

# Deweys pleaded guilty to fencing land

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**April 21, 1904:** Jail Sentence For Deweys — Plead Guilty to Charge of Fencing Government Land — Have Still to Face Charge of Conspiracy in Interfering With Rights of Citizens, Also Civil Case Against the Dewey Land and Cattle Company — C.P. Dewey and Chauncey Dewey were fined \$150 each and sentenced to serve one day in the Shawnee county jail by United States Judge Pollock last Wednesday.  
This case was tried before the federal court in Topeka. The charge against the Deweys was fencing government land in Rawlins and adjacent counties. They entered a plea of guilty.  
J.G. Waters and John E. Hessin,

## today in history

attorneys for the Deweys, were in consultation with the United States Attorney Dean several times during the few days previous to the trial, and it was understood that they would enter a plea of guilty, and the fine would not be very heavy.  
The cases of W.J. McBride and W.J. Ratcliff, who were indicted at the same time as the Deweys and on the same charge, have been nolle. The Deweys are under bond, and will remain under bond for the cases for which they have indicted, but not tried.  
The next case that the Deweys will be called in is the case against C.P. Dewey, Chauncey Dewey, W.J.

McBride, Louis McBride and W.J. Ratcliff. In this case the charge is conspiracy.  
The charge is that they conspired to interfere with the rights of citizens, guaranteed by the government. There are many people who accuse the Deweys of taking their land from them or of making it worthless by reason of their great fences.  
After that case is disposed of, there is the civil case against the Dewey Land and Cattle company. In this case an injunction is asked for, restraining the company from hereafter fencing any government land.

There is now a temporary injunction preventing the company from fencing government land, and it is likely that it will be made permanent, as was done in the case against the Mills Cattle company, which was forever restrained from fencing government land by the order of the court.  
**April 22, 1904:** The Goodland State Bank Opened Doors Saturday Morning — The Goodland State bank, with a capital stock of \$10,000 with John W. Tibbles as president and Ira Wolfe as cashier, began business in its home in the Leonard Brick. The deputy bank commissioner of Kansas arrived here Friday and, after making the examination, authorized the new institution to commence banking.  
**April 23, 1904:** The Sherman

county graduating examination will be held on April 22 and 23 at the following school houses: Goodland, Ruleton, Kanorado, Edson, Muldrow, Palmer and Rhine. Examination will begin at 8 o'clock a.m.  
JR. Reed, County Superintendent.  
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# Law enforcement graduates honored

Sixty-six new law enforcement graduates, including three area officers, were honored at a Feb. 26 graduation ceremony at the 4-H Encampment Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.  
All had completed a 14-week basic training program at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center near Hutchinson.

Officer Frankie Hayes of the Goodland Police Department, Undersheriff Marshall R. Unruh of the Wallace County Sheriff's Department, and Deputy David A. Rodriguez of the Thomas County Sheriff's Office, were among the graduates.  
The graduates received certificates of course completion and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Commission, the

state law enforcement licensing authority. The training course fulfills the state requirement for law enforcement training. Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve the problems they face on the job.  
The training commission is a unit of University of Kansas Continuing Education. Established in 1968 as the central law enforcement training facility for the state, the center is at a former naval air station near

Yoder in southern Reno County.  
About 450 officers go through the 14-week basic training program each year at the center, which offered continuing education and specialized training to more than 2,500 Kansas officers last year. Money for the center is generated from docket fees from municipal and state courts.

## matters of record

**Goodland Police**  
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:  
**April 8** — BankWest reported a burglary at 624 W. Hwy. 24 and the theft of automotive accessories, valued at \$5,250, taken from the Corner Garage.  
Christina L. Cody was the victim of forgery involving three checks written for a total of \$123.

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