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HOPE.

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CUSTER COUNTY FINANCES

Cash in Banks at Close of Business
September, 30, 1910.

Broken Bow State Bank, Broken Bow, Nebr.	8432.78
Security State Bank, Broken Bow, Nebr.	7795.99
Custer National Bank, Broken Bow, Nebr.	7979.78
Peoples' State Bank, Arnold, Nebr.	3000.00
Farmers' State Bank, Arnold, Nebr.	2500.00
Farmers' State Bank, Merna, Nebr.	4000.00
Home Bank, Merna, Nebr.	5264.03
Bank of Merna, Merna, Nebr.	4000.00
Mason City Banking Co., Mason City, Nebr.	6000.00
State Bank, Anselmo, Nebr.	8000.00
First National Bank, Callaway, Nebr.	8000.00
State Bank, Callaway, Nebr.	5000.00
Farmers' State Bank, Callaway, Nebr.	4000.00
Farmers' State Bank, Oconto, Nebr.	4000.00
State Bank, Oconto, Nebr.	2500.00
Farmers' State Bank, Ansley, Nebr.	4000.00
First National Bank, Ansley, Nebr.	8000.00
Citizens' State Bank, Comstock, Nebr.	4000.00
Farmers and Merchants' Bank, Comstock, Nebr.	3000.00
State Bank, Sargent, Nebr.	6000.00
First National Bank, Sargent, Nebr.	5000.00
State Bank, Berwyn, Neb.	1000.00
Kountze Bros., (Neb. Fiscal Agency) New York, N. Y.	1924.52
Total	113397.10

Gun Club Tournament
The Broken Bow Gun Club will hold a registered tournament here on Oct. 11 and 12. It will undoubtedly be the biggest affair of its kind the local club has ever pulled off, many celebrities will attend and the people of the county can have a chance to see some of the crack shot of the day. The prizes are many and costly and those who come from afar will have the satisfaction of competing for something worth while. A preliminary shoot occurs on Monday. On the following days there will be shoots both in the forenoon and afternoon. After the regular program on Tuesday and Wednesday a premium shoot and special gun event (sliding handicap) are offered. Among the well known shots who will be here are Captain Hardy, Goe Carter of Lincoln, Marshal Sharp of Omaha, Bert Manning Hastings, H. W. Viemeyer, Colorado, and Chris Gottleied of Kansas City.

The Big Log Rolling.
The second annual Log Rolling of the Broken Bow Modern Woodmen will take place here next Wednesday. If the weather man does the right thing and regulates storms and high winds to the wishes of the people, there will probably be the biggest gathering here the Woodmen ever had. All of the camps in this section of the state will be represented and hundreds of people will take part in the celebration. The streets will monopolize the attractions during the day, while the opera house is to be the scene of the night's program. It will be a carnival of day and night with lots of sport, good attractions and excellent music. The \$100.00 trophy cup won by Ansley last year will be competed for by various forester teams, while another beautiful trophy cup has been prepared for the Royal Neighbors in their competitive drills. There are also prizes in cash for the best floor work, the camp sending the largest percentage of membership and the camp sending the largest delegation. Not the least pleasing feature of the occasion are the unlimited quantity of good things to eat that will be on tap to all visiting Woodmen free of charge.

A LIVELY FIRE
Fire broke out in P. M. Towsley's barn, Tuesday, and was under frightful headway before discovered. A number of citizens apparently discovering it at the same time gave the alarm, the firebell was rung vigorously and the firemen were soon there in force but the fire had reached a building belonging to Mrs. W. D. Hall opposite the alley and also the adjoining barn belonging to N. T. Gadd. A heavy stream of water was poured on the flames and the fire brought under control before it could reach any of the other buildings in the vicinity. The firemen did excellent work and many of the citizens also did valiant service in placing the fire under control. We understand that the property was fully covered by insurance.

Hunting Not Allowed
The public is hereby notified that no hunting will be allowed on my farm, north of Broken Bow.
18-21 William D. Grant

COMING!

Hon. C. H. ALDRICH
Republican Nominee For
GOVERNOR

Will be at Broken Bow.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1910

And Will Address The Public at 2 O'clock p. m.

Come out and hear him and find out for yourself what he has to say of the paramount issue of the day. It is Woodman day. Help swell the crowd.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 1910

2 p. m.

CITY HALL - COME OUT

GROUND TO PIECES

Louis Booknau Meets A Horrible Death 'Neath The Wheels of a Freight.

Louis Booknau, one of the pioneer residents of Custer county met death in a horrible manner Sunday morning while trying to board a moving freight train at Hazard, about thirty-five miles east of here. Mr. Booknau owned property in Sherman county and went down to Hazard Saturday night in order to attend to some details regarding it. Sunday morning he was ready to return home and signifying his intention of boarding No. 47 had riding as far as Ansley, the nearest railroad point to Westerville, his destination. Instead of No. 47 an extra freight came along and Mr. Booknau seeing that it did not stop made an effort to catch one of the cars. Being an old man he was probably not sure of his footing and the bystanders were horrified to see him drop between the cars on to the rails. The wheels passed over both legs severing them completely; and then as if to prolong the awful sight a brakebeam caught the body and drew it under where it was ground to a shapeless mass. Thirteen freight cars passed over the spot where he fell and when the remains were gathered up pieces of sacking and cloth had to be used to hold the particles of flesh and bone. The remains were taken to Ansley and put in a coffin. They were moved from there to Westerville, at which place the funeral occurred on Tuesday.

Louis Booknau was about 65 year of age and had lived in Custer county nearly thirty years, having originally come here from the state of Iowa. For a number of years he ran a hardware store at Westerville and later on went into the stock business and then farming on a large scale. He has always prospered, from the business point of view, and at the time of his death was counted among the wealthy men of the county, his fortune being estimated somewhere in the neighborhood of \$150,000. He had never married and during the past two years has made his headquarters at Lincoln, living there with his sister Jennie. Many of his business interests were centered in the county, however, in and about Westerville, and he spent much of his time up here looking after them. Mr. Booknau is survived by a sister, two brothers and a half brother, Press Booknau, who lives about nine miles east of here. One of the brothers lives in Iowa and the other in Washington. Miss Jennie resides at Lincoln.

Citizens' Lecture Course

The first number of the coming course will be on Oct. 24, and is the Bartilotte Concert Co., the highest priced attraction of the year. Other are the Dunbar Quartette, Montavill Flowers, Alton PPackard, Gore, the blind senator, and Thos. F. Brooks. The course all told costs the committee about \$700.00. Season tickets are \$2.00 each, but a price of \$1 has been made for children and students including high school and Custer College. Tickets may be used by any member of the family.

CLAIM PETITIONS

ARE NOT LEGAL.

Mandamus Proceedings Commenced to Compel the County Board to Reconsider their Action. MANY IRREGULARITIES

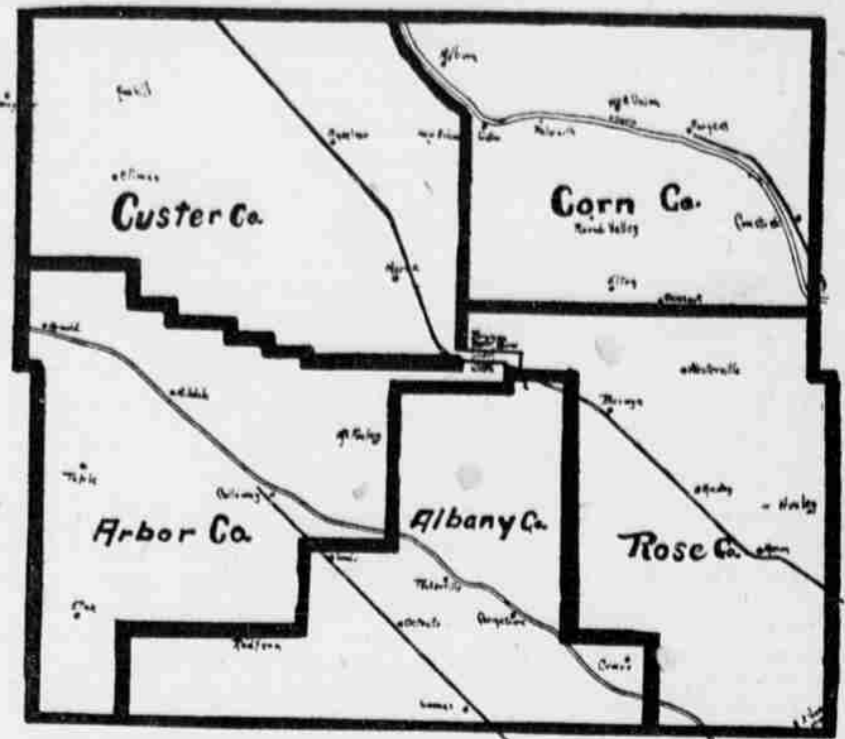
Jos. Pigman on behalf of the anti-divisionists of Custer county has commenced action in the district court for a writ of mandamus to require the board of supervisors to assemble and set aside the order to submit the question of dividing Custer county and erecting therefrom the proposed new counties of Corn and Rose. Only the petitions of these two named proposed counties are questioned. The plaintiff asks that he be permitted to offer evidence that the said division petitions have not been signed by a majority of the legal voters in the two counties named.

The action of the county board in granting these petitions was somewhat unusual. When the northeast, or Corn county petition came in Mr. Pigman filed a request asking that the petition be laid over for thirty days, in order to give the anti-divisionists a chance to thoroughly examine it. A tie vote was had on the matter. Supervisors Morris, Gilmore and Grint voting to reject the Pigman request, while Supervisors Dewey, Cushman and Foley voted to sustain the request. Supervisor Headley was absent. The following day the presence of Supervisor Headley was secured and he joined with the first named Supervisors in rejecting the Pigman request.

Chairman Morris then appointed a committee consisting of Supervisor Grint, Gilmore and Dewey to examine and report on the petition. Supervisors Grint and Gilmore submitted a majority report declaring that the petition was signed by a majority of the legal voters of the proposed county, the said majority being 34. Supervisor Dewey submitted a minority report, stating that he did not believe that the petition had the required number of signers and recommended that the Pigman request be granted.

At this point Jos. Pigman filed a second protest declaring that the petition was referred to the committee at 10:30 a. m. and that the time which had elapsed from that until the report of the committee which was made on the afternoon of the same day, was utterly insufficient for a reasonable investigation to be made. Pigman further stated in his protest that the committee of Supervisors had taken no steps to ascertain the actual total number of legal voters in the said territory and that there had been no evidence before the board to show the same. The majority report granting the petition was carried by a vote of 4 to 3. Supervisors Morris, Grint, Gilmore and Headley voting to order the election and Supervisors Dewey, Cushman and Foley voting against it.

The southeast, or Rose county petition was rushed through in practically the same manner. The committee reported that the petition had a majority of 15 of the legal voters in said proposed county. Mr.



Well Now, What Do You Think of IT?

Isn't IT A Dream?

Pigman protested against the allowing of this petition without proper investigation in much the same manner as before. A vote was taken and the petition was promptly granted, the same Supervisors voting for and against it as was done in the granting of the Corn county petition.

Since this action of the Board, these petitions have been thoroughly investigated by people living in every township within the two proposed counties in question and it is known beyond any doubt whatever that both petitions are far short of necessary legal signers. Many names appear on the petition twice and in one or two cases, even three times, and some gross irregularities will be brought out when the matter is thoroughly sifted in court.

In several division elections held in Custer county, it has been known that the petitions in one or more of the proposed counties have been illegal. Last year the northeast petition was not a good one and a few of the division leaders of that part of the county were acquainted with this fact. Owing to the tremendous volume of work and the heavy expense involved in proving these facts, the question has been allowed to go to a vote in years past, but the work of the division leaders in forcing through their petition has become so bold that the anti-divisionists from all over Custer county have not only requested, but demanded that a stop be put to this kind of work.

If the petitions are legal, there is no disposition on the part of anybody in Broken Bow or any other part of Custer county, to head off the election. The division campaign engenders bitterness and hard feelings, and it is bad enough to keep up this strife when the petitions are regular, but it is a whole lot worse when the election

is called on faulty petitions, because the election would be illegal and the campaign of bitterness would avail nothing in case of division success. The sentiment in about three-fourths of Custer county is so strong against division that it would be utterly impossible for the matter to even come to a vote, if the division leaders who circulate these petitions were compelled to show an actual majority of the voters.

If the anti-divisionists of Custer county do not prove beyond any question of doubt that the petitions are far short of a majority of legal signers, there will be no attempt to head off the vote on this question at the coming election. But, if on the other hand they prove what this article states they can, and will prove, then it would be wrong to allow the question to go to a vote on illegal petitions.

Nearly A Tragedy

In all probability Earl Cooper will never come nearer crossing the Great Divide without actually doing so, that he did late Monday afternoon, when a team of horses hitched to a wagon of sand, crashed into the mower he was seated on. The team which belonged to Billy Martin took fright in some way near the depot and started to run south. Scattering sand in many directions, they swung around the corner by Anderson's dashed on a block and tried the same thing in front of the Security State Bank only to be met by a serious obstacle. Cooper was seated on a mower handling his own team when the runaway horses struck him, knocking him from the seat, and straddling the machine. For a minute it looked as though he would be trampled to death but in some miraculous way he escaped their feet and came out almost uninjured. His shirt was ripped up the back where the pole struck him and he was somewhat bruised, but fortunately no bones were broken, and according to his own statement he was considerably more frightened than hurt.

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