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Next Week is Your Last Opportunity to Get The Republican For Fifty Cents Per Year.

## REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR STRONG

HE IS TAKING LEADING PART IN WORK OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

### IS "NOT WORKING AT TRADE."

Taylor Finds a "Joker" in W. J. Bryan's Bill Making The University A School of Citizenship and Sends It Back to the Committee.

Lincoln, Nebr., Jan 24 (Special to the REPUBLICAN.) Custer County occupies a peculiar position in this session of the legislature. In the person of Rep. W. J. Taylor, Custer has one of the strong men of the House. The house boasts an overwhelming Democratic majority and on points of genuine contest Mr. Taylor is usually right and that places him frequently against his democratic colleagues because they are usually in the wrong and that makes the situation peculiar for Mr. Taylor. All the same Mr. Taylor is not backward in asserting that he is "a Democrat" and that recalls an occasion in the joint session when he made that assertion and Senator Ransom, the Omaha democratic boss of the senate, retorted, "If you are a democrat you are not working at the trade;" all of which is considered by most people here to be much to Mr. Taylor's credit. Taylor punctured another little democratic scheme in the House last Saturday. A bill was up for consideration defining the departments that might be maintained in the state University. It read so much like the law already on the book that Taylor looked to find the "joker" as a legislative "trap" is usually called. The young democrat who had introduced the bill made an explanation that didn't explain and all the time Taylor was looking and thinking. Then he found it. A single line hid in the bill gave the regents authority to do anything they saw fit in this matter "at their discretion." Then Taylor "hung it on" to his Democratic brethren and succeeded in getting the bill recommitted with a specific amendment taking the "joker" out of the bill. It is shown here that W. J. Bryan has been figuring on the expansion of the University to create a "school of citizenship" which was no doubt to be a political department at the expense of the state and other methods failing this was adopted as the line of action.

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### Standing of Contestants

Guy W. Olmstead.....	175,000
O. M. Phelps.....	148,000
Joy V. Reeder.....	107,000
Warren Cline.....	112,000
E. F. Lewis.....	68,000
Jesse Price.....	67,000
Minnie Griffith.....	67,500
Ray S. Waterbury.....	76,000
Bernice Scott.....	64,500
Della Ellington.....	103,500
Mabel Lewis.....	56,000
Guy McGowan.....	67,000
Lizzie Mitten.....	59,000
Clifford Jordan.....	85,000
George Keltner.....	55,000
Maud McLean.....	55,000

### Dutch Supper.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church will serve a Dutch Supper next Thursday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the Temple Theatre. Every-body come and bring your change with you. Don't forget the date Thursday February 4th.

## ANOTHER ELECTRIC LIGHT MAN

Manager O. J. Shaw of Aurora Here Monday Looking Over The City And Will Submit Franchise.

Manager O. J. Shaw, of the Aurora Electric Light Co., was in the city last Monday looking over the city with a view of submitting a proposition to the city council to secure a franchise to put in an Electric Light system here. Mr. Shaw conferred with Mayor George and Councilman Baisch, Ledwich and Kimberling at the city hall Monday afternoon. He was unable to be present at the regular meeting of the Council Wednesday night and will submit to the council sometime in the next two weeks such a franchise as would be satisfactory to him.

Mr. Shaw stated that the business men of the city had given him considerable encouragement and that he found the majority of them in favor of electric lights. He thought it would require the expenditure of more than the average amount of capital required to wire a town of Broken Bow's population, on account of the fact, that the city is scattered out over considerable territory. He also found the freight rates on coal to be higher than he had anticipated, and he stated that the cost of operating an electric light system in Broken Bow would probably be considerably greater than the cost of operating a system in Aurora. He will submit a franchise, under which he will be willing to put in a system to the city council for their consideration and it is expected that they will take the matter up at their next regular meeting.

## COMPANY IS HARD TO BEAT

The Benjamin Stock Company Has Very Successful Work In Broken Bow. They Will Be In Merna Next Week

The Benjamin Stock Co., of which John Benjamin is Mgr. and owner opened a weeks engagement at the Opera House Monday Jan. 25th. The business has been something phenomenal having been larger than any Repertoire show ever showing in the city. The wonderful success is not due to the fact that John Benjamin is a Broken Bow boy, but on account of his wonderful company. Manager Groat as well as the patrons of the Opera House have pronounced the company to be by far superior to any repertoire attraction ever played in Broken Bow. The Plays are all new and up to date, and the Specialties between acts are certainly a feature deserving any amount of praise.

Mr. Benjamin has not spared money or pains to give his home town as well as surrounding towns the benefit of seeing a good show and we predict a very successful season for him and his company. Mr. Benjamin gave the people of Broken Bow a great surprise in his ability as an actor. He is very clever in every part he has played. In fact every member of his company is just as clever as he and altogether they make up a organization hard to beat.

The Company will open in Merna, Nebr., for a Three night's engagement beginning Monday Feb. 1st.

### Willings Store Robbed.

The REPUBLICAN is late this week on account of the press being broken down and before our doors are closed today (Friday) we learn that Geo. Willings' store was robbed last night. The thief entered through the back window took about \$20 from the safe and a revolver and box of cartridges from the show case.

## IS WORKING WITH THE INSURGENTS

CONGRESSMAN KINKAID HAS BEEN FIGHTING INFLUENCE OF CANNON

### WANTS HOUSE RULES REVISED

Kinkaid is Not Only Fulfilling His Campaign Promise to Note Against Cannon for Re-election But is Fighting to Lessen The Speakers Power's

Some time ago the Editor of the Republican wrote Congressman Kinkaid for information concerning his attitude towards Speaker Cannon in the National House of Representatives. Judge Kinkaid replied that he had as yet had no opportunity to fulfill his campaign promise to not support Speaker Cannon for re-election as Speaker of the House, because the House for the 61st Congress did not elect its Speaker until after March 4th.

The Editor of the Republican wrote him again, stating that his constituents here was interested mainly in knowing in what way he was using his influence against the influence of Speaker Cannon in the House; that the tendency was to believe that the so-called "insurgents," who were attempting to secure a revision of the rules of the House taking away a part of the power now exercised by the speaker, represented the most progressive element of the Republicans in the House and that the people would like to know what Congressman Kinkaid was doing to aid them. To this Judge Kinkaid made the following reply:

Jan. 23, 1909.

Herbert G. Myers,  
Broken Bow, Nebr.

My dear Mr. Myers:

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 16th inst., by which you write me further as to what I may have been doing in the way of opposition to the official influence of Mr. Cannon. In my reply to your first letter I stated that nothing had been done or could be done by the present Congress, which is the 60th Congress, in the way of the election of a speaker for the 61st Congress to commence March 4th, and while your last letter virtually grants this to be true, you further state in effect that my constituents regard the "insurgent" element as the most progressive of the Congress and that newspaper reports have failed to identify me with this element. You state that "the main proposition under consideration is, in what way have you been using your influence against the influence of Speaker Cannon?" replying will say, the only way worthy of mention in which opposition to speaker Cannon has been manifested by the "insurgent" element during the session has been by adjitating a change of the rules to the end that less power be conferred upon the speaker and more be reserved to the membership fundamentally. What have I done in this respect? Practically I have done the same as other "insurgents", not so much as Col. Hepburn of Iowa, Mr. Gardner of Mass., or Mr. Hayes of Calif, who have been the most active and conspicuous, but more than a few and certainly as much as the average. I have attended all the meetings save one when it was impracticable, and I am pretty confident that every other member identified with the movement, not excepting the chair-

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## HAVE INTRODUCED ONE HUNDRED BILLS

EACH HOUSE OF STATE LEGISLATURE CONSIDERING ABOUT 50 NEW LAWS.

### TAYLOR FIVE; OLLIS NINE.

Considerable Number Deal With Amendments to Road Laws, School Laws, Revenue Laws, Divorce Laws, And The Liquor Question.

Taylor Of Custer.

H. R. 69—Amending the free high school law requiring the pupil to pay the fees instead of the school district when the pupil or parents are worth over \$2,000.

H. R. 73—Defines duties of moderator of school district.

H. R. 81—Amending road laws.

H. R. 82—Providing canvass of returns on constitutional amendments be made by state canvassing board.

H. R. 83—Providing payment of damages occasioned by abandonment of country roads.

Ollis of Valley:

S. F. 55—To license carriages, automobiles and other vehicles.

S. F. 56—Providing that property used for school purposes for private gain shall not be exempt from taxation.

S. F. 57—For a mechanics' lien upon windmills and pumps and wells.

S. F. 58—To require railroad companies to furnish a caboose equipped with a toilet room for each train carrying live stock.

S. F. 70—Requires that constitutional amendments shall be published in one newspaper in a county, designated by the governor, for three months.

S. F. 72—Railroads to report physical valuation of property to the governor annually.

S. F. 75—Puts clerk of Supreme Court on salary of 3,000 a year. The constitution gives an additional \$1,500 a year as librarian. The bill gives two deputies, one at \$1,500 and one at \$1,200.

S. F. 142—To regulate the practice of professional nursing in the state of Nebraska.

S. F. 133—To provide for the physical valuation of railroads and other public service corporations.

### Guarantee Of Bank Deposits.

The legislature is expected to pass a law for the guarantee of bank deposits at this session, but the scope and character of the law that will be enacted remains a problem. The banking law offered in the senate by Hatfield is practically the Oklahoma law and is said to have the approval of William J. Bryan, but it still rests in the hands of the committee, while the banking bill of Senator Volpp, a much different measure, is talked of by a number of democratic senators and is apparently the most favored by them. The real test will come when the bill reaches the voting stage and there are predictions that Mr. Bryan will not be well pleased with the result.

### Valuation Of Railways.

The "physical valuation of railways" is a democratic platform promise and is represented in the bill offered in the senate by Ollis of Valley. It provides for the physical valuation of railways and all public service corporations but confines the latter term to express, telegraph and telephone companies. The bill places the work of valuation on the state railway commission.

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## ARRESTED FOR WIFE BEATING

Trouble in Family at Round Valley Results in Arrest and Children May be Taken From Parents.

Mrs. Julia Riser of Round Valley, filed a complaint in the County Court Monday against her husband Levi Riser charging him with cruel treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Riser were married about nine years ago. She claims that she left him about a year ago and that he induced her to come back and live with him. She charges that he has used knives and clubs on her, has pulled her hair and beat her up generally, and that she bears scars of his abuse. She charges that she tried to leave the house last Sunday and he grabbed her by the hair and pulled her back, knocked her down and jumped on her with his knees. The children began to beg him not to kill their mother and he allowed her to get up.

Mr. Riser in a conversation admitted "that he had not been just as kind as he should have been, perhaps," and says that he was provoked to do what he has done, through her refusal to properly care for the children and keep house for him. She, he alleges has put in a large part of her time reading novels and that she allowed the house to become filthy and the children were not properly clothed or fed.

It is said that after she left Sunday he cleaned up the house taking out two scoop shovels full of dirt.

Mr. Riser who is a blacksmith at Round Valley was arrested Tuesday by Sheriff Kennedy and he was allowed to go out on bond Wednesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Riser are the parents of seven children, the oldest of which is seven years old and the youngest are two six months old twins. County Attorney Gadd and Judge Humphrey considers that the first thing to be taken care of is the children, and action was brought in the juvenile court to determine what should be done with them. It is probable that the children will be placed under the guardianship of the county officers and placed in families where they can be properly cared for. They are now being cared for by relatives at Round Valley. The trial of Mr. Riser, to determine whether or not he shall be placed under peace bond, will come up in the County court Monday.

## JUDGE HOLCOMB HAS RESIGNED

Kearney Man Will Try To Get Judge Dean's Seat.

The Supreme Judgeship has been materially changed in the last week. Judge Silas A. Holcomb has resigned, as one of Gov. Shallenberger's appointees and W. D. Oldham will file suit in the Supreme Court Friday, to contest the right of Judge Dean of this city, to hold his place on the bench to which Gov. Sheldon appointed him.

It is expected that J. J. Sullivan of Columbus, will accept the appointment tendered him by Gov. Shallenberger and Judge Pawcett of Omaha, and Judge Root of Plattsburgh, who were appointed by both Gov. Sheldon and Gov. Shallenberger, will accept both appointments. It is expected that Mr. Oldham will bring quo warranto proceedings in the Supreme Court Friday, and the question of which set of Judges are entitled to sit on the bench, will be decided by the Supreme Court.

## FARMERS SHOULD ORGANIZE COMPANY

FARMERS CAN GET HAIL INSURANCE FOR TEN CENTS PER ACRE

### RATES ARE NOW PROHIBITIVE.

H. H. Squires Believes That if The Farmers Form a Co-operative Company They Can Secure Hail Insurance for One-Tenth Regular Rates.

H. H. Squires of this city has for some time had under consideration the formation of a farmers hail insurance company. Mr. Squires believes that under the existing conditions the hail insurance rates are so high that it practically prohibits the farmers insuring their grain against hail. The rates of the companies run from 80c to \$1.20 per acre. Mr. Squires believes that the farmers of Custer County can do what the farmers of some of the other counties have done and and through a co-operative company get their grain insured for 10c per acre.

During the year of 1907, the three Nebraska hail insurance companies paid out \$18,000 for losses in the whole State of Nebraska. There are in Custer County about 5,200 voters, 1600 of whom are in the seven largest towns in the county in the rural or farming districts. Mr. Squires believes that if one-third of this 4500 farm voters would insure crops in a co-operative farmers company they could get their grain insured for 10c an acre. If 1500 farmers of the County joined in the co-operative hail insurance company, only a small percent of them will be hailed out, though they all enjoy the same protection and no farmer in the County should hesitate to insure his grain against hail if he can get the insurance for 10c an acre. No man should be without hail insurance if he can get the protection for 10c per acre, though a very large percent of them now go without the protection because the rates run from 80c to \$1.20 per acre.

If the idea of the formation of a farmers company meets with the approval of the people of the county Mr. Squires expects to call a meeting of the farmers in February for the purpose of organizing the company.

### Small Pox at Westerville.

The George Evans family of Westerville is under quarantine for small pox. M. S. Trotter of Westerville who was at the Evans house assisting in taking care of the sick for the first few days before the trouble was found to be small pox is also under quarantine. The Westerville school has been closed and the Revival meeting and the pool hall have also been closed up in order to prevent the spreading of the disease.

### Repairs Did Not Arrive.

The repairs for the REPUBLICAN'S machinery did not arrive from Omaha this week as expected and the Republican is indebted to the Custer County Beacon for printing the paper again this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer T. Bruce will entertain the Bzhu card club Friday evening, at their lovely home on the Heights. The usual series of games will be played. A late supper will be served.