

# Custer County Republican

## AFTERMATH OF THE COURT HOUSE FIRE

County Supervisors Call a Special Election Tuesday, March 1st.  
Broken Bow Township Will Be Asked to Vote Bonds.

### A Special Election.

The county board has issued a call for a special election to be held Tuesday, March 1st., for the purpose of voting on the proposition to make a five mill levy to provide funds to rebuild the court house. This levy would bring in something over \$32,000 which together with the insurance—\$13,000, it is believed would be a sufficient sum to rebuild. It is thought by some that the old foundation can be used and that the vaults will not have to be rebuilt. There is also quite a lot of brick that can be used in the walls of the new building. Ray Gadd has taken the contract to raze the walls, clean and pile the brick and remove the rubbish for which he receives \$1.00 per thousand. It is not believed that there will be any strenuous opposition to the proposition and if the result of the election is favorable the supervisors will proceed at once after the result of the election is known to let the contract for the new building.

A temporary fireproof structure is being erected in front of the Temple Theatre for the housing of the county records, aside from those of the treasurer's office. The treasurer has his office in the west room of the Security Bank and will use the bank vault for his records.

The county supervisors have secured the Opera House in which to hold district court. Judge Hostetler will convene an equity term next Monday.

### A Sad Death.

Mr. George Gildberg, of Valley, Washington, who died on the train last Saturday morning this side of Alliance, was buried in the Broken Bow cemetery last Sunday afternoon. The funeral was held at the Christian church at 2:30 p. m., Rev. Z. O. Doward the pastor, conducting the services. The large audience was deeply touched by the sad occasion.

Mr. Gildberg had been suffering for a number of months with throat trouble, and he became so afflicted that it was necessary for him, in company with his wife, to leave home in search for better assistance. After spending a few days at Hot Springs South Dakota, and receiving no encouragement from the physicians, they started for Chicago to obtain the aid of a great specialist there. But Mr. Gildberg was unable to make the trip and passed away as above stated. He leaves a wife and four small children to mourn his untimely departure. They were compelled to leave one of the little children suffering with pneumonia. He was forty-nine years, seven months and three days old. The wife and mother returned to her children on the train going west Sunday night.

Miss Amy Stephenson, of Callaway, who has been working at Alliance for several months, spent a few days the fore part of the week with her friend, Mrs. O. W. Barnard, of this city. Miss Stephenson was on her way to Callaway.

Last Sunday was the anniversary of the birth of O. H. Mevi and Ed. McComas, and, as has been customary with them for a number of years, they and their families dined together at the Burlington hotel.

Irwin Hogg and Edgar Van Dyke, of Shelton, where here the first of the week visiting their sister and aunt, Mrs. A. P. Johnson.

ATTENTION MEN. Just received a shipment of Jno. B. Stetson Hats in the new south shape.—Kiffin-Lucke Co.

### The Township Bond Question.

A meeting was held at the opera house last night by the citizens of Broken Bow township to consider the question of voting bonds to assist the county in rebuilding the court house. A large crowd turned out and considerable enthusiasm was awakened. Judge Sullivan spoke in favor of the proposition, showing that to pay a \$15,000 bond would require a levy of two mills. This would amount to about eight-tenths of a cent tax on a cow, or \$1.25 on a quarter section of land yearly for ten years. Some opposition appeared to the proposition and arguments were presented against it. To get the sense of the meeting S. P. Groat made a motion that the meeting place itself on record as favoring the proposition to vote \$15,000 township bonds to aid the county in building the court house. H. Lomax moved to amend by making the amount \$10,000. The amendment was lost and a vote was taken on the original motion which carried by a vote of 46 to 21. The meeting was then adjourned.

There is considerable opposition to the proposition, many declaring that the county does not ask nor need the help of this township to rebuild the court house. Just what future steps will be taken is not known at this time but it is presumed that a petition will be circulated asking that an election be called for a vote on this question.

### Almost—But—

F. L. Dean came near having a sure-enough fire at the Never-Close restaurant Tuesday night. He had started the fire to generate his coffee urn and his attention being called to something else neglected to turn off the gasolene until he had the "makings" of a fairly startling conflagration. An alarm was turned into the telephone office but before the fire alarm could be sounded he had the fire under control and no alarm was given. Aside from scorching the wall paper and woodwork the damage was small. Frank knows more about gasolene now than he did before Tuesday night.

Postmaster Haeble and wife, of McKinley, came over Tuesday to attend the school of agriculture. Mr. Haeble feels pretty good over the fact that the vaults in the court house proved fireproof. He thinks there is no doubt but what the majority of the voters in his part of the county will vote for the direct levy to rebuild the court house.

Rev. J. E. Aubrey will preach on "Swearing" at the Presbyterian church next Sunday night. This is at the request of the business men of the city, and there should be a large attendance of boys and young men.

New Lorraine Egyptian Tissues the finest wash fabric known at 25c. The name Lorraine is on the selvedge of the Lorraine Tissues. Insist on having Lorraine, accept no substitute.—Kiffin-Lucke Co.

Porter E. Johnson and Miss Elva Whaley, of Callaway, were married in the Grand Central parlors yesterday evening at four o'clock. Rev. J. E. Aubrey, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating.

Carl Foote and little son, Stiles, were down from Dunning Monday. Carl was a witness for Mr. McHughes who was making final proof.

Miss Springer has accepted a position with Kiffin-Lucke Co. where she will be pleased to see all her friends.

### Washington Letter.

The Nebraskans in Washington, and the colony numbers nearly three hundred, have had many reminders of their home state during the past week. With a visit from the governor, a reception to A. F. Woods, who is leaving his place as Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry for a position in the Minnesota Agriculture School, the excitement due to the activity of the Nebraska insurgents, and the stir that Senator Burkett made on the floor of the senate by trying to force the Aldrich-Hale, etc., combination to stop adjourning and get to work on the passage of the Postal Savings Bank bill and other important measures, all these things have made the Nebraskans feel more than ever that representatives of the old state are doing things, and that Nebraska is distinctly on the way.

Senator Burkett certainly rattled the dry bones of the senate leaders by his objection last Thursday to adjournment over until Monday. The motion to adjourn came from Senator Hale. Custom and long service have made him the autocrat in such matters, and the committee on order of business was not prepared for Senator Burkett's stormy protest, which came like a thunder clap. Before the motion could be put Senator Burkett sprang to his feet, and with a fervor of long-controlled impatience over the inaction and dilatory tactics of the senate bosses, he demanded that they stop dawdling, delaying adjourning, waiting, etc., and get to work; that the people had been promised a Postal Savings Bank Bill, and many other important matters, yet the senate had done little during the two months session except to consider more routine, and then "adjourn over." To a man with a passion for work and a desire to secure reform legislation, this program is intolerable, and Senator Burkett could not stand it. That fact that Senator Hale made a vigorous and scornful reply, and succeeded in passing his motion did not soothe the Nebraska Senator, who hinted at the discharge of committees that held up big bills in their hands. Senator Burkett fears that the big appropriation bills may crowd out his postal savings bank bill and is determined to prevent it if possible.

Gov. Shallenberger did not know exactly whether he was going to run for senator or make the long race for governor. In view of the political situation confronting the democrats undoubtedly Gov. Shallenberger will have to tie up with Congressman Hitchcock, upon the theory that Mayor Dahlman is going to make a really hard fight for governor. Since the visit of Shallenberger to Washington one can hear all kinds of political guesses as to the next two years. The fact is Shallenberger and Hitchcock had a long conference and undoubtedly outlined a campaign friendly to both. Just where the "little giant, W. H. Thompson, will get off is a problem. Billy Thompson has been holding the sack so long in Nebraska that he will probably continue in his position of official sack-holder for the untried.

Congressman Hinshaw, the Nebraska member, of the congressional campaign committee while playing an inconspicuous part in the organization of the committee, intimated the other night to the committee that a little broader conception of what an "insurgent" means would be acceptable; also that it might help not only the party in Nebraska, but in a number of congressional districts where the vote is close. Hinshaw stated that he believed there would be five republican congressmen from Nebraska and possibly six, instead of three as at present.

Miss Finlen of the Kiffin-Lucke Co. store, is in Omaha this week visiting friends. She will look through the wholesale houses for the new stuff.

Mrs. James McCue, of Alliance, was visiting her mother Friday and Saturday of last week. She returned to Alliance Sunday morning.

6 per cent money for Farm Loans—no commission—optional payment.—James Ledwich.

### He knows Better Now.

Last Sunday morning Joseph Pigman went down in the cellar to look after his furnace, and finding that the fire had died down he proceeded to enliven it by the aid of coal oil. He opened the furnace door and dashed a small can of oil onto the smoldering coals. He got immediate action, and also got it in the face.

The explosion which followed struck Joe in the face but he closed his eyes in time to save them, although his eyelashes were burned off. For about three hours after the accident he was unable to open his eyes and the pain of the stubs of eyelashes scratching his eyeballs was almost unbearable. Dr. Talbot was called and dressed his face, which was burned and treated his eyes to a soothing lotion, and Joe is now on the road to recovery. That the explosive properties of coal oil are always alert and on the job is one of the things that Joe knows and knows for sure. He is to be congratulated that the accident was no worse.

### Pension Increased.

Isaac Emmerson, an old soldier and one of the pioneers of this vicinity, informs us that Congressman Kinkaid writes him that the bill to increase his pension from \$12 to \$24 per month has passed both houses and only needs the signature of the president to become a law. Mr. Emmerson has not been able to perform manual labor for several years because of paralysis. This increase of pension is a just recognition of a worthy as well as a needy applicant.

### Wait for Reynolds.

B. F. Reynolds, an experienced horse buyer, will be in Broken Bow Saturday, Feb. 5th, to buy horses, mares and mules. Big draft horse, mares, chucks and express horses are wanted. He ships to three different markets and is in a position to handle any marketable horse, mare or mule and pay the highest market price. No thin, bad haired, skittish horses or mules wanted. Bring them in, its your fault if you take them home.

### Corn and Alfalfa.

Do you want to know the very best about corn culture? Prof. P. G. Holden one of the foremost authorities on corn culture has written a little book giving in detail all about corn. This book is worth many dollars to every farmer, but it can be bought for 25c per copy. Step into my business house in Broken Bow and ask for one.

WILKIE CADWELL.  
33-2t Sect'y B. B. Com. Club.

The social given by the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church last Friday night was a success in every particular. Our excellent literary and musical program was rendered to the delight of those present. After light refreshments were served a good social time was indulged in.

Our Toile-Dunord Gingham at 12 1/2c is the talk of all the ladies at the Domestic Science school. Buy the new stuff and standard make. It costs you no more than plunder and gives better satisfaction.—Kiffin Lucke Co.

Fred W. Harris and Harve Springman, of Ansley, came up Tuesday on business. While in town Fred called and renewed his subscription to The Republican for another year.

Carpenters are busy this week on W. H. O'Rourke's new feed store. The building is located in the center of the site vacated by the Bruce Lumber Co., facing the south.

Misses Nellie Amsberry and Eva Weimer, of Mason City, are attending the school of domestic science here this week.

Have you seen our new Spring shoes for men. The Harlow. Take a look.—Kiffin-Lucke Co.

L. H. Shumate, of Kearney, transacted business here the first of the week.

See our new Rushings on sale Saturday at 19c per yard.—Kiffin-Lucke Co.

## FARMERS AND WIVES OWN THE TOWN

The Custer County School of Agriculture and Domestic Science  
Creates Considerable Interest for Those Who Attend.

### School of Agriculture.

The initial session of the Custer County School of Agriculture and Domestic Science opened at the opera house Monday morning. The forenoon session was devoted to organization and detail work.

The time from 1:30 to 4:30 in the Dairy department. Profs. C. W. Mellick and J. W. Dawson gave a practical demonstration of milk and cream testing, using the milk from five cows. The cows are milked night and morning, the milk weighed and a record of weight and tests kept, thus making the demonstration practical in every sense.

In the agricultural department the same time was taken by Prof. A. E. Nelson with a lecture on the Examination of Types of Corn. This, too, was practical. The Prof. used the many different types of corn to illustrate his lecture.

Monday night the session was of a social nature. A few short speeches of welcome were made, vocal and instrumental music indulged in and a general "getting acquainted-time" had.

Tuesday morning the class listened to a lecture by Prof. A. E. Nelson on The Methods of Growing, Selecting and Caring for Seed Corn. The lecture was of much interest and profit to the hearers.

A lecture on Milk and Milk Secretions by Prof. Mellick was the subject in the Dairy department and evoked considerable interest.

The afternoon in the Agricultural department was devoted to corn scoring, and in the Dairy department to the question of judging dairy stock.

Tuesday night State Superintendent Bishop lectured on the "Relationship of Agriculture to the Schools." His lecture was interesting and instructive and was attentively listened to by his large audience. The evening's entertainment was enlivened with music, both vocal and instrumental.

The session Wednesday forenoon was taken up with Prof. Nelson's lecture on "Soil Problems Involved in Corn Culture" and Prof. Mellick's lecture "The Dairy Cow." Both lectures were interesting and instructive.

In the afternoon the program consisted of judging dairy stock and practice of scoring local varieties of corn.

In the evening Prof. H. R. Smith, superintendent of animal husbandry at the state agricul-

tural school, lectured on "Meat Production," and made his talk very interesting. Mr. Smith undertook to show the reason for present high price of meat. His belief being that underproduction was the cause. Some of his hearers might take issue with the professor but they will have to admit that he made a good case.

Tonight Hon. Ed. P. Brown, of Lancaster county, or Gov. Shallenberger will be the speaker.

Tomorrow night Prof. A. L. Haecker, of the University of Nebraska, will lecture on the subject, "Does Dairying Pay in Nebraska?" Prof. Mellick will also deliver an illustrated lecture on "Sanitation in Care of Milk and Modifying Milk for Infants."

### School of Domestic Science.

The Domestic Science Department under the instruction of Miss Rowen, Mrs. Blair and Miss Sabin, is a whirlwind of success. Ninety-eight ladies are enrolled as members, beside seventy-five high school girls and about one hundred girls from the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The girls are only present at the afternoon sessions, but their interest is even greater than that of the older members. Last night at 6:30 the Domestic Science Club gave a supper to the Boys' Farm Club. A large number were present and the boys were unanimous in the verdict that the girls know something about cooking and serving a meal.

The Domestic Science Department will entertain the members and the officers and instructors at a tea this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### The Farmers Institute.

The program for the Farmers Institute is a good one and it will pay every farmer in the country to attend. The speakers are all practical men in their line and have given their subjects a practical study. The corn judging contest will be conducted by Prof. Nelson, who is authority on the question. C. C. Marshall, secretary of the state horticultural society, will speak on the subject, "Relation of Horticulture to the Farm." Prof. John Bower, of Lincoln, will speak on the "Opportunities of Dairying in Nebraska." Prof. Bower will also conduct a dairy cows judging contest by members of the class. Other matters of agricultural interest will probably be discussed.

### Marriage Licenses.

John Hale, Ansley ..... 29  
Jessie Mabel Kimball, Ansley ..... 29  
Frank O. Gunter, Arnold ..... 21  
Mildred A. Spain, Broken Bow ..... 20  
Jeremiah Tupper, Buda ..... 28  
Lillian McGinn, Anslemo ..... 28  
Porter E. Johnson, Callaway ..... 24  
Elva Whaley, Callaway ..... 19  
William J. Mott, Oconto ..... 25  
Hilda Weeks, Oconto ..... 18  
Joseph C. Wright, Broken Bow ..... 25  
Lena Porter, Broken Bow ..... 19  
Charles Gutherie, Dunning ..... 35  
Dixie E. Relter, Dunning ..... 37  
Charles Collan, Lodi ..... 26  
Ella Pitt, Oconto ..... 22  
Harry R. Ashbaugh, Anslemo ..... 21  
Clara A. Hunt, Anslemo ..... 25  
Charles Williams, Broken Bow ..... 23  
Addie Hendricks, Broken Bow ..... 19

The last five couples were married by the county judge.

6 per cent money for Farm Loans—no commission—optional payment.—James Ledwich.

T. M. Byers, of Lillian, was in town Tuesday and made this office a pleasant call.

Some new dress good that just came in yesterday at Kiffin-Lucke Co.

### A Family Reunion.

Bert Johnson and wife, of Minden, who have been here the past two weeks visiting their sons, A. P., J. W., Ben and Ed., left for home this morning. This is the first time all of the boys and their parents have been together since 1894. They visited the photographer and had a family group taken embracing the parents, children and grandchildren, twenty in number. Mr. Johnson and wife are Kearney county pioneers and have raised a family of boys of which they are justly proud.

Mrs. Tom Allen and daughter, of Brewster, were in Broken Bow Tuesday between trains. They were on their way to Iowa on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joy Thorpe and son, of Mason City, are visiting his parents this week.

Kindling and Nigger Head lump coal, etc., at Dierts' Lumber & Coal Co.