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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sometime ago I have announced myself a candidate for sheriff of Custer county to the central committee, and I will come before the republican county convention for the nomination subject to the will of the republicans of Custer county. I have worked for the success of the republican party 23 years in Custer county and have always taken pleasure in doing so, knowing I have been in the right. I have been a central committee man some 16 years, and never before have I come before a county convention asking for anything, and I hope you can give me the nomination and I will be elected your next sheriff of Custer county. Very respectfully yours, J. O. TAYLOR.

Editor Republican:—Several of my friends have been insisting on my coming out for sheriff, and after looking over the field I have concluded to announce myself a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Custer county, on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the people. While I feel my incompetency, I will try to make a good sheriff and do my whole duty as my conscience dictates. Respectfully,
J. M. SAVIDGE.

I desire to announce that I expect to come before the next republican county convention as a candidate for nomination for the office of clerk of the district court subject to the will of the republicans of Custer county. For fifteen years I have to the best of my ability, upheld the standard of the republican party in this county, through times when it would have been to my financial advantage to otherwise, giving my services, such as they were, without money and without price, supporting its candidates through victory and through defeat. During these years I have never been a candidate for any office, and trusting I am not now presumptuous in asking favorable consideration of my claim. Very respectfully,
GEO. B. MAIR.

The bill that was in the legislature providing for electing members of the county board by county does not effect supervisors and they will be elected by districts as formerly. We were misinformed on the matter last week when we stated to the contrary.

The State Journal publishes the following regarding the Ramsey elevator bill:

There has been a great deal of talk to the effect that the Ramsey elevator bill, which has passed both branches of the legislature has been manipulated so that the farmers will eventually get the worst of it. A member said last night, in discussing this bill:

"The critics of the Ramsey measure forgot that it was drawn by the attorney of the farmers' co-operative grain association, and is supposed to be exactly what they want with the possible exception of the amendment imposing a minimum of \$3,000 as the cost of elevators to which sidetracks must be built. This amendment, the only one adopted, was entirely satisfactory to Mr. Ramsey. Nobody thinks that this will change the constitutionality of the bill. The legislature has passed this bill because it was known that it was drawn by the attorney of the farmers."

Whether the Ramsey bill is constitutional or not it seems to us that a safe plan would be

where possible for the farmers club or organization where they contemplate embarking in the grain shipping business to lease an elevator for a year or two in each town where they expect to do business. This will save the expense of a building on the start. After two years experience they would then be in a position to determine whether it would pay to buy or build an elevator. In our opinion there would be chances to lease a building in nearly every town where there are two or more elevators for a reasonable rental.

Most of the citizens are manifesting an unusual amount of enterprise and personal pride in beautifying and improving their property this spring. This is a move that is certainly commendable and we hope to see it ever thus. But while this is a fact there is a matter of public interest which is being sadly neglected, that should have first attention. We have in mind the Public Square. Every one that comes to the city sees this park. Strangers as well as others form their opinion of the city from what they see. The park is the pride of every citizen in Broken Bow. It has cost time and money to produce what we have and it has been time well spent. But the good work should be continued. There is much that can be done yet to enhance the attractiveness of this popular resort. The trees will bear some trimming. A neat fence is in great need. A fountain should adorn the center. The flag pole that has yielded to the tempest should be replaced, flowers planted and many other improvements doubtless can be suggested by others. As the locating board of the Normal School, will in all probability visit us in the near future to inspect our city this matter should receive prompt attention. As the city has no funds for this purpose we would suggest that some enterprising citizen or the Business Men's Association take hold of the matter and see that the work is done. One hundred or two hundred dollars can not be spent to better advantage just now than in beautifying this park as it is possible to do.

The place the Normal School should be located is where it is most needed to accommodate those that can not be accommodated at the Peru Normal. The western part of the state is so removed from Peru that but few in the central west have been able to take advantage of the Peru Normal. The object of the framers of the law providing for the second Normal School was to accommodate the people of the central and western part of the state. Only about one teacher in eighty in the western half of the state has been able to avail themselves of a normal school education because of the great expense and distance in reaching Peru. Should the second school be located at Broken Bow eighty per cent of the teachers of the central west would take advantage of the opportunity and equip themselves for better work by taking the Normal course. In Custer county alone 250 teachers are required every year. It would be but a very short time until all these schools would be filled with Normal school teachers instead of one in forty as is the case now. The entire northwest is tributary and easy of access to Broken Bow. This would be an incentive to hundreds of teachers to attend the Normal every year from other counties were the school located at Broken Bow that do not think of going to Peru. The town of Broken Bow is an ideal location for a state Normal because of the moral and religious atmosphere that prevails. There has not been a license saloon in the city for five consecutive years. The majority against saloons have grown each year. Houses of vice of all kinds are not permitted.

The temptations common in the large cities to which young men are tempted are not permitted in Broken Bow. The evil associations calculated to lead astray the young girl, away from home does not exist here. We have seven active up-to-date churches, representing as many different denominations which will afford persons of any denomination to find a church home and a cordial welcome by those of their own faith. Our people are enterprising, progressive and united and will take pride in supporting the school and furthering its interests in every way possible. In every respect the city of Broken Bow is most admirably adapted for the home of a Normal School. The board of education can make no mistake, but will accomplish a great work for the educational interests of the state by locating the Normal at Broken Bow.

Capt. H. F. Kennedy's Candidacy.

We note that some of the county exchanges have made local mention of Capt. H. F. Kennedy's candidacy for the office of clerk of the district court. Some of his friends are inclined to criticize the REPUBLICAN because it has not rushed to the fore front and proclaimed what we have known for some time instead of allowing others to be first to mention it. The REPUBLICAN desires of all things to be a representative of the republican party but in no sense a dictator of the party. We are opposed to machine politics and want the people to name its standard bearers without undue influence upon our part. To be a candidate for an honorable position is the right of every American Citizen that is eligible. We further believe that it is the correct thing for candidates to announce themselves prior to holding the convention that the public may be fully apprised. This gives the caucus an opportunity to choose from the number of aspirants by electing delegates that will represent their wishes. It had not been Mr. Kennedy plan for the REPUBLICAN to announce his candidacy prior to this time and in that we have regarded his wishes. There are others who have informed the editor personally that they expected to be candidates for office but as they did not authorize us to announce that they were actively in the race we have not done so. As to Mr. Kennedy's candidacy, it is not necessary for us to say more than that he is a candidate for the clerk of the court. Mr. Kennedy was the republican nominee four years ago and he is well known by the voters of the county. It was not a matter of his seeking at that time. He was at San Francisco on his return from Manila, where he had served with Co. M. and won the ranks of Lieutenant. He gracefully accepted the nomination on his arrival home and made an active campaign for the place. With odds against him he failed of election. He now feels that since he made the race at the solicitation of the party with the odds against him that he has a right to aspire to the nomination when the chances for election are more favorable. Mr. Kennedy has a large number of warm supporters and especially among the soldiers of Spanish-American war with whom he served in the Philippine Islands. Should he be the choice of the convention the REPUBLICAN can give Capt. Kennedy its hearty support, as we regard him worthy and capable. He is a young man of integrity, has practically grown up in Custer county and stand well with all with whom he is known personally. With H. F. Kennedy, Geo. B. Mair and the others who will doubtless be in the race for the nomination, the party will have good men to select from as either will be worthy and capable.

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Great Northern Surveyors Looking Over Field Southwest of O'Neill.

O'Neill, Neb., April 20.—(Special)—The appearance in O'Neill on Saturday of last week of the right-of-way man for the Great Northern railroad and the fact that he made a trip over the proposed link between here and Dunning on the Burlington, has created new interest in the proposed extension. A prominent Sioux City business man came here with him and remained in O'Neill while he drove over the preliminary survey that had been made years ago by the Ogden Short Line people. The business man, for obvious reasons, did not wish his name made public, but he stated positively that the road would be extended southwest from O'Neill to connect with the Burlington at Dunning this year. He stated that the amount of \$15,000,000 had been already subscribed for the purpose of building two links in Nebraska between the Great Northern and Burlington systems. He stated that Sioux City people were very much interested in the proposed extension from O'Neill, as it would add a new field to their industries. He was told that the merger litigation would not in the least interfere with the proposed extensions in Nebraska. The right-of-way man stated that within the next thirty days a corps of surveyors would be on the ground and make the necessary survey and before snow-fly through trains would be running from St. Paul, Sioux City and Minneapolis to Denver.—Bee.

UNCLE SAM'S DRAWING POWER.

Thousands Leaving European Homes for United States.

The quarterly report of the state department of labor shows that immigration continues to increase in amount and decrease in quality. The year which ended June 30 last broke all previous records, but this year will go far beyond it. The March just past has seen about ten thousand more immigrants than the corresponding month of last year. The largest is among the southern Italians, and of all the immigrants who can neither read nor write, in the time covered by the report, just half are from southern Italy, which indicates the amount of educational work we are laying-up for ourselves through the looseness of our immigration laws. Perhaps we are laying up danger as well as labor and expense. The problems ahead of us will not be more easily or more justly solved by the participation of hordes of illiterate foreigners. The most noticeable thing on the horizon is the organization of labor into a power. Well composed, made up of rational industrious and educated men, the labor party, when it becomes a political party as it may at any moment, may be

a force, making powerfully for distributed human good. But there are dangers, and there is no advantage in blinking them. A labor party which became politically dominant, which elected its own president and its own congress, might be the source of unspeakable injuries, of the loss of much that our constitution and our independence were intended to give us, and have given us. This government is for the people of every land, and it is by the people, but even those who have most faith in the instinct and the virtue of the masses dread to see the quality of the average too recklessly degraded. The Italian government is making an organized effort to encourage emigration, wisely perceiving that many of its citizens return richer and more enlightened. Secretary Hay has pointed out that another government is using a less admirable method of inducing some of its inhabitants to seek our hospitable shores. Our land is one of refuge, but we must keep our moral and intellectual health. As immigration, constantly becoming more dangerous in kind, there is every reason for a stricter standard of admission.—Collier's Weekly.

Brakeman Injured.

Brakeman E. G. Sights was run over and badly injured at Seneca Thursday morning. While assisting in switching at that place he attempted to get on the pilot of a moving engine and slipped and fell in such a manner that one arm was run over and badly mangled and one leg badly bruised. He was taken to Broken Bow on 42 and placed in a hospital in charge of Dr. Mullen the company doctor. Reports from the doctor are that Sights will live, but it will be necessary to amputate the injured arm. The injured man has been breaking out of Alliance for the past six or seven months and previous to that time was employed as fireman. Mr. Nunn

father-in-law of Mr. Sights, went down to Broken Bow on 42 this morning to assist in taking care of him.—Alliance Grip.

A Young Men's Lyceum

The urgent need in this city for a place of recreation free from demoralizing influence is about to be met in a movement inaugurated by the Young Men's Baraca Class of the Baptist church. The Baraca work is National in scope and has for its aim definite help for men. The young men plan to open a reading room, library and gymnasium, and have placed the membership fee for all privileges at the fixed rate of \$4.00 for the year, and arrangements have been perfected by which students and others may adjust the payment of membership fees to their ability. The plan embraces the best magazines and papers for the reading room tables, a library of books to be present monthly and a good equipment of gymnasium apparatus, the latter to be enlarged as circumstances warrant. The work will be under the supervision of a Board of Regents composed of Judge Armour, D. M. Amsberry, Willis Cadwell, J. M. Kimberling, Dr. Day, J. B. Smith and Jos. Pigman. Mr. J. M. Kimberling is treasurer for the Lyceum and all membership fees may be paid to him. While this movement has been inaugurated under the Baraca auspices, yet the young men desire it to be understood that membership in the Lyceum does not in any

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