months to a year. There were 100 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 104 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 56 had been pending less than 3 months, 16 from 3 to 6 months, 20 from 6 months to a year, and 12 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 237 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 14 hung juries.

# THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

HON. DALLAS GROVER, of Salina, Judge.

Four counties: Ellsworth, Lincoln, Ottawa and Saline. Area, 2,877 square miles; population, 55,935; assessed value, \$153,051,247.

There were 321 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 100 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 207 were tried to the court and 14 to the jury. In 198 cases no answers were filed. In 71 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 25 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 18 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 9 cases later than 6 months. There were 117 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 62 from 3 to 6 months, 25 from 6 to 12 months, and 17 later than 12 months. In 165 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 17 not the same day but

within 10 days, in 9 from 10 to 30 days, and in 16 later than 30 days. In 14 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 204 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 42 were withdrawn, 61 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 4 from 10 to 30 days, and 48 later than 30 days. There were 108 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, and 4 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 48. The court costs were reported in 45 cases (Ottawa county only), showing a minimum of \$2.35, a maximum of \$115.75, and an average of \$18.96. There were 186 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 56 had been pending less than 3 months, 31 from 3 to 6 months, 33 from 6 to 12 months, 33 from 1 to 2 years, 19 from 2 to 3 years, 3 from 3 to 4 years, 6 from 4 to 5 years, and 5 over 5 years.

There were 105 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 21 were dismissed before trial. In 67 cases divorces were granted to wives and 16 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 8 were contested. The custody of 41 minor children was awarded to wives and 5 to husbands. There were 4 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 69 from 60 days to 6 months, and 10 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 19, extreme cruelty in 36 and gross neglect of duty in 13. There were 63 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 26 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 9 from 6 months to a year, 11 from 1 to 2 years, and 9 more than 2 years.

There were 68 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 10 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 39 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 19 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 10, verdicts of not guilty in 8, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. There was 1 case filed originally in the district court and 5 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 40 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, 8 not the same day but within 10 days, 5 from 10 to 30 days, 6 from 30 days to 3 months, and 3 later than 3 months. There were 11 cases tried within 10 days after the informations were filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, and 3 from 3 to 6 months. There were 12 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 14 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. Of the 34 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

## 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, 44,897; assessed value, \$101,060,545.

There were 346 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 104 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 218 were tried to the court and 24 to the jury. In 288 cases no answers were filed. In 35 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 23 from 30 to 60 days, 19 from 60 days to 6 months, and 11 later than 6 months. There were 131 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 53 from 3 to 6 months,

27 from 6 to 12 months, and 34 later than 12 months. In 137 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 48 not the same day but within 10 days, in 19 from 10 to 30 days, and in 16 later than 30 days. In 22 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 237 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 142 were withdrawn, 31 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 10 from 10 to 30 days, and 29 later than 30 days. There were 65 motions decided the same day they were presented, 1 not the same day but within 10 days, and 4 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 25. The court costs were reported in 298 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.70, a maximum of \$263.35, and an average of \$19.13. There were 264 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 52 had been pending less than 3 months, 32 from 3 to 6 months, 28 from 6 to 12 months, 32 from 1 to 2 years, 23 from 2 to 3 years, 91 from 3 to 4 years, 3 from 4 to 5 years, and 3 over 5 years.

There were 100 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 23 were dismissed before trial. In 57 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 20 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 7 were contested. The custody of 56 minor children was awarded to wives and 4 to husbands. There were 11 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 52 from 60 days to 6 months, and 14 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as adandonment in 32 cases, extreme cruelty in 18, and gross neglect of duty in 22. There were 32 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 19 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year, and 4 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 103 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 38 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 43 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 20 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 12, verdicts of not guilty in 6, and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There were 44 cases filed originally in the district court and 22 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 22 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, 10 not the same day but within 10 days, 4 from 10 to 30 days, and 2 from 30 days to 3 months. There were 2 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 8 from 10 to 30 days, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year. There were 16 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 38 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 27 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 48 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 3 hung juries.

#### 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, 23,090; assessed value, \$62,-148,115.

There were 422 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 91 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 253 were tried to the court and 18 to the jury. In 273 cases no answers were filed. In 34 cases answers were filed in 30 days after

the petitions were filed, 26 from 30 to 60 days, 20 from 60 days to 6 months, and 9 later than 6 months. There were 165 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 60 from 3 to 6 months, 24 from 6 to 12 months, and 22 later than 12 months. In 91 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 67 not the same day but within 10 days, in 30 from 10 to 30 days, and in 26 later than 30 days. In 45 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 200 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 24 were withdrawn, 98 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 29 from 10 to 30 days, and 49 later than 30 days. There were 158 motions decided the same day they were presented, 9 not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 7 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 20. The court costs were reported in 108 cases, showing a minimum of \$1.25, a maximum of \$51.60, and an average of \$15.34. There were 157 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 68 had been pending less than 3 months, 32 from 3 to 6 months, 34 from 6 to 12 months, 14 from 1 to 2 years, 8 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 44 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 2 were dismissed before trial. In 30 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 12 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 3 were contested. The custody of 39 minor children was awarded to wives and 4 to husbands. There were 5 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 35 from 60 days to 6 months, and 2 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 22 cases, extreme cruelty in 5, and gross neglect of duty in 7. There were 8 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 5 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 54 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 19 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 17 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 18 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 7, verdicts of not guilty in 8, and in 3 cases there were hung juries. There were 11 cases filed originally in the district court and 15 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 9 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 10 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 2 from 10 to 30 days, in 6 from 30 days to 3 months, and in 1 case later than 3 months. There were 5 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 1 later than 1 year. There were 6 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 21 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 5 had been pending less than 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year, 5 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 more than 5 years. Of the 37 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 4 hung juries.

#### THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

HON. ROSCOE H. WILSON, of Jetmore, Judge.

Five counties: Edwards, Hodgeman, Ness, Pawnee and Rush. Area, 4,009 square miles; population, 35,714; assessed value, \$100,142,110.

There were 236 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 48 were dismissed

before trial on the merits, 173 were tried to the court and 15 to the jury. In 193 cases no answers were filed. In 17 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, 8 from 30 to 60 days, 12 from 60 days to 6 months, and 4 later than 6 months. There were 111 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 49 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 to 12 months, and 9 later than 12 months. In 134 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, 22 not the same day but within 10 days, in 12 from 10 to 30 days, and in 10 later than 30 days. In 10 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 90 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 6 were withdrawn, 19 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 18 from 10 to 30 days, and 23 later than 30 days. There were 57 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, and 1 from 10 to 30 days. Motions pending, 24. The court costs were reported in 97 cases (Edwards and Ness counties only), showing a minimum of \$1.60, a maximum of \$171.70, and an average of \$22.83. There were 122 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 32 had been pending less than 3 months, 21 from 3 to 6 months, 23 from 6 to 12 months, 7 from 1 to 2 years, 9 from 2 to 3 years, 6 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, and 20 over 5 years.

There were 57 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 10 were dismissed before trial. In 39 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 8 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 3 were contested. The custody of 21 minor children was awarded to wives and 2 to husbands. There were 2 cases tried within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 40 from 60 days to 6 months, and 4 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 20 cases, extreme cruelty in 8, and gross neglect of duty in 3. There were 23 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 14 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year.

There were 25 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 6 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 12 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 7 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 4, and verdicts of not guilty in 3. There were 5 cases filed originally in the district court and 7 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 5 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 1 not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 from 10 to 30 days, and in 1 from 30 days to 3 months. There was 1 case tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 1 from 10 to 30 days, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, and 3 from 3 to 6 months. There were 9 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 17 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to a year, and 4 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 20 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

## THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

HON. C. I. SPARKS, of Goodland, Judge.

Five counties: Graham, Rooks, Sheridan, Sherman and Thomas. Area,

4.797 square miles; population, 35,683; assessed value, \$71,320,678.

There were 427 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 93 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 324 were tried to the court and 10 to the jury. In 369 cases no answers were filed. In 25 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, 11 from 30 to 60 days, 18 from 60 days to 6 months, and 4 later than 6 months. There were 215 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 75 from 3 to 6 months, 17 from 6 to 12 months, and 27 later than 12 months. In 208 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, 52 not the same day but within 10 days, 20 from 10 to 30 days, and 26 later than 30 days. In 28 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 237 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 23 were withdrawn, 93 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 33 from 10 to 30 days, and 67 later than 30 days. There were 179 motions decided the same day they were presented, 6 not the same day but within 10 days, 4 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 21. There were 259 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 85 had been pending less than 3 months, 55 from 3 to 6 months, 82 from 6 to 12 months, 27 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, 5 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 49 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 11 were dismissed before trial. In 29 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 7 to husbands, and in 2 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 3 were contested. The custody of 31 minor children was awarded to wives and 4 to husbands. There were 4 cases tried within 60 days after the petitions were filed, 31 from 60 days to 6 months, and 3 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 18 cases and extreme cruelty in 14. There were 22 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 11 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 more than 2

There were 38 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 17 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 14 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 7 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 3, verdicts of not guilty in 3, and in 1 case there was a hung jury. There were 15 cases filed originally in the district court and 14 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 5 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 3 not the same day but within 10 days, and in 1 from 30 days to 3 months. There was 1 case tried from 10 to 30 days after the information was filed, and 3 later than a year. There were 2 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 20 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 4 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 12 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were no hung juries.

## THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

HON. CAREY E. CARROLL, of Alma, Judge.

Two counties: Osage and Wabaunsee. Area, 1,513 square miles; population, 30,649; assessed value, \$65,247,236.

There were 159 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 34 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 115 were tried to the court and 10 to the jury. In 98 cases no answers were filed. In 22 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 17 from 30 to 60 days, 8 from 60 days to 6 months, and 14 later than 6 months. There were 75 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 20 from 3 to 6 months, 16 from 6 to 12 months, and 14 later than 12 months. In 93 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 12 not the same day but within 10 days, in 7 from 10 days to 30 days, and 9 later than 30 days. In 4 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 86 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 12 were withdrawn, 30 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 12 from 10 to 30 days, and 27 later than 30 days. There were 64 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 5. The court costs were reported in 93 cases (Osage county only), showing a minimum of \$3.05, a maximum of \$339.19, and an average of \$38.49. There were 42 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 20 had been pending less than 3 months, 9 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 to 12 months, 3 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 42 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 24 were dismissed before trial. In 20 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 7 to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 3 were contested. The custody of 20 minor children was awarded to wives and 7 to husbands. There were 28 cases tried from 60 days to 6 months after the petition was filed. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 6 cases, extreme cruelty in 11, and gross neglect of duty in 5. There were 11 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 3 from 3 to 6 months, 1 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 53 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 12 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 25 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 16 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 12, verdicts of not guilty in 1, and in 2 cases there were hung juries. There were 11 cases filed originally in the district court and 7 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 7 cases the informations were filed within 10 days from the day the transcript was filed, 17 not the same day but within 10 days, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 7 from 30 days to 3 months, and 1 later than 3 months. There were 3 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 6 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 2 from 6 months to a year. There were 2 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 16 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 8 had been pending less than 3

months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, 5 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 32 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

#### THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

HON. M. A. BENDER, of Holton, Judge.

Three counties: Jackson, Jefferson and Pottawatomie. Area, 2,047 square miles; population, 44,278; assessed value, \$107,142,795.

There were 325 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 77 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 235 were tried to the court and 13 to the jury. In 216 cases no answers were filed. In 52 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, 27 from 30 to 60 days, 25 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 5 later than 6 months. There were 175 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 49 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 to 12 months, and 10 later than 12 months. In 232 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 4 not the same day but within 10 days, and in 10 cases later than 30 days. In 2 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 54 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 7 were withdrawn, 11 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 10 from 10 to 30 days, and 20 later than 30 days. There were 38 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, and 1 later than 30 days. Six motions were still pending. The court costs were reported in 104 cases (Jackson county only), showing a minimum of \$1.85, a maximum of \$82.25, and an average of \$15.85. There were 122 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 67 had been pending less than 3 months, 28 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 1 to 2 years, 2 from 2 to 3 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years.

There were 54 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 13 were dismissed before trial. In 24 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 10 to husbands, and in 7 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 9 were contested. The custody of 25 minor children was awarded to wives and 3 to husbands. There were 5 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 28 from 60 days to 6 months, and 8 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 18, extreme cruelty in 14, and gross neglect of duty in 1. There were 14 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 12 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months.

There were 23 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 6 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 8 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 7, verdicts of not guilty in 1 case. There were 4 cases filed originally in the district court and 8 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 2 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, 6 not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 30 days to 3 months, and 2 later than 3 months. There were 10 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 3 from 10 to 30 days, 3 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to a year. There were 4

cases in which paroles were granted. There were 33 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 9 had been pending less than 3 months, 7 from 3 to 6 months, 12 from 6 months to a year, 2 from 1 to 2 years, and 3 from 3 to 4 years. Of the 46 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there was 1 hung jury.

### THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

HON. FRANK R. FORREST, of Iola, Judge.

Two counties: Allen and Woodson. Area, 1,013 square miles; population,

30,364; assessed value, \$57,940,305.

There were 302 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 113 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 165 were tried to the court, 22 to the jury, and 2 to a referee. In 213 cases no answers were filed. In 36 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 22 from 30 to 60 days, in 15 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 16 later than 6 months. There were 80 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 34 from 3 to 6 months, 34 from 6 to 12 months, and 41 later than 12 months. In 108 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 15 not the same day but within 10 days, in 13 from 10 to 30 days, and in 13 later than 30 days. In 40 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 186 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 39 were withdrawn, 55 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 25 from 10 to 30 days, and 59 later than 30 days. There were 127 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, 5 from 10 to 30 days, and 5 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 8. The court costs were reported in 222 cases (Allen county only), showing a minimum of \$1.50, a maximum of \$263.50, and an average of \$19.79. There were 125 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 45 had been pending less than 3 months, 24 from 3 to 6 months, 24 from 6 to 12 months, 24 from 1 to 2 years, 5 from 2 to 3 years, 2 from 3 to 4 vears, and 1 over 5 years.

There were 50 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 31 were dismissed before trial. In 10 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 5 to husbands, and in 4 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 6 were contested. The custody of 9 minor children was awarded to wives and 3 to husbands. There was 1 case tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 8 from 60 days to 6 months, and 10 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 6 cases and gross neglect of duty in 4. There were 22 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 10 from 3 to 6 months, 4 from 6 months to a year, and 1 from 1 to 2 years.

There were 54 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 27 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 20 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 7 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 3 cases and verdicts of not guilty in 4. There were 8 cases filed originally in the district court and 22 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 11 cases the informations

were filed the same day the transcript was filed, in 2 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 1 case later than 3 months. There were 2 cases tried from 10 to 30

days after the information was filed, 2 from 30 days to 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 later than 1 year. There were 5 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 13 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 6 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 2 from 6 months to a year, and 4 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 52 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there was 1 hung jury.

## 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, 61,199; assessed value, \$53,707,448.

There were 258 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 73 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 167 were tried to the court and 18 to the jury. In 124 cases no answers were filed. In 60 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 32 from 30 to 60 days, in 29 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 13 later than 6 months. There were 82 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 32 from 3 to 6 months, 34 from 6 to 12 months, and 37 later than 12 months. In 85 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 31 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 6 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 14 cases later than 30 days. In 49 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 293 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 44 were withdrawn, 75 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 56 from 10 to 30 days, and 48 later than 30 days. There were 167 motions decided the same day they were presented, 7 not the same day but within 10 days, 2 from 10 to 30 days, and 3 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 70. The court costs were reported in 254 cases, showing a minimum of \$2.50, a maximum of \$299.50, and an average of \$22.53. There were 279 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 93 had been pending less than 3 months, 77 from 3 to 6 months, 42 from 6 to 12 months, 32 from 1 to 2 years, 13 from 2 to 3 years, 15 from 3 to 4 years, 1 from 4 to 5 years, and 6 over 5 years.

There were 209 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 62 were dismissed before trial. In 107 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 39 cases to husbands, and in 1 case the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 32 were contested. The custody of 68 minor children was awarded to wives and 7 to husbands. There were 27 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 95 from 60 days to 6 months, and 25 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 27 cases, extreme cruelty in 94, and gross neglect of duty in 22. There were 109 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 48 had been pending less than 3 months, 17 from 3 to 6 months, 14 from 6 months to a year, 19 from 1 to 2 years, and 11 more than 2 years.

There were 70 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 25 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 38 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 7 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 2 cases, and verdicts of not guilty in 4. There were 11 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 19 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 15 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 10 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 12 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 2 cases later than 3 months. There were 2 cases tried within 10 days after the informations were filed, 2 from 10 to 30 days, 1 from 30 days to 3 months, and 2 after a year. There were 9 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 31 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 7 had been pending less than 3 months, 4 from 3 to 6 months, 6 from 6 months to a year, 13 from 1 to 2 years, and 1 from 3 to 4 years. Of the 25 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there was 1 hung jury.

## 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, 18,886; assessed value, \$42,019,254.

There were 214 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 55 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 135 were tried to the court and 24 to the jury. In 154 cases no answers were filed. In 21 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 12 from 30 to 60 days, in 15 from 60 days to 6 months, and in 12 later than 6 months. There were 70 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 44 from 3 to 6 months, 28 from 6 to 12 months, and 17 later than 12 months. In 31 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 20 not the same day but within 10 days, in 18 from 10 to 30 days, and in 42 later than 30 days. In 48 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 137 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 2 were withdrawn, 75 presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 14 from 10 to 30 days, and 29 later than 30 days. There were 111 motions decided the same day they were presented, 2 not the same day but within 10 days, 1 from 10 to 30 days, and 4 later than 30 days. Motions pending, 17. The court costs were reported in 21 cases (Morton county only), showing a minimum of \$6.45, a maximum of \$111.94, and an average of \$34.69. There were 100 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 45 had been pending less than 3 months, 23 from 3 to 6 months, 17 from 6 to 12 months, 10 from 1 to 2 years, 3 from 2 to 3 years, 1 from 3 to 4 years, and 1 from 4 to 5 years.

There were 32 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 4 were dismissed before trial. In 21 cases divorces were granted to wives and in 7 to husbands. Of the cases tried, 4 were contested. The custody of 28 minor children was awarded to wives and 13 to husbands. There were 4 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 16 from 60 days to 6 months, and 8 later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 5 cases, extreme cruelty in 11, and gross neglect of duty in 9. There were 10 divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 5 had been pending less than 3 months, 2 from 3 to 6 months, and 3 from 6 months to a year.

There were 57 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 28 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 11 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 18 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 9, verdicts of not guilty in 9. There

were 13 cases filed originally in the district court and 17 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 3 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 6 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 10 from 10 to 30 days, in 5 from 30 days to 3 months, and in 3 cases later than 3 months. There was 1 case tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 4 from 10 to 30 days, 4 from 30 days to 3 months, 5 from 3 to 6 months, and 1 from 6 months to a year. There were 8 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 9 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 3 had been pending less than 3 months, 1 from 3 to 6 months, 3 from 6 months to a year, and 2 from 1 to 2 years. Of the 46 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 2 hung juries.

# SUMMARY FOR THE STATE AS A WHOLE.

The following is a summary for the state as a whole, with respect to the business of all the district courts in the state (except Sedgwick county, which reports cover pending cases only):

There were 10,331 civil actions, other than divorce cases, tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 3,066 were dismissed before trial on the merits, 6,609 were tried to the court, 650 to the jury, and 6 to referees. In 7,057 cases no answers were filed. In 1,464 cases answers were filed in 30 days after the petitions were filed, in 762 cases from 30 to 60 days, in 741 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and in 307 cases later than 6 months. There were 3,933 cases tried on their merits within 3 months of the time the petition was filed, 1,574 from 3 to 6 months, 1,035 from 6 to 12 months, and 683 later than 12 months. In 3,876 cases the journal entries were filed the day of trial, in 924 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 461 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 536 cases later than 30 days. In 1,380 cases the journal entries had not been filed. There were 6,594 motions and demurrers filed in these cases, of which 909 were withdrawn, 2,136 were presented to the court within 10 days after they were filed, 961 from 10 to 30 days, 1,601 after 30 days. There were 4,256 motions decided the same day they were presented, 114 not the same day but within 10 days, 187 from 10 to 30 days, and 141 Motions pending, 987. The court costs were reported in after 30 days. 3,862 cases, showing a minimum of \$0.65, a maximum of \$5,271.48, and an average of \$34.29. There were 7,391 civil actions pending July 1, 1928. Of these 2,232 had been pending less than 3 months, 1,359 from 3 to 6 months, 1,571 from 6 to 12 months, 1,100 from 1 to 2 years, 684 from 2 to 3 years, 231 from 3 to 4 years, 92 from 4 to 5 years, and 122 over 5 years.

There were 4,222 divorce cases tried on the merits or dismissed within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 973 were dismissed before trial. In 2,402 cases divorces were granted to wives, in 780 cases to husbands, and in 51 cases the divorce was denied. Of the cases tried, 450 were contested. The custody of 1,699 minor children was awarded to wives and 257 to husbands. There were 366 cases tried within 60 days after the petition was filed, 2,495 cases from 60 days to 6 months, and 388 of them later than 6 months. The grounds for divorce were given as abandonment in 886 cases, extreme cruelty in 899, gross neglect of duty in 805, conviction of a felony in 35, habitual drunkenness in

22, adultery in 43, impotency in 5, fraudulent contract in 1, extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty in 323, extreme cruelty and abandonment in 28, gross neglect of duty and abandonment in 68, extreme cruelty and drunkenness in 20. There were 2,944 cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 923 had been pending less than 3 months, 464 from 3 to 6 months, 525 from 6 months to a year, 726 from 1 to 2 years, and 306 more than 2 years.

There were 3,619 criminal cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928. Of these 1,291 were dismissed before trial on the merits. In 1,654 cases the defendants entered pleas of guilty. There were 664 cases tried to the jury in which verdicts of guilty were returned in 396, verdicts of not guilty in 216, and in 39 cases there were hung juries. There were 1,190 cases filed originally in the district court and 903 cases tried in the district court on complaints from inferior courts. In 549 cases the informations were filed the same day as the transcript, in 330 cases not the same day but within 10 days, in 235 cases from 10 to 30 days, in 203 cases from 30 days to 3 months, and in 83 cases after 3 months. There were 121 cases tried within 10 days after the information was filed, 140 cases from 10 to 30 days, 124 cases from 30 days to 3 months, 100 cases from 3 to 6 months, 54 cases from 6 months to a year, and 5 after a year. There were 495 cases in which paroles were granted. There were 1,238 criminal cases pending July 1, 1928. Of these 589 had been pending less than 3 months, 261 from 3 to 6 months, 205 from 6 months to a year, 141 from 1 to 2 years, 26 from 2 to 3 years, 11 from 3 to 4 years, 4 from 4 to 5 years, and 1 over 5 years. Of the 1,668 civil and criminal cases tried to juries there were 109 hung juries.

## SUMMARY OF PROBATE COURTS.

The following is a summary of the business of the probate courts of the state, compiled from reports sent us from the probate judges, and covers all of the counties in the state, except a few counties where there are blanks in the tables, hereinafter set out:

There were 4,017 decedents' estates closed within the year ending July 1, 1928, and 896 estates of minors, insane persons and other incompetents closed within that year. There have been 18 defalcations by guardians, executors or administrators since July 1, 1924. The amount of defalcations is \$58,790.25. The amount of defalcations recovered is \$54,412.61. There are 105 juvenile officers employed under supervision of the judges. There have been 93 habeas corpus cases since July 1, 1924. There have been, since July 1, 1924, 745 orders issued in cases pending in district courts in the absence of the district judge from the county. There have been 44 proceedings in aid of execution since July 1, 1924. In 800 cases there have been adoptions with consent of parents since July 1, 1924, and in 627 cases there have been adoptions without consent of one or both parents.

There were 8,534 estates of deceased persons pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924. Of these, 2,282 had been pending 6 months or less, 1,918 from 6 months to 1 year, 2,008 from 1 to 2 years, 1,288 from 2 to 3 years, and 1,038 from 3 to 4 years. There were 4,373 wills filed, and in 67 cases the wills were

contested. The gross value of these estates was \$98,457,610.44, and the number of cases in which the value was given is 6,944. In 5,671 cases the inventories were filed in 60 days. There were 2,386 annual reports filed in 1,919 cases. There were 75 appeals to the district court.

There were 3,542 estates of minor persons pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924, 782 estates of insane persons, and 300 estates of other incompetents. Of these cases 665 had been pending less than 6 months, 597 from 6 months to a year, 1,172 from 1 to 2 years, 1,106 from 2 to 3 years, and 1,015 from 3 to 4 years. There were 151 cases tried by juries and 843 by a commission. The gross value of these estates was \$7,197,068.80, and the number of cases in which the value was given is 2,647. In 1,540 cases the inventories were filed in 30 days. There were 2,263 annual reports filed in 1,390 cases. There were 8 appeals to the district court.

There were 1,456 juvenile cases pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924. Of these, 219 had been pending 6 months or less, 183 from 6 months to a year, 304 from 1 to 2 years, 365 from 2 to 3 years, and 385 more than 3 years. The number discharged was 80, sent to state institutions 393, sent to orphans' homes 119, and in 687 cases paroles were granted.

## SUMMARY OF COUNTY COURTS.

Prior to July 1, 1928, county courts had been organized in 14 counties. One has been organized since that date. Detailed reports of the business transacted in these courts have been furnished us for the full time such courts have been in existence. Some of these courts have transacted quite a lot of business, others very little. A tabulation of the work by counties is given in the table. These courts have handled a total of 4,388 cases, of which 1,932 were civil actions, 1,888 were criminal cases, misdemeanors, and 568 were preliminary hearings. There was a total of 67 cases tried to the jury and a total of 120 cases appealed to district courts. Of the civil cases tried, so far as the reports disclose it, there were 673 that were within the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace and 158 that were within the jurisdiction of the district court. There were 477 actions on account, 727 for debt, 470 on notes, 42 for damages, 70 replevin cases, the remainder in miscellaneous civil actions of fewer numbers. Garnishment was issued in 89 cases, and attachment in 58. Costs taxed were not reported from all counties; the highest reported in any case was \$65 and the lowest was \$1.50. In the civil cases there were 138 motions, and answers were filed in 103 cases.

Of the criminal cases, misdemeanors, 337 were dismissed before trial. Pleas of guilty were entered in 741. There were 492 motions or dilatory pleas. Of the offenses charged 854 were bad checks. Of these cases 460 were abated. Liquor violations 282, drunkenness 152, larceny 93, assault 90, disturbing the peace 84, auto license 85, and other misdemeanors of fewer number.

## SUMMARY OF CITY COURTS.

The following is a summary of the business of the city courts of the state, compiled from reports sent us by the judges or clerks of the city courts, and cover all of the city courts in the state, except where there are blanks in the tables, hereinafter set out:

There were 7,752 civil cases commenced between July 1, 1927, and July, 1, 1928. Of these 4,419 were tried by the court, 19 by the jury, 2,016 were dismissed, and in 1,305 cases no service was obtained. In 1,697 cases there were garnishments or attachments issued. There were 2,716 cases disposed of (tried or dismissed) within 10 days after being filed, 2,295 from 10 to 30 days, 825 from 30 to 60 days, and 618 over 60 days. The total amount involved in these cases was \$668,540.72, the number of cases in which the amount was given 7,115, and the average amount per case \$93.96. The total costs taxed were \$30,637.33, the number of cases in which the costs were given 6,471, and the average cost per case \$4.73. The total costs paid were \$16,211, and the number of cases in which the costs were paid was 3,781. There were 1,293 cases still pending.

There were 1,027 preliminary examinations held or waived during the period from July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928. Of these 412 were held within 10 days, 179 from 10 to 30 days, and 63 over 30 days. There were 339 examinations waived. In 72 cases the testimony was taken in shorthand. The county attorney appeared in 419 cases. In 94 cases bond was given for appearance in district court. In 479 cases the transcript was filed in the district court within 10 days, in 47 cases from 10 to 30 days, and in 29 cases over 30 days. In 299 cases the defendant was not apprehended.

There were 1,336 misdemeanor cases commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928. Of these 520 were acquittals or dismissals, and 460 were convictions or pleas of guilty. There were 436 cases disposed of (acquittals, dismissals and trials) within 10 days after the complaint was filed, 91 from 10 to 30 days, 45 from 30 to 60 days, and 27 over 60 days. The number sentenced to pay fine and costs only was 222, sentenced to jail and costs only 118, and sentenced to both fine and jail 104. The total amount of fines imposed in these cases was \$16,783.80, and the total number of cases in which fines were given was 326. The total amount of fines paid was \$4,601.80, and the number of cases in which fines were paid was 203. The total amount of costs taxed was \$11,697.81, and the number of cases in which costs were given was 741. The total amount of costs paid was \$8,604.54, and the number of cases in which costs were paid was 589. In 589 cases there were no arrests. There were 68 cases still pending on July 1, 1928.

# SUMMARY OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS.

The following is a summary of the business of the justice of the peace courts of the state from reports made to us. Under the constitution, which provides for the election of two justices of the peace in each township, there could be 3,258 justices of the peace in the state. The county clerks reported to us that 982 were elected and qualified. Blanks were sent to all of these except

83, which were reported to us as having no business. We received no reports from 389. There were 213 who reported that they had no business in their courts. There were 297 who reported business in their courts. With respect to civil cases, they reported 13,449 civil cases disposed of within the year ending July 1, 1928, and 182 pending on that date. Of these, 3,199 were dismissed, no service was obtained in 197 cases, and there were changes of venue in 154 cases. There were 9,093 cases tried to the court and 92 to the jury. Garnishments were issued in 3,539 cases and attachments in 154. There were 9,589 cases disposed of within 10 days after they were filed, 2,247 from 10 to 30 days, 388 from 30 to 60 days, and 161 later than 60 days. There were 13,006 cases for money judgment aggregating \$844,976.31, an average of \$64.97. The total cost taxed was reported in 11,791 cases as amounting to \$65,940.15, an average of \$5.59 in each case. Costs were reported as paid in 9,736 cases.

Of the criminal cases—misdemeanors—the reports show there were 7,477 cases in which complaints were filed, of which 2,764 were dismissed. There were pleas of guilty, or convictions, in 3,237 cases. There were 2,796 of these cases disposed of within 10 days after the complaint was filed, 142 from 10 to 30 days, 73 from 30 to 60 days, and 81 more than 60 days. There were 1,977 cases in which the defendants were sentenced to pay a fine and costs only, 282 were sentenced to jail only, and 887 were sentenced to jail and to pay a fine and costs. The total fines assessed were \$166,901.41, and the total fines paid were \$88,299.56. The amount of costs taxed was reported in 4,998 cases as being \$78,610.10, and total costs paid were \$58,986.89. There were 75 cases reported pending July 1, 1927, and 290 pending July 1, 1928.

The nature of the offenses charged was: Bad checks 2,523, violations of the liquor law 1,990, larceny 394, disturbing the peace 269, assault 260, stealing ride on railroad 240, no car license 202, beating board bill 143, speeding 101, and miscellaneous misdemeanors a fewer number each. There were 158 search warrants issued.

At the preliminary hearings in felony cases there were 1,221 complaints filed. The examination was held, or waived, within 10 days after the complaint was filed in 933 cases, from 10 to 30 days in 98 cases, and later than 30 days in 44 cases. Examination was waived in 542 cases. The county attorney appeared in 963 cases. Bond for appearance in district court was given in 434 cases. Transcripts were filed in the district court within 10 days after the hearing in 826 cases, in 10 to 30 days in 112 cases, and later than 30 days in 34 cases. In 146 cases the defendant was not apprehended. The offenses charged were: Larceny in 291 cases, desertion and nonsupport in 137, forgery in 105, bad checks in 96, persistent violators of the liquor law in 93, burglary in 78, rape in 63, assault in 37, breaking jail in 26, disposing of mortgaged property in 24, robbery in 21, embezzlement in 14, arson in 13, murder in 12, false pretense in 11, and miscellaneous felonies in fewer numbers.

### SMALL DEBTORS' COURTS.

Small debtors' courts have been created, under R. S. 20-1301 et seq., in three cities. These courts are designed to handle claims not exceeding \$20, of poor persons, without expense to them. The judge serves without pay. blanks and records as are necessary are furnished by the city. In Kansas City, Kan., the judge, J. Willard Haynes, is legal adviser to the board of welfare. Most of the litigants are colored people. About fifty per cent of the claims are settled by the judge writing or telephoning to the debtors. In the year ending July 1, 1928, 48 cases were filed in court; four were dismissed, the claims having been paid; in 6 cases the judgments rendered were paid; in 14 cases judgments rendered were certified to district court; the remaining cases are pending, or are in judgment. In Topeka, the judge, W. H. Kemper, holds sessions of court Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. Prior to February 4, 1928, the records are not clear. Since that date and to December 1, 1928, 66 cases were filed for claims amounting to \$506.97; cases for claims of \$165.20 were dismissed or abandoned before trial; in 13 cases judgments for \$145.90 were certified to district court, of which none has been paid; judgments amounting to \$195.67 have not been certified; the amount paid into court and disbursed was \$128.21. In the 52 cases in which judgment was rendered the average was \$6.57. The expense of the court to the city was \$26.50, and with supplies on hand should not exceed \$12 for 1929. In Wichita, David D. Leahy was judge from the creation of the court until about a year ago, when he resigned to take other "nonremunerative public duties," since which time the court has been without a judge and has not functioned. He tried about 200 cases, at an average expense to the city of about four cents per case, barring the expense of about \$20 for blanks, etc., to organize the court. The judgments certified to district court were not collected, perhaps because no fees are provided for collecting officers. Many cases were settled, or the amounts claimed were collected and paid. It is suggested that the law is weak in several respects, and that the provisions of the Iowa statute as to such courts are much superior to ours. There is a useful field for courts of this character. Their success seems to depend upon the inherent common sense, and fairness, of the philanthropically inclined person who gives his time to it as judge. The provisions of the law for collecting judgments should be made more effective.

TABLE I .- Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928.

(Compiled from Form 1.)

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	Tried by court.		115 43 76 57 50	86 44 131 30 29	102 22 32 22 47	62 20 133 167 35	86 67 36 36	72 50 91 83
	Dis- missed before trial.		25 26 48 31 23	52 26 56 15	22 12 13 12 12	15 73 133	0 4 3 3 3 8	13 8 37 51 29
	Number of cases.		226 71 126 91 74	144 75 198 48 32	167 44 46 42 63	78 30 201 258 49	118 92 102 36 41	87 60 140 133
	Counties.		Allen. Anderson. Atchison. Barber. Barton.	Bourbon. Brown. Butler. Chase	Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Clay	Coffey Comanche. Cowley Crawford Decatur	Dickinson Doniphan Douglas Edwards	Ellis Ellsworth Finney Ford Franklin

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	Counties.	Geary Grove Graham Grant Grant Gray	Greeley. Greenwood Hamilton. Harper	Haskell. Hodgeman. Jackson. Jefferson. Jewell.	Johnson Kearny Kingman Kiowa Labette	Lane	Lyon Marion Marshall

TABLE I.—Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

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	Counties.	Miami Mitchell Montgomery Morris Morton	Nemaha Neosho Ness Norton Osage	Osborne	Pratt. Rawlins. Reno. Republic	Riley. Rooks. Rush. Russell. Saline.	Scott	Sedgwick. Seward. Snawnee. Sheridan

TABLE I.—Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

		Dis-				;		Answer filed.	filed.			Cases tried.	tried.		r,	Journal entry.	ntry.	
Counties.	Number of cases.	missed before trial.	Tried by court.	Tried by jury.	Tried by referee.	answer filed.	In 30 days.	In 30 to 60 days.	In 60 days to 6 mos.	After 6 months.	In 3 mos. of petition.	In 3 to 6 months.	In 6 to 12 months.	After 12 months.	Filed day of trial.	Within 10 days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.
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Totals	10.331	3.066	6,609	650	9	7,057	1,464	762	741	307	3,933	1.574	1,035	683	3,8,6	924	461	536

\* Total cases tried; complete data not given.
† Total journal entries; complete data not given.

TABLE I.-Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928.-Continued.

					Mo	Motions and demurrers.*	demurren	*.					Court costs in	Court costs in cases disposed of.	of.	
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Coffey Comanche Cowley Crawford Decatur	60 0 0 0 0	107 107 156 293 63	97 11 44 7	0 1 59 75	31 26 56 6	2 4 8 3 4 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2	2 118 167 42	0012	00000	13000	252 70 7	4.30 3.05 2.50 5.50	164.53 3,788.81 299.50 5,271.48	1,065.70 8,011.68 5,722.53 14,091.95	28 129 254 47	38.06 62.11 22.53 299.83
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Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928.—Continued.

		Average.	\$20.03	19.16	15.85	5.35	20.15	15.81
	d of.	No. cases re- ported.	\$52	103	104	32	111	41
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TABLE I.—Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928.—Continued.

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Counties.	No journal entry filed.	Num- ber filed.	With- drawn or not pre- sented.	Presented in 10 days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.	De- cided day pre- sented.	Not same day but within 10 days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.	Pend- ing.	Mini- mum.	Maximum.	Aggregate.†	No. cases re-	Average.
Miami Mitchell Montgomery Morrin Morrin	07.847	67 77 255 29 43	12 35 15 7	8 22 84 10 10 28	17 5 33 4 0	16 8 8 7 7 5	40 25 195 21 30	12000	00%00	3013	14 11 11 8	\$2.20 2.05 6.45	\$414.49 721.25 111.94	\$4,476.37 2,749.19 728.43	175 75	\$25.58 36.65 34.69
Nemaha. Neosho. Ness. Norton. Osage.	7 2 8 2 4	33 33 45 45 45	111 0 4 0 9	9 9 18 10	ro000r	10 3 8 6 19	22 10 23 30 30	017500	00001	30008	40000	2.75	1,078.84 91.45 339.19	4,990.54 1,150.85 3,579.71	92 61 93	54.25 18.87 38.49
Osborne Ottawa Pawnee Phillips Pottawatomie	13 1 0 4 1	32 26 27 11 35	000000	31 6 1 7	001000	11 0 0	32 10 22 1 24	01001	00000	00000	00874	2.35	388.68 115.75	1,672.54	35	24.96
Pratt. Rawlins. Reno. Republic. Rice.	13 20 3 3	11 0 171 49 21	0 0 31 2 15	1 23 4 4	2 0 10 0	6 0 10 0	9 0 102 43 4	00000	00000	00000	20442	2.40	509.30	6,615.29	274	24.14
Riley. Rooks. Rush. Russell. Saline.	00019	27 0 0 83 119	31 14 31	17 0 0 15 32	5 0 111 1	1 0 38 30 30	23 0 0 57 59	18000	00000	000000	1 0 22 22	1.45	892.20	3,464.48	110	31.50
Scott. Sedgwick Seward Shawnee Sheridan	80018	37 173 48 616 29	23 0 23 0	19 23 22 125 16	48 173 173	29 16 212 7	272 272 23	00800	0 0 1 144 1	0000	52 4					

TABLE I.—Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce cases) tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928.—Concluded.

			Mot	Motions and demurrers.*	demurrers.	*.					Court costs in	Court costs in cases disposed of.	of.	
Num- drawn ber or not filed. sented.		Pre- sented in in 10 days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.	De- cided day pre- sented.	Not same day but within 10 days.	In 10 to 30 days.	After 30 days.	Pend- ing.	Mini- mum.	Maximum.	Aggregate.†	No. cases re- ported.	Average.
54 5 112 12 12 10 28 0		15 1 0 0 15	7 0 0 0 0 0	£30464	41 1 10 3 23	10000	ноооо	20001	44-04	\$2.15	\$386.30	\$1,631.74	43	\$37.95
380 52 44 3 9 1 41 3 14 5		176 17 20 4	32 10 0 7	80 0 0 8 0	275 39 6 34 4	40000	00000	60000	40 22 5	3.60	1,731.25	14,482.02	214	67.67
31 1 3 0 39 0 25 0 357 48		20 1 23 18 91	81.2	7 1 10 1 84	27 3 32 19 254	01500	80000	00100	60470E					
6.594 909		2.136	961	1.601	4.256	114	187	141	186	\$0.65	\$5 271.48	\$132 438.94	3 862	\$34.29

\* Includes post-decision motions and also motions and demurrers in cases which were pending on July 1, 1928. † Attorneys' fees may be included in the costs in some cases, but only in a few instances were we so advised.

TABLE II.—Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce) pending July 1, 1928. (Compiled from Form 2.)

		(	Compued	Irom Fort	ш 2.)				
Counties.	Civil actions pending July 1-'28	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.	Over 5 years.
Allen	74 54 141 40 23	26 22 18 14 11	15 9 21 5 4	13 11 24 9 6	15 $4$ $25$ $9$ $1$	4 8 17 3 1	1 0 14 0	0 0 6 0	0 0 16 0
Bourbon Brown Chase Chautauqua	111 35 207 26 40	36 15 46 14 16	29 11 40 2 16	29 9 39 1 8	14 0 35 2 0	3 0 20 6 0	0 0 12 1 0	0 0 7 0	0 0 8 0 0
Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Clay Cloud	212 36 24 29 30	39 0 4 9	34 0 5 10 9	28 2 4 6 6	35 28 4 2 3	20 2 2 1 2	15 2 4 0 0	16 0 0 0	25 2 1 1 1
Coffey	21 102 162 279 22	11 11 64 93 7	4 1 27 77 2	5 6 61 42 9	$egin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 32 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$	1 10 0 13 2	0 - 70 0 15 0	0 0 0 1 0	0 0 0 6 1
Dickinson Doniphan Douglas Edwards Elk	35	32 9 27 4 17	24 7 16 8 0	19 8 17 6 0	5 7 0 3 1	10 3 0 3 0	1 0 0 3 0	1 0 0 2 0	0 1 0 0 0
Ellis Ellsworth Finney Ford Franklin	54 70	15 0 16 21 29	8 0 9 15 7	13 3 17 13 6	0 2 3 13 4	0 0 7 3 0	0 0 1 3 1	0 0 0 1 0	0 0 1 1 0
Geary Gove Graham Grant Gray	36 51 3	10 10 21 2 7	6 10 8 0 2	1 6 14 1 1	1 9 6 0 3	1 1 1 0 0	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 1 0	0 0 0 0
Greeley. Greenwood Hamilton Harper. Harvey	67 33 26	29 17 9 25	9 9 5 8 11	7 19 5 6 17	0 7 5 3 2	0 3 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Haskell Hodgeman Jackson Jefferson Jewell	11 59 11	9 4 31 0 20	2 2 18 4 6	1 0 10 5 8	2 0 0 1 11	1 3 0 0 3	1 2 0 1 2	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Johnson Kearny Kingman Kiowa Labette	19 17 38	36 12 2 5 7	12 3 1 5 8	17 3 9 2 5	23 1 5 6 6	8 0 0 5 0	2 0 0 12 0	0 0 0 2 0	0 0 0 1 1
Lane Leavenworth Lincoln Linn Logan	11 138 29 31	19 10 12 16	54 8 6 6	1 65 5 6 6	4 0 2 5 9	0 0 2 2 2 2	0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 1
Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade	61 33 27	1 30 12 8 4	10 8 7 4 4	16 11 5 5 2	0 9 7 4 2	0 0 0 3 3	0 1 1 1 1	0 2 1 1 0	0 0 0 1 0

TABLE II.—Summary, district courts. Civil actions (other than divorce) pending July 1, 1928—Concluded.

Counties.	Civil actions pending July 1-'28.	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.	Over 5 years.
Miami	84 37 122 20 33	28 8 38 13 18	17 7 20 3 8	11 7 27 3 4	10 12 30 1 2	9 2 4 0 0	4 1 2 0 0	4 0 0 0 0	1 0 1 0 0
Nemaha	91 56 55 32 22	68 20 8 4 11	15 8 7 9 6	3 9 12 10 3	4 13 4 8 0	0 5 1 0 1	1 1 1 1 0	0 0 2 0 0	0 0 20 0 1
OsborneOttawaPawneePhillipsPottawatomie	40 19 19 47 52	19 9 10 22 36	4 2 2 11 6	8 1 5 10 7	1 7 0 2 1	0 2 1 2	0 0 0 1 0	1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Pratt. Rawlins. Reno. Republic. Rice	46 20 248 22 18	20 8 78 12 5	10 8 32 4 5	11 3 52 5 6	4 1 40 1 1	0 0 17 0 1	0 0 13 0 0	0 0 7 0 0	1 0 9 0 0
Riley Rooks Rush Russell Saline	33 50 8 51 133	17 18 6 16 37	8 6 2 7 21	8 26 0 11 24	0 0 0 15 22	0 0 0 1 17	0 0 0 1 2	0 0 0 0 6	0 0 0 0 4
Scott. Sedgwick. Seward Shawnee Sheridan	354 22 366	9 156 6 143 8	3 84 7 55 12	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 114 \\ 7 \\ 62 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$	0 0 1 51 3	0 0 1 29	0 0 0 11 1	0 0 0 11 1	0 0 0 4 1
Sherman Smith Stafford Stanton Stevens	30 15 10	28 6 9 6 4	24 11 2 1 5	34 6 3 1 3	16 3 1 1 4	1 1 0 1 0	0 2 0 0 0	3 1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Sumner. Thomas. Trego. Wabaunsee Wallace.	21 20 20	24 10 7 9 3	25 5 5 3 3	24 4 3 3 3	24 2 4 3 4	9 0 1 1 0	12 0 0 0 0	4 0 0 1 0	6 0 0 0
Washington Wichita Wilson Woodson Wyandotte	. 8 54 51	12 6 12 19 205	1 11 11 9 201	8 0 7 11 329	0 1 4 9 405	0 0 6 1 382	0 0 7 1 0	0 0 3 0 0	0 0 4 1 0
Totals	7,391	2,232	1,359	1,571	1,100	684	231	92	122

TABLE III.—Summary, district courts. Divorce actions tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928.

(Compiled from Form 3.)

-	After 6 months.	<b>⊕10</b> ⊕ 60 €0	84100	18886	0 2 0 1 5	120416	04810
	In 60 days to 6 months.	8 10 33 18 33	36 20 4 8 8	66 7 4 117	10 88 78 95	19 8 8 11 11 6	5 11 31 47
	Trial in 60 days of petition.	H-8-14	5 3 17 1	17 0 1 1 0	2 15 27 1	00000	11820
	Minor children awarded to husbands.	mmm00	000000	00000	04470	20416	00000
	Minor children awarded to wives.	2230 2230 2230	31 16 51 4 3	62 9 113 15	14 3 31 68 6	13 7 27 6 6	1 7 8 30 26
	Divorce cases contested.	17341	007223	3070	3 0 111 322 0	2 4 El 0 2	00-189
	Divorces denied.	<b>4</b> 0000	11000	1000	00110	00000	00000
	Marriages annulled.	00000	10000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	Divorces granted to husbands.	5 6 11 4 9	10 22 22 23	22241	25.4 £ 3.0 1 3.0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2200-19	0 11 11 13
	Divorces granted to wives.	9 9 34 17 28	32 18 64 4 7	66 7 5 16 10	111 6 67 107	18 9 37 111	6 0 111 32 34
	Cases dismissed.	28 4 31 9 13	10 8 21 2 5	53 0 6 2 4	223334	18 3 3 0	11 12 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14 14
	Total number cases.	46 †20 76 30 50	54 35 110 8 14	142 9 9 26 16	19 116 209 8	41 19 64 15 8	8 10 17 58 61
	Counties.	Allen. Anderson. Atchison. Barber.	Bourbon. Brown. Butler. Chase. Chautauqua.	Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Olark Oloud	Coffey Comancte. Coview Coview Coview Deastur	Dickinson Doniphan Douglas Edwards	Bliis Blisworth. Finney. Ford. Franklin.

TABLE III.—Summary, district courts. Divorce actions tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

(Compiled from Form 3.)

After 6 months.	411000	0 9 0 8 4	0 0 4 8 1	10000	0 1 1	25 2 5 4
In 60 days to 6 months.	80818	36 4 4 15 22	13331	37 7 7 10	89 7 7 16 6	49 11 26 15 4
Trial in 60 days of petition.	0000m	08-06	00400	-00	78012	400100
Minor children awarded to husbands.	H0000	00000	811800	00000	. 100	000012
Minor children awarded to to wives.	19 18 3	33 33 10 16	12149	20 3 7 10	8 <del>4 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 </del>	31 26 6 0
Divorce cases contested.	r 00 H 8	05020	81200	00000	080000	17 1 0 0
Divorces denied.	20000	01010	00910	00100	00010	00000
Marriages annulled.	*10000	00008	00000	00000	00000	10000
Divorces granted to husbands.	7 0 0 0	12 1 1 10	0 0 7 1 1 3 3 1	81800	8222	10 5 6 3
Divorces granted to wives.	27 1 3 3 1 5 2 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	31 31 12 13		8 3 22 4 8	59 66 14	47 25 12 6
Cases dismissed.	7:0408	19 10 20 20	10880	00000	0 12 4 6 6	15 0 6 4
Total number cases.	43 1 7	33855	22 2 2 2 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	48 10 11 11	113 12 23 10	73 13 37 19 9
Counties.	Geary Gove. Graham Graut Gray	Greeley Greenwood Hamilton Harper Harvey	Haskell Hodgeman Jackson Jefterson Jewell	Johnson. Kearny Kingman Kingman Labette	Lane. Leavenworth Lincoln. Linn. Logan.	Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade.

TABLE III.—Summary, district courts. Divorce actions tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928—Continued. (Compiled from Form 3.)

	After 6 months.	28824	08870	12000	80000	10148	0	43 2
	In 60 days to 6 months.	43 16 99 8	48 8 19 18	10 9 11 15 8	26 8 110 3	14 14 11 48	00	12 203 2
	Trial in 60 days of petition.	1 17 1 0	11. 22. 0	13003	22 23 3	m 0 0 <del>- 1</del> m	0	.27
	Minor children awarded to husbands.	8 †11 11 0	01-0134	000%0	210 0 0	∞e1 <b></b> œe1	0	12 16 0
	Minor children awarded to wives.	17 ‡16 41 6	25 20 19	20 20 20	111 76 1	13 10 17 14	19	176 8
	Divorce cases contested.	27877	9 cs cs cs	01008	41 0 0	42000	1	89
	Divorces denied.	0 1 3 0 1	10001	00000	0 6 7 5 0 1	08000	0	080
Combroa nom roumes)	Marriages annulled.	0000	. 00000	00000	00000	00000	0	040
nondmoo	Divorces granted to husbands.	21 6 36 4 0	11 22 6	11 1 2 0 0 4 1 1 1 2 1	8 1 0 3 3	6 1 4 4 12	=	26 0
}   -	Divorces granted to wives.	23 14 90 6	6 50 11 16 13	8 8 8 110 110 101	20 7 112 3	11 11 4 47	7	11 285 5
	Cases dismissed.	15 9 52 4 2	2 5 1 1 3 1 1 2 2 5 5 1 1 3 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 3 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 1 3 1 3 1	ମ କଳ କର	44 7 2 44 7 2 44	5 1 1 7 10	-	127 4
	Total number cases.	61 29 181 15	10 76 14 25 30	21 44 45 21 23 23 23 23 23 24 45 25 21 25 21 25 21 25 21 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	38 9 195 7	23 15 9 23 69	6	17 444 9
	COUNTIES.	Miami. Mitchell. Montgomery Morris. Morton.	Nemaha. Neosho. Ness. Norton. Osage.	Osborne. Ottawa. Pawnee. Pallips. Pottawatomie.	Pratt. Rawlins. Renoi. Republic. Rice.	Riley. Rooks. Rush. R. Issell. Saline.	Scott	Ssward Shawnee Sheridan

TABLE III.—Summary, district courts. Divorce actions tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928—Comc'uded. (Compiled from Form 3.)

	After 6 months.	00000	HHH00	. 0 0 3 1 0 0 3 3 1 0 0 3 3 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1	388
	In 60 days to 6 months.	7 10 9 0 0	52 6 3 7	8 3 23 0 427	2,495
	Trial in 60 days of petition.	1000	m0000	10 0 0 0 0 0 0	366
	Minor children awarded to husbands.	10001	0000	0 4 0 18	257
	Minor children awarded to wives.	13 13 8 8	14114	16 10 10 161	1,699
	Divorce cases contested.	01001	6-1-0-1	300311	450
	Divorces denied.	00000	00008	H000R	51
	Marriages annulled.	00000	00000	00004	15
1	Divorces granted to husbands.	84008	E 20 00 0	3 2 6 0 147	780
	Divorces granted to wives.	10 10 0 2	£ 2 4 1 1 2 1	8 1 1 1 403	2,402
	Cases dismissed.	08800	37 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	973 -
	Total number cases.	110 0 4	93 9 12 8	14 36 4 641	4.222
	COUNTIES.	Sherman Smith. Stafford. Stanton. Stavens.	Sumner Thomas Trego Wabaunsee Wallace	Washington Wichita Wilson Wilson Woodson	Wyandoue

\* Separate maintenance.
† Includes one mutual—one to the other.
‡ One child to wife six months, to husband six months.

TABLE III.—Summary, district courts—Continued.

-	Miscel-laneous.	10000	00008	00008	m0000	00001	H8000
	Extreme cruelty and drunkenness.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
-	Gross neglect of duty and abandon- ment.	00000	000%0	00000	00'001	00000	10000
	Extreme cruelty and abandon-ment.	00000	00000	01000	00000	00000	00000
	Extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty.	100011	01000	50010	01011	00000	00000
1	Fraudulent contract.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	Adultery. Impotency. Fraudulent contract.	00001	00000	00000	00000	00100	00000
		0000	00100	00000	00000	00000	01000
C married of	Habitual drunken- ness.	01000	10000	m0000	00100	00000	00000
	Conviction of a felony.	00100	H0000	00000	00100	00000	00-0-
	Gross neglect of duty.	400 to to	16 17 22 0 4	23 0 4 1 0	0 52 6 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 5 33 6 7	2 2 19 20
	Extreme cruelty.	220000	98790	14 1 0 8 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	0 47 94 1	68681	01629
	Abandon- ment.	1010410F	19 36 2 2	41 6 4 8 5 7	8 17 27 3	10 10 8 8	0 3 16 14
	Countes.	Allen. Anderson. Artehison. Barber. Barton.	Bourbon Brown Butler Chase Chautauqua	Cherokee. Cheyenne. Clark. Clark. Clay. Cloud.	Coffey. Comanche Cowley. Cowley. Crawford Decatur	Dickinson. Doniphan. Douglas. Edwards	Ellis Ellsworth Finney Foney Ford Franklin

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TABLE III.—Summary, district courts—Continued.

TABLE III.—Summary, district courts—Continued.

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	Miscel- laneous.	0100	00000	00000	01000	00000	0 10
	Extreme cruelty and drunkenness.	01000	0000	00000	00000	00000	0 000
	Gross neglect of duty and abandon- ment.	04000	00000	00800	00-01	00000	0 30
	Extreme cruelty and abandon-ment.	01000	00001	00000	0000	0000	0 0 0 0
	Extreme cruelty and gross neglect of duty.	0100	00408	00000	01070	40000	1 2 135 0
	Adultery. Impotency. Fraudulent contract.	00000	0000	00000	0000	0000	0 000
	Impotency.	00000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0 000
		00100	00000	00000	00400	000,00	0 1 0
	Habitual drunken- ness.	1 0 0 0	00000	00000	10000	00000	0 000
	Conviction of a felony.	10000	0 1 0 0 1	00010	00800	0000	0 000
	Gross neglect of duty.	12 0 13 3	00175	00060	45 0 3	5 0 111 111	1 5 126 0
	Extreme cruelty.	16 2 51 2 3	13.2 12.2 9	073004	10 2 61 1	80 1 28 30 1	w @4w
	Abandon- ment.	13 10 51 2	22484	11 10 6	14 38 0 5	5 10 7 13	10 cu 10
	COUNTIES.	Mismi Mitchell Montgomery Morton	Nemaha Neosho Ness Norton Osage	Osborne Ottawa. Pawree. Phillips. Pottswatomie	Pratt. Rawlins Reno Republic	Riley. Rooks. Rush. Rusell.	Soott. Sedgwiek Seward Seward Shawnee Sheridan

TABLE III.—Summary, district courts—Concluded.

Miscel- laneous.	01100	00000	00008	48
Extreme crucity M and drunkenness.	00000	00000	0000	20
Gross Ex- neglect of criduty and sabandon- ment.	08000	10005	00000	89
Extreme cruelty neg and du abandon- abandon- ment.	00000	00000	0 0 0 0 41	28
Extreme cruelty and gross neglect al	08=00	40000	000000	. 323
Fraudulent sontract.	00000	00000	00000	1
Impotency.	00000	00000	0000%	2
Adultery.	00000	00000	20000	43
Habitual drunken- ness.	00000	00000	00100	22
Conviction of a felony.	00000	HH000	11006	35
Gross neglect of duty.	80%10	82807	10 10 00 68	805
Extreme crueity.	90808	21 0 0 0	4 0 9 0 178	899
Abandon- ment.	000122	16 22 22 23	5 2 6 1 114	886
COUNTIES.	Sherman Smith Stafford Stafford Starton Stevens	Sunner Thomas Trego Wabaunsee Wallace	Washington Wichita Wilson Woodson Wyandotte	Totals

Missellaneous grounds: Adultery and extreme cruelty, 7; habitual drunkenness and gross neglect of duty, 6; infidelity, 4; adultery and gross neglect of duty, 3; adultery and abandonment, 3; abandonment and habitual drunkenness, 2; adultery and conviction of a felony, 1; abandonment and habitual drunkenness, 2; provinced life, 2; abuse, 2; incompatibility, 2; veneral disease, 1; gross neglect of duty and conviction of a felony, 1; abandonment, gross neglect of duty and habitual drunkenness, 1; extreme cruelty, gross neglect of duty, abandonment and habitual drunkenness, 1; insanity, 1; alsagreement, 1.

TABLE IV.—Summary, district courts. Divorce cases pending July 1, 1928. (Compiled from Form 4.)

	Compile	d Hom Forn				
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.
AllenAndersonAtohisonBarberBarton	15 12 34 11 11	5 7 15 9 7	7 3 4 2 3	3 1 5 0 1	0 1 9 0 0	0 0 1 0 0
Bourbon. Brown Butler Chase Chautauqua	24 14 71 3 8	12 9 14 1 5	3 5 14 0 1	7 0 17 1 2	2 0 13 0 0	0 0 13 1 0
Cherokee. Cheyenne. Clark Clay Cloud.	61 2 4 5 20	28 0 2 1 1	10 0 1 3 7	14 0 0 1 11	5 2 0 0 1	4 0 1 0 0
Coffey. Comanene. Cowley. Crawford. Decatur.	3 2 60 109 0	2 2 31 48 0	0 0 10 17 0	1 0 19 14 0	0 0 0 19 0	0 0 0 11 0
Diekinson Doniphan Douglas Edwards Elk	22 10 24 7 5	14 5 20 3 4	3 3 2 3 0	4 2 2 1 1	1 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Ellis. Ellsworth. Finney. Ford. Franklin.	5 5 5 22 16	4 3 3 16 13	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{array}$	0 2 0 2 1	0 0 1 1 0	0 0 0 0
Geary Gove. Graham Grant. Gray.	9 2 4 1 1	7 1 3 1 0	1 0 0 0 0	1 1 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
GreeleyGreenwood. Hamilton Harper Harvey.	1 19 1 8 14	1 9 1 4 6	0 3 0 2 2	0 3 0 0 1	0 3 0 2 1	0 1 0 0 0 4
Haskell Hodgeman Jackson Jefferson Jewell	1 4 7 0 5	0 4 5 0 3	0 0 2 0 1	1 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
Johnson. Kearny. Kingman Kiowa. Labette.	27 0 3 3 7	18 0 2 1 2	4 0 1 0 1	2 0 0 1 2	2 0 0 1	1 0 0 0 2
Lane Leavenworth Lincoln Linn Logan	0 75 6 7 2	0 23 4 6 2	0 16 1 0	0 30 0 1 0	0 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0
Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade	10 9 10 2 2	0 2 6 2 0	0 2 2 0 0	10 4 1 0 2	0 1 1 0 0	0 0 0 0

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TABLE IV.—Summary, district courts. Divorce cases pending July 1, 1928—Concluded.

(Compiled from Form 4.)

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.
Miami Mitchell Montgomery Morris Morton	14 7 68 2 2	9 4 28 1 2	3 1 21 0	0 2 16 1 0	1 0 2 0 0	1 0 1 0 0
Nemaha Neosho Ness Norton Osage	6 29 3 10 8	3 11 1 6 4	3 8 1 3 3	0 6 1 1	0 1 0 0	0 3 0 0
Osborne. Ottawa. Pawnee. Phillips. Pottawatomie.	3 3 7 22 7	2 3 5 2 7	1 0 2 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Pratt. Rawlins. Reno. Republic. Rice.	7 2 97 1 1	3 0 43 1 0	3 2 18 0 0	1 0 17 0 1	0 0 19 0	0 0 0 0
Riley Rooks Rush Russell Saline	12 0 2 10 49	6 0 1 1 17	2 0 1 2 6	4 0 0 3 7	0 0 0 3 10	0 0 0 1 9
Scott. Sedgwick. Seward Snawnee Sheridan	1 602 4 254	0 123 2 106 0	0 98 2 64 0	0 70 0 57 0	1 311 0 23 0	0 0 0 4 1
Sherman Smith Stafford Stanton Stevens	15 3 8 0 2	7 1 6 0 0	3 1 1 0 0	3 1 0 0 2	2 0 1 0 0	0 0 0 0
Sumner. Thomas. Trego. Wabaunsee Wallace.	2	18 1 3 2 1	4 1 0 0 0	4 0 0 1 0	6 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Washington Wichita Wilson Woodson Wyandotte	$\begin{bmatrix} 0\\21\\7 \end{bmatrix}$	0 0 8 2 86	0 0 2 3 58	0 0 7 1 139	0 0 1 1 276	0 0 3 0 244
Totals	2,944	923	464	525	726	306

TABLE V.-Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928.

(Compiled from Form 5.)

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		In 10 to 30 days.	₹008 <b>4</b>	24602	5 1 1 1 0 5	0 0 10 0	6149-8	00188
	ď.	Not same day but within 10 days.	2 0 13 11	10 10 7	00110	0 0 11 15 1	11 8 2 0 2	00000
	Information filed.	Same day as transcript.	10 4 6 8 10	112 4 0 4 0	10 7 4 4 8	4 0 21 19 0	0102100	0000
	Inf	No informa- tion filed.	17 0 9 4	0 92 93 9	20 0 3 3	0 112 0	90,800	18 1 7 15 8
		No transcript filed.	8 77 0 4	36 17 14 4	20 0 1	44122 2014	0 2 4 6 9 9 9	0 1 8 8 0 17
		Hung jury.	01008	00100	-0100	00800		0000
,		Other dispo- sitions.		(e)2 (f)3		(g)1		
		Verdicts of not guilty.	3 1 1 1	H-0-0	40104	00841	0-161618	∞0.4±∞
naud-man)		Verdicts of guilty.	60314	3 1 1 2 3 3 3 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	40-01-	$\begin{smallmatrix}1\\0\\2\\2\\2\end{smallmatrix}$	2 T T T 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1 - 6 5 4
		Cases tried by jury.	10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	0450 0450 0450	000000	1 0 18 7	5 16 3 3	4 3 10 6 6
		Miscel- laneous.	(a)2	(b)1	(e)2			
		Pleas of guilty.	18 8 71 5	46 34 74 15	35 12 3 5	0 38 88 88 88	47 7-1 1-7	8 3 17 14
		Cases dis- missed.	24 69 5	8 12 16 1	24 1 12 1 5	2 1 25 0	5 12 1	6 10 10
		Total number cases.	48 11 145 16 35	$\begin{array}{c} 60 \\ .50 \\ 116 \\ 7 \\ 26 \end{array}$	68 7 29 6 6	6 103 70 3	24 14 75 11	18 7 22 33 50
		Counties.	Allen	BourbonBrown.ButlerChaseChartauqua	Cherokee	Coffey	Dickinson Doniphan Douglas Edwards	Ellis. Ellsworth. Finney. Ford. Franklin.

TABLE V.—Summary, district courts. Criminal eases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

(Compiled from Form 5.)

	In 10 to 30 days.	00000	131100	00001	80400	00000	0 24 1 0 7
òd.	Not same day but within 10 days.	10000	00000	00800	100487	W0000	1011101
Information filed.	Same day as transcript.	20108	00402	00108	00000	021174	0.00
Inf	No informa- tion filed.	10800	0 3 8 0	0 0 11 0	11622	62 1 1 0	10011
	No transcript filed.	0 8 8 8 7	21 0 4 4	1.90	76 0 15	56 0 17 0	40103
	Hung jury.	00100	00000	00000	40010	01000	011300
	Other dispositions.	(e)2					
	Verdicts of not guilty.	1 2 0 0 1	04000	01810	10420	10000	11310
	Verdicts of guilty.	3 0 1 1	03170	· 1135321	13220	122 0	700 H 80
	Cases tried by jury.	23 23 23 23 23	11 11 0	1 6 7 2 0	13 0 9 6	21 21 3	ro 11 co co co
	Miscel- laneous.			(a)1	(a)1 (b)1 (c)1		
	Pleas of guilty.	16 3 3 0 1	29 7 7 4 13	00044	56 8 8 4	442 0 21 2	40 0 7 22 8
	Cases dis- missed.	00401	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 11 \\ 2 \\ 10 \\ 2 \end{array}$	0 1 0 0	34 7 4 10 1	1 67 0 10 3	80084
	Total number cases.	22.80 80 44	0 51 10 20 20 15	0 18 20 5	$^*103$ $^10$ $^20$ $^18$	130 5 40 6	48 112 35 15
	Counties.	Geary. Gove. Graham. Grant. Gray.	Greeley Greenwood Hamilton Harper.	Haskell. Hodgeman. Jackson. Jefferson. Jewell.	Johnson Kearny Kingman Kiowa Labette	Lane. Leavenworth. Lincoln. Linn. Logan.	Lyon. Marion. Marshall McPherson. Meade.

TABLE V.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

		In 10 to 30 days.	08481	811100	01408	M000M	00004	0 8870
	Ġ.	Not same day but within 10 days.	02200	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	08189	12 C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	H0018	0 480
	Information filed.	Same day as transcript.	14420	00000	71080	00084	13 1 3 2 37	0 413 13
	Inf	No informa- tion filed.	17 1 29 0	74809	∞ 4,70 ∞	110 0 8	-H000	488 9
		No transcript filed.	8 13 48 10	20 119 0 0 10	40104	F00140	00000	1 0 214 9
		Hung jury.	00000	70007	00000	00400	00001	0 000
(;		Other dispositions.		(h)1				(e)7
(Compiled from Form 5.)		Verdicts of not guilty.	6 0 25 2	1001	04001	01-01-0	0000	64 4 00 to
(Compiled		Verdicts of guilty.	1 22 1 4	27 10 07	40010	1 111 8 8	21015	0 39 2
		Cases tried by jury.	6 2 4 5 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	8 8 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	01000	112 154 0	89	64.0
		Miscel- laneous.	(a)1	(d)1				
		Pleas of guilty.	16 38 38 33	6 24 3 0 16	90200	3 43 7	11 4 1 0 0 8	3 200 4
		Cases dis- missed.	10 2 82 6 6	13 9 0 1	V44V0	41 cs 45 cs cs	HOH810	0 21 136 9
		Total number cases.	26 23 169 11 13	41 41 38 38	9 9 111 23	20 3 112 12 12 21	15 5 3 113 47	34 390 18
		Counties.	Miami. Mitchell. Montgomery. Morris. Morris.	Nemaha. Neosho. Ness. Norton. Osage	Osborne Ottawa. Pawnee Phillips. Pottawatomie	Pratt. Rawlins Reno. Republic	Riley. Rooks. Rush. Russell. Saline.	Scott. Sadgwick. Seward. Shawnee. Sheridan.

TABLE V.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed), year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

		In 10 to 30 days.	00710	, 0 1 0	36 0 36 36	235
	ğ.	Not same day but within 10 days.	H0000	0.4103	200041	330
	Information filed.	Same day as transcript.	12221	F-01-01-02	- 0 9 12 73	549
	Inf	No informa- tion filed.	1114 00	20	1 2 0 0 221	903
		No transcript filed.	0 0 0 0	80010	3 1 19 0 174	1,190
		Hung jury.	00000	0000	001100	39
(;		Other dispo- sitions.		(6)1	(e)1	18
(Compiled from Form 5.)		Verdicts of not guilty.	0 0 1 0	80200	0 0 7 7 7 7 8	216
(Compiled		Verdicts of guilty.	00400	00440	55 0 4 0 55	396
		Cases tried by jury.	0 410	11 0 8 0	851-435	664
		Miscel- laneous.				11
		Pleas of guilty.	142212	0000000	7 0 24 2 197	1,654
		Cases dis- missed.	20412	1 2 2 2 1	4 0 111 3 305	1,291
		Total number cases.	30 30 30 4	60 4 113 115 8 3	13 3 42 6 584	3,619
		Counties.	Sherman. Smith. Stafford Stanton. Stevens.	Sumner. Thomas. Trego. Wabaunsee.	Washington. Wichita. Wilson. Woodson.	Totals

\*Two trials in one case.

(a) Trial by court. (b) Bond forfeited. (c) Change of venue. (d) Insane. (e) Mistrial. (f) No verdict. (g) Insane. (h) Bond forfeited. (i) Not insane.

TABLE V.-Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merita (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928.

TABLE V.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

		Paroles granted.*	00000	08016	18800	038718	13 13 0 7 0	40451
	Neither informa-	tion nor transcript filing date given.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
Continued.	Tran-	script but no informa- tion filed.	1000	08010	00000	00000	08=80	00101
ly 1, 1928—		After 1 year.	00000	00000	00000	00000	10000	00100
ar ending Ju		In 6 months to 1 year.	10000	00010	00001	00010	18010	00100
ithin the yea	Cases tried.	In 3 to 6 months.	01001	01010	000%0	00440	08180	-0
ismissed) w	Cases	In 30 days to 3 months.	0010	00000	01000	0110	08010	10110
merits (or		In 10 to 30 days.	111003	00000	01100	40-100	0101100	12010
tried on the		In 10 days after informa- tion filed.	00000	00110	00400	10101	088-1	80010
ımınal cases	.pa	Prior to transcript.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	410000
courts. Cr	Information filed.	After 3 months.	00000	00000	00000	00000	H00H0	10140
ary, district	Inf	In 30 days to 3 months.	80000	131100	00800	0000	01810	0 11 0
1 ABLE. V.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.		Counties.	Geary Gove Graham Grant Gray	Greeley. Greenwood Hamilton. Harper. Harvey	Haskell Hodgeman Jackson Jefterson Jewell	Johnson. Kearny Kingman Kiowa. Labette	Jane. Leavenworth. Lincoln. Linn. Logan.	Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade

TABLE V.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928—Continued.

	Paroles granted.*	00014	18408	80400	78801	3 0 10 10	က	63.
Neither informa-	tion nor transcript filing date given.	00000	00000	00000	00000	01000	0	020
Tran-	script but no informa- tion filed.	00000	1000	00000	01140	00000	0	£ 4 €
	After 1 year.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	0	000
	In 6 months to 1 year.	HH40H	04004	0000н	00100	00000	0	040
filed. Cases tried.	In 3 to 6 months.	04416	8-1-0-	00000	00000	00001	1	110
Cases tried.	In 30 days to 3 months.	0 10 10 2	00000	00000	10000	10010	0	17
	In 10 to 30 days.	25 0 0	00004	01000	0000н	20000	1	07.1
	In 10 days after informa- tion filed.	00000	00000	00000	900H2	0.100	0	HH0
d.	Prior to transcript.	00000	00000	00001	00000	00000	0	102
	After 3 months.	00000	08001	00000	00001	00001	0	0 73 33
Inf	In 30 days to 3 months.	0100	04001	00100	800H8	00000	0	460
Information	COUNTIES.	Miami Mitchell Montsomery Morris Morton	Nemaha Neosho Ness Norton Osage	Osborne. Ottawa. Pawree. Phillips. Pottawatomie	Pratt. Rawlins. Reno. Republic. Rice.	Riley. Rooks Rush Russell Saline.	Scott.	Seward Shawnee Sheridan

TABLE V.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases tried on the merits (or dismissed) within the year ending July 1, 1928—Concluded.

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J0	I	Information filed.	led.			Cases	Cases tried.			Tran-		
Counties.	In 30 days to 3 months.	After 3 months.	Prior to transcript.	In 10 days after informa- tion 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.	script but no informa- tion filed.	tion nor transcript filing date given.	Paroles granted.*
Sherman Smith Stafford Stafford Skevens	0010	00000	00000	00800	0001-0	90000	0000	00000	00000	00000	00000	081100
Sumner Thomas Trego. Wabaunee	V0000	m0000	00100	00100	40120	017807	0 6 1 0	00000	. 00000	, 40-1-0	00+00	00000
Washington Wichita Wilson Woodson Wyandotte	30707	1 0 0 0 29	00000	8050	1 0 1 13	0 0 1 0 0 18	0 3 0 16	000081	00000	08046		48 10 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
Totals	203	83	120	121	140	124	100	54	5	19.4	9	405

\* Also 79 parole applications from lower courts—78 paroles granted, 1 denied.
Paroles granted: Allen county, 23; Atchison county, 11; Decatur county, 4; Edwards county, 1; Ellis county, 6; Hamilton county, 1; Harvey county, 8; Jackson county, 8; Jewell county, 1; + Trial date not given.

TABLE VI.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases pending July 1, 1928.

(Compiled from Form 6.)

		$R\epsilon$	eport to	the Go	vernor.		
	More than 5 years.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00100
	From 4 to 5 years.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	From 3 to 4 years.	00000	00000	00000	00:010	00000	0000
	From 2 to 3 years.	00001	00400	00000	00000	00000	00000
	From 1 to 2 years.	00100	13 0 0 0	040-0	1300	00000	00001
	From 6 months to 1 year.	113851	∞ - ∞ o ∞	0 1 0 0	10190	00000	08891
	From 3 to 6 months.	0.000	01000	<b>90000</b>	00740	80840	-18900
Compiled from Form 6.	Pending less than 3 months.	28.03.4.1	24 <sub>11</sub> 23	5-18-18	0800	12 12 3	00%00
n pandmoo)	Number of cases.	8108 825 4	26 39 12	<sup>'</sup> Q, m & m M	31.822	8077	0 112 113 115
	COUNTIES.	Allen. Anderson. Archison. Barber. Barton.	Bourbon. Brown. Brown. Chatler Chase. Chautaugua.	Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Clark Clark Clay	Coffey. Comanche Comanche Comanche Crawford Decatur	Dickinson. Doniphan Douglas Edwards Elk	Ellis Ellsworth Fürney Ford Ford

TABLE VI.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases pending July 1, 1928—Continued.

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	More than 5 years.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	From 4 to 5 years.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	From 3 to 4 years.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	From 2 to 3 years.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	From 1 to 2 years.	00001	00130	01080	10808	10000	00100
	From 6 months to 1 year.	00000	00018	0-1-0-0	10000	10010	83108
	From 3 to 6 months.	H0000	08010	00000	12308	00000	m0000
Compiled from Form 9.)	Pending less than 3 months.	2=2=1	1 2 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	10400	12 0 1 1	0001140	©0101401
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	COUNTIES.	Geary Gove Graham Graham Graham Gray	Greeky. Greenwood Hamilton. Harper. Haryey.	Haskell. Hodgeman Jackson. Jeftskon. Jeftskon.	Johnson. Kiearny. Kiearny. Kiongman. Kiowa. Labette.	Lane Leavenworth Lincoln Linn Logan.	Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade

TABLE VI.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases pending July 1, 1928—Continued.

More than 5 years. From 4 to 5 years. From 3 to 4 years. From 2 to 3 years. From 1 to 2 years. From 6 months to 1 year. From 3 to 6 months. (Compiled from Form 6.) Pending less than 3 months. Number of cases. Miami Mitchell Montgomery Morris Morton Nemaha. Neosho Ness Norton Pratt Awfins Reno Republic Osborne..... Ottawa Phillips Pottawatomie Rush. Russell Saline Soott Sodgwick Seward Shamee Sheridan COUNTIES.

TABLE VI.—Summary, district courts. Criminal cases pending July 1, 1928—Concluded.

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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.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 4 years.	From 4 to 5 years.	More than 5 years.
Sherman Smith. Smith Station Skanton Skevens	7 3 1 0	1 0 0 0	0000	01000	3 0 1 0 0 0	00000	00000	00000	00000
Sumner Thomas Trepo Wabaunsee Wallace.	34 0 2 4 1	60100	HHH 0 22	90060	2000	m0000	m0000	m0000	00000
Washington. Wichita. Wishina. Wilson. Wiodson. Woodson.	6 0 111 10 104	2 0 1 1 56	4 0 2 1 1 16	0 0 1 1 20	0 0 5 12	00100	00100	00000	00000
Totals	1.238	589	261	205	141	26	111	4	1

TABLE VII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Civil cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928.

(Compiled from Form 7.)

	Number attach- ments.	010000	022748	-000-	00190	82000	10800
	Number garnish- ments.	96 0 4 64 64	27 43 128 34 8	539 0 8 834 34	13 7 48 108 0	17 15 2 0 24	31 1 14 87 5
	No service.	12064	1 0 26 6 1	40080	08840	0000	00880
3	Change of venue.	410000	13 2 1 1	31 0 0 1 0	1 0 17 1 0	00000	00810
\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Number of cases dis- missed.	50 37 6 32 11	29 41 141 20 10	132 0 7 61 24	24 17 104 16	119 44 106 3 16	44 1 29 219 1
	Number cases tried by jury.	21012	24801	40100	11800	0410HH	00810
1	Number cases tried by court.	212 169 1 35 136	134 186 324 74 40	724 0 25 89 113	50 42 276 218 0	219 53 139 3 40	76 3 49 353 9
	Begun during year, ending July 1, 1928.	301 216 7 86 161	193 250 517 105 60	921 0 32 159 138	79 62 415 241 2	353 108 283 7 56	125 5 86 604 11
(·) m	Number pend- ing July 1, 1927.	0 12 0 0	20 33 22 6	20114	0 2 0 0	0000	0 0 0 0 0
(Compiled from Form 7.)	Total number cases.	301 228 7 87 161	199 252 250 550 105 62	926 0 33 160 142	79 64 425 246 2	353 108 283 7 57	125 5 87 630 11
	Number reporting business.	35103	41041001	10	8-105-	∞ 12 H 01 03	88448
	Blanks not sent.*	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
	Number report- ing no business.	19014	เกลเคออ	00	01911	8-2	73000
	No reports.	222HQ	3332OH	21 2 1 0	8 - 0 8 8	10 14 14 3	081104
	Number qualified justices.	9 57 33 99	110 111 111 7	32 3 4 11	6 3 20 111 4	21 10 17 9 9	ତା ହେବା ଦର
	Number possible justices.	30 30 18 38 46	24 60 18 24 24	38 38 38 38 38	32 20 20 26 50 50	52 18 20 20 20	332 34 34 34
	Counties.	Allen. Anderson. Atchison. Barber. Barkon.	Bourbon. Brown. Broke. Chae Chae Chautauqua.	Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Clay Cloy	Coffey. Comanche Cowley. Crawford	Dickinson Domiphan Douglas Edwards	Ellis Ellsworth Frinney Pord Franklin

TABLE VII.-Summary, justices of the peace. Civil cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928-Continued.

Number attach- ments.	00000	00000	00000	0000	00170	00133
Number garnish- ments.	48 0 0 5 11	2100	0 118 21 0	11 3 24 0 355	00 10 4	288 13 13 11
No service.	80000	00101	00000	00000	00-50	100400
Change of venue.	00000	8-0	08080	ноооо	01800	16 0 0 1
Number of cases dis- missed.	8 5 5 5 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	111 388 0 0	0 19 33 6	25 3 9 0 114	11 12 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	85 37 112
Number cases tried by jury.	11000	0000	00110	01004	00-	11006
Number cases tried by court.	96 5 118 47	34 42 42 7	23 88 98 17	49 6 91 0 440	1 27 23 14	479 10 244 153 27
Begun during year, ending July 1, 1928.	157 19 3 20 20 58	49 115 50 5 17	36 117 133 22	77 111 105 0 585	60 28 26 26	617 13 311 195 42
Number pend- ing July 1, 1927.	1 0 0 0 0	00310	113330	00800	00100	00100
Total number cases.	158 19 3 20 20 58	49 116 53 53 17	39 120 134 23	77 111 107 0 585	62 82 28 26 82 82	617 13 312 195 42
Number reporting business.	88777	0000000	23210	41218	14000	40400
Blanks not sent.*	00000	00000	00400	00000	00000	00800
Number report- ing no business.	001401	831750	00000	22322	10337	140031
No reports.	88888	120	8800W	<b>%</b> 00144	84014	000 C C C
Number qualified justices.	4 9 4 6 4	17 17 20	2 9 113 21	14 2 7 7 14	10 10 7	13 13 15 5
Number possible justices.	18 18 26 6 16	32 16 32 32 32	0 118 32 24 50	22 14 28 38 38	18 22 22 22 22	25 52 54 18 18
Counties.	Geary Gove. Graham Grant Grant	Greeley Greenwood Hamilton Harper Harvey	Haskell Hodgeman Jackson. Jefferson	Johnson Kearny Kingman Kiowa Labette	Lane Leavenworth Lincoln Linn Logan	Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade
	Number Number Number No report.  Number reports. Ing no business.  Number Rumber Number Number Sing no reports. Ing no business.	Number   Number   Number   Number   Poorties   Poorti	Number   N	Number   Number   Number   Number   Section   Sectio	Countries.         Number possible qualified reports.         Number possible qualified qualified reports.         Number possible qualified qualified reports.         Number possible qualified	Number   Number   Number   Note   Number   Number   Number   Page   Number   Numbe

TABLE VII.-Summary, justices of the peace. Givil cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928-Continued.

	Number attach- ments.	00000	18 0 0	00000	12400	01010	00400
	Number garnish- ments.	68 0 134 0	17 84 0 0 1 10	18 23 3 9	72 9 241 0 3	16 9 0 30 21	80808
	No service.	40 <del>1</del> 0 0	80040	41000	21 0 0 1	00010	00000
	Change of venue.	1 0 2 2	00000	0000	0010010	30010	00000
	Number of cases dis- missed.	132 0 167 0 11	44 0 0 25	15 25 0 10	31 3 151 1 1 51	28 7 1 12 41	23 1 23 23
	Number Number cases tried by by court.	10220	10080	10000	0000n	00001	00100
	Number cases tried by court.	99 338 6 6	94 205 0 88 37	40 114 87 14 53	146 53 565 0 47	96 28 0 67 95	333847
	Begun during year, ending July 1, 1928.	245 1 541 6 6	163 268 0 97 64	47 133 117 116 62	193 61 815 3 109	134 40 1 89 145	2 101 5 25
m 7.)	Number pend- ing July 1, 1927.	40101	31001	80014	00001	000001	00000
(Compiled from Form 7.)	Total number cases.	249 1 542 6 6	164 268 0 98 67	49 133 117 16 66	193 63 815 3 110	134 40 1 89 155	2 8 101 5 25
(Compiled	Number reporting business.	10 10 00 10 m	94149	попопоп	es e ⊕ e e e	70 CH CO CM	-88
	Blanks not sent.*	00000	0000	00000	0 0 0 0 0	00000	00000
	Number report- ing no business.	47.880	12004	0 4 3 9 11	10614	10001000	01083
	No reports.	123325	-000m	86486	4 17 21 11	40 10 20 20 20 20	06648
	Number qualified justices.	9 114 10 3	27 8 3 7 13	5 9 12 17 21	8 4 22 16 18	14 15 8 15 0	111 88 2
	Number possible justices.	30 42 32 34 12	44 26 20 48 34	48 42 50 46 46	40 68 42 40 40	32 44 30 24 40	14 58 8 26 26 28
	Counties.	Miami. Mitchell Montgomery Mortis Morton.	Nemaha. Neosho. Norton. Osage.	Osborne Ottawa Pawnea Pamnea Phillips Pottawatomie	Pratt. Rawlins Reno Republic	Riley Rooks Rush Russell Salinse	Scott. Selgwick Seward Shawnee. Sharldan

TABLE VII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Civil cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Continued.

(Compiled from Form 7.)

Number attach- ments.	00000	15 0 0 0	00416	154
Number garnish- ments.	25 0 0 0 0	154 8 0 3 5	9 0 127 17	3,539
No service.	0000	0000	00810	187
Change of venue.	00000	10010	00008	154
Number of cases dis- missed.	11 20 17 0	70 42 1 20 7	32 †1 103 65 9	.3,199
Number cases tried by jury.	1 0 0 0	ннонн	10801	92
Number cases tried by court.	87 17 44 0 0	163 35 4 24 11	72 3 184 78 26	9,093
Begun during year, ending July 1, 1928.	108 38 66 0	258 79 5 47 20	107 16 300 147 40	13,257
Number pend- ing July 1, 1927.	10000	N0000	120 130 0	182
Total number cases.	109 38 66 0 0	260 79 5 47 20	108 16 315 148 40	13,439
Number reporting business.	0000	24-62	700400	297
Blanks not sent.*	00000	00000	80000	83
Number report- ing no business.	42100	10120	01000	213
No reports.	00 00 10 00 00	00000	0 5 3 3 0 1	389
Number qualified justices.	000000	0447-2	427-26	982
Number possible justices.	28 50 42 6 12 12	64 14 14 14 14	50 34 22 14	3,258
COUNTES.	Sherman Smith. Stafford Stafford Statton. Stevens.	Sunner Thomas Trego Wabaunsee Wallace	Washington. Wichita. Wilson. Woodson. Wyandotte.	Totals

\* Justices of the peace who, we were advised, had no business and for that reason no blanks for reports were sent to them. † Record of dispositions omitted in 12 cases in Wichita county.

-Summary, justices of the peace. Civil cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928.—Continued.

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Cases	July 1, 1928.	33 16 0 14 10	21 19 79 10 10	33	254 111 0	13 4 4 0 0	12220
Number	cases costs paid.	230 172 7 47 89	151 174 384 71 41	769 0 26 124 120	59 45 306 156	248 87 133 5 14	106 5 69 346 1
Total	costs paid.	\$1,154.26 964.29 39.30 382.45 440.45	1,258.70 1,126.30 2,830.43 296.94 303.55	3,464.81 0 162.65 630.15 574.14	361 35 234.70 1,876.59 1,083.65	1,104 00 628.16 887.87 30.95 68.55	493.84 19.15 460.82 1,331.75 23.45
Average	taxed per case.	\$5.19 5.50 5.61 8.18 5.01	8.35 6.31 7.26 4.48 7.41	4.69 0 6.03 5.21 5.03	6.35 6.06 6.06 3.90	4.46 7.30 6.56 8.32 4.90	4.81 3.83 6.59 4.01 23.45
Number	of cases.	258 207 7 66 97	175 219 467 93 42	855 0 30 147 132	66 58 369 231 231	332 100 227 6 14	118 5 80 515 1
Total Number Average Total Number cost	costs taxed.	\$1,339.91 1,138.39 39.30 539.90 486.45	1,461.42 1,382.25 3,391.93 416.54 311.15	4,011.46 0 181.00 765.95 664.15	419.40 294.95 2,237.44 1,396.20 7.80	1,482.65 730.36 1,489.89 49.95 68.55	567.54 19.15 527.22 2,066.40
Average	amount per case.	\$57.23 57.63 67.71 95.17 72.00	78.47 76.22 72.49 62.50 93.05	39.33 0 85.87 69.49 58.67	61.12 88.75 72.69 65.33 73.55	64.78 86.18 73.12 113.20 82.26	82.48 43.35 101.17 58.85 62.34
Number	of cases.	288 224 7 82 99	189 238 545 98 61	907 0 30 157 137	79 63 414 240 2	347 102 273 7	118 5 81 600 10
Total	amount involved.	\$16,481.20 12,910.08 473.94 7,804.28 7,127.88	14,831.88 18,140.74 39,507.11 6,124.52 5,676.29	35,676.44 0 2,576.27 10,910.91 8,037.60	4,828.62 5,591.58 30,095.44 15,679.24 147.10	22, 478 99 8, 790.22 19, 962.55 792.37 4, 689.11	9,732.26 216.76 8,194.76 35,307.98 623.35
	Over 60 days.	91000	7 4 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	11 0 1 2	101	28401	00-00
TABLE VII.—Dummary; Justices of the poster.  Cases disposed of (tried or dismissed).	30 to 60 days.	ωrσ000	14 7 24 3	20 0 1 1 1	3 11 5 0	<b>20000</b>	m0m00
sposed of (	10 to 30 days.	36 39 0 27	40 50 108 43	168 0 1 29 33	11 11 21 21 0	37 15 40 1 1	30 116 103 1 103
Cases dis	Within 10 days.	214 162 7 63 122	104 170 320 48 39	661 0 30 116 116	59 47 314 205 2	296 74 197 6	855 860 868 99
IABLE	COUNTIES.	Allen. Anderson Archison Barber. Barton	Bourbon Brown Butler Chaet Chantauoua	Cherokee. Cheyenne Clark Clark Clay	Coffey Comanche Cowley Crawford Denatur	Dickinson Doniphan Douglas Edwards	Ellis Ellsworth. Finney Ford. Franklin.

TABLE VII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Civil cases pending July 1, 1927.

Cases disposed of (tried or dismissed)	osed of (t	ried or dis	smissed).	Total	Number	Average	Total	Number	Average	E	Number	Cases
10 to 30 days.	-	30 to 60 days.	Over 60 days.	amount involved.	of cases.	amount per case.	costs taxed.	of cases.	taxed per case.	lotal costs paid.	cases costs paid.	pending July 1, 1928.
13 0 4 6		m000m	ноооо	\$10,037.29 1,636.20 225.00 1,576.25 4,991.86	148 14 1 1 18 55	\$67.82 116.87 225.00 87.57 90.76	\$815.19 97.00 28.65 133.88 425.85	146 14 3 20 57	\$5.58 6.93 6.69 7.47	\$740.49 97.00 28.65 133.88 409.05	134 14 14 20 20	8100
112 16 16 4		84810	00100	2,945.30 10,363.03 4,006.81 387.47 1,325.69	49 113 51 17	60.11 91.71 78.56 77.49	164.05 654.37 304.91 38.46 33.73	46 113 50 4 6	3.56 5.79 6.10 9.61 5.62	127.45 558.37 188.55 38.46 21.38	388 888 4 4 4	m=m0«
0 6 12 2	ALCOHOLD VICE	01414	01000	3,782.36 7,424.07 7,537.08 1,479.46	0 34 118 126 23	0 111.25 62.92 59.82 64.33	0 164.25 644.17 618.55 64.25	24 109 132 16	6.84 5.91 4.69 4.01	147.10. 341.30 617.05 47.45	22 22 55 131 11	0 4 2 1 0
20 20 11 117	PLACE STREET	120-722	00004	4,315 49 650.33 9,286.32 27,622.72	77 10 107 0 585	56.05 65.03 86.79 47.22	360.02 64.25 845.89 0 2,504.33	72 98 98 530	5.00 7.14 8.63 4.72	338.17 43.85 614.51 0 0 2,380.18	702 744 0 0 0	20112
0 4 111 4	MA CARLED	0	00100	97.77 5,105.32 4,862.34 1,592.05 1,775.34	61 47 24 24	48.89 83.69 103.45 66.29 73.97	21.65 329.25 464.66 92.91 102.48	3 45 16 14	7.22 6.46 10.32 5.81 7.32	$\begin{array}{c} 21.65\\246.00\\400.55\\92.91\\102.48\end{array}$	39 39 14 14	- Camam
78 1 11 11	THE LAND	10 0 10 5	100000	37, 353.53 902.38 19, 059.01 16, 640.21 5, 538.48	612 13 310 191 41	61.04 69.41 61.48 87.12 135.08	2,772.17 85.50 1,223.02 1,045.01 434.39	576 11 284 192 27	4.81 7.77 4.36 5.44 11.73	2,395.02 70.50 1,119.21 925.56 384.24	495 9 256 171 28	31 00 8 8 8 8

TABLE VII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Civil cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Continued.

Cases	July 1, 1928.	16 0 25 0 3	100	20000	14 92 0 12	10 0 10 15	00000
Number	cases costs paid.	193 1 443 6 12	224 0 0 82. 49	38 99 97 14 14	141 49 435 1 25	117 21 1 57 88	0 75 3 19
Total	costs paid.	\$839.59 6.30 2,048.90 26.35 95.95	682.22 962.05 0 587.10 254.49	155.65 662.74 522.76 72.24 316.32	733.13 447.40 2,538.73 3.95 117.25	758.85 120.45 2.30 332.33 343.46	31.90 357.75 15.30 175.60
Average	taxed per case.	\$4.33 6.30 4.79 7.44	6.10 4.31 7.20 4.92	4.10 6.73 5.32 8.11 8.11	5.67 4.3.97 4.3.95 5.97	6.47 5.74 2.30 4.04	3.99 4.96 5.70 8.89
Number	of cases.	230 1 475 6 6	140 228 0 96 55	38 132 110 15 63	181 58 703 1 99	123 21 1 80 89	22 4 88 8 8 0
Total	costs taxed.	\$996.24 6.30 2,275.11 26.35 178.55	853.47 982.10 0 691.15 270.49	155.65 888.74 585.61 78.89 511.17	970.03 508.15 4,195.58 3.95 450.35	796.05 120.45 2.30 519.68 399.60	31.90 437.00 22.80 222.35
Average	amount per case.	\$45.28 133.33 39.95 94.48	74.86 54.53 0 76.68 101.41	44.94 86.20 64.70 54.24 77.18	56.61 78.94 50.58 84.60 50.50	62.59 86.21 60.00 62.97 89.58	7.50 44.17 76.89 187.39 103.67
Number	of cases.	243 1 523 6 30	155 268 0 98 98 64	49 127 112 14 61	189 60 794 3 109	$\begin{array}{c} 130 \\ 39 \\ 1 \\ 87 \\ 152 \end{array}$	97 97 25
Total	amount involved.	\$11,001.71 133.33 20,902.64 566.86 3,189.40	11,603.53 14,641.76 7,514.42 6,490.22	2,190.83 10,946.86 7,246.26 759.41 4,707.87	10, 698.61 4, 736.43 40, 161.58 253.81 5, 504.26	8,136.16 3,362.04 60.00 5,478.80 13,616.55	15.00 353.39 7,458.75 749.56 2,591.74
smissed).	Over 60 days.	40608	40000	10800	00400	701011	00100
Cases disposed of (tried or dismissed)	30 to 60 days.	15 0 0	4 0 1 10	35010	7-241 0	110022	00000
disposed of (ta	10 to 30 days.	23 177 0 6	31 56 0 4 12	13 13 17 17	28 8 166 0 19	12 4 0 10 22	081104
Cases dis	Within 10 days.	198 0 309 4 19	120 186 0 91 40	38 115 97 10 42	144 46 531 1	105 28 1 67 103	28. 18. 18.
	Counties.	Mitchell Mitchell Montgomery Morris Morris	Nemaha. Neosho Ness. Norton Osage.	Osborne Ottawa Pawnee Phillips Pottawatomie	Pratt. Rawlins Reno Republic Rice.	Riley Rooks Rush Rusel Saline	Scott. Sedgwiek. Seward Shawnee Sheridan.

TABLE VII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Civil cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Concluded.

\* Date disposed of omitted in 12 cases in Wichita county.

TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928.

(Compiled from Form 8.)

Courties   Number									
Number   Number   Number   Number   Parish   P		Number sentenced to both	fine and jail.	14 7 0 17 4	22 34 0 12	28 0 1 10 10	0 1 2 2 3 9 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	11. 12. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	10 1 0 40 0
Number   N		Number sentenced to jail	and costs only.	0000	14201	12 0 0 3 8	10 10 0	113 0 0 0 0	0000
Number Number   Num		Number sentenced to pay	fine and costs only.	33 33 14 3	12 38 77 1	106 0 7 22 19	6 111 98 37	35 24 28 7	23 4 0 111 0
Number   N		missals	Over 60 days.	00000	20110	80110	0011400	0000	900-0
Number   N		ittals, disrials).	30 to 60 days.	40000	20130	80080	01500	00000	90000
Number   N		ed of (acquand to		00017	0 111 2 0 2	20108	011000	007700	010040
Number		Dispose	3, 17	12 32 0 52 15	28 39 1 14	53 7 33 0 53	12 22 157 40 0	39 19 0 3	109 6 0 210 0
Number   Number   Number   Blanks   Number   Blanks   Peports   Dusines   Peports	0.)	Number convic- tions	and pleas of guilty.	39 40 2 34 11	13 67 118 1	152 0 8 31 38	16 15 162 43 1	88837 88837 88837	4 re 0 8 0
Number   Number   Number   Blanks   Number   Blanks   Peports   Dusines   Peports	Complied from Form	Number acquit- tals and dis- missals.		30 30 39 15	2 31 26 1 17	71 0 0 10 10 48	12 23 167 35 0	57 67 16 0	129 1 200 0
Number   Number   Number   Blanks   Number   Blanks   Peports   Dusines   Peports		Total number of com- plaints.		25 27 32 32	116 1116 184 2 2 54	248 0 13 51 86	28 448 96 1	120 146 118 28 11	266 7 0 403 0
Number   N		Number report- ing business.		89H88	4104100	000000	81271	& r0 11 61 r0	88448
Number Number of peace. of				00000	01000	00000	00000	08000	00000
Number Number possible qualified	X	Number report- ing no business.		10014	00000	HHH00	01911	∞-с1	733010
Number possible plustices of peace. of peace of				<b>1010101</b>	10288	21 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	8 H O 8 6	10 14 6 6	0.81-124
19.8v		Number	justices of peace.	0 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	5 10 11 11 7	28 8 4 21 11	20 111 4	21 10 17 9 9	200000
Allen		Number	justices of peace.	30 30 18 38 46 46	24 60 118 24 24	38 38 38 38 38	32 20 26 26 15	25 20 20 20 20 20 20	32 32 34 34 34
		•	COUNTIES.	Allen. Arderson. Arthison. Barber. Barton.	Bourbon. Brown. Butler. Chase. Chatauqua.	Cherokee. Cheyenne. Clark Clay. Cloud.	Coffey Comanche Cowley Crawford Decatur	Dickinson Domphan Douglas Edwards	Ellis. Ellsworth. Finney. Ford. Franklin.

TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928.—Continued.

(Compiled from Form 8,)	Ser N							
	Number sentenced to jail and costs only.		20001	0-6	00810	00104	10840	35 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
	Number sentenced to pay fine and costs only.		15 10 10 13 6	4472	02284	76 30 30 50	34 111 48 0	28 335 4
	Disposed of (acquittals, dismissals and trials).	Over 60 days.	10000	01080	00100	00001	00000	10010
		30 to 60 days.	00000	01080	00800	00101	00000	010010
		10 to 30 days.	11000	00000	00810	00101	10000	0000
		Within 10 days.	28 5 0 16 49	84 84 84 84	0 7 20 33 3	61 62 62	27 112 36 5	58 44 90 4
	Number convic- tions and pleas of guilty.		45 14 0 17 8	38 26 38	0 15 24 4	76 2 34 0 187	41 119 66 1	99 50 61 51
	Number acquit- tals and dis- missals.		27 6 0 13 49	39 42 53 0	0440	4 0 0 0 4 9	11 12 32 4	48 48 48 44 48
	Total number of complaints.		23 0 84 84 84	22 49 87 125 3	0 9 71 45 6	81 5 112 0 262	7 56 34 103 6	251 85 122 180 10
	Number report- ing business.		88	61 00 00 00 00	01000	4-0-8	14698	40400
	Blanks not sent.*		00000	00000	00400	00000	00000	00800
	Number report- ing no business.		08401	8315O	00000	88818	103321	0.40%1
	No reports.		818018	0 12 1 3 9	01 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	80044	84014	ಯ ಯ ೦ ಸ್ಥಾನ
	r Number qualified justices of peace.		49404	17 5 9 20	2 3 9 113 21	41 27 74 41	100	12 12 12 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13 13
	Number possible justices of peace.		18 18 26 6 16	32 16 44 32	6 118 32 24 50	22 114 28 38 38	22 22 22 22 22	24 52 54 54 18
	Counties.		Geary Gove Graham Grant Gray	Greeley. Greenwood. Hamilton. Harper. Harvey.	Haskell Hodgeman Jackson Jefferson Jewell	Johnson. Kearny Kingman Kiowa. Labette	Lane Leavenworth. Lincoln Lifen. Logan.	Lyon. Marion. Marshall McPherson. Meade.

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fine and jail.

TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Continued.

Number sentenced to both 40204 costs only. Number sentenced to pay fine and costs Over 60 days. Disposed of (acquittals, dismissals 30 to 60 days. 00001 01200 10 to 30 days. 00100 00100 Within 10 days. 6246824 and pleas of guilty. Number convic-7 30 37 1 18 (Compiled from Form 8.) Number acquit-tals and dis-missals. 34 135 0 65 47 5 6 5 5 5 Total of com-Number report-Blanks not sent.\* 00000 00000 00000 Number report-ing no business. No reports. 4-1211 40000 Number Number possible qualified justices justices 27 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 of peace. 45846 Scott. Sedswick. Seward. Shawhee. Sheridan. Rush. Russell. Pratt..... Morris.... Phillips..... Reno....Republic.... Rooks.... Nemaha..... Ness..... Norton.... Pawnee.... Rice.... Montgomery Ottawa..... Osborne..... Morton.... COUNTIES. Neosho..... Mitchell..

Number sentenced to both fine and jail.

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TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Continued.

	Numbe sentence to iail	and costs only.	00000	, rao40	00000	282
	Number sentenced to pay	fine and rosts only.	139	126 20 20 29 55	13.0 22.0 0	1,977
	smissals	Over 60 days.	00000	0.000	00000	81
S	uittals, dir	30 to 60 days.	00000	000-0	00000	73
	Disposed of (acquittals, dismissals and trials).	10 to 30 days.	10100	2-108-1	0070	142
		Within 10 days.	15 12 0 0	158 14 15 15	81 7 2 6 7 1	2,796
8.)		and pleas of guilty.	17 17 16 0 0	163 26 9 57 6	44 253 24 41	3,237
Compiled from Form 8.)	Zg	and dis- missals.	10 00 00	157 25 1 17 17	44 112 7	2,764
ompiled ti		of complaints.	44 119 37 0	366 60 11 78 7	137 10 81 21 28	7,477
2)	Number report-	ing business.	000313	04-00	70 C1 4 C1 C0	297
	Blanks	sent.*	00000	00000	80000	83
	Number report-	nig no	42100	10120	00010	213
	No	reports.	es es es es	0000	0.000	389
	Number qualified	of peace.	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	04472	42726	982
	Number possible	of peace.	28 50 42 12 12	25 44 44 44 44 44	50 34 22 14	3,258
	Counties.		Sherman Smith. Stafford. Stanton. Stevens.	Sumner Thomas. Trego. Wabaunsee. Wallace.	Washington. Wichita Wilson. Woodson.	Totals

\* Justices of the peace who, we were advised, had no basiness and for that reason no blanks for reports were furnished taem.

TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928.—Continued.

	Cases pending July 1, 1928.	00000	04500	00000	0 <del>4</del> 5 3 3 0	00110	81 0 0 0 0 0
		00000	00000	10000	00000	00000	00000
	Change Cases of venue, appealed	00000	00000	0000	00100	00000	00000
	Cases pending July 1, 1927.	0,000	00102	00000	00000	mm000	0000
	No arrests.	34006	0 25 0 18	7 0 10 0 0	0 1 14 0	113 33 0	22 1 143 0
	Number cases costs paid.	34 61 2 54 7	13 74 82 2 20	113 0 13 36 71	26 39 255 64	93 93 8 8	133 5 0 216 0
	Total amount of costs paid.	\$743.21 787.53 22.00 1,364.10 183.10	96.40 1,158.99 1,560.29 308.95	1,969.38 0 141.55 447.60 938.54	404.10 282.80 3,453.05 599.70 19.45	1,615.10 1,496.55 688.90 34.00 29.00	1,455.85 27.50 0 1,856.93
8.)	Number cases costs given.	41 67 68 15	14 85 126 2 29	180 0 13 37 82	26 41 286 72 1	114 96 68 5	150 6 0 248 0
(Compiled from Form 8.)	Total amount of costs taxed.	\$902.96 922.28 22.00 1,711.50 322.10	100.40 1,374.74 3,641.69 30.95 408.90	3,356.34 0 141.55 497.55 1,120.69	404.10 290.05 4,288.85 751.10 19.45	2,137.15 1,539.35 1,935.55 34.00 29.00	1,606.40 30.50 3,370.14
(Compi	Number cases fines paid.	28 31 27 5	10 53 72 1	2238080	14 7 107 31	27 36 30 28 7	25 5 0 17
	Total amount fines paid.	\$2,523.00 1,017.00 10.00 1,930.00 175.00	215.00 1,969.50 3,055.00 10.00 875.00	1,725.00 0 350.50 636.00 706.00	1,325.00 7,076.75 291.00 5.00	1,823.50 2,913.00 908.25 625.00 39.00	1,004.00 125.00 1,326.00
	Number cases (fines).	32 40 31 7	12 60 111 1	134 0 8 28 29	15 13 152 38	50 39 57 28	33 5 51 0
	Total amount fines imposed.	\$3,023.00 1,552.00 1,000 3,030.00 375.00	340.00 2,824.50 8,965.00 1,228.60	6,291.00 0 350.50 1,676.00 1,506.00	1,350.00 757.00 11,551.75 821.00 5.00	3,653.60 3,653.00 5,555.25 625.00 39.00	1,506.00 125.00 0 11,286.00
	Counties.	Allen. Anderson. Atchison. Barber. Barber.	Bourbon. Brown. Butler Chase. Chautauqua.	Cherokee. Cheyenne Clark. Clark. Clay	Coffey. Comanche. Cowley. Crawford.	Dickinson. Domiphan. Douglas. Edwards.	Ellis. Ellsworth. Finney. Ford. Franklin.

Cases pending July 1, 1928.

Change Cases of venue, appealed.

pending July 1, 1927.

COUNTIES.

Graham. Grant.

Greeley Greenwood Hamilton Harper.... Harvey Hodgeman. Jackson. Jefferson.

Johnson Kingman. Kiowa

Jewell

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Lane Leavenworth.

Lincoln....

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McPherson. Meade.

TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Continued.

	No arrests.	6 0 0 26	082260	0 13 0 0	21 21 21 21	00100
	Number cases costs paid.	56 111 0 17	7.14 22 3.22 8.	0 7 43 42 4	75 76 41	4 40 29 80 1
	Total amount of costs paid.	\$1,605.25 254.75 0 266.07 52.95	215.80 263.25 1,127.22 354.05 21.25	71.10 728.10 397.10 86.45	681.50 1,309.59 0 479.00	90.55 706.50 864.55 957.55 2.65
(8.)	Number cases costs given.	63 15 0 17	7.5 7.5 27 3	0 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	76 82 0 204	44 29 90 1
(Compiled from Form 8.)	Total amount of costs taxed.	\$1,890.20 409.80 0 266.07 52.95	215.80 280.70 1,127.22 522.60 21.25	88.60 755.80 397.10 86.45	697.00 1,492.84 2,329.12	90.55 715.00 864.55 1,091.48 2.65
(Com	Number cases fines paid.	22 10 0 16 7	5 24 19 2	04664	67 27 0 32	37 17 43 0
	Total amount fines paid.	\$1,423.00 345.00 0 726.00 166.00	410.00 70.00 1,600.00 835.00 20.00	$\begin{smallmatrix} & & & & 0 \\ & 45.00 \\ 1,185.00 \\ & 70.00 \\ & 55.00 \end{smallmatrix}$	542.00 17.00 852.00 598.00	$\begin{array}{c} 27.50 \\ 998.00 \\ 1,350.00 \\ 1,822.00 \\ 0 \end{array}$
	Number cases (fines).	36 14 0 17 7	253367	0 111 23 4	76 33 0 171	3 41 17 53 0
	Total amount fines imposed.	\$3,448.00 555.00 0 827.00 166.00	1,010.00 2,260.00 1,360.00 20.00	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 145.00 \\ 1,199.40 \\ 951.00 \\ 55.00 \end{array}$	752.00 17.00 1,687.00 4,934.00	1,403.00 1,403.00 1,350.00 2,067.00

TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Continued.

Total	Number	Total	Number	Total	Number	Total	Number	No	Cases		Cases	Cases
amount fines imposed.	cases (fines).	amount fines paid.	cases fines paid.	amount of costs taxed.	cases costs given.	of costs paid.	costs costs paid.	arrests.	July 1, 1927.		of venue, appealed.	July 1, 1928.
\$3,175.00 19.00 3,010.00	39	\$1,375.00 19.00 1,885.00	33.31	\$689.05 28.25 1,176.89	38	\$689.05 28.25 797.89	888240	100 120 0	0000	8000	0000	0140
325.00		300.00	200	52.70	ာက	42.75	75.0	0	0	0		0 0
680.00 2,781.00	19 26	680.00 351.00	19	398.60 457.48	42 16	370.40 298.75	38	∞ 4	00	00	00	00
1,590.00	38	1,030.00	328	290.41 800.86	28	269.76 547.10	25 39	21	0 5	00	01	-4
56.50		56.50	19	71.85	111 21	71.85 630.95	11 47 66	8	000	000	000	008
3,435.00 25.00	37 1 16	1,410.00 25.00 670.00	11 2	999.55 30.55 918.51	01 65 65	30.55 30.55 600.21	929	12	00	081	00	0 2
3,169.00		1,529.00	40	1,067.44	200	673.88	60	1 9	00	. 0	081	
3,964.60	200	2,868.60	40	2,417.49	199	1,996.44	170	0	00	00	77.7	0 0
1,176.00		576.00	18	751.52	. 69	551.40	41	25	ಣ	-	1	c
2,941.00	2	2,241.00	11	1,558.09	75	1,321.34	71 16	203	000	010	000	080
575.00 4.156.00	10 0	425.00 2,816.00	0 8 6	342.79 2,171.82	14 91	278.29 1,236.92	111	19 40	100	00	0 3	44
70.00		00.09	_ _ _ _	47.00	045	42.00	0 80 5	400	000	000	000	000
1,495.00 1,925.80 455.50	56 62 17	1,220.00 214.80 205.50	54 2	567.00 236.40	18 62 4	412.10 153.20	15 45	.04	000	00	0	40

TABLE VIII.—Summary, justices of the peace. Misdemeanor cases pending July 1, 1927, and commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Concluded.

	Cases pending July 1,	3 1 1 1 0 0	0 40-110	, 00000	290
·nen·	Cases appealed.	1000	0 0000	00000	4
	Change of venue.	0010	0 00000	1001-	3 08
	Cases pending July 1,	0000	0 -0000	00400	75
	No arrests.	1-000	0 24 60 80	£4 11 0	1,112
	Number cases costs paid.	14 14 28 0	23 8 8 C	103 2 50 18 15	4,119
	Total amount of costs paid.	\$347.21 247.20 423.85	4,112.00 319.20 287.35 1,478.51 89.25	1,397.39 7.40 859.30 159.94 180.00	\$58,989.89
8.)	Number cases costs given.	20 17 31 0	247 411 65 65	107 2 61 18 15	4,998
(Compiled from Form 8.)	Total amount of costs taxed.	\$489.23 348.20 439.53 0	4,809.70 444.40 294.35 1,782.39 101.25	$1,479.09 \\ 7.40 \\ 1,011.55 \\ 159.94 \\ 180.00$	\$78,610.10
(Com	Number cases fines pard.	113 113 0	144 23 7 40 5	35 35 11	2,093
	Total amount fines paid.	\$372.00 521.00 495.00 0	7,925.10 785.00 430.00 2,105.40 41.00	1,363.25 1.994.50 39.40 56.00	\$88,299.56
	Number cases (fines).	15 15 14 0	156 24 8 52 6	41 1 43 9 13	2,859
	Total amount fines imposed.	\$792.00 731.00 845.00 0	9,680.10 890.00 440.00 2,787.40 81.00	2, 639.25 1.00 2, 614.50 39.40 106.00	\$166,901.41
	Counties.	Sherman Smith Stafford Stanton Stevens	Sumner. Thomas. Trefo. Wabaunsee	Wichtia. Wichtia. Wilson. Woodson. Wandotte.	Totals.

\* No report. † Report incomplete.

TABLE IX.—Summary, justices of the peace. Preliminary examinations held or waived during period from July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928.

	Not appre- hended.	40000	10 10 4	0000	HH000	09000	00000
trict court	Date omitted.	00000	00000	00000	00000	00009	00000
iled in dis	Over 30 days.	00000	01108	00000	00 800	00100	00000
Transcript filed in district court.	In 10 to 30 days.	00000	33 20 11 33	80014	03571	10800	40010
T	In 10 days.	15 0 0 5 7	24 25 0 22	14 0 6 8	67. 7. 0	11 8 0 0	14 0 30 0
Bond	for district court appear- ance.	m00m1	25 15 0 16	110228	7 2 2 2 3 3 4 7 7 7	111 3 21 0 6	90080
Number	cases county attorney appear'd.	9 0 0 8 11	18 26 71 0	23 6 10 10	4°2720 00	11 8 22 0 0	15 0 0 31 0
Number	testi- mony taken in short-	00010	12 7 0 2	40104	00000	11004	90000
aived.	Number waived.	5 0 0 7	11 11 37 0 9	14 0 0 0 0	22.25.40	8 4 12 0 0 2	00000
Examination held or waived.	Over 30 days.	00000	40908	E0001	01210	01800	10000
mination	In 10 to 30 days.	00000	13 13 13 13	N000N	00480	10000	10000
Exa	In 10 days.	15 0 0 11	25 26 27 28 28	18 0 7 9	44 66 7 0	11 7 119 0 4	16 0 0 31 0
	Total number cases.	19 0 0 8 11	27 40 81 0 34	23 0 10 12	23 10 0	12 147 0 0	18 0 31 0
	Blanks not sent.*	00000	00000	000%9	00000	08000	00000
	Number reporting business.	35103	47047061	2000	27271	27772	89-1-8
Musha		10014	00888	11100	11610	8-8-4	53010
	No reports.	25272	102000	21 1 1 0	6000	10 14 6	081124
	Number qualified justices of peace.	133 9	110 111 7	32 3 4 11 11	6 3 11 4	21 10 17 9	00 to 01 to 00
	Number possible justices of peace.	30 30 18 38 46	24 24 18 24 24	888 888 888 888	32 26 26 50	52 20 20 20	32 32 34
	Counties.	AllenAndersonAtchisonBarberBarton	BourbonBrownButlerChaseChautauqua	Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Clay.	Coffey	Dickinson Doniphan Douglas Edwards	Ellis. Ellsworth Finney. Ford. Franklin

TABLE IX.—Summary, justices of the peace. Preliminary examinations held or waived during period from July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928—Continued.

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	strict cour	Date omitted.	00000	00000	00000	00000	. 000%	001000
	filed in dis	Over 30 days.	00000	0000	0 0 0 0 0	00000	00000	400row
	Transcript filed in district court.	In 10 to 30 days.	00000	00000	00800	00104	00000	11 0 0 0 0
		In 10 days.	16 00 00 00	13802	00100	30100	11400	25 0 0 15 7
	Bond	0 8	12 2 0 0 0	10120	00000	00700	01220	34 0 27 4
	Number	- 00	20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	1 0 7 19 0	5820	370	12 4 2 1 0 0	40 0 7 27 10
	Number	testi- mony taken in short- hand.	80000	10000	00000	00406	00880	90000
·	raived.	Number waived.	0000	HH880	00 13 70 0	00400	101100	90000
m Form 9	held or w	Over 30 days.	00000	00000	00000	10800	00000	10080
Compiled from Form 9.)	Examination held or waived.	In 10 to 30 days.	m0000	00000	00810	00000	00110	00000
(Co	Ex	In 10 days.	17 2 0 0 0	2 17 0	04800	00 9 9 4 8	1330 0	34 0 7 21 10
	E	Total number cases.	32 0 0 15	112 119 0	003200	0 111 0 54	14 10 0	42 11 10 10
		blanks not sent.*	00000	00000	00400	00000	00000	00800
	2	roumber reporting business.	88===	0000000	01282	4-2-8	14000	40460
	Number	report- ing no business.	,0040H	8317	0000180	0 H 00 01 01	10351	140031
	22 11	No reports.	880H8	12 1 3 9	00000	<b>%0044</b>	84014	720000 720000
	Number	justices of peace.	40404	17 5 9 20	3 9 113 21	14 7 7 14	10 17	13 15 15 15
	Number	justices of peace.	18 18 26 6 16	32 144 32 32	18 32 24 50	22 14 48 28 38	755 755 755 755 755 755 755 755 755 755	25 52 18 18 18
		Counties.	Geary Gove Graham Grant Gray	Greeley Greenwood Hamilton Harper Harvey	Haskell. Hodgeman. Jackson. Jefferson. Jewell.	Johnson Kearny Kingman Kiowa. Labette.	Lane Leavenworth. Lincoln Logan	Lyon. Marion. Marshall. McPherson. Meade.

TABLE IX.—Summary, justices of the peace. Preliminary examinations held or waived during period from July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928—Continued.

TABLE IX.—Summary, justices of the peace. Preliminary examinations held or waived during period from July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928—Concluded.

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court.	<del></del>	00000 00000		+
listrict	Date omittee			22
filed in	Over 30 days.	0000 0000	00000	34
Transcript filed in district court.	In 10 to 30 days.	00+00 00000	0 10180	112
	In 10 days.	0 0 0 44 44 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15	1 40 82 0	826
Bond	for district court appear- ance.	00000 00000		434
Number		11 18 18 18 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19 19	15 0 14 0 0	- 896
Number	testi- mony taken in short- hand.	00800 40010	010010	150
aived.	Number waived.	120 00 00 37 22 22 13	6 0 3 0 0	542
held or wa	Over 30 days.	00000 10000	40000	44
Examination held or waived.	In 10 to 30 days.	00100 80001	0170	86
Exs	In 10 days.	0 17 0 0 0 0 40 5 2 15 0	10 0 12 7	933
	Total number cases.	0 0 0 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15 15	15 0 14 0 0	1,221
	Blanks not sent.*	00000 00000	<b>*</b> 0000	83
-	Number reporting business.	81180 04182	100140180	297
Number		42100 10120	00010	213
	No reports.	00000 000000	623301	389
Number	justices of peace.	10 9 8 8 3 3 3 4 4 4 4	41 22 20 20 20	982
Number	justices justice of peace.	28 420 6 12 64 14 14 14 14	50 34 22 14	3,258
	COUNTIES.	Sherman Smith Stafford Starton Stevens Sumner Thomas Trego Wabaunee	Washington Wichita Wilson Woodson Wyandotte	Totals

<sup>\*</sup> Justices of the peace who, we were advised, had no business and for that reason no blanks for reports were furnished to them.

TABLE X.—Summary, eity courts. Civil cases commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928.

\* Practically all garnishments.

† The ciry court of Topeka submitted the following summary: 2,719 cases filed during the year ending July 1, 1928. Of the cases which went to trial approximately five-sixths were tried to the court and one-sixth to the jury. There were garnishments and attachments in over half of the cases, very few of which were attachments. Most cases were set for trial ten or twelve days after filing date, a large number of which were continued several times before trial. The claims ranged from \$1.20 to \$300, with an average of \$5, and in the majority of cases the amount was \$3.50. The costs were paid in full in over three-fourths of the cases.

TABLE X.—Summary, city courts. Civil cases commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Couchuded.

Cases pending uly 1, 1928.	58 45 437	753	,293
Cas pend July 1,			
Number cases costs paid.	412 724 795	1,850	3,781
Total costs paid.	‡\$1,835.87 3,147.18 2,962.29	2,986 5.25 8,265.66 1,850	\$16,211.00
Average cost taxed per case.	\$4.53 4.35 4.22	5.25	\$4.73
Number cases costs given.	529 724 2,232		6,471
Total costs taxed.	\$2,393.97 3,147.18 9,418.86	15,677.32	\$30,637.33
Average amount per case.	\$51.05 55.19 97.96	106.75	\$93.96
No. cases amount given.	574 756 2,279	3,506	7,115
Total amount involved.	\$29,305.12 41,724.05 223,261.65	374,249.90	\$668,540.72
Curiuss.	Archison 41,724,05 Goffeyville 41,724,05 Kansas City (including districts 1, 2 and 3) 223,361,65	Pittsburg Topeka. Wichita (including divisions 1 and 2). 374, 249.90 3,506 106.75 15,677.32	Totals

<sup>‡</sup> Also \$394.50 paid in 111 cases in which the costs amounted to \$541.

TABLE XI.—Summary, city courts. Misdemeanor cases commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928.

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Number sentenced	to both fine and jail.	17 13 10 51	00 10	104
0	reace bonds.	*62 462 462	00	16
Number	to jail and costs only.	21 11 24	17 45	118
Number	to pay fine and costs only.	19 31 11	95	222
	Over 60 days.	<b>≈</b> ⊣9≈	80 90	27
Disposed of (acquittals, dismissals and trials).	In 30 to 60 days.	4 0 1 1 1	13 9	45
Dispos littals, dismi	In to 30 days.	17 3 27 7	18 19	91
(acq1	Within 10 days.	35 56 19 17	107	436
Number convic-	tions and pleas of guilty.	36 65 40 93	120 106	.460
Number	acquittais and dismissals.	57 54 41 22	129 217	520
Number	com- plaints.	135 175 116 137	343	1,336
	Critics.	Atchison. Coffeyville. Kansas City (including districts 1, 2 and 3).	Topeka Wichita (including divisions 1 and 2).	Totals

\* Includes one parole.

TABLE XI.—Summary, eity courts. Misdemeanor cases commenced between July 1, 1927, and July 1, 1928—Concluded.

Cases pending July 1, 1928.	3 10 9	25 14	89
Miscel- laneous.‡	0090	44	14
No arrests.	39 49 19	65 89	274
Number cases costs paid.	54 71 77	162 238	589
Total amount Costs paid.	†\$915.28 719.65 95.80 1,308.40	1,899.35	\$8,604.54
Number cases costs given.	62 102 21 96	184 276	741
Total amount costs taxed.	\$1,354.90 1,135.90 291.90 2,075.95	2,246.00 4,593.16	\$11,697.81
Number of fines paid.	18 34 5 18	78	203
Total amount fines paid.	\$335.00 865.00 297.00 103.00	1,574.00	\$4,601.80
Number of fines given.	36 44 20 62	103	326
Total amount fines imposed.	\$3,385.00 . 1,785.00 2,317.00 4,410.00	2,269.00 2,617.80	\$16,783.80
CITTES.	Atchison. Coffeyville. Kansas City (incl. districts 1, 2 and 3), Laevanworth. Distahment	Topeka Wichita (including divisions 1 and 2).	Totals.

† Also \$182.60 paid in five cases in which the total costs were \$361.82. ‡ The miscellaneous column includes twelve bond forfeitures, one transfer, one release on habeas corpus.

TABLE XII.-Summary, city courts. Preliminary examinations held or waived during period from July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928.

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No.	appre- hended.	27 103 0	78 91	299
trict court.	Over 30 days.	0000	27	29
Transcript filed in district court.	In 10 to 30 days.	0284	32	47
Transcript	Within 10 days.	53 16 191 8	20 191	479
Bond given for	district court appear- ance.	8 10 26 10	40	94
Number	cases county attorney appeared.	43 35 193 13	135	419
Number	testimony taken in short- hand.	3 22 10 0	37	72
ed.	Number	32 5 115 5	94	339
eld or waive	Over 30 days.	. 0 4 4 7	13	63
Examination held or waived.	In 10 to 30 days.	12 18 76 13	16	179
Ğ	Within 10 days.	45 19 130 3	59 156	412
Total	number of cases.	57 68 343 23	232	1,027
	Ситвъ.	Atchison. Coffeyville. Kansas City (including districts 1, 2 and 3). Leavenworth.	Topeka. Wichita (including divisions 1 and 2).	Totals

Norm.—Also 75 cases to district court (Coffeyville, 5; Topeka, 52; Wichita, 18) in which date of filing transcript was not given. The date of information was omitted in 74 cases in the Topeka court.

TABLE XIII.—Summary, probate courts. Miscellaneous information, July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928.

	Adoptions without consent of of one or both parents.		8 4 6 5 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1	9 12 2 1	7 T 0 9 4	26	40101	2	0000
	Adoptions with	of parent.	44 00 00 20	11 18 2 2 2	23 0 10 5	34 30 1	15 4 7 4 5	69	10 20 16
	Proceed- ings in aid	i	*	01000	60000	0000	00410	0	001
	Orders in absence	of district judge.	12 12 34 17	0 118 111 5 6	3 0 19 14 17	17.	28 10 11 ********************************	10	18
	Habeas	cases.	*	00000	10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0100	118880	0	1010
	Juvenile officers employed under super- vision of judge.		1101	-8	<b>⊳</b>	0 5 3 3 1	10161	23	0 1 5
10.)	Defalcations by any guardian, executor or administrator.	Amount recovered.	00000	00000	00000	0000	00.008\$	0	000
(Compiled from Form 10.)		Amount of defalcation.	00000	\$100.00	00000	0000	00.008	0	000
(Сошрі		Number.	00000	00001	00000	0000	00001	0	000
		other incompe- tents closed.	9490c	16 20 7 7 0	21 1 0 0 19	10 27 21 3	11135	0	402
	Decedents' estates	closed.	70 18 50 9 9	62 48 23 24	73 6 72 72 72	26 92 91 18	36 35 18 20 20	26	6 17 64
	Time judge has	served, yrs., mos.	0 7 9 6 1 6 22 0 19 6	10 0 5 6 12 10 9 6 3 6	32213 6666	10 0 11 6 8 0 3 6	6 4 7 6 1 6 6 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	1 6	803
	COUNTES.		Allen Anderson Arderson Barber Barton	Bourbon. Brown. Butler. Chase. Chautauqua.	Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Clark Clay Cloud	Coffey. Comanche. Cowley. Crawford. Decatur.	Diekinson Doujuhan Douglas Edwards	Ellis. Ellsworth	Finney Ford Franklin

TABLE XIII.—Summary, probate courts. Miscellaneous information, July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928—Continued. (Compiled from Form 10.)

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	Adoptions without consent	or or one or both parents.	01100	01-046	0000	4000	15 2 2 2 2 0	0 0 8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	Adoptions	consent of parent.	1100116	0 0 0 0 4 4	7 H 20 H 4	1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	. 21022	921 9 6 7 4
	Proceed- ings	of execution.	00000	01000	H006	0000	00000	00000
	Orders in absence of district judge.		20000	86,200 0	3 11 0 21 E3	rd 000	15 15 0	3 32 15
	Habeas	cases.	0000	0000	0011	0000	. 0+000	0 4 6 0 0
10.)	Juvenile officers employed	super- vision of judge.	11110	01010	0011	-0	01100	10011
	Defalcations by any guardian, executor or administrator.	Amount recovered.	0000	\$16,000.00 0 0 0	0000	0000	5,622.58	1,250.00
(Compiled from Form 10.)		Amount of defalcation.	0000	\$16,000.00 0 0		0000	5,622.58	1,250.00
(Comp		Number.	00000	01000	0000	0000	08000	10100
	Estates of minors, insane persons and	other incompe- tents closed.	1001	10 0 7 16	0 0 0 8 0 0 0 8	10 6 111 0	15 11 3	30 19 22 75 2
	Decedents' estates	closed.	21 112 2 3	40 40 50 43 114	3 1 26 32	52 21 29 8	27 100 25 76 4	777 54 82 83 15
	Time judge has	served, yrs., mos.	2 8 1 6 3 5 13 6	3 6 6 0 18 6 9 6	9 6 6	1 6 1 6 0 6	25 25 5 5 6 6 6 6 6 6 7	1 6 5 6 17 6 2 10 3 5
	COUNTIES.		Geary Gove Gratam Graut Graut	Greeley. Greenwood Hamilton Harper. Harvey.	Haskell Holgeman Jackson Jefferson Jewell Je	Johnson Kearny Kingman Labette	Lane Leavenworth Lincoln Linn Logan	Lyon. Marion. Marshall. McPherson. Meade.
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TABLE XIII.—Summary, probate courts. Miscellaneous information, July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928—Continued.

	Adoptions without consent	one or both parents.	0 10 10 10 10	04504	40807	10 110 23 23	11 0 2 4	0 86 2 86 2
	Adoptions with	of parent.	17.	44 14 0 0 0 0	2000	16 24 5 5	2173	120 150 34
	Proceed- ings in aid of of execution.		80000	00001	0100	03337	01000	00000
(Compiled from Form 10.)	Orders in	of district judge.	7 0 0 17 1	44 10 7 7	062947	90 4 8 2	24204	11802
	Habeas corpus cases.		00000	ноооо	H-606	0000	000001	0 3 0 9 1
	Juvenile officers employed under supervision of judge.		41400	11018	TH-09	HHH0H	1110113	06660
	guardian, trator.	Amount recovered.	00000	†	5,141.67 0 0	00000	525.00 0 500.00	0 0 0 750.000
	Defalcations by any guardian, executor or administrator.	Amount of defalcation.	00000	\$3,877.64 0 2,400.00	5,141.67 0 0	00000	525.00 0 500.00	0 0 0 750.00
(Comp		Number.	00000	0100	01000	00000	10010	0010
	of o	other incompe- tents closed.	15 8 27 5 0	16 16 4 4	11 11 11	0 0 30 10 10	11.647.51	30 30 1
	Decedents' estates	closed.	55 69 37 2	47 39 21 13 52	18 37 12 128 65	28 79 79 42 42	50 115 119 40	222 12 12 85 4
	Time judge has	served, yrs., mos.	7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	7 6 33 6 12 0 5 6	81421 6080 6080	2 5 1 6 8 0 10 0	13 6 13 6 13 6 3 6	73245
	COUNTIES.		Misami. Mitohell. Montgomery. Morris.	Nemaha. Neosho. Ness. Norton. Osage.	Osborne. Ottawa. Pawnee Pallitys. Pottawatomie.	Pratt. Rawhins Reno. Republic	Riley. Rooks Rush. Russell.	Scott Sedgwick. Seward Shawnee.

TABLE XIII.—Summary, probate courts. Miscellaneous information, July 1, 1927, to July 1, 1928—Concluded.

	Adoptions with consent of		110008	200242	88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88 88	800 627
	Proceed-		00000	00 00	10001	44
	Orders in absence	of district judge.	70 4 01 00 TO	20 0 *	00000	745
	Habeas		00000	00000	100212	93
	Juvenile officers employed under	super- vision of judge.	10101	HH0HH	80311	105
	guardian, strator	Amount recovered.	\$5,000.00 0 0 0	1,300.00	0 0 0 0 0 0 15,523.36	\$54,412.61
	Defalcations by any guardian, executor or administrator.	Amount of defalcation.	\$5,000.00 0 0	1,300.00	0 0 0 0 115,523.36	\$58,790.25
	Defalc	Number.	00000	10000	00001	18
	Estates of minors, insane persons and	other incompe- tents closed.	0 0 0 0 1	12 1 3 1	111 0 6 4 82	968
	Decedents' estates	closed.	4100	80 10 21 23 7	67 8 41 12 210	4,017
	Time judge has served, yrs., mos.		19 6 2 0 6 0 9 0	6 0 0 4 22 2 2 15 6 18 0	33973	
			Shernan Smith. Skaford Skaton Stevens	Sumner Thomas Trego. Wabaunsee	Washington. Wishita. Wishita. Wishon. Woodson. Wyandotte	Totals

† Public Administrator. † Bondsmen paying amount of defalcation in monthly payments. All will be paid. \* No record.

TABLE XIV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of deceased persons pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924.

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Appeals to district court.	0-000	10300	00000	0910	00000	0	-00
Number cases annual reports filed.	16 103 18 3 8	25 36 7	11 14 17 145 35	18 14 60 2	21 12 12 15	က	72°4 1
Number annual reports filed.	20 138 22 4 12	36 41 11 11	11 15 17 160 45	26 16 73 2	30 93 14 13	4	28
Inventories filed in 60 days.	63 8 8 63	80 93 88 25 17	84 22 13 201 96	26 89 162 19	73 132 80 19 67	14	8 <del>4 4</del> 8 8
Number cases value given.	84 105 95 7 83	92 111 110 25 30	112 24 20 224 105	26 111 226 19	75 148 106 19 70	24	43 45
Gross value.	\$1,536,541.76 1,061,822.72 1,010,058.62 422,600.00 1,792,123.25	1,058,587.44 1,611,237.91 3,087,126.33 240,159.00	781, 296, 59 409, 319, 51 294, 284, 00 3, 063, 396, 69 1, 228, 885, 43	821,844.16 2,217,345.75 1,644,417.76 343,640.19	1,512,633.26 2,672,108.13 1,183,615.04 411,542.49 805,986.63	1,125,479.73	118,892.00 559,347.75 241,965.42
Number of will contests.	01010	00000	18010	0680	121010	0	000
Number of wills.	53 47 99 9	75 90 62 7	66 33 117 59	19 67 104 10	60 67 111 35	15	64 24
From 3 to 4 years.	10 19 26 3 13	11 14 6 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	7 12 12 46 12		48 7 19 19	20	322
From 2 to 3 years.	24 43 1 13	18 28 0 28 0	22 3 114 57	35.88	39 10 15	7	4 7 6 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8
From 1 to 2 years.	37 32 51 2 16	33 33 33 2	30 9 13 61 61	10 10 444 0	14 26 26 1 14	13	34 10
From 6 months to 1 year.	21 22 26 4 4 49	31 25 24 12 8	29 6 32 37	8 8 8 8	26 35 12 12	0	0 15 12
Pending 6 months or less.	29 4 4 0	33 48 41 6 19	36 7 4 31 28	533	38 18 40 8 10	0	18 17
Estates pend- ing July 1, 1928.	104 105 192 14 91	124 152 112 25 32	124 26 48 227 110	26 111 232 19	83 153 118 19 70	25	113
COUNTIES.	Allen Anderson Atchison Barber Barton	Bourbon. Brown. Butler. Chase. Chautauqua.	Cherokee Cheyenne Chark Clark Clay	Coffey. Comanche. Cowley. Crawford. Decatur.	Dickinson. Doniphan. Bouglas. Edwards. Elk.	Ellis	Einsworth Finney Ford Franklin

TABLE XIV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of deceased persons pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Continued.

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Appeals to district court.	0001	0 000 10	3001	200	0000	00000
Number cases annual reports filed.	100	0 1928	10 0 7 29	16 16 16 0	20 20 12 13	37 10 20 20 14
Number annual reports filed.	0 16 13	0 T 6 9 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	14 0 7 44	12 19 17 0	10 32 26 9	50 73 23 16
Inventories filed in 60 days.	47 17 17	0 12 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	93 11 10 65 49	77 77 8 35 20 107	17 87 33 18	60 51 105 126 49
Number cases value given.	63 20 23	0 289 41 89 60 40	11 10 90 70	79 9 37 20 111	19 91 57 38	137 50 103 143 54
Gross value.	\$669,849.74 176,750.00 396,385.00	64,278.00 1,824,422.80 96,296.19 1,614,082.00 1,514,924,73	187,984.76 128,345.97 1,029,222.42 1,260,193.69	885, 909, 97 315, 623, 59 396, 188, 87 318, 993, 58 914, 863, 31	165,214.85 727,359.17 1,011,961.11 506,563.31 19,150.00	1,098,176.51 1,182,424.97 2,097,477.21 2,453,925.41 788,626.55
Number of will contests.		00018	0000	10810	00000	00010
Number of wills.	34	32 32 32 59	5 5 29 29	78 6 29 10 124	111 132 34 30 2	84 34 50 67
From 3 to 4 years.	0.44	0 0 8 4 21	4008	17 0 7 0 0 51	24 7 2 5	9 0 7 17 6
From 2 to 3 years.	7-410	0 12 12 14 15	1 0 8 111	11 0 4 2 17	212 8 7 4	23 11 19 12
From 1 to 2 years.	16 7	25 11 20 20	4 3 11 11	32 6 12 3 84	8 10 13 2	37 8 30 26 18
From 6 months to 1 year.	111 33 7	35 25 C	25 7 7 1 8 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	29 1 8 5 41	57 18 18 2	34 29 41 7
Pending 6 months or less.	55 1 10	30 24 24 24	1 5 37 29	39 20 11 43	59 15 10 6	. 51 18 36 48 11
Estates pend- ing July 1, 1928.	67 20 24	94 49 60 115	12 10 97 71	128 9 51 21 290	19 208 58 57 19	154 58 109 151 54
COUNTIES,	Geary. Gove Graham Graham Grant Grayt	Greeley Greenwood Hamilton Harper Harvey	Haskell Hodgeman Hodgeman Jedsson Jefferson	Johnson Kenry Kingman Kiowa Labette	Lane Lavenworth Lincoln. Linn Logan.	Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade

TABLE XIV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of deceased persons pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Continued.

	Appeals to district court.	41280	-0223	-0000	00000	0	0 1	08001
	Number cases annual reports filed.	94 9 54 18 0	11 10 5	25 11 20	21 10 10 7	6 .6	12 27	102 175 4
	Number annual reports filed.	118 16 65 24 0	14 15 12 5	30 29 13 24	22 113 10	11	34	118 118 100 4
	Inventories filed in 60 days.	110 82 95 38 38	880 44 48 88	64 47 27 30 81	21 60 97 69 56	31	922	236 118 115 20
	Number cases value given.	149 103 144 49 2	89 44 22 47 56	99 51 36 68 91	38 72 128 63 62	30	330	387 18 228 20
	Gross value.	\$994,348.61 1,183,997.98 2,485,587.34 929,179.88 7,020.00	1,434,152.31 565,834.00 293,075.00 412,369.90 368,787.36	1,099,971.73 684,934.00 881,801.00 628,490.34 880,502.37	1,290,011.92 265,481.40 3,056,546.27 907,422.49 1,393,160.00	520,986.43	578,271.84 1,843,699.34	76,972 60 8,601,367.75 179,059.75 2,886,034.70 61,458.51
	Number of will contests.	00080	10007	00000	00170	0	onn	10001
(11.)	Number of wills.	60 38 155 19	48 24 11 38 30	45 28 21 30 57	21 34 75 42 65	14	653	289 289 14 119 13
(Compiled from Form 11.)	From 3 to 4 years.	30 111 44 4	25 10 10 3	13 4 3 7 10	177	67 :	14 5 1	66 2 1 0.
ompiled f	From 2 to 3 years.	33 45 1 0	10 8 0 8 s	21 12 17 18	21 13 13 19	0	9 1 1	67 8 2 3 9 9 7 9
)	From 1 to 2 years.	41 16 18 14 2	28 6 3 15 9	34 6 9 22 36	113 34 17	9	13 <sup>9</sup> 11	125 125 50 50
	From 6 months to 1 year.	19 25 55 15	23 11 12 12 14	17 20 13 20 20	10 7 40 18 14	1	11 24 11 12	108 108 68 68
	Pending 6 months or less.	28 35 67 15	.33 .9 .9 .16 .23	15 11 11 27 30	18 18 34 25 25	14	17 12 32	122 111 111 82 6
	Estates pend- ing July 1, 1928.	151 112 270 49 5	91 22 63 57	100 57 37 93 111	45 78 154 71 82	33	41 43 102	11 488 34 243 21
	COUNTIES.	Minmi. Mitchell Montgomery Morris. Morris	Nemaha. Neosho. Ness. Norton.	Osborne Ottawa Pawne Phillips Phillips	Pratt. Rawlins Reno. Republic	Riley. Rooks	Rush. Russell Saline	South Sedgwick Sedgwick Seward Shawne Sheridan

TABLE XIV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of deceased persons pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Concluded.

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	Appeals to district court.	10000	0 110	20008	75
	Number cases annual reports filed.	10 34 7 0	22 15 19 1	58 10 4 50	1.919
	Number annual reports filed.	10 36 13 0	24 24 1	, 00 4 8 09 4	2.386
	Inventories filed in 60 days.	49 64 34 0	127 26 46 19	91 12 59 16 310	5.671
	Number cases value given.	49 59 46 1	141 28 46 19	100 111 89 16 403	6.944
	Gross value.	\$439,700.00 285,987.83 1,104,942.62 3,000.00 99,323.17	1,803,544.13 219,272.17 1,432,876.38 237,364.48	1, 668, 507.00 84, 705.17 667, 998.84 50, 038.70 2, 790, 055.66	\$98,457,610.44
	Number of will contests.	00000	0 0 0	0109	67 8
111.)	Number of wills.	30 30 20 20 20	102 6 26 26	53 7 50 13 240	4.373
Compiled from Form 11.	From 3 to 4 years.	12 6 0 4	20 4 19	111 28 848	1.038
ompiled	From 2 to 3 years.	13 10 4 0 0	21 5 9 9 31	133 138 78 78 4 8	1.288
٥	From 1 to 2 years.	13 22 9 0 0	29 113 111	18 6 18 6 156	2.008
	From 6 months to 1 year.	12 13 0 2	45	34 2 24 24 6 117	1,918
	Pending 6 months or less.	22 17 10 0	53 12 5	31 0 35 6 128	2.282
	Estates pend- ing July 1, 1928.	49 72 49 1	168 32 46 72	103 14 95 25 563	8 534
	Counties.	Sherman Smith Stafford Stafford Stevens	Sumner Thomas Trego. Wabaunsee	Washington. Wichita. Wison. Wison. Woodson.	Totals

TABLE XV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of minors, insane persons and other incompetents pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924.

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	Appeals to district court.	00000	0000	00000	00100	1000	0	000
	Number cases annual reports filed.	17 24 7 0 15	8 122	33 24 27 27	2223	19 8 8	10	3 6 16
	Number annual reports filed.	23 13 0 23 23	10	48 4 4 8 33 3 9 8	81 77 3	28 14 4	18	22 8 22
	Inventories filed in 30 days.	34 33 4 4	110	80 6 3 31	10 84 2 9	24 23 10 9	17	12 28 28
	Number cases value given.	37 48 1 0 30	80 30 11 16	93 10 12 47 34	10 95 135 14	34 51 12 9	23	24 34
	Gross value.	\$32,333.58 109,525.00 1,040.00 141,405.01	43,032.42 125,000.00 35,700.00 18,597.00	94,478.11 10,518.67 49,865.23 60,873.94 247,436.19	47,670.93 175,349.00 165,992.20 10,280.75	151, 618. 66 186, 013.34 42, 400.00 8, 156.70	41,663.03	12,900.00 67,038.43 120,994.51
	Cases tried by com- mission.	2527	111 88 9	13222	3	14 20 11 7	0	87 11
12.)	Cases tried by jury.	10000	0001	80141	10 10 0 0	0 2 1 1	0	084
Compiled from Form 12.	From 3 to 4 years.	16 23 12 8 8	20 20 20 20 20	19 4 16 8	119 2 2 2	8 111 7 4	16	21 15
ompiled	From 2 to 3 years.	9 15 16 2 7	32228	25 3 20 15	20 3 3 40 3	13 28 3 0	7	24 9
5	From 1 to 2 years.	16 16 9 11	<mark>ခ်င်္ကာ</mark> အဆ	34 8 8 7 8	24 39 5	13 13 9	2	23 16
	From 6 months to 1 year.	9 11 4 1 7	011488	10 4 7 13	113111	183	70	204
	Cases pending 6 months or less.	6 10 1 9	16 1 9	18 4 0 14 14	21 21 16 3	15.83	4	12 7
	Estates of other incompetents perents July 1, 1928.	₩400N	0000	ω⊢π04∞		0 6 6 7 1	70	10 30
	Estates of insane persons pending July 1, 1928.	258	28 1 10 10	61 110 110	1 15 19 1	15 21 1 7	-	112
	Estates of minor persons pending July 1, 1928.	42 45 45 7	13.8.21 21.8.21	97 119 38 40	8 74 129 10	25 62 11 9	. 33	30
	COUNTIES.	Allen. Anderson. Atchison. Barber. Barton.	Bourbon. Brown. Butler. Chase. Chautauqua.	Cherokee. Cheyenne Clark. Clay.	Coffey Comanche Cowley Chawford Decatur	Dickinson. Doniphan. Douglas. Edwards.	Ellis.	Eusworth Finney. Ford. Franklin.

TABLE XV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of minors, insane persons and other incompetents pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Continued.

	Appeals to district ts court.	100		00001	7000	00000	00000	00000
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	Number cases annual reports filed.	œ c7 4	0	27 10 15 23	1 6 18	211.9	0 2 10 0 0	19 31 39 13
	Number annual reports filed.	111 3	0	35 10 27 43	16 14 32	10 10 18 28	0 12 0 0	32 60 71 19
	Inventories filed in 30 days.	18 0 4	0	80 11 19	24 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	15 1 0 0 18 18	02480	7 82 70 14
	Number cases value given.	30 5 11	0	3 62 13 19 60	10 18 26	13 × 12 13 × 13	0 113 0	84 10 83 36 15
	Gross value.	\$35,644.66 1,750.00 11,850.00	0	3,097.50 281,033.28 33,050.00 107,300.00 242,078.95	17,085.00 5,504.00 55,829.87 117,287.01	33,767.00 1,327.90 13,270.38 42,809.36 87,422.31	4,986.08 83,241.80 5,828.17	173,490.42 26,179.00 264,971.30 68,077.43 15,700.00
	Cases tried by com-	800	0	000000	0199	26 9 34 34	27 0 16 0	19 18 11 3
12.)	Cases tried by jury.	1000	0	1 0 0 13	8100	88-04	08490	0000
Compiled from Form 12.)	From 3 to 4 years.	16 0 5	0	0 41 1 7 4 1 4 1	0 6 7 6 0	80887	35 9 11 0	11 13 13
ompiled f	From 2 to 3 years.	00 co co	0	16 3 8 17	5451	11 0 0 48	36 14 0	22 16 16 16 4
	From 1 to 2 years.	ପ୍ରସ	0	20 10 10 22	2420	325010	0 31 13 0	25 9 24 33 8
	From 6 months to 1 year.	000	0	0 1 12 12	7080	81815	0 4 4 0	17 113 88 88
	Cases pending 6 months or less.	201	0	0 9 0 17	43311	10824	0888	12 17 17 1
	Estates of other incompetents perents pending July 1, 1928.	0001	0	10800	0048	1901	00880	88400
	Estates of insane persons pending July 1, 1928.	000	0	0 7 6 4 16	8004	28 10 10 21	0 25 0 0	13 16 11 5
	Estates of minor persons pending July 1, 1928.	30 5 11	0	59 16 18 66	24 8 8 3 24 8 8 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	0 0 18 8 108	0 19 22 0	71 51 64 66 12
	Counties.	Geary. Gove. Graham Grant,	Gray	Greeley. Greenwood Hamilton Harper. Harvey.	Haskell. Hodgeman. Jackson. Jefferson. Jewell.	Johnson. Kearny. Kingman. Kiowa. Labette.	Lane. Leavenworth Lincoln. Linn. Logan.	Lyon Marion Marshall McPherson Meade

TABLE XV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of minors, insane persons and other incompetents pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Continued.

	Appeals to district court.	00000	00 00	00000	00000	0 00	0-000
	Number cases annual reports filed.	24 30 30 0	32 9	B00000	7 26 17 1	72 25 30	91 7 109 8
	Number annual reports filed.	33 10 50 3	50 13 17	4 E 0 0 0 1	13 11 33 26 2	73 9 38 48	128 111 188 15
	Inventories filed in 30 days.	4 10 10 0 0	23 18 14 13	7 13 0	51 30 30 2	73 8 17	87 2 72 13
	Number cases value given.	45 37 7	58 29 11 32	20 00 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	7 8 90 24 14	6 142 242 242	136 146 133
	Gross value.	\$41,797.52 40,343.49 174,212.06 26,918.44 205.20	181,304.43 88,658.61 14,852.02 46,625.38	16,300.00 30,114.00 21,150.00 60,024.60 88,277.45	30,855.43 7,649.00 297,706.81 154,085.81 29,260.00	55,718.44 39,223.67 69,194.86 71,910.66	0 604,117.46 400.00 515,390.57 32,197.13
	Cases tried by com- mission.	7 5 5 7 1 2 1 2 1 2 0 0	16 5 0 3 8	1 1 21 16	5 10 19 8 12	23.56.5	29 3 51
12.)	Cases tried by jury.	0000	04008	0 1 1 1	40000	0 0 0 1	210000
(Compiled from Form 12.)	From 3 to 4 years.	71184	13 4 1 9 9	1 , 2 , 16 , 9	21 4 12	12 0 13 17	76 31 4
	From 2 to 3 years.	9 10 33 0	110 12 12 9	6 12 15 15	7 8 8 16	9 3 10 12	0 76 10 49 3
2)	From 1 to 2 years.	20 10 34 0	17 6 8 8 11	23 23 16	9 10 26 9	2 9 14 17	97 44 46 2
	From 6 months to 1 year.	13 15 0	11 7 0 0 2	201	204 57	0 10101	04484
	Cases pending 6 months or less.	99 90 00 00	11 8 2 8 6	H8 #09	88 18 4	0 4 9 7	33 33 0
	Estates of other incompetents perform July 1, 1928.	00 12 8 2	10 1 0 0	0 3 0 13 7	30770	0	28 0 0 0
	Estates of insane persons pending July 1,	11 12 12 0	& O O O O	11 15 16	10 11 18 8 10	23 6 4	31 31 1
	Estates of minor persons pending July 1, 1928.	55 130 100 1	48 25 28 25 25	12 7 14 26 28	24 20 36 36	69 14 46 52	0 278 22 138 138
	Counties.	Miami Mitchell Montgomery Morris Morton	Nemaha Neosho Ness. Norton Osage.	Osborne. Ottawa. Pawnee. Phillips. Pottawatomie.	Pratt. Rawlins Reno. Republic. Rice.	Riley* Rooks. Rush. Russell. Saline.	Scott. Sedgwick Seward Shawnee Sheridan

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TABLE XV.—Summary, probate courts. Estates of minors, insane persons and other incompetents pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Concluded.

	Number annual reports filed.	15 15 10 11	36	20 7	59	25 5 120	2,263
	Inventories filed in 30 days.	111 13 5 0 4	6	4 11 6	30	13 57	1,540
	Number cases value given.	111 17 9 0 4	6	7 10 8	46	35 3 269	2,647
	Gross value.	\$25,700.00 54,378.00 50,883.85 2,846.85	63,900.27	13,171.29 44,686.08 32,592.44	78,080.56	96,739.96 2,100.00 261,032.24	\$7,197,068 80
	Cases tried by com- mission.		13	0470	9	24 24	843
12.)	Cases tried by jury.	10000	0	000	0		151
(Compiled from Form 12.)	From 3 to 4 years.	103355	16	611010	17	12 2 47	1,015
ompiled f	From 2 to 3 years.	940OU	18	61 to ∞	∞	11 2 89	1,106
0)	From 1 to 2 years.	1007	30	315	15	17 18 65	1,172
	From 6 months to 1 year.	1000	7		7	13 42	262
	Cases pending 6 months or less.	188101	12	0 1 3	7	43.22	665
	Estates of other incompetents perfents pending July 1, 1928.	01001	7	1001	1		300
	Estates of insane persons pending July 1, 1928.	41606	9	0.220	5	5 1 27	782
	Estates of minor persons pending July 1, 1928.	20 10 0 4	02	6 9 14	43	42 7 249	3,542
	Counties.	Sherman Smith. Stafford. Stanton. Stevens.	Sumner	Thomas. Trego. Wabaunsee. Wallace.	Washington	Wichita. Wilson. Woodson. Wyandotte.	Totals

\* Information in regard to dates omitted in 69 cases.

TABLE XVI.—Summary, probate courts. Juvenile cases pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924.

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	Miscel- laneous.*	<b>∞</b> 1∞04	02009	11 0 0	18 0 0	40900	0	2 1 6
	Number sent to corphans' home.	400212	00000	00000	0 53 0	20200	0	000
	Number sent to state institutions.	15 3 2 13 13	15 15 9 0	00000	0 76 0 0 0 0	42800	0	000
	Number dis- charged.	00000	14008	00000	0 8 0 0	00800	0	000
	Number of paroles.	22 22 0 1	644000	00000	47 27 0	46 0 0	0	16
	From 3 to 4 years.	120 4	122 20 1 22	000 200	48 48 16 0	00 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	1001
(:)	From 2 to 3.	46000	10 8 00 20 20 20 20	04000	1 32 21 0	21720	0	4110
Compiled from Form 13.)	From 1 to 2 years.	00 01 10 000	42409	00000	0 4 15 0	00 173 0 0	0	12333
(Compiled fr	From 6 months to 1 year.	P-04-04	<b>88000</b>	00440	0 4 0	ю-ню- 00	0	-140 co
	Pending 6 months or less.	40 80 11	40400	V-1100	288 7 4 9 9 1 1	00000	0	404
	Cases pending July 1-'28.	45 30 30 25	51 39 11 0 18	272717	130 63 0	32 0 0 0 0	0	13 35
	COUNTIES.	Allen. Anderson. Attelison. Batchison. Bartoer. Barton.	Bourbon Brown Buffer Chase Chautauqua	Cherokee Cheyenne Clark Clark Cloud	Coffey. Comanche. Cowley. Cowley. Cowlord Decatur.	Diekinson. Doniphan. Douglas. Edwards.	Bllis. Rilsmorth	Finney. Ford Franklin

TABLE XVI.—Summary, probate courts. Juvenile cases pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Continued.

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	Number sent to to orphans' home.	0 0 0	20000	0000	0000	14 0 0 0	80000
	Number sent to state insti- tutions.	13 0 0	04082	0000	4016	08080	0000
	Number dis- charged.	0 0	00000	0010	0000	00000	60001
	Number of paroles.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	011010	4500	5102	084	<sup>2</sup> 04ंधध
	From 3 to 4 years.	8 0 0 1	00000	3401	1008	01000	17000
(Compiled from Form 13.)	From 2 to 3 years.	0 1	031050	0000	8008	16 17 7 0	0000
	From 1 to 2 years.	0 0 0	220110	1500	H0H0	0 3 5 5 0	10 20 1
	From 6 months to 1 year.	0 0 0	01000	0011	8001	12 0 10 0	40101
	Pending 6 months or less.	000 0	00000	0018	0108	01100	10440
	Cases pending July 1-'28.	24	20 20 0 17	14 14 13	00010	65 65 12 0	90708
	COUNTIES.	Geary Gove Graham Graham Gray Gray	Greeley Gremwood Hamilton Harper Harvey†	Haskell Hodgeman Jackson Jefferson	Johnson Kearny Kingman Kingman Labette	Lane Leavenworth Lincoln Linn Linn Logan	Lyon Marjon Marshall McPherson Meade.

TABLE XVI.—Summary, probate courts. Juvenile cases pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Continued.

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	Miscel- laneous.*	0000	010	00	00001	00001	0	018	0	0	1
	Number sent to to orphans, home.	002200	0 2	0 1	0000%	. 00000	0	0140	63	0	0
	Number sent to state insti-tutions.	0 6 8 8 0 0	16	0.0	00011	ww000	0	730	1	೯	0
	Number dis- charged.	00000	01	0	00000	00000	0	00%	0	0	0
	Number of paroles.	29 0 0	31	0 16	00000	01088	0	0 10 67	67	П	0
	From 3 to 4 years.	25 25 0	112	0 &	00000	00000	0	24	0	1	0
(Compiled from Form 13.)	From 2 to 3 years.	0 2 1 1 0	0 12	0 2	00084	21004	0	0 4 20	8	0	0
	From 1 to 2 years.	0 1 1 1 1 1 1	21	04	00011	15051	0	15	0	0	0
	From 6 months to 1 year.	08800	0 4	700	00001	50010	0	00 91	2	1	0
	Pending 6 months or less.	00000	0 4	10	00000	10005	0	0 1 1 4 1	0	7	-
	Cases pending July 1-'28.	10 85 0	53	22	00000	5 0 11 11	0	0 115 89	10	4	1
	Countibs.	Miami Mitchell Mortigomery Mortis Morton	Nemaha Neosho Nesst	Norton Osage	Osborne. Ottawa. Pawnee. Phillips. Pottawatomie.	Pratt. Rawlins. Reno. Repubie. Rice.	Riley Rooks	Rush. Russell Saline.	Scott. Sedgwiek	Seward Shawnee	Sheridan

Juvenile cases pending July 1, 1928, filed since July 1, 1924—Concluded. (Compiled from Form 13.) TABLE XVI.—Summary, probate courts.

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COUNTIES.	Cases pending July 1-'28.	Pending 6 months or less.	From 6 months to 1 year.	From 1 to 2 years.	From 2 to 3 years.	From 3 to 4 years.	Number of paroles.	Number dis- charged.	Number sent to state insti- tutions.	Number sent to orphans' home.	Miscel-laneous.*
Sherman Smith. Stafford Stafforn Stevens.	22 2 0 10	00100	00-00	80020	40008	0 0 0 0 1	18 0 1 2 3	00000	48102	00000	01001
Sumner Thomas Trego. Walaunsee	250 4	0 000	20 01	880 8	0 00 0	0 000	7 5 5 5 5	0 000	0 000	0 001	0 000
Washington Wichita Wison Wuodson Wyandotte	7 0 93 0 76	200 00 00 00	10 16 0 6	2 0 0 23 23	26 0 3 3	16 35	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	10800	5000	000016	2 0 13 13 13
Totals	1,456	219	183	304	365	385	189	80	393	119	177

\* This column includes: placed in private homes, 60; adopted, 42; judgment reserved, 17; sentence suspended, 15; State Training School (Winfield), 11; parents sentenced or fined, 10; placed with relatives, 9; disposition of case not reported, 8; appealed, 3; placed in county home, 2.

† No record of juvenile cases in Ness county; estimated number of cases, 6.

† Harvey county: No record of cases in which paroles were granted. Estimated number of paroled cases, 65.

TABLE XVII.—Summary, county courts. Date organized, cases disposed of and appealed since organization.

Total cases appealed.	200 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	120
Average time, days, to file transcript.	71 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	
Av rage time, days, criminal cases.	000004∞04⊙4∞∞00000000000000000000000000	
Average time, days, civil cases.	18 27 27 27 27 11 11 11 12 12 13 13 14 14 15 16 17 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	
Total jury trials.	7 E I O O 4 O 2 2 2 4 I E	29
Total preliminary examinations.	36 0 4 4 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	568
Total criminal cases.	129 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 308 368 50 84 1189 1196 66 66 64	1,888
Total civil cases.	127 45 45 188 33 32 275 166 68 68 129 242 242 129 129 129	1,932
Average cases per year.	152 10 217 217 21 140 156 106 107 107 107 107 107 107 107 107 107 107	
Total cases.	292 45 463 63 63 640 7703 131 449 479 479 611 107 378	4,388
Date organized.	mo da yr. 8-13-26 1-4-24 6-7-26 6-7-26 6-5-27 11-7-24 11-3-24 4-6-25 11-7-24 11-7-24 11-7-24 11-7-24 11-7-24 11-7-24 11-7-24	
Counties.	Edwards. Finewoy Grinewoy Hodgeman Hodgeman Mitchell Morris Morris Pawnee Pawnee Pawnee Rush Stevens Rush Stevens Wallace	Totals.

## THE FUTURE WORK OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL.

The Judicial Council was created because of the prevalent idea that a careful study of our judicial system would disclose its weaknesses, where they exist, and suggest methods which might be put into effect for its improvement. The scope of the matters to be inquired into as provided by the statute creating it covers a wide field. Such inquiry necessarily takes time, for it must be done thoroughly and with care. If it were not so done it would be of little value to anyone.

The work of the Judicial Council naturally falls into two branches of activity: first, the securing of facts and data; second, the consideration of the facts and data obtained and the making of recommendations based thereon.

The only way to obtain the facts with reference to the nature and quantity of the business of the various courts of the state, and the time required for the progress of such business through the courts, is to procure definite data respecting these matters from the clerks and judges of the courts. We have this year collected such data from all the state courts. We have not attempted to collect any data from the federal courts of this state nor from the police courts of cities. We are much indebted to the clerks and judges of the various courts of the state for their compliance with our requests for the compilation and furnishing of this data to us. While it is a duty imposed upon them by the law creating the Judicial Council, it required additional work on their part, and in courts where the business was heavy, a great deal of work, for which the statute had provided no additional compensation for them. And yet in most instances the work has been willingly done and well prepared. The preparation of the blanks for the collection of this data, sending them to the clerks or judges of the various courts, and conducting a correspondence concerning them, and the careful examination of such reports when received to condense the data in form most beneficial for our use, is itself a large task. It has taken all of the time of one person for several months, and a part of the time additional help was employed. In the compilation of this report we are in this respect much indebted to Miss Mozelle Dimick, secretary to Mr. Hunt of the Judicial Council, who has attended to all matters pertaining to sending out blanks and conducting the correspondence relating to the accuracy of their compilation, and who has compiled most of the data therefrom. Her work in that regard has been exceptionally efficient. There should be a permanent employee of the Judicial Council who is not only a competent stenographer but who can become proficient in this work, whose entire time can be devoted thereto. From the very nature of things it is not possible for the individual members of the Judicial Council, all of whom are busy with other tasks, to devote very much time to this branch of the work.

The consideration of the facts and data obtained to see wherein defects of our judicial system exist, and the formulation of recommendations for its improvement, are matters to which the members of the Judicial Council should devote their principal attention. The members should meet regularly once a month, and perhaps oftener during sessions of the legislature. In Massachusetts the Judicial Council meets every two weeks, and during the sessions of the legislature meets each week, and much work is done between sessions. In

California the Judicial Council has regular employees and frequent meetings. In both of these states the Judicial Council has been able to make recommendations which have caused substantial improvements in their judicial systems.

When the Judicial Council was created in this state it was not known what funds might be needed for its expenses, and \$1,000 a year was appropriated for the payment of actual expenses. No one connected with the Judicial Council, except clerical help employed, has been paid any compensation for his services. The appropriation has been inadequate to pay the actual expenses. We estimate the appropriation should be \$6,000 per year to pay actual expenses of the Judicial Council if the work is to be performed in the manner in which we think it should be. There is a useful field for the work of the Judicial Council as a continuous body, but to be as useful as it can be it should be equipped to perform the duties imposed upon it by statute.

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