

COURT BRIEFS.

—Charles Reeves, who struck his wife with his fist and broke her jaw, was fined \$40 Friday and committed to jail.

—Among the visiting attorneys were Edmund Burke, California; Ben T. Castleman, St. Louis; H. K. Bente, Sedalia.

—The light sentence imposed on Alex. Maupin for slashing his wife with a knife, is due to the fact that he is suffering from consumption. Last week he had several severe hemorrhages and longer imprisonment would mean a death sentence.

—Judge Hazell will leave Saturday, June 1st, for Maries county, where a number of condemnation proceedings are pending, growing out of the construction of the new Colorado & St. Louis railroad through that county.

—Charles T. Baker was acquitted by a jury Monday of the charge of common assault. While teaching in the Bunceton public schools Baker very severely chastised the son of John P. Moore. The case has been in court for some time.

—J. E. Rennison vs. Boone Hurt was compromised Saturday, on payment of \$85 and costs by defendant. The suit was for \$100, commission alleged to be due for the sale of defendant's farm. The jury in the justice court returned a verdict for \$50, and defendant appealed.

—A motion to quash the levy in the case of Lottie B. Smith vs. Granville Smith was sustained Monday, on the ground that the defendant should have been permitted to select his homestead. The levy was under a general execution for costs, the judgment having already been paid. A second levy and advertisement will be made.

—As required by the new law, Recorder of Deeds Conway will begin on the first of June to make an alphabetical list of the beneficiaries in all deeds of trusts and mortgages remaining of record unsatisfied on that date. This list must be furnished the assessor, who will incorporate

it in his assessment for the next year, for taxation the same as other personal property. The session acts have not yet been distributed, and adequate information as to the provisions of the law is not obtainable.

—Prosecuting Attorney Chambers, Monday, entered a nolle in the case of the State vs. F. K. Schill. Defendant was indicted for embezzlement of a sum of money from a negro client, and a jury in the Cooper circuit court assessed his punishment at four years in the penitentiary. The supreme court reversed and remanded the case, and the state, having no other line of prosecution than the one adopted in the previous trial, was forced to abandon it.

—The case of the State of Missouri vs. J. M. Rymel, charged with the embezzlement of certain moneys belonging to the estate of Virginia Kneckelhan, occupied the court all of Wednesday. The State was represented by Ernest Chambers, prosecuting attorney, and J. F. Rutherford. C. D. Corum and W. G. Pendleton represented Rymel and the case was submitted at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening. After being out all night, the jury was discharged yesterday evening by Judge Hazell, having been unable to reach a verdict. This virtually means a continuance until October.

—The plea of guilty to common assault, entered by the defendant, C. C. Higgeson, Monday, ends a remarkable case, originating some five years ago in an encounter between T. A. and Sterling Harris, brothers, and C. C. Higgeson and his son, Ben, at Lamine station. Billets of wood and a knife were brought into play, though no one was badly injured. A jury in the circuit court returned a verdict of guilty of felonious assault and assessed a fine of \$383. The supreme court remanded the case. The costs already amount to more than \$300, to say nothing of attorneys' fees.

—While in Kelly township Thursday of last week, Deputy Sheriff Joe Koenig arrested three men who were endeavoring to dispose of some new pocket-knives and other stuff. In company with Wm. Car-