

MOVE TO REVIVE YEISER LAW

Independent Telephone and Cleveland Gas People Want Initiative and Referendum.

PETITIONS ARE BEING CIRCULATED

Efforts Begun on Election Day Are Stimulated Since Among Business, Professional and Working Men.

John O. Yeiser's initiative and referendum law, which has had a laudable record on the statute books for a number of years, is to be brought to the front again and a determined attempt made to have it approved by the voters in Omaha so it can be used in this city in efforts to get new gas and telephone franchises.

On election day The Bee printed the fact that in some precincts petitions calling upon the city clerk to submit the question to the voters at a special election were being presented to the citizens who appeared at the polls. At that time no information was given out by the circulators as to who was behind the move.

Since election day the petitions have had a more active circulation among business, professional and workingmen. One man was approached four times Saturday morning by as many men bearing many different petitions of the same import. It is said signatures are not coming as rapidly as popular signatures.

Popular Vote Needed.

The initiative and referendum law provides that it shall be effective only in communities where it has been submitted to popular vote and approved. If it is approved by a majority of citizens voting on the question 20 per cent of the voters may, at any time, petition the council for anything they want in the shape of franchises or other legislation. If the petitions are sufficient and good it is mandatory on the council to submit the question and if the question carries the council and mayor must carry out the popular will.

In submitting the question for the approval or rejection of the law the city clerk is the officer who must comply with the demands of the petition. Before, when efforts have been made to have the law submitted, the courts have spoiled the attempt by declaring the petitions insufficient and lacking the popular qualifications.

What Elbourn Says.

"I am not very familiar with the law on the subject," said City Clerk Elbourn, "but whatever the law directs me to do shall be the rule I shall follow."

President Zimmerman of the council was asked what he knew about the petitions.

"As I understand it," said he, "the move was made first by the Cleveland people who want a dollar gas franchise. These people have by no means given up the fight to get the grant. They started the petitions going. Now, I believe, the independent telephone franchise seekers have joined, or, at any rate, are supporting the affair. Therefore the petitions are being circulated."

Councilman Dryball said he had positive information the petitions he had heard about were put up and circulated by the independent telephone interests. President Zimmerman thought only the gas syndicate had got the matter under way.

One of the greatest attractions at the present time in Omaha is the magnificent stock of fur-lined coats and other ready-to-wear garments being shown by the Bennett company. See advertisement on pages six and seven, fashion section.

Wanted.

Bids for the purchase and removal of the two-story brick building located on the southwest corner of 14th and Douglas Sts.

FRANKE, KENNARD,
15th and Dodge Sts.

Omaha Firm Spreading.

The Beacon Press of Omaha is recently incorporated. This company has been doing business since 1887. The general manager says that this company has been doing an extensive business in contracting with large concerns for advertising matter, books, blank books and general printing, and has become quite noted for its artistic productions.

Recently several orders were received from points within 100 miles of Chicago. The work heretofore has been done in Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Omaha.

The company has now taken a five-year lease of the third floor, 120 Howard street. It being found difficult to obtain satisfactory composition of the artistic work for which this company has become famous and the increase of its business appears to justify the owning and operating of a complete plant for this purpose.

The company will also furnish hand and machine composition for the trade. The company proposes to contract its press work and binding as heretofore. An advertising expert has been associated with this company for the writing and designing of attractive advertising literature.

This concern will be a valuable industry in our city and will undoubtedly extend the already large business of this company, which will have ample capital and skilled designers of artistic work.

ONE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP

Via Chicago Great Western Railway
One fare for the round trip via Chicago Great Western Railway to points within 150 miles. Tickets on sale every Saturday and Sunday up to December 17. Good returning the following Monday. Low rates to other points on sale every Friday. For full information apply to S. D. Parkhurst, G. A., 1512 Farnam street.

Omaha Swiss Society.
Assisted by the German Singing societies of Omaha and Benson—

Dedication of the national Swiss flag. Celebration of the Oath on the "Grüttli." Concert and ball.

Saturday evening, November 18, at Washington hall. Admission 25 cents a person.

MAUL Undertaking Co., 157 Capitol Ave.

Have Root print n

The most attractive art section in the city is the art section on the second floor at Benétto's. It is up-to-date and beyond all competitors in the sense of value-giving and variety of goods. See ad on pages six and seven, fashion section.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to hereby express our gratitude to the business men and all who kindly assisted in making their recent bazaar a success.

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Men Made Gods and Other Gods will be the topic at the meeting of the Omaha Philosophical Society Sunday, November 12, Dr. A. J. Cook opening the discussions.

The society meets in the Patterson building, Seventeenth and Farnam streets, at 2:30 p. m. Admission free. Public is cordially invited to be present.

25 wedding rings. Edholm, jeweler.

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INDICTS FORMER CONGRESSMAN

William D. Owen Accused of Getting Cash in Fraudulent Deal in Land.

BOSTON, Nov. 11.—Indictments were reported by the grand jury of Suffolk county today against Ferdinand E. Borges, formerly director and alleged promoter of the Ubero Plantation company, and former Congressman William D. Owen of Indiana, an alleged associate of Borges. The indictments, which are identical, charge Borges and Owen with obtaining more than \$5,000 by fraud from Charles W. Abbott, Edwin O. Childs, John M. Landers and Warren P. Page, investors in the company.

It is alleged that Owen and Borges conspired to bring about the larcencies with which they are charged. The grand jury's action follows a long investigation by a committee of stockholders of the company, certain who were appointed on petition of the petitioning committee.

Borges was arraigned today and bonds of \$5,000 were imposed by the court to hold him for further hearing. In opposing a motion for a reduction of bail the assistant district attorney reviewed the operations of the Ubero company and said that \$5,000 was the least amount of bail that should be required in view of the fact that the defendants "reaped \$1,000,000 by this conspiracy."

Owen has represented Indiana in congress.

He was also secretary of state of Indiana and was immigration commissioner in New York under President Harrison.

CANAL IN STATE DEPARTMENT

Suggestion Made in Washington that Secretary Root Have Charge of Big Ditch.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—An echo of the suggestion that the Isthmian canal should be placed under the State department has been heard in a rumor of the possibility that the insular bureau which grew up under the direction of Secretary Root when he was at the head of the War department may be transferred to the State department.

Discussion of the matter has not taken a concrete form, but it is one of the suggestions made to relieve the secretary of war of the heavy responsibilities which now rest upon him in administering not only the affairs of the army, but the Philippines, the Panama canal and other island interests.

It argued that Secretary Root's past familiarity with the Philippines will enable him to take up the work which has been carried by Secretary Taft. It would require legislation to bring about the change, as the insular bureau was legislated into the War department when the Philippine government bill was passed.

Half Sizes in Clothing.

The introduction, at the beginning of the season, of half sizes in clothing by the originators, Browning, King & Co., gave rise to quite an interesting controversy on clothing sizes in retail stores.

Browning, King & Co. had been at work on half sizes for upwards of a year, and at first contemplated bringing the new idea out last spring, but later it was decided to introduce it for fall. The first announcement of the innovation woke other clothiers to a realization of just where they were.

Now that Browning, King & Co., are experienced in the half size system, they have with great success introduced it to people with their half sizes, which are not only very much talked about, but looked upon by other clothiers as about the strongest selling point introduced in clothing in a long while—there are others who desire to impress the public with the fact that they have a number of sizes for men of different proportions.

Browning, King & Co. are the originators and sole makers of half sizes in clothing. Why half sizes are necessary: A man, size 40, may be 5 feet 2, or as tall as 6 feet 2. To fit him in either case, they cut regular, regular shorts, stouts, longs, extra longs—five sizes—all having the same breadth. The man of a half inch larger measurement now has the same variety at all our stores—and nowhere else. This has been the way with hats, shoes, gloves and collars; and why not with coats? Measure yourself—are you just an even size, or half an inch larger?

In the controversy on sizes, those most interested in pursuing inquiries have made the discovery that in manufacturing of special order houses, making clothes to measure, it is hard to fit patrons of the ready-made clother, half inch measurements predominate. This would seem to be a strong argument in favor of half sizes, and to illustrate the strength of Browning, King & Co.'s position.

Whether the firm's remarkable business this season is due to half sizes, to its styles and fabrics, to the general prosperity of the country, or to all of these things together, it would be hard to say, yet that the stores are getting a gratifying demand for half sizes is significant.

There is a quality in a shoe, especially a woman's shoe, that is hard to describe. It is not beauty merely, nor cut, nor fit, nor wear—it is style. Some shoes have it—most shoes lack it. "Dorothy Dodd" shoes stand pre-eminent in the possession of that quality. These shoes can only be purchased from the Bennett company. See ad on pages six and seven, fashion section.

Notice.

The nursery committee of the Child Saving Institute will hold its second annual bazaar Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, when beautiful dolls, common dolls, uncommon dolls and dolls of all kinds will be offered for sale. Many suits and much clothing for dolls is being made. Location of sale will be announced later.

Mrs. St. Rayner of Boston has made her permanent home with her mother, at 1917 Webster street, where she has opened a studio. Mrs. St. Rayner is an accomplished vocalist, using the Italian method, and has been associated with Madame Geneva, Johnson Bishop, the oratorio singer; S. C. Bennett of New York and

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Correct Styles In Fall Footwear

A nice line of high grade, stylish, fashionable footwear for fall and winter is now being shown at this store than has ever before been offered to the ladies of Omaha.

Elegant patent leathers, with French heel and turn soles, for dress. Handsome patent calf and the new gun metal calf, with light and heavy weight extension welt soles, for half dress and street wear, and a beautiful line of Evening Slippers and Pumps.

\$3.50, \$4, \$5

FRY SHOE CO.

16th and Douglas Sts.

KOPALD Pure Liquors

For the family.

For the table.

Men's, boys', children's clothing, hats, ladies' suits, skirts, millinery, etc., cash or credit. People's Store, 16th and Farnam.

See our great holiday offer, given this month only, to avoid the usual holiday rush. H. Heyn, photographer, west side of South Fifteenth street. Two story building.

Harry H. Davis, undertaker. Tel. 1324.

Passenger Ship Agreed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The Hamburg-American passenger liner *Imperial White Star*, while leaving New York harbor today for Hamburg, ran aground on the flats off East Hook, Erie Basin, on the Brooklyn side of the channel.

Cunliffe Gets Six Years.

OMAHA, Nov. 11.—Edward G. Cunliffe, the Adams Express man, was sentenced to serve six years in the Western penitentiary today. Cunliffe was sentenced on two charges of larceny aggregating \$10,000.

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ROOSEVELT FAVERS NIAGARA

President Would Have Natural Wonders of Falls Preserved by Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—President Roosevelt placed himself on record today strongly in favor of the preservation intact of the wonders of Niagara Falls.

To visitors who called to urge the president to use his influence through the combined action of the American and Canadian governments for the preservation of the Niagara Falls and to prevent the diversion of their waters to commercial and industrial uses the president said he regarded it as a great national duty to do all that might be in his power to preserve Niagara Falls and that in his message to Congress he would recommend action along that line with all the force with which he was capable.

He said that he believed Niagara Falls, the grand canyon of the Colorado, the big trees of California and the Buffalo River, should be preserved for posterity. California, he added, has presented to the nation a growth of the giant trees and if the state of New York could not preserve Niagara Falls the national government should step in to keep the falls for the American people as one of the natural wonders of the world.

Mr. Hutter of Papillion called at our store last week to buy a Steel Range. While he was looking at them he said: "I have bought three Steel Ranges in the last two years, and not a one was any good. They only cost about \$30.00 apiece.

Mr. Hutter was telling Mr. William of Fort Calhoun stepped up and said: "I bought a Solar Range here 10 years ago that is as good as new, it will last as long as we live. We are so well satisfied with it that I am going to buy another Solar Range here to have it for my wife." Mr. Hutter then said: "I have a Solar Range here 10 years ago that is from people who bought \$30.00 ranges elsewhere three to five years ago." Mr. Peterson, St. William street, says: "Before I bought this Solar Range here it was made by another maker. Either one burned 4 tons of coal a season. The Solar has heated our house for 10 years and when people put our stoves on a practical test with others ours always wins."

People Say They Buy of Us Because They Don't Take Chances.

Our way of selling on the payment plan is becoming so popular that business men, people who have houses and doctor's offices, have high salaries and are still of us on the payment plan. We sell any size Steel Range or Base Burner at \$10.00 per month, only \$1.00 down. We cut the price for cash.

**The Stoetzel Stove Co., 714 So. 16th St.****THE CLOCK-MAKERS OF HARZEN**

Have for centuries been making the quaint and curious cuckoo clocks in the depths of the black forest in Germany (Schwarzwald). A modern home is not considered complete now without one of those quaintly carved clocks. We have just received a large, direct importation.

It Is About Time to Think

About Christmas presents, and do not forget our Superb Ladies' Watch, gold filled, twenty-year guaranteed hunting case, plain or engraved, as you desire, excellent movement, 12.60

Permit us to call your attention to our lately received large consignment of Tiffany Leather Goods, eminently suitable for presents. Elegant and fashionable, yet moderate in price.

At the Sign of the Crown

Brodegaard & Co. JEWELERS

115 S. 16th Street, Opposite the Boston Store.

Our immensely increased repairing trade testifies to our first-class experienced Watchmakers' and Jewelers' ability. Watch Inspectors for C. St. P., M. & O. R. R. and Inspectors of Clocks for all the city schools.

DR. BRADBURY DENTIST