

CUSTER COUNTY IS NOT IN IT.

PREDICTS THAT DEAN AND HOLCOMB WILL REMAIN IN BROKEN BOW.

W. J. TAYLOR IS STRONG MAN.

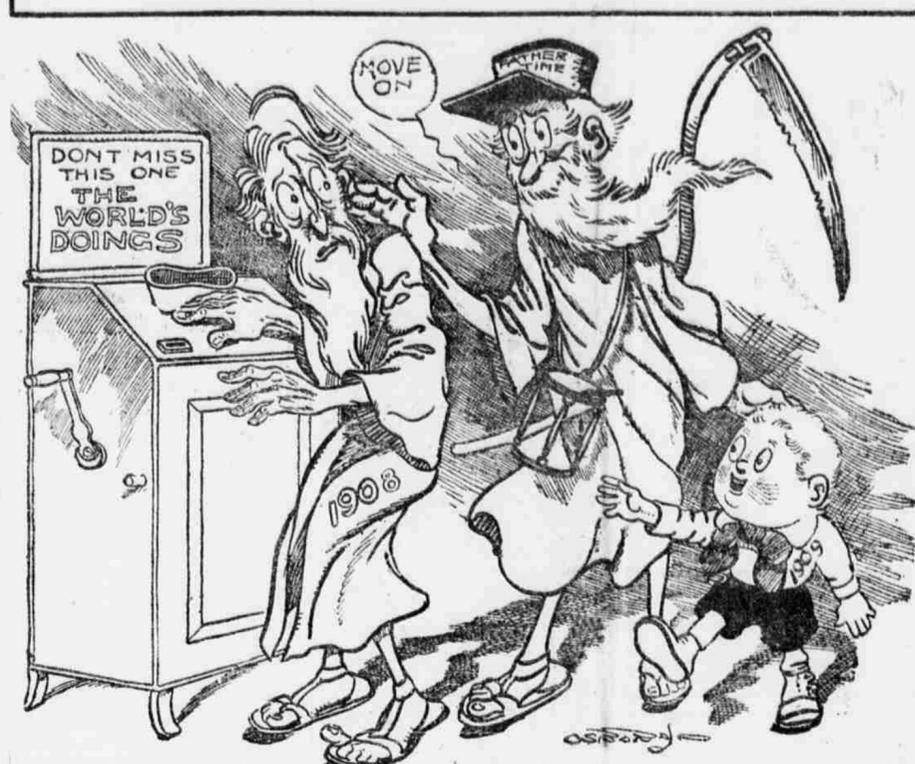
Representative Taylor May Have Balance Of Power In Speakership Fight. Shallenberger Gives No Indication Of Rewarding Gandy.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28th. '08. (Special to the CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN) Just at this time Custer County occupies a unique position among the counties of Nebraska, having the distinction of presenting to the people of the state two Democratic candidates for the vacant seat on the Supreme bench of the state, a prominent candidate for the Speakership of the House of Representatives and Jesse Gandy who is said to be a candidate for any old political job that may come rambling down the pike without some other Democrats brand already on it. Probably it is not fair to say that Custer has two "candidates" for the vacant Supreme Judgeship, inasmuch as those who want it are not supposed to dig and hustle for it but to maintain a dignified "I'll-take-it-if-it-comes-my-way" attitude and let the friends and neighbors do the hustling and the endorsing. Anyway the names of former Supreme Justice Holcomb and Attorney J. R. Dean, both of Broken Bow, are in the "pot" for this vacancy no matter how they got there and in there they will no doubt remain until Gov. Sheldon, in imitation of "Little Jack Horner" of ancient memory, "puts in his thumb and pulls out a plum"—and who will it be? It's dollars to doughnuts that it will be anybody from Custer county and your correspondent cites that fact not to "knock" on either of the eminent gentlemen who are in the limelight from grand old Custer but to state a probable fact and forecast the news in a way that the future will confirm. It hasn't all been "endorsement" and "approval" down on this end of the court-selecting game. There have been red axes swung and some of the "chops" have drawn Custer county blood and the chops have not come from opposite partisan sources but in some cases from Democratic brethren who want to see somebody else win. It is not believed among political prophets here that Judge Holcomb's chances have ever been the very best, not for any reason that would reflect on him as man or lawyer but merely that he has about had his share of the honors and emoluments of office and that there are always "others". The rumors that float about in the superheated political atmosphere of Lincoln do not favor the chances of Mr. Dean either. That there are "knocks" in his quarter is also known though the governor has throughout been as reticent as a Sphinx on this whole court matter and no man knows his mind or thoughts.

However things get "in the wind" and the wind says that the kicks on Mr. Dean do not challenge his integrity, his honor, his industry or his standing as man and citizen but that he has not yet reached that ripe estate in legal lore and broad experience which fits the lawyer for the eminence of the Supreme bench. Only that and nothing more but it is probable that the "knocking" has seriously injured Mr. Dean's chances. As a prediction, totally unofficial but extremely probable your correspondent will prophesy—that in all probability the knocks which have been lodged against the men already mentioned for this place are sufficient to show that Democratic harmony is lacking, that the bickering has pushed them all off the slate and that while a Democrat will get this appointment it will probably be a "dark horse" not yet publicly considered for the place.

Custer has a candidate for the Speakership who has some real strength, in the person of Representative W. J. Taylor, but again the political wizards predict the black eye and the clammy hand for old Custer.

THE YOUNGSTER'S TURN TO LOOK



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The same prophets who predict Mr. Taylor's inability to win admit his strength up to a certain point but insist that he has not struck a winning gait and that in the end he will have to help to grease some other fellows hand-wagon if he wants a big slice of the important "committee pie". They admit that in all probability Taylor may in the end hold a "balance of power" and can have a large share in the real organization of the House if he chooses to do so though he miss the Speakership.

Jesse Gandy is known down here as the man who did much for Shallenberger and whom Shallenberger ruthlessly turned down. The gossip is that having been "frost" for the office he really wanted Mr. Gandy is now singing that old familiar song, "I'm not particular, anything will do for me." But the Democratic dopists at the state capital wink the other eye, laugh a little and talk about the weather. If Mr. Gandy is to have "anything" nobody in Lincoln has been able to "guess out" what it is as the Democratic party is known to be about three thousand offices "short" now on the copper riveted promises made to the faithful before election. F. E. N.

When the above article was shown to Mr. Dean he stated that he had information which made him feel certain that the Republican's correspondent was incorrect in his prophesy. He feels that he is sure of the appointment if it goes to a Democrat. Mr. Dean and his friends feel that any knocking that has been done against him is entirely overthrown by his remarkable second as a trial lawyer in the District and county courts. Editor.

Eastern Star. After the regular meeting the Eastern Star L. Chapter 164 next Tuesday evening a stereopticon entertainment, will be given. Visitors are expected from Anselmo and Merna and refreshments will be served after the entertainment. The chapter will open at 7:30 and all members are requested to be present.

MAY PUT IN ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Colorado Man Here Looking Over The City And Is Favorably Impressed. Manager Sell of the Sterling, Colorado, Electric Light Company was in the city 1st Saturday looking the city over and talking with the business men about putting in an electric light plant. Mr. Sell was favorably impressed with city and thought the opportunity for an electric company good. Some of the business men met with him at Ed House's office Saturday night to talk over the matter. He made them a proposition to put in an electric light plant and consolidate it with the present gas company. He was willing to take a majority or a minority of the stock of the company if some of the local business men would take the rest. It was suggested and he agreed to draft an ordinance for a franchise under which he would be willing to put in the plant and this when it is received will be taken up by the city council.

O. J. Shaw, manager of the Aurora Electric Light Company, has also been figuring a little on the prospects for a plant here and it is expected that he will be in the city in the course of the next two weeks to take the matter up with the business men and the city council.

L. P. WILSON FINED.

Plead Guilty To Charge Of Assault And Battery.

L. P. Wilson of Round Valley plead guilty to the charge of assault and battery in police court Tuesday morning and paid his fine of five dollars and costs. He was charged with assaulting W. A. Dillavou, Wilson and Dillavou had had some trouble before about some property of Dillavou's that he had left on his place when he rented it to Wilson. Dillavou was unable to find his property and they could not agree as to what had become of it. A dispute arose in front of Spain's livery barn on the north side and Wilson struck Dillavou. After fighting a few minutes they were separated by some of Spain's men.

Claude Smith, of Keeler Colorado, has spent the past week visiting his parents in this city. Claude is now in the employ of the Four Metals Mining Company at Keeler, and is incidentally doing a little prospecting for him self on the side.

FRANK HUXTABLE COMMITS SUICIDE

AFTER AN EFFORT TO GET A RECONCILIATION WITH HIS FORMER WIFE.

TAKES BIG DOSE OF MORPHINE.

After Writing Three Letters At His Room At Midnight Sunday Huxtable Took His Fatal Dose And Was Too Far Gone When Found.

After writing three letters Sunday night at midnight Frank Huxtable of this city took morphine and died at his room in the north side of the square between 6:30 and 6:40 Monday afternoon.

Huxtable's wife left him about three years ago and she secured a divorce about two years ago. He had been trying of late to secure a reconciliation. It seems that his efforts had been partially successful, and things had been going nicely until he went down to Ravenna about a week ago and got into trouble. He was up to see his former wife at J. W. Scott's residence Sunday evening. They were sitting on the couch together talking and he suggested that they go to church. She replied that she was not feeling very well and did not think that she cared to go. A little later she changed her mind and said that she believed she would like to go. He replied, "do you think that I would go to church with you?" After a little he got up, told her that he wanted to bid her good bye forever and went out. His leaving in this manner was taken to mean that he intended to do anything rash.

Huxtable called Mr. Chadd, who rooms in the building, at 11 p. m. and asked him to call her and one of Mr. Scott's boys and tell them to come down in the morning. Mr. Chadd was awake at 2 a. m. and heard him snoring loudly but thought nothing of it as he always snored when asleep. Mr. Chadd got up at five o'clock prepared and ate his breakfast and then rapped on Huxtable's door as he went down stairs. He got no reply and called to him but Huxtable continued to snore.

Mr. Chadd went down and telephoned his message and after doing his morning work at the cream station went back up to call Huxtable and tell him to get ready for Mrs. Huxtable to come down. Huxtable was still snoring and did not reply to his calling and knocking at the door. He tried door and thought it was locked.

THE CANDIDATES BEGIN TO APPEAR

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MOST OF THEM REPUBLICANS

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THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE.

One Of Moore's Popular Ranges In The Model Kitchen.

Registration for the school of Agriculture to be held here from January 11 to 16 is progressing fairly well. A guarantee of 250 students was made and President Ream and Secretary Haumont hope to be able to make it 300. When the week's instruction can be secured for one dollar it should be an easy matter to get the required number.

The instructors in the domestic science department of the women's section will have what they consider a model kitchen for the housewife. For this they have selected one of Moore's popular glass oven door ranges and one of the Chatham fireless cookers. This speaks very highly for Moore's ranges and the Chatham fireless cookers both of which are sold by Miller and Kennedy on the south side of the square.

School Of Agriculture Prizes.

The Commercial Club of this city offers the following prizes to the students at the School of Agriculture who bring in exhibits. For best 10 ears corn \$4, \$3, \$2, \$1 For best ear of corn \$3, \$2, \$1 For best loaf of bread \$3, \$2, \$1 J. G. Brenizer of this city offered to supplement these prizes as follows:

For best ten ears of corn \$2 00 For best ear of corn \$2 00 For best loaf of bread \$3 00 For best loaf of corn bread \$3 00 These prizes are to be given in addition to the prizes offered by the Commercial Club. Mr. Brenizer expects to be an exhibitor and in case that he should win he agrees to accept the ribbon and waive the prize money for distribution among the other exhibitors.

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PHELPS SPURTS TO SECOND.

Olmstead Passes 100,000 Mark And Others Make Gains.

The contestants have shown considerable activity this week with a promise of big results for next week. Some of the contestants are said to be holding back votes for future use. Olmstead passed the 100,000 mark this week and Phelps took a spurt that landed him in second place. The following is the vote:

Guy W. Olmstead	102,000
O. M. Phelps	52,000
Joy V. Reeder	40,000
Warren Cline	32,000
B. F. Lewis	15,000
Jesse Price	15,000
Minnie Griffith	14,500
Ray S. Waterbury	14,000
Bernice Scott	12,500
Della Ellingston	10,500
Mabel Lewis	5,000
Guy McGowan	5,000
Lizzie Mitten	5,000
Clifford Jordan	5,000
George Keltner	5,000
Maud McLean	5,000

FOR SALE—For ten days we offer the Tappen Pool hall and Bowling Alley. This must be sold on account of sickness in Mr. Tappen's family. Inquire of Oscar Tappen or the Security State bank. 30.21.