

MOORHEAD CHANGES RULING

Oath of Foreign Born Citizens Are Now Received by Him.

TO RECOGNIZE COURT ORDER

Changes His Interpretation of the Findings of Judge English After Article Appears in Morning Bee.

Announcement purporting to come from Election Commissioner Harley G. Moorhead, indicating his intention, notwithstanding the decision of Judge English, to exact a more technical compliance with the registration law that would practically continue his previous policy of disfranchising foreign born voters, together with the declaration by his office force that the mandate of the court would be accepted only for Father Williams and no one else, created quite a commotion yesterday in the election commissioner's office.

Your article in The Bee entirely misinterprets the position I have taken in connection with Judge English's decision, said he. "The fact is I have made no statement for publication. I have merely talked to some of the reporters, and what they have printed as coming from me is merely their version of what I said to them. I am not only recognizing the order of the court, but am putting its spirit into effect by extending it further than to persons in the same situation as Father Williams. The decision in the Williams case refers only to foreign born voters who have taken out naturalization papers, but I am making it include also foreign born voters who were under age when their fathers were naturalized, although, of course, I am requiring satisfactory proof in all cases."

Conditions Changed.

All foreign-born voters now may walk into the office of Election Commissioner Moorhead and register their papers. Since Thursday's copy of The Omaha Daily Bee appeared their work has become as good as that of a native-born citizen, and whether they have lost their naturalization papers or know where they are they may register without being called upon for written proof of their sworn statements.

The election commissioner, who Wednesday issued a statement to a newspaper that aliens would be registered "provided the naturalization papers have been lost or mislaid, as in the Father Williams case," and who objected to resulting criticism following its publication in The Bee, yesterday said none would be excluded.

This question was put to Mr. Moorhead: "If a man comes to your office to register, and says he knows where his papers are, but fails to bring them with him, will you register him under the decision of Judge English in the Father Williams case?"

Glaring at a copy of The Bee on his desk, the election commissioner said: "I think probably the judge's decision could be interpreted broadly enough to allow that."

In a statement issued yesterday Mr. Moorhead says he will make an exception where the applicant brings his papers with him and refuses to show them, because this, he thinks, would be mere obduracy. He also asserts that he never intended to demand papers of voters naturalized in Douglas county, denying a published report originating in statements made by employees in the office that this rule had been made.

Moorhead Makes Statement. Commissioner Moorhead promised to prepare a written statement outlining his interpretation of the law and its application pursuant to the statute in the election. A request had been made at the office of the election commissioner for such a statement Wednesday, but it was not then forthcoming. The document is as follows:

The Omaha Daily Bee: Your statement concerning the election commissioner in The Morning Bee is a gross misrepresentation of the procedure for registration since the decision in the Father Williams case.

The registration of all aliens is taken upon their sworn testimony concerning the facts required by the statute, regardless of production of naturalization papers. The sole exception is where the applicant has his papers with him and refuses to show them through obduracy. Mr. Te Pohl, one of Father Williams' attorneys, thought that such a case would not arise, but agreed that in such cases papers should be produced, and stated that such men should receive a firm patry for refusal to show their papers.

I asked Mr. Te Pohl particularly concerning such applicants, to get his view of the breadth of the English decision, and he said he thought such a case would not come under the decision. He consulted with Mr. Te Pohl for the purpose of coming within the spirit of the English decision and the above was his view of such a case.

Even if naturalization has been taken out in Douglas county, the oath of the applicant would be received the same as if papers were taken out in Massachusetts. Your statement that Mr. Moorhead has any voter naturalized in Douglas county without documentary proof is, therefore, not in accordance with the fact.

The statement requires the date of naturalization. I know that few aliens can give the date of the registration, and I have instructed the supervisors of registration to take the year and month (or season) of the year, and the term when the court set at the time of the decree. The statute also requires the name of the court where papers were issued. In a great many cases the applicants do not know the name of the court. In such cases the name of the county or city is accepted. The object of the registration law is to get information which shall enable the registration officials to check the statements of facts. If sufficient information to enable such check, is not given, the object of the registration law is defeated.

The Father Williams case did not touch the question of a son claiming naturalization through his father, but contrary to your statement that "the spirit of the English decision is to be disregarded," I have followed the same rule with reference to such aliens as in the case of those holding their own papers and have instructed the supervisors of registration to accept the same oath of the son for such information.

You state that "Mr. Moorhead will file in the office of the registration blank headed by the question 'Qualified Voter' the one word 'No.' This is absolutely false. The registration blank is marked 'Yes' in that column where the facts given by the voter indicate that he has had residence in the state, territory and precinct for the required period, and in case of an alien, that he states under oath that he has taken his naturalization papers thirty days prior to an election. There is no blank or intention to exclude any foreign-born citizen and under the English decision any one can register by giving the same information under oath which has always been required. Please give this statement the same prominence which you gave to the other in the morning paper."

Nickel Plate Road sells tickets from Chicago to New York and return, \$27.00. Boston and return, \$28.00. Reduced rates to other eastern points. Also various routes. Liberal stopovers. Inquire local agent or address John Y. Calahan, A. G. P. A., 94 West Adams street, Chicago.

Little Lad Taken from Father—Given to Grandmother

Habeas corpus proceedings before Judge English in which Mrs. Ella Eppa recovered possession of her 1-year-old grandson, Henry LeVerne Risch, kidnaped Tuesday by his father, Arthur Risch, were marked by a two hours' wait by Judge English while clothes were being found for the baby.

When Risch took the baby from Mrs. Eppa's home, according to the witnesses the child had on no clothing except a shirt. He took him to the home of Mrs. O. G. Lyons, 2511 North Fifteenth street, and when Deputy Sheriff Hopkins went there to bring the baby into court Mrs. Lyons declined to let him go until he was dressed. The case was called at 3:30 o'clock, in bringing an injunction against the deputy, Mrs. Lyons and the baby appeared in court.

Judge English decided the grandmother, who had cared for the child since he was born, should keep him until the mother's divorce suit is tried rather than the father, who witnesses said, had contributed little to his support.

Progressives Fear the People, Says City Attorney Rine

City Attorney John A. Rine believes the gas franchise ordinance will carry by a two-to-one vote. He charges the anti-gas crowd with being "afraid of the people," in bringing an injunction against the gas ordinance election.

"I have noticed that these progressives, as they style themselves, usually recover from their progressiveness when put to the test. They howl their heads off about letting the people rule and the rights of the people, and the first chance the people have to express their will these reformers attempt to take the matter out of the people's hands entirely."

"There is such a sentiment now in favor of this gas franchise ordinance that it will carry by a two-to-one vote."

"Why are the anti-gas advocates afraid of the people? Can't they trust the people?"

Moorhead to Decide on Special Election for School Board

City Clerk Thomas J. Flynn has notified Election Commissioner Harley G. Moorhead that four candidates have filed for the Board of Education. This puts the proposition of whether there shall be an election of school board members up to the election commissioner.

Flynn's action was taken on advice of the city attorney. If Moorhead decides there shall be an election, the names of the candidates will go on the ballot for the special election August 12.

Creighton Add. Club Wants Marks' Report

As secretary of Creighton's First Addition Improvement club, W. H. Hattoroth has addressed an open letter to Mayor Dahlman asking why it is that in his public addresses in support of the proposed gas franchise he is using certain statements and figures from the report of the city's expert, Prof. Marks, on the physical valuation of the Omaha gas plant, when the public has not been given the complete report and all the figures. The letter further suggests that if the mayor can consistently use and publish part of the report and figures he can just as consistently let the voters have the rest of the report, and asks for a copy of the report for the perusal of the club, or its publication for the information of the voters.

Habes Threatened by group, coughs or colds are soon relieved by the use of Dr. King's New Discovery, 50c and \$1. For sale by Beston Drug Co.—Advertisement.

A COOLING LUNCH

For a cooling lunch this hot weather, what better than a couple of sandwiches, a bit of salad and a bottle of

Sussex THE BEER YOU LIKE Brewed and Bottled by Fred Krug Brewing Co. Order a case from LUXUS MERCANTILE CO. Consumers' Distributors 109-11 North 16th St. Douglas 1839.

STRANGERS SEE BROOKS DAILY

Out-of-Town Folks By Scores Have Taken Advantage of Brooks' Sales.

"Half Price" on Suits Tempts Even Buyers From a Distance.

Yes! Scores upon scores of out-of-town folks have taken advantage of "Brooks' Suit and Furnishing Goods Sales during the past month or so. Strange faces galore are every day in evidence at Brooks' cozy little clothes and furnishing goods shop in the City National Bank building at the corner of Sixteenth and Harney streets.

"Out-of-town" folks are as keen to see a bargain as Omahans; they weren't long in buying 25 suits for \$20; 25 suits for \$12.50; 25 suits for \$15; 25 suits for \$17.50 and 25 suits for \$20. And the men from the surrounding towns jump at the chance of owning \$1.50 and \$2 Manhattan shirts at 50c; \$1 Athletic underwear at 50c; \$1 Straw Hats at \$1, and \$1 and \$1 Outing Trousers at \$1.75. So, if the information reaches the eye of a stranger, let him study every word; he should seek the corner of Sixteenth and Harney streets the moment he strikes town; he should know of "Brooks" and take home a parcel of underpriced attire of all kinds to remind him of one store in Omaha, at least, that has made his trip worth while.

Washington CRISPS The BIG Package of Tossed Corn Flakes—10c.

A Feast For The Youngsters—these crisp brown corn wafers in a bowl of milk. Strengthening and satisfying.

Office For Rent The large room on ground floor of Bee Building, occupied by the Havens-White Coal Co.

LADIES! For One Day Only Up to \$4 Oxfords for 49c

Draperies and Rugs In the Domestic Room 75c Colored Scrim Curtains, 2 1/2 yards long; 39c at pair.

White Goods Specials Assorted lot of fine Sheer White Goods, 12c worth 25c yard.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. HAMBURG-AMERICAN Largest 55,000 Tons Over 400 Ships in the WORLD 1,506,819 TONS

"IMPERATOR" World's Largest Ship SAILS AGAIN August 30, 9 A. M.

MEDITERRANEAN Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa. All steamer in this service leave from NEW YORK, 10 St. Peter St. S. S. Moltke (12,500 tons), August 26, 11 a. m. S. S. Hamburg (11,200 tons), Sept. 17, 10 a. m.

NEW CAVERE ORIEN-INDIA Jan. 15, 1914 Duration 35 Days. Cost, including shore trips and all necessities, \$700 up. Books Now Open.

Marvelous Saving Opportunities in Friday's Sales

HAYDEN'S Store closes at 5 p. m. except Saturday's at 6 p. m.

Bargain offerings that should crowd our great Domestic room all day Friday. Are you in a saving mood? Come early Friday, get your share of these

HAYDEN'S Mail orders filled from daily ads while goods last

20c Embroideries 7 1/2c Friday will be the big bargain day in our famous domestic room. A big line of embroideries in 4 1/2 to 6 yds. Loom strips worth up to 20c a yard; on sale, yard, only 7 1/2c.

Remnants and Seasonable Wash Goods from the Bolt at About Half Price Remnants of Blue and Brown Gingham, 7c values, at 3 1/2c.

FURNISHING GOODS Domestic Room Men's and Boys' Shirts, colors attached; regular 50c values; special \$1.

Dress Goods Remnants at Less Than Cost Friday 2,000 yards of Wool Dress goods remnants in lengths suitable for skirts and dresses, summer weight materials, mohairs, cashmere, serge, batiste, voiles, etc., worth up to 75c; Friday in Domestic Room, yard, 18c.

Domestic Room—Hardware Bargains Wash Boards—Full size, double size, of best quality, a 35c value, at 15c.

China and Glassware—Domestic Room Handle Cup and Saucers in plain white ware, pair, 5c.

DRUG SPECIALS IN DOMESTIC ROOM 1 lb. 20 Mule Team Borax, regular 15c, for 5c.

Rousing Friday Specials Jewelry Section Domestic Room \$1.25 Alarm Clocks—1 year guarantee, 89c.

The Women's Suit Section Domestic Room, Offers Wonderful Opportunities for Economy \$5.00 Summer Dresses 95c—Manufacturers' stock of summer dresses, ladies' and misses' sizes—come in lawns, gingham, linens, chambrays and fancy—all colors and sizes, all new summer styles; made to sell at \$5.00—Friday in Domestic Room, 95c.

350 Children's Suits Up to \$4.00 values, newest patterns and fabrics; in domestic room at, each, \$1.75.

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Dress Skirts at \$1.50—Come in serges and fancies—all sizes, new styles—worth \$3.50 and \$4.00; on sale for Friday—\$1.50.

\$15.00 Tailor Suits \$3.95—Ladies' and misses' sizes—serges, tweeds and linens, all new season's goods—worth to \$15.00; Friday at, \$3.95.

Men's Sample Trousers Up to \$5.00 values—750 pairs for selection, fine patterns; in domestic room at, pair, \$1.98.

White Goods Specials Assorted lot of fine Sheer White Goods, 12c worth 25c yard.

A Rare Opportunity for the Women For one week Women's Skirts will be made and fitted by Expert men tailors at the very low figure of \$2.00.

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Special Silk Sale Friday at Less than Half Hundreds of silk remnants in lengths of 1 to 10 yds.; messalines, foulards, tafetas, wash silks, pongees, etc.; worth up to 75c; in the domestic room at, 18c.

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A Clean Sweep of Wool Dress Goods Is Responsible for This Great Offer 30 pieces of 36 and 44-inch Wool Dress Goods, in plain and novelty weaves, black and white effects—fancy voiles, English stuffed mohairs, plain serges—in all colors, worth up to \$1.00; Friday, 38c.

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Fancy Cantaloupe Big Shipment just received, on sale in Domestic room Friday, ea. 5c.

PEARS AND PEACHES—PUT 'EM UP NOW A carload of Extra Fancy Fruit, shipped to us to sell for the grower. Our advice is, do your own canning now. Price will advance account extremely dry weather.