

OKLAHOMA TRIES INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM IN CAPITOL FIGHT

Oklahoma City, the Metropolis of the State, Trying to Take Seat of Government Away From Guthrie.

In Texas April 14—Nebraska has been agitated more or less the past several years over the proposal to incorporate the initiative and referendum into its state laws—this with the view of giving the people a chance for direct legislation and an opportunity to vote upon most any old idea that a handful of people might favor. Such being the case, developments in Oklahoma have some little interest for them for Oklahoma incorporated the initiative and referendum into its constitution when it became one of the galaxy of states and in a short time it will use this provision in an endeavor to relocate the state capitol—that is provided a federal court doesn't issue an injunction and suspend the operation of the constitution.

Capitol removal is a burning issue in Oklahoma, just as it is commencing to attract attention in Nebraska. Under the enabling act under which Oklahoma entered the union, the state capitol was located at Guthrie until the year 1913, after which time the people might locate it where they would, and Oklahoma City has been casting covetous eyes in that direction and smacking its lips over the prospect of adding the capitol to its available assets, just the moment the limitation expires. It has really been quite unable to restrain itself and its chamber of commerce or commercial club, which is a body who does things, has been working for capitol removal for some time.

Recently Oklahoma had a special session of the legislature which had before it a number of those articles of politics denominated "fire-brands" by a deceased prominent Democrat of Plattsmouth, and it was believed capitol removal would be one of them but it was not. Apparently the members of the legislature found the climate as hot as that of the well known summer resort beyond the Styx, without adding capitol removal to the prescription for they adjourned without taking the matter up.

But they were no sooner out of the way than Governor Haskell, who seems to revel in war and rumors of war, hurried to the secretary of state with a petition filed under the initiative and referendum act, asking that an election be held to locate the state capitol and naming Guthrie, Shawnee and Oklahoma City as competitors. As suspected merry Hades broke loose at once, Guthrie and Shawnee, whose interests are mutual, rose up in wrath and added their collective voice in invective upon Haskell and the petitioners.

Sotto Voce, it may be remarked, Haskell is so used to invective by now that he gave it no consideration and goes sulkily on his way. Guthrie and Shawnee declare by all the Gods, that they will attack the proposed election in the courts and will secure a restraining order prohibiting the holding of the election, and, if possible, they will knock out the initiative and referendum section of the state constitution. Shawnee declares it is not now and will not be a candidate for the capitol,

but is for its dear friend and neighbor, Guthrie—it's name was added to the petition just to hurt the latter city by the low-down Oklahoma Cityites and not to help Shawnee, and it just won't stand for it.

On the other hand Oklahoma City—which is some town, by the way—is filled with a great joy. Its inhabitants see visions of higher priced town lots, although these are now so high that only multi-millionaires can buy them and a great wave of prosperity following the culmination of their long fight for the seat of government. Also, they are trying to forget the mean things they have said in the past about Governor Haskell, who has elevated himself into the Roosevelt class by calling this election. The election, by the way, is called for June, 1911.

What the outcome will be I have no means of knowing. Ordinarily a state constitution is regarded as a sacred document but the federal courts so far have evinced a curious disposition to substitute the views of the individual judge for the voice of the people of Oklahoma and have suspended the constitution on at least one occasion, so he would be indeed, a wise man who would presume to say what they may do in this case.

But the main object of this letter is to call attention to the beautiful possibilities of the initiative and referendum as applied to Nebraska. Under it we might get up a petition and propose to remove the state capitol from Lincoln to Broken Bow, where it belongs and thus give that sturdy band of yeomanry whose headquarters are Lincoln and who are so incensed at the failure of the last legislature to pass the initiative and referendum, a taste of real medicine. Or, we might get up a petition and hold a prohibition election in the state as that same gang is so anxious for. Or, again, we might get up a petition and repeal the Omaha charter and dissolve that orgie which, according to returns from Lincoln, threatens to swallow the state. Or, perhaps, we might hold an election to establish a state granary, where the thrifty but hardup corn raiser might hock his crop until the sign was right to sell. Or, we might pass a law by which automobiles on the public way should not be allowed to approach closer than 500 yards of a mule team. Or, we might pass a law making women's hats of sufficient dimensions to enter the ordinary door.

Surely there are vast possibilities in the initiative and referendum and probably such a law would make Nebraska about as lively a state as the country could boast. That it has many good features is undeniable but as a vehicle for exploiting all the crazy and absurd whims of theoretical and impractical political economists in the world, it is a prize-winner. If its adoption would give the people a chance to vote on capitol location, doubtless many would favor it just as they advocate it, as a means for getting prohibition before the people. Carried to its logical conclusion, it should lead to the abolition of the legislature—perhaps not an unmixed blessing.

Charles D. Grimes.

HORSE CAUSES SOME TROUBLE

Starts to Run Throwing Occupants of Wagon Out

From Tuesday's Daily. Something like a runaway, but not quite as fast, started the residents of Main street near Third this morning at 9 o'clock. The horses attached to the dray wagon belonging to the livery stable of Sam Smith took fright and bolted for half a block. Smith's son Ray Smith, was on the wagon in company with Ed. Donat, better known as "Doodle-sock," and both of them were pitched headlong to the street as the horse did a whirlpool dance with the half demolished wagon trailing on behind.

While the animals were performing several cases of beer dropped from the body of the wagon and landed in the dirt with a crash. Some of the bottles were broken but the deluge of drink suds was not great enough to arouse the ire of a few lonely temperance people who stood nearby watching the circus. On the other hand, several teetotal women seemed to enjoy it.

Finally the horse getting tired of dragging the wagon in a circle, took

another bolt forward toward Third street. The two dismounted drivers had in the meantime picked themselves up and started in pursuit. The horse, several feet ahead of them, was about to turn in Third street when the rear wheels of the wagon struck the curbing and turned turtle.

For a minute the horses tried hard to drag the upset wagon from the neighborhood but found the load too big for them and so abandoned the task. When the wagon turned over the remaining beer boxes fell to the street but no more real damage was done. A half hour later the horse and wagon limped into the stable minus nothing more than a little spilled beer.

Saved From the Grave.

"I had about given up hope, after nearly four years of suffering from a severe lung trouble," writes Mrs. M. L. Dix, of Clarksville, Tenn. "Often the pain in my chest would be almost unbearable and I could not do any work, but Dr. King's New Discovery has made me feel like a new person. Its the best medicine made for the throat and lungs." Obsolete coughs, stubborn colds, hay fever, la grippe, asthma, croup, bronchitis and hemorrhages, hoarseness and whooping cough, yield quickly to this wonderful medicine. Try it. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by F. G. Fricke & Co.

To the Northwest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Netzel of Murdock, F. R. Guthman of this city, Henry Fetzer of Louisville and Paul Goshry of Murdock, make up a party that will leave soon for Idaho and the northwest, going via Denver and Salt Lake to visit the family of Chas. Guthman. These people will no doubt enjoy a most splendid trip and visit many points of interest. They expect to make quite an extended trip and Paul Goshry, whose brother is interested in the Murphy Lumber company at that place, will remain at Murphy to work.

THE SEVERE GOLD SPELL

Difference in Opinion as to Its Effect Upon Fruit.

Opinions on the extent of the freeze last Saturday and Sunday nights a great many people holding that the fruit crop is entire destroyed while many others do not think the damage not so bad, although they admit that considerable loss must result. W. D. Messersmith, the well known fruit grower north of the city, is among those who believe that the fruit crop will be nearly a total loss except as to late apples and grapes. He had a magnificent prospect for plums, peaches and the like but since the sun has come out the trees are shedding their leaves and he does not believe it possible to save more than a small percentage of the crop. This is true of apples also, but not to so serious an extent. "Posey" regretted the damage very much as it entails a heavy loss on him financially as well as meaning a shortage in the fruit crop for the public.

Lee Fickler does not consider the loss so great as feared at first and is of the opinion that a great deal of fruit will be found to have come through the storm uninjured. He is quite sure that grapes will make an abundant crop. Like Mr. Messersmith, he noted many peculiarities of the freeze, some trees showing undisputable signs of the frost while others standing next to them were uninjured.

Louis Dose believes all fruit gone except grapes which he thinks will make a good crop this year. He is quite a fruit grower and his opinion is considered very good on such matters.

Try St. Louis or Kansas City.

The Journal office this afternoon was in receipt of a call from Abe Decker, the popular farmer and cattle raiser of Union, who was in the city with his wife for a day's business. Mr. Becker called to renew his subscription to the Journal which is a family companion in this estimable family. Mr. Becker contemplates taking some ve or six cars of cattle to the Kansas City or St. Louis market very shortly, having found by experience that he can get a much better price at those places than he receives in Omaha. He is one of the largest and most successful stockmen of his section or, in fact, of Cass county and is uniformly able to secure good prices for his products. Mr. Becker has one of the finest farms in Cass county and is an untiring worker. He has recently put in a saw mill on his premises and is engaged in sawing up logs which he fits together and uses for different purpose on the farm.

Bound for the Lone Star State.

This afternoon a party of three will leave with Bruce Rosencrans of the firm of W. E. Rosencrans & Son for the gulf coast country and Texas, expecting to be gone about two weeks during which time they will visit nearly all the principal cities of the Lone Star state and will travel over all the best country in that region. The purpose of the trip is of course to inspect the land that the firm has for sale, with a view to making some investment. They will go to Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi and Brownsville, the last named being the scene of the famous Roosevelt controversy, and will see the land that Rosencrans & Son have sold and still have for sale. This includes some of the best fruit and vegetable lands in the world and there is every probability that the trip will be productive of several sales.

Miss Lillian Thompson is getting along very nicely now, having reached that stage where she can walk around the house and she is showing every symptom of getting well quite soon. Her many friends will rejoice over her prospective recovery and will be glad to see her out soon.

Wm. Meisinger from west of this city came in this morning to see the doctor and purchase some fruit trees for the spring planting, and reports that he is some better of the cold that has been troubling him for some time past.

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People of Plattsmouth who suffer with sick kidneys and had backs want a kidney remedy hat can be depended upon. The best is Doan's Kidney Pills, a medicine for the kidneys only, made from pure roots and herbs, and the only one that is backed by cures in Plattsmouth. Here's Plattsmouth testimony:

J. S. Hall, S. Sixth St., Plattsmouth, Neb., says: "In 1896 I strained my back and soon after that I began to suffer from kidney trouble. I had severe pains across the small of my back and on this account it was difficult for me to stoop or arise from a chair. I tried several remedies, but to no avail and finally when I had the good fortune to hear about Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box at Gering & Co.'s drug store. Within forty-eight hours after I took the first dose, I felt better. Since then I have always kept a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills in the house, finding that they bring the best of results. (Statement was given June 6, 1905.)

On December 30, 1908, Mr. Hall said: "I cheerfully verify my former endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills. I know that this remedy is a reliable one for kidney complaint."

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Cannot Locate Him.

Sheriff Hoagland has been requested by Sheriff Quinton of Cass county to assist in locating Oklahoma Vandervert, who is wanted on the charge of deserting his wife and four children who are in destitute circumstances. Vandervert was formerly located at Union Place and is a painter and paper hanger. When he removed to Cass county his goods and chatties were attached by some University Place firms, who alleged that he was indebted to them and that he was about to abscond for the purpose of defrauding his creditors. Damage suits were instituted in district court by Vandervert against these firms and are now pending.—State Journal.

The above relates to a case which has not yet been noticed in the public prints. The case has been docketed by Justice Archer but the papers were suppressed for location of the defendant. Oklahoma Vandervert, the defendant in the case, is charged with wife desertion, he having left his wife on March 21, of this year, and departed for parts unknown. The family resided at South Bend and consists of a wife and four small children. The couple were married at Aurora, Neb., on October 17, 1897, and have been residents of South Bend for some time past. Vandervert is a man about 33 years of age and as told in the above from the State Journal, is a painter and paper hanger by trade. The officers have not so far been able to secure trace of him and it had been hoped to keep the filing of the complaint secret until his apprehension but there is a leak evidently in the Lancaster county sheriff's office. The case is said to be a rather pitiable one and the man should be severely punished if he can be apprehended.

Tool House Burned.

Sunday afternoon about 5:30 the alarm of fire was sounded and for awhile it looked like there was going to be another hot time in Union. Ernest Anderson who takes care of the switch lamps, was filling one of the lamps when it exploded and the whole building was soon on fire. The wind was blowing from the southwest, and it was thought for a short time that the elevator of W. B. Banning would be burned. Engineer H. Prouty ran his engine up to the fire and water was forced from the engine, soon putting out the fire. This again brings up the proposition of whether water works are needed in this village.—Union Ledger.

Legal Notice.

To the unknown heirs and devisees of Lewis Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Seth Johnson and John Q. Johnson, and Solomon Borbee Mrs. W. B. Leach, Mrs. William Johnson, Fredrick L. Eaton, William T. Eaton, Simeon E. Eaton, G. R. Henry, Greenberry R. Henry, A. Lazenby, Ambrose Lazenby and Mrs. Ambrose Lazenby:

You will take notice that on the 14th day of April, 1910, George M. Porter, plaintiff, filed his petition in the district court of Cass county, Nebraska, in which you were named as defendants. The object and prayer of said petition is to quiet title in said plaintiff in and to lot ten and eleven in block thirty-eight of the city of Plattsmouth in Cass county, Neb., and to exclude the defendants from any interest therein.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of May, 1910. George M. Porter. By Burkett, Wilson & Brown and E. F. Shively, his attorneys.



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THE HOME OF SATISFACTION

Filed Complaint.

"Doctor" H. M. Young, night policeman, this morning filed a complaint with Judge Archer, charging C. Lawrence Stull with having broken large chunks out of the city ordinances by the use of strong, profane and vulgar language upon the public ways of the city. The warrant was delivered to Constable John Denson for service for some reason quite unknown to the public. The affair as Mr. Young states it, took place last Monday evening when that gentleman was closing the postoffice for the night. Several parties who were standing about the building took the good officer's club and hid it. He inquired of them as to its whereabouts and then asked Stull who had come in if he knew where it was. Stull replied that he did not and went out of the building. When he had reached the sidewalk, he proceeded to "loosen up a whole lot" as the poet terms it and made the air quite sulphureous with his remarks anent Dr. Young and his club. Bystanders who heard his language were much shocked thereat and state that it sounded like a translation from the monkey tongue. They called Dr. Young's attention to the skillfulness of Stull in mutilating the city ordinances after he had left and in the morning Chief Amick upbraided the officer for failing to arrest Stull, also insinuating that the Dr., was inspired by a sense of fear of what might take place if he so essayed. This peeved the good officer hence his action this a. m.

Returns From the South.

Charles D. Grimes, the Journal's news man, returned to the city last evening after a three weeks visit in Texas. Mr. Grimes found the entire southwest in a prosperous and flourishing state with the prospects abundant for excellent crops and general good fortune all over that section. His letters which have appeared from time to time during his trip, give an accurate picture of conditions as they exist in that part of the country. The freeze which did so much damage in this part of the country did not extend that far south and his observation being that the killing frost and freeze extended down into Kansas some seventy or possibly one hundred hundred miles from the state line. Below that region no damage was done and Oklahoma and Texas give every promise of having the greatest crops in their history of all kinds of fruits and grains. Corn is well up, being knee high on the gulf coast and tapering down as one comes north until near the Kansas-Oklahoma line where the green plants are just showing above ground. Through Kansas and southern Nebraska plowing is well under way and the only thing needed is rain, the fields looking quite dry from the train.

Up From Nebraska.

F. P. Sheldon, the Nebraska merchant drove his auto to this city this morning to look after some business. He was accompanied by his wife and Messrs. Henry Behrens and Morris Pollard. The party spent the day in the city attending to business, and returned to their home this afternoon, leaving about 2 o'clock. While here Mr. Behrens paid the Journal a very enjoyable call of several minutes duration and was pleasantly received. He is a most estimable gentleman and one of the finest citizens of the county.

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