## THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1898.

Culberson had many friends in town; be-THE CANDIDATE. By GEIK TURNER. 

(Copyright, 1898, by the Author.) (Copyright, 1895, by the Author.) In some parts of the country there may much pleased with his interview. When he the ranks of the men who do things. Big. be still isolated specimens of the type of ex-Lieutenant Governor Culberson. With us on his health. broad-shouldered, rough and shrewd, he was the typical guardian spirit of a cotton mill

he remained for years the last solitary rep-resentative of the fine old-fachioned political crnor, " he said. leaders, who lived with the ideals of Webster The "governor" acknowledged the compli-

and Calhoun and Clay still before them. His ment. tall and stately figure, his smooth-shaven "By the way, 'governor,' " said Wilson, face, his stock and his long-tailed legis-"are you older or younger than I am?" lator's coat of the type preserved in famous "You arc-"

"Sixty-seven."

statesmen's pictures, but now extinct as the dodo in real life, all remained still fixed in the minds of those who were honored in

said the "governor." "I am 68." many speeches by his opening apostrophe of "fellow citizens." In the smallest detail of life he conducted himself with the dignity its footsteps on the stairs "Sam" Wilson becoming a man on whom a thousand eyes were fixed; his very use of his handkerchief and shook his head. was a survival of the days of snuff; his speeches, bla critics declared, were things of magnificent distances.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Culberson had and thirsting, but expecting fervently to be Ten years is a considerable slice out of an individual's life, but it is rather toss than it usually takes for the governorship we have to divide it between ourselves at the county seat at Westchester and the manufacturing town of Johnsonville, ten

wanted to run. This strange phenomenon was brought about by perfectly natural causes. Miles Holcomb was the head of the the typical guardian spirit of a cotton mill and he recognized that there was his place.

Once he had taken time to play lieutenant governor for a term, but that was only side issue. He was not anxious to let the big machine trundle along by itself for two years while he went off to play governor. When he first read his name in the paper, it was rumored as a remarkable fact

not care to hand over to Johnsonville any-

Sam Wilson had his work cut out for

him and he knew it. And the worst part

of it was, his candidate was not sure he

thing we can reasonably keep ourselves.

among the men who would have laid down their lives to be governor for one month, that he ewore vigorously. But no one knew better than Sam Wil-

man.

governor," his friends said.

when I'm governor."

to his friends.

I am not very strong, I fear, sir."

and esteemed fellow-citizen."

effort of the morrow.

"He's

cane, tramped heavily away. As he heard son the man he had to deal with, or the tools he had to use. Within twenty-four sank back again into his old office chair hours Sam was visited by a half dozen Johnsonville politicians, among them two Wilson had followed the world closely or three friends of Holcomb. These he in-

through his gold-bowed spectacles, and he structed to win Holcomb around immelived in a different generation from "Gov- diately. It isn't every day that the nomcolor, there was a little quaver in his voice ernor" Culberson. In the old school of pol- ination for governor comes knocking at a and an uncertainty in his step, which had waited ten years to be governor, hungering itics a man had become just ripe for gov- man's door, said Sam. "Besides, you can never been there before. His clothes were ernor at 68; now a man in his greatest tell him it won't hurt his business any to not so carefully tended to and there began strength was none too strong. Sam Wilson have had the title of governor. You want to be a suspicion of dinginess on his imremembered with a balf smile the to start at him right off, too, because the maculate shirt front, days when a fine figure and man- Culberson fellows from here will be over

to revolve around to our section-and then ners and an unexceptional family right away to see what he will do. You've | People began to see that he was an old were chief among the qualifications got an early start and you want to keep for the governorship. The governor must be a fighting man now, with the physique of Sam Wilson was right. After thinking

an athlete, the intellect of a criminal law- the matter over a couple of days, the Culmiles away. A great many things happen in ten years, yer and nerves like telegraph wires. Ar- berson circle decided to approach Holcomb but the ambition of the Culbersons is mad, rayed against him was the eleverest band to learn his position. They found him still

"Ah, then, sir, I am a year your senior,

The stately old figure, with its gold-headed



of stern stuff. Governor Culberson's grandfather had been governor and his father a senator, he intended to live up to the family

traditions. As a matter of fact he was al-

sides we have a natural feeling that we do of the many instnuations of his personal friends that he could be persuaded to run. turned slowly away and started down the enacted. platform steps. A little district telegraph boy, who was at the press tables below, It is not a time when the people arise unassisted, and whatever popular uprising helped him on with his coat and watched there was favored Holcomb. He was a suc cessful business man, an employer of many him with awe, as he plodded slowly to the people-and on the whole a kind one-and door. He went straight to the station and he had the powerful reputation of a "bot-

took the first train back to his empty home. tomless barrel" with the politicians. I saw him on the train. He was crouched The campaign for the nomination went or lown in the corner of the seat. His hat with a rush. The northern end of the state was drawn down over his eyes, his stock soon awung into line for our man and the was somewhat awry and his shirt front metropolitan press there was full of such was disarranged and rumpled. He was phrases as "a captain of industry," "man of staring steadily at the back of the seat beenergy and decided character," "a power in fore him. It was the sort of thing a man financial circles." There were progressive does not enjoy watching.

enthusiasm and pride in our own section. Take Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in time and you will not get consumption. 25c. Very few of us now noticed the tall, gaunt figure, who did not rejoice at our feast. For a few days after he realized that his case INTERESTING DISCUSSION IN DENVER

was hopeless Governor Culberson remained Origin of Law Against Coining Money at his home, partly because he was physically prostrated by the blow and partly be-Traced to a Peculiar Situation. The Clark & Gruber coin which was cause he thought the eyes of every one would stolen from one of the museums in the capbe on him in the streets in pity and scorn itol building at Denver two months ago As a matter of fact, people did not think of him at all, further than to understand in and for the theft of which J. Baugh was a general way that he was sick. When tried and acquitted in the criminal court was a relic of high intrinsic value to the he did drive out again they noticed how state, as only a few of the coins are in exchanged he was by his iffness. Indeed, it was almost startling; his face had lost its listence today. Soon after the discovery of gold in Colo-

rado, Clark, Gruber & Co. of Leavenworth established a banking house in Denver and did a large business in gold dust, which was shipped to the parent house in Leavenworth. Later on it occurred to Mr. Gruber, the junior member of the firm and now a resident of Cripple Creek, that if the coin "You must take care of yourself, could be made in Denver expense of transportation could be saved, as the gold coins In the meantime the boom for Miles Holcould be paid out in exchange for the dust comb still huried along. The caucuses went or bullion instead of sending the dust by express to Leavenworth and having the lawyer from the north was to be made lieu-

coined money sent back to Denver. tenant governor. All records for harmony Attorneys in Denver were consulted and were surpassed. The question now arose as while all seemed to believe that to coin to who would present the name of our can-United States money was against the law didate before the state convention. Holno statute bearing on the subject could be comb, who had warmed up to the game by found. To settle the question Mr. Gruber this time, was very much interested in this. went to Leavenworth and acquainted his He made up his mind he must have "Goy" partners with the proposition and the result Culberson, and with characteristic directness of his investigations. They were increduhe went to him and asked for his services. lous, as it seemed impossible that a govern-"My dear sir," replied the old gentleman ment like that of the United States should with dignity, "while I appreciate the disexist without a law for the prevention of tinguished honor you offer me. I fear 1 the counterfeiting of its own coin. The shall be obliged to decline. I could not do matter was submitted to the attorney of the firm, an eminent fawyer in St. Louis, "O, thunder," said Holcomb, "If I had only who, after a careful examination of the half your gift of gab, I'd be a happy man. statutes passed by congress since the foun-As it is, I lie awake nights thinking of how dation of the government, decided that there many different kinds of fool I'm going to be was no law in the United States against the coining of money by individuals. Ma-

Culberson pleaded hard. "Mr. Holcomb, chinery was therefore purchased and the he said, "I am not what I have been. I coining commenced. am an old man, sir. I will tell you con-Clark & Gruber coined the first money in fidentially, sir, that my sleep is very broken

Denver in 1860, in the building now occuand my appetite has been leaving me lately. pied by the United States branch mint at Sixteenth and Market streets. The building But Holcomb insisted and finally the old was built and owned by them until Uncle Sam bought it in 1866. The State Historical "I could not refuse with honor," he said society has half a dozen of the Clark & Gruber coins of the denomination of \$2.50, \$5 The choice of ex-Lieutenant Governor Culand \$10.

berson to present the name of our candi-date at the state convention," said the Her-The one that was stolen belonged to the war relic museum. It was a \$5 gold piece ald, "is a happy one. There is now no On one side of it is the American eagle with other figure in our section of the state the words "Pike's Peak Gold, Denver," or indeed in the commonwealth that comprinted in circular form around the edge, mands greater respect than our honored with the letters 5D below the eagle. On the reverse side is the head of the

At last the day before the convention woman, the same as contained on all Amercame and we sent up a special train with ican coin, around which are thirteen stars and the words "Clark, Gruber & Co." The our candidate. In the prospective governor's car, back toward the rear, sat old "Gov" date is 1860. In 1862 Mr. Gruber had some business in Culberson, a strange, erect, impassive

figure, amid the clouds of tobacco smoke. Washington and while there was introduced That evening he went for a short time with to Salmon P. Chase of Ohio, then secretary the rest, through the corridors of the hotel, of the treasury, and the father of the greenwhere the committee headquarters were, back, as the man who was coining United and watched, as he had many times before. States coin in Denver.

"Do you mean to say that you are imithe spirit of Americanism worshipped with the incense of cigars and mixed drinks. tating United States coin?" Mr. Chase He did not know many people there now, however, and he went to bed early for his asked.

Mr. Gruber acknowledged that he was and in response to an inquiry pulled some \$20 pieces from his nocket Mr. Chas

people naturally did not consider it, in spite group at the center of the stage. The old mint at Denver. In the following year the less it is that a cook weare her mistress dresses, whereas, if I were to fall in love with somebody else, it would necessitate anman looked uncertainly at the crowd, then law now in force against counterfeiting was

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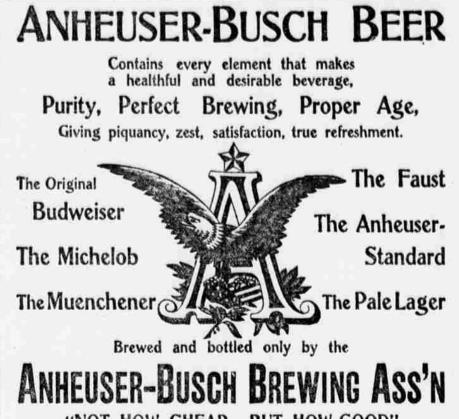
WINE ..... Cook's

The plant was sold to the government for other wardrobe. The plant was soid to the government for \$50,000 and as no provision was made for bits arms; for his evident sincerity touched her deeply. coining, the machinery was stored away until a few months ago when it was taken out and presented to the State Historical

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel society. It is now on exhibition at the capi-Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation There are more cases of piles cured by this than all others combined.

Japan Protecting Its Fisheries.

SEATTLE, Nov. 7 .- Late advices from Japan state that it is likely the seal and otter hunters will be prohibited from fish-ing and hunting off the coast of Japar Detroit Journal: "But I am only your mother's cook!" protested the sweet girl. "Why do you fall in love with me?" Japan before the fleet sails next rear. Japan is trying to foster deep sea fishing, and The rich young man in the society drama thought deeply for awhile. "I don't know," he finally answered, "un-hibition can be made. go into



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ways called "governor," the title is much shorter and easier to say than "lieutenant governor." At the beginning of the decade when he had just retired from the lieutenant governorship, "Governor" Culberson was the most prominent figure in our section of the state. He strove with every power he possessed, consistent with the dignity to retain the position. He was as erect and hearty as a young athlete and as particular in his appearance as a bridegroom waiting for his bride. In the meantime his wife, a beautiful old-time gentlewoman, had died and his children had all moved away, but the fine old-fashioned figure remained among the ruins of the home, still staring at the prize which should consummate his career. Early in the spring of the eventful year "Governor" Culberson made his first call on Sam Wilson at the Herald office-the once noted "Sam," now only a memory in the minds of those queer gray old newspaper men, who have come down to us from another generation. The "governor's" barouche drew up to the curbing before the office and the "governor" himself followed the steps of many another illustrious man up the dingy stairs until he penetrated to the Herald asserted. the presiding genius of the place, seated in his little untidy temple with the sacrificial piles of dusty newspapers around him. In the history of the underside of things, which will never be published, Sam Wilson waa visors considered the choice already made. the greatest figure in his state. Other men Was there any such candidate in our part made fame and history; Sam Wilson made of the state? they asked, convincingly. He the men. And many an unformed soul from also received many calls and many letters the outer world which surrounds politics from homeless politicians who wished to had clambered up there, pleading to be made put themelves on record. and many men famous in local history had come in submissively at all hours of the day and night to beg a favor or to ask advice, and many a letter came into that old black walnut desk, franked from the white house itself, asking information from tion, sir. the man who knew more about the state than any one else alive and who did not the task there was before him, but he went fear to tell the truth about it. at it with his customary vigor.

When "Governor" Culberson opened the door of Sam Wilson's little den he recognized in a dim way that he had reached a crisis in his affairs. He had never himself for 1 have been thinking over that matter experienced the power of the man, yet he pretty hard and I'd like to talk it over with had often observed it in the fortunes of you. I'll tell you how I see it. You know others. Sam Wilson sat before him at his how we are fixed. The times are hard, desk, a gray old schoolmaster of politicians, devilish hard, and there's a gang of rascals staring at him over his gold-bowed spec- up there at the state house who would rob a tacles. Wilson showed no surprise at the communion box. It'll be a hard fight, but we visit; sooner or later they all came up to want to knock them out and we want a man him. Yet, in his gruff way he was very cor. from this end of the state to do it-a young He shook hands warmly, cleared a man and a business man. I've given the dial. chair for his visitor from the accumulations matter a good deal of time and I think I have hit upon the right man for the place-If papers and rose and closed the glass door, Then the two old men sat down together, of Johnsonville." He stopped a moment to waiting for the first move-the one with the give emphasis to his words. hope in his breast for the fulfilment of the ambition of his life and the other able in a sense to give it to him or, at least, to get it for him.

But the Culbersons are not the stuff that supplients are made of. The "governor" was a petitioner at the power of the press, but he had no intention of losing his dignity. After some political gossip between them he made his whole proposition.

governor, sic. Good day, sir." "I have come, sir," he said, "to remind you of what you are aware doubtless already. that our section of the state has the prior work." he said. claim on the nomination for governor this year. It is my desire to ask you to agitate the subject, sir, in the columns of your He must bring out in the morning the Hernewspaper. It would be a valued favor to ald's candidate. He bent all the best eneryour section, sir, to make our claim on the gies of a veteran political pleader into his office apparent at this time, before those appeal for Miles Holcomb. And to close up people in the northern section of the state all avenues of retreat he quoted "Governor" claim it again on some pretext or other." Sam Wilson assented readily to the prop-

esition. He had been planning to do this "ex-Lieutenant Governor Culberson, when for some little time, he said, and he was very glad that the "governor" had come in warm opinion of the choice." to remind him of it. Nothing further on the This announcement of a



of sharpers that the country afforded, hired | undecided and, in spite of the assaults of by princely pay for what they could steal by his friends, still with a leaning to decline, outwitting the representatives of the people which they hoped to encourage The Johnsonville men, in the meantime and especially this one man. The governor's work was not for a benevolent old gentle- posted back to Wilson in alarm. man. It may be different in some other obstinate as the temperance vote," said one of them. "He says he can't afford it; 'it states, but we are killing governors at 45. Nevertheless, Sam Wilson wanted the govwill cost him \$25,000 a year out of the busirnorship for our section and began to call ness and heaven knows how much more, for it most heartily. At the northern end and he naver was much on luxuries." "What if it does?" said Sam. "He can of the state there was some tendency to deafford it, can't he? Now, I tell you what mur at first, but the general drift of events' seemed favorable to us. There would be I'd do if I were in this thing. I'd get the people started. The people want Holcomb, no difficulty in finding the proper candidate,

or they will want him, and it's about time they were heard from. You go over and It was at this time that "Governor" Cul get up a rousing citizens' meeting in Johnberson began to enjoy a foretaste of the sonville and let him hear from it. That's joys of victory. The old-fashioned country what I'd do.' politicians who formed his council of ad-

The politicians set off immediately and the citizens' meeting was brought off the first night the village band had an open date. There was a crowd brought out in one way and another and a delegation of leaders was chosen to present the call of the

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people. The Herald announced the next morning that, in the light of such a demonstration from the heart of the people, there could be no doubt that any hesitancy which Mr. Holcomb might have felt about accepting the nomination would be overcome and quoted Latin to prove it. No man could afford to disregard such a call.

But the Johnsonville men were still in loubt about their man. He was of a Scotch-Irish brand, which dislikes to be driven. "Send him over to consult with me, if

you want to," said Wilson. "He's been here before." Finally they induced Holcomb to drop in and for a solemn period of three hours the glass door was closed, while the two men talked it over. Wilson began with congratulations and continued with the air of a man who sees resistance impossible. 'When a man has the governorship thrown at him like a bouquet," he said, "he can't afford to refuse to pick it up. Personally I look at these things as a disinterested party, but it's mighty important for you not to make a false move here."

"But, good Lord, Wilson," said Holcomb, imagine me trying to make a speech." "We don't want you as an orator; we

do you think? How would Holcomb do for want you to work. You can say how-de-do The old man had been gradually stiffenand we'll get an oratorical lieutenant governor to do the talking." ing up for the blow during Wilson's ex-Holcomb went out in a state of submis plosive conversation. His face was nearly sion and in the morning the Herald officially purple when it fell. He arose to his feet. announced that Mr. Holcomb would cer-"Mr. Holcomb is an admirable man, sir," tainly stand for the nomination for the he said. "No doubt he would make a good "He is the man for the governorship. place," it said, "the people have demanded

Sam Wilson mopped his face as the old him. man stamped down the stairs. "That's Such modern methods of political war-But Sam Wilson had something more to

coterie. They were overwhelmed in the occupy his mind that day than sentiment. beginning in dignified defeat. After his first rebuff "Gov" Culberson could not be induced to have Wilson approached in any way in his interest.

"I refuse, sir," he said, when urged re-Culherson on the nomination, "That vetpeatedly, "to have any communication whatever with that poltroon-that dirty scriberan leader of the party," the article ran. bler, sir."

consulted on the subject, expressed his This announcement of a candidate made

In a short time the "governor" considered

it his duty to visit the Herald office again.

to congratulate you on your apparent suc

cess in upholding the rights of this sec-

The tough old newspaper man winced at

"Yes," he said; "we're going to get it, I

believe. Now, we have got to pick the man.

I'm glad you dropped in today, 'governor,'

it's ex-Lieutenant Governor Miles Holcomb

"Well, 'governor,' " he continued, "what

the place?"

"I have come, sir," he said to Wilson,

The convention of that year was a quiet and harmonious one, without any marked features, and it is perhaps for that reason that I, with many others, had indelibly fixed in my mind the fine old figure of ex-Governor Culberson as he made his little speech of nomination. There were some little things to regret about the affairthose little things in great occurrences which are so painful-and the old man winced when the chairman referred to his former distinguished service as governor of the But he had himself well in hand state.

for the occasion and was more a governor in appearance than any man on the platform. His broadcloth was perfect, his linen immaculate and his carriage dignified and roud. He went up to the crisis of his life

like a Culberson and a man. There was some surprise at the start o the part of the northern delegates, but I changed into admiration as the old politician made his simple speech. He confined him self to a plain, sincere eulogy of the party and the ability of the candidate to serve it "I am an old man, Mr. Chairman," he

said. "I have a feeling, indeed, I may say an assurance, sir, that I shall not be present at another gubernatorial convention. As an individual, sir, I have not been eminent in our party, but I stand, sir, today as the representative of a generation of men, now nearly passed away, whose service has been honorable and distinguished, and in behalf

of them I wish to hand over the welfare of our great party to your hands. It is a party with a great past; I need not rehearse to you how great. May its future be as notabl and as strong.

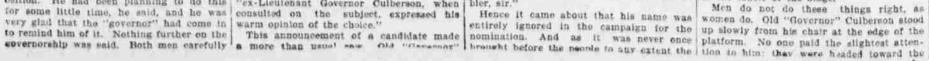
"It is, perhaps, fitting for me, as a man who is about to leave the stage forever, to introduce to you the man who is about to occupy its center. I am about to bring before you, gentlemen, a man of great vigor and ability and conscience-the man who is the unanimous choice of our section of the state-as your candidate. I need not say more. He is, I venture to predict, your favorite as well as ours and he does not need my introduction. The time has now come, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention, for me to bring to : close my little speech-the last I shall make at a political gathering. It is said that i is the great fault of old men that they do not know how to get through, but old men fearn their lessons as well as young And in closing I wish to propose to you, gentlemen, an old-fashioned sentiment from the bottom of my heart: 'The dear old party, God bless it, and Miles Holcomb, who will be its candidate and the next governor

of the state." The fine old figure stood erect for a few seconds, while the cheering arose and died away, then sank back into a chair.

"That," said a gray-haired delegate next to me, "is the stuff we used to make governors of."

The exercises were pushed forward at speed which is only obtained when everything is cut and dried. It was but a short time before the nominating was over and Miles Holcomb made his speech of acceptance. It was a short speech, evidentl ready made, and delivered with the scholboy gestures of a man unaccustomed to talking. Yet the resolute face and bearing of the candidate for governor showed to the discerning eye, even under those disadfare were too much for the Culberson vantages, that he was capable of filling the

position with credit. Then the minor business of the convention was rushed off, the hand played frantically and the big body broke into the confusion of leaving, the platform was crowded with prominent men exchanging greetings or charging toward the candidate in the center of the stage.



amined them carefully and replacing one with a greenback cautioned Mr. Gruber that it was probable he was violating the law but that the matter would be submitted to the attorney general for his decision. The legal department of the government made the most exhaustive investigation of the subject, but found no law covering it. The result was that an act of congress was passed at the next session authorizing the purchase of the plant from Clark, Gruber & Co. and the establishment of a branch



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