

MANY REFORMS FOR IOWA

Experts Propose to Change System of Government.

FEW OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

Governor to Appoint State Executive Council and Chief Justice to Appoint All Judges—Bureau to Aid Legislature.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Sweeping changes in the state government of Iowa are suggested and recommended in the report of the experts employed by the legislative committee on re-organization and reform, who have been at work a year investigating the system in Iowa and devising schemes for better government. A saving of \$50,000 is shown to be possible by changes which are recommended.

Most important and interesting, however, is a recommendation for almost complete remodeling of the state government system, toppling off of offices, adding others, consolidating departments, making new state officials, putting in machinery to take the places of persons and making offices generally appointive, with few to be elected. The system proposed contemplates that the governor shall become all-powerful in state matters, appointing heads of departments and choosing a council that will virtually direct all executive departments. The legislative work is to be aided by an extensive bureau. The judicial department is to be centralized and the chief justice will appoint all judges and direct all court work.

Governor to Appoint State Officers.

The governor is to be elected and he will appoint directors general of six departments, he himself becoming director

general of the public safety department. The other departments will be those of agriculture, commerce and industry, public works, public health, education and charities and corrections. The directors general of these several departments will constitute a new executive council with the governor as president, and a member to take the place of the present council of four. Salaries of these officers will be good. Then there will be the consolidation of the offices of auditor and treasurer of state united in the finance department, and union of the secretary of state and attorney general in the legal department. There will be a state purchasing agent to handle all supplies for the state and the offices of state printer and binder will be consolidated and the contract system adopted.

Legislative Reference Bureau.

The principal change in the legislative department will be in a provision for a legislative reference bureau to give aid to the legislators in all matters of framing laws, and also to aid departments of the state in preparation of legal papers. This is to be a part of the state law library, which already has the nucleus of such a bureau.

An important recommendation of the committee is that there be material reduction in the expenses of the legislature by reduction in the number of committee clerks from seventy-three to forty-five, and corresponding reduction in janitors and doorkeepers. The recommendations as to the judicial department are those of the dean of the college of law at the University of Minnesota, substantially as follows:

Chief justice to be elected by the people and to appoint all the judges in the state, directing where they shall go and having general supervision over the whole system. Judges to be subject to confirmation by the state senate.

Judges to hold office during good behavior. Abolition of all statutory forms of procedure and adoption of only general matters.

Where Saving Will Be Made.

The committee points out the possibilities of expense saving in some of the recommendations. The saving in committee clerks and doorkeepers is estimated to be worth \$2,400 each session, or half that for the year. By purchasing coal for the state heating plant on the British thermal unit system a saving of \$15,000 might be accomplished. By changes in the heating plant \$8,000 could be saved. By adoption of the contract system for printing and binding a saving of \$5,000 is possible. Reorganizing the motor vehicle department would cut another \$10,000. By adopting a machine for copying records by photography \$900 could be saved. This makes \$49,000 a year.

Then there is recommendation that a system be adopted for having a budget prepared, after the manner of European countries, and a system of accounting like these. The budget system would mean that the heads of departments would report on expenditures and the needs of their departments and each session the legislature would go all over the matter of adjusting expenses to income. The report recommends the use of "widow envelopes" for all departments in sending out the correspondence, also carbon copies for all receipts and duplicate matter and machines for addressing wherever practicable.

Follows Corporation Methods.

This is declared to be the most comprehensive scheme ever outlined for complete reorganization of the political and business machinery of a state. The authors declare it to be patterned after the best system of corporate organization, with the legislature acting as proxy holders for the electors and the governor being president of the corporation with his council as a board of directors. It is declared this can be done without a constitutional amendment.

The report passes through the hands of the committee first before it is made public and then goes to the legislature. It will cause the greatest discussion in the state of any reform proposal ever made in the state and the proposed saving of \$50,000 a year will have great weight.

Omaha Woman Only Heir to the Estate of Parent Thought Dead

After an absence from her home in Toledo, O., for over thirty years, Mrs. Adeline Wykoff, 297 North Twenty-third street, has been informed by her father's attorneys that if she would visit him she would be made the heir of three houses and the beneficiary of his life insurance. As a result of the news that her father, T. S. Bahr, was still living, she at once left for Toledo, and a happy reunion took place there Thursday evening.

The best of feeling between parent and daughter has always existed, but shortly after the father married a second wife the daughter left home and correspondence between the two has since been neglected.

Mr. Bahr is not seriously ill, but is getting old and he wished to locate his child before the end came. After tracing Mrs. Wykoff's whereabouts to Omaha, his attorneys immediately notified her and she was overjoyed to learn that her father still lived.

Night Watchman Caught in Elevator

Many a time while James Chuda, night watchman at the Thompson-Belden store made his rounds hourly, he cursed the little American District Telegraph boxes he is compelled to pull, but early this morning when remembering them, it was with a feeling of relief and satisfaction Chuda, in some manner, became caught in the elevator shaft, between the third and fourth floors, and was held a prisoner for nearly two hours. During that time, of course, was unable to make his reports on the telegraphic signal boxes, and when he missed his second report, Harry Wolf, night manager of the Western Union, sent out a searching party. They finally located the lost watchman through his call for help, and he was extricated from his prison.

TRADE EXTENSION TRIP TO DEPEND ON BLIND VOTE

Whether or not there is to be a trade extension excursion of Omaha business men is to be settled to some extent by a referendum vote of the members of the Commercial club. The extension committee is sending out a letter to the members asking their opinion as to whether such an excursion should be arranged, and if so when and to what territory.

Mrs. Paul's Own Graphic Story

Dealings With the Lawyers

This Statement Was Made Last May and Consequently Stops with Events to That Date.

"This matter was first put up to Judge Baxter, and he got \$2,500 for me. He was to keep half, and he said that was what he kept out of \$5,000 paid. I was not there; all I know is that I got \$2,500 from Mr. Baxter. There must have been two or three interviews between the lawyer and Mr. Brandeis—between Mr. Brandeis, and saying there was no truth in the charges, and I was told that this paper was given to Mr. Brandeis by Mr. Baxter when the money was paid. This was all in November.

"After talking with my sister, and other friends, we concluded the boy was entitled to more money. I went to General Cowin, and he took the case and took \$100 retainer. But he wanted to wait, and kept putting things off until I had to take it out of his hands and make him give back my money, which he did, but only because I insisted.

"I then took it up with Lawyer Jefferis, but he did not want to handle it. "It was then placed in the hands of some Blair attorneys, Mr. Carrigan and his partner, and they laid out the plan to have me appointed guardian, and prepared the court papers, but did not go any further than that.

"I, Oimsted then took up the case. I did not go to Oimsted, but he came to me. He persuaded me that he could handle the case better than any one else and get a better settlement, and that is how he got into it.

"In all our later negotiations Mr. Brandeis was represented by Mr. John L. Kennedy and Mr. Wharton. Mr. Kennedy evidently was not supposed to be enough of a bluff, so that was what Mr. Wharton was there for, but he couldn't bluff me. The terms were finally agreed on—\$30,000—and the money was paid over in Mr. Kennedy's office that Saturday afternoon. But I was too quick for them. I expected them to try some tricks on me, and was ready for any emergency, so I gave Oimsted the \$5,000 and put the \$25,000 in my bosom and made my getaway. I went over to the Bluffs with my sister and brother-in-law, and took the train for Kansas City with my son and a friend of his.

"Before we reached St. Joseph a bunch of detectives and strong-arm men got on the train and surrounded us. They treated us outrageously. I imagined that it was Oimsted who had put up the job, and only learned the next day that it was the bond company who had ordered us followed and seized. I didn't trust a one of them; they looked to me like cut-throats and thieves. They started to take the boy and his friend up one street to the station, while another man, presumably a detective or policeman, wanted to take me up another street.

"No, you don't do that," said I. I know how much money I had on me, and it would have been easy for him to take it away from me, and then say I never had it.

"I said, 'I'll go to the station with you, but I'll go with the others; I'll not go anywhere with you alone.'

"So he had to take me with the boy. When we got to the station they tried the same game. This fellow, the same one, who had black powder marks under one eye, was going to search me for the money, but I said, 'Not you.'

"He said: 'All right, then, we will let the matron search you.'

"And I replied, 'Not much. If you are going to take this money from me you are going to do it in front of a lot of people, and not one or two. I've \$24,000 in my shirtwaist, and I'm going to have it protected.'

"I made him take me out in the large room where there were a lot of policemen, detectives, reporters and others, and I handed over the money, and got a receipt for it and for some papers I had with me. They started asking questions, but I said:

"No, I won't say a word. I don't know any of you, and I don't trust any of you. I want a lawyer, and I won't say a word until I get one."

"So they sent me a lawyer. His name I just don't recall, and I asked him how much he was going to charge me to get me out, and get my money and papers back. He came back with, 'How much do you think it is worth?'

"And I said, 'I will give you \$25.' He insisted, however, he wouldn't touch it for less than \$1,000. Here I was alone with all these cut-throats around me, and not a soul I knew. Even before the lawyer had come they had put me in a cell with three common prostitutes, and without even a bed in it, and had all their detectives in to look me over, so what was I to do.

"I said, 'All right,' and signed an order for him for \$250 of the money, and I guess that was all he did for me.

"The next morning they told me some one was down there from Omaha, and when I went out it was Jack Kennedy. I tell you he looked good to me just then. I was afraid it was Oimsted, and then I found out what the trouble was, and that it was the bond company that Kennedy represented that was having me held for the \$15,000 that was to be put on deposit with them. I assured him that I would do anything that was reasonable, and we fixed it up that way, and he got us out. He took \$15,000 and gave me this receipt:

Here Mrs. Paul exhibited a piece of yellow foolscap, in the writing of J. A. C. Kennedy, and signed by him as attorney for the bond company, stating that it was a receipt for \$15,000 representing the \$15,000 for which the bond company had gone surety, and \$1,000 for expense of getting the money back.

"That left me less than \$5,000, for I gave the boy and his companion some money and sent them on to friends in California, while I came back and have been at the Grand Hotel in Council Bluffs since fighting off lawyers trying to get the rest of the money. Oimsted has been claiming that there is \$7,500 coming to him and J. A. C. Kennedy wants \$1,500 for his services, just as if he were down there for me instead of for the bond company. But I am not going to give up a single cent that I don't have to."

Court records show that Lawyer Oimsted later filed suit against Mrs. Paul for \$7,500, afterwards withdrawing it (said to have "sold" his claim to Mr. Brandeis for \$2,500); also that settlement was approved by the county court covering disposition of the \$50,000, so that \$15,000 was to be held by bonding company and \$10,000 absorbed by Mrs. Paul, the boy and the various lawyers.

TAFT, PARKER AND ROOT TALK

Distinguished Lawyers Appear Before House Committee.

ASK PASSAGE OF CLAYTON BILL

Reform Needed in Appointment of Court Clerks and Receivers and in Codes of Judicial Procedure.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Former President Taft appeared today before the house judiciary committee in the capacity of president of the American Bar association and with several other members of the association advocated passage of the Clayton bill to authorize the supreme court to prescribe forms and rules of procedure for federal courts on the common law side. "All men delight in the exercise of patronage," said Mr. Taft. "Of course, on this matter I am speaking to the republicans on your committee, not the democrats," he added, with a smile, and continued:

"One of the troubles with life appointments for judges is that the temptation is strong to build up 'judicial families.' Lawyers know that it is often a dangerous thing to make any charge against a court clerk before the judge who appointed him. That temptation could be removed by congress and the courts as they are now constituted could be vindicated without resort to the recall, which I believe is harmful. Appointments of receivers by federal judges should be made from a list furnished by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Favors Uniform Procedure.

At some later date it probably would be advisable to provide for the examination of the rules of procedure by a commission with a view to harmonizing and administering the two sides of federal court work. For the present I believe the authorization contained in the bill is all that should be attempted. Alton B. Parker said there was an ideal in view, as suggested by Mr. Taft, of complete uniformity in procedure throughout the federal courts and perhaps even the state courts at some time.

Senator Root declared legislatures had built up under the pressure of individual interests codes of procedure which prevented the courts from administering justice. His own state, he said, was the worst sinner in that respect. The man of small means soon became discouraged or even ruined, he said, while men of wealth escaped immunity from being brought to justice.

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RABBI COHN SPEAKS ON "LIGHT OF ASIA" TONIGHT

The "Light of Asia," the fourth of the series of lectures by Rabbi Frederick Cohn on religion, will be given this evening in Temple Israel. He will deal with the beliefs of China, Japan and the far east.

Proceeding the lecture, and starting at 7:30 o'clock, will be a half-hour of music, when the following program will be given: Solemn Prelude..... Noble Elevation..... MacDowell To a Wild Rose..... Borowski Andante (from first sonata)..... St. Clair Memories (a meditation)..... Handel Largo..... Handel

KENNEDY NAMES COMMITTEES FOR CHARITIES CONVENTION

Judge Howard L. Kennedy, president of the Nebraska board of Charities and Corrections, has appointed several committees in the interest of the state meeting to be held in Omaha the latter part of April. Rabbi Frederick Cohn has been named chairman of the program committee, H. H. Claiborne, chairman of the finance committee, and Miss Louise McPherson, secretary-treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP HUSTLERS TO HAVE A BIG DINNER

The two losing teams in the membership campaign of the Commercial club are to entertain the winning team at a dinner at the Commercial club next Thursday evening. W. J. Pickering and Charles E. Gardner are the captains of the two losing teams for the February contest. Stanley Rosewater is captain of the winning team for this month.

EVERETT SYLVESTER DIES AS RESULT OF INJURIES

Everett Sylvester, Twenty-sixth and O streets, South Omaha, is dead as a result of injuries he received at the Armour Packing company's plant on February 5, when a large tank fell on him. Sylvester was 35 years old and his body will be taken to Oxford, Neb., his former home, by Undertaker Bernard Larkin.

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FEATURING For SATURDAY The NEW SPRING STYLES. For the past two weeks every express from the East has brought us new spring garments, with the result that now our assortments are authoritative and comprehensive and we invite your selection. Altho' this new department of ours opened comparatively late in the fall, still in that short time we established a reputation for having garments that portrayed the season's best styles, and selling them for less than the usual price. Continuing our same policy for spring—of selling the best, and for less—we expect to greatly broaden this reputation, and as to whether it is deserved or not—we shall leave that to your judgment. NEW SPRING SUITS Are Most Attractive. Not only because of the new lines the Spring models portray, but also owing to the new materials and striking high colorings. Here are Eton suits with postillion backs—or box jackets with straight lines, or jackets with a flaring flounce. Here are skirts in peg-top effects, akirts with tunics or skirts with many-tiered flounces—either spiral or straight. They come in novelty crepes, gabardines, crepe poplin, taffeta and moire, in Tango, Reseda, Labrador, Rust, Plumcot, Eco, Bermuda. Special Showings Saturday, at— \$22.50 \$25.00 \$35.00 DRESSES FOR SPRING. Styles are decidedly different in the new spring dresses. Now are being featured full hip draperies and bustle effects; our line comprises many of the latest models in taffetas, alligator crepes, crepe de chine and wool crepes for immediate wear. Special showing Saturday at— \$16.50 \$22.50 \$27.50 \$12.50 \$17.50 \$19.50 THE SPRING COATS. Offer variety of selection, ranging as they do from 1/2 to 3/4-length. They feature the flare bottom, the Medici collar, the 3/4-sleeve and other new style effects in moire, taffeta, golfine and biadere cords, in all the new shades, Saturday showing at— \$5.00 \$7.50 \$10.00 \$12.50 SEPARATE SKIRTS FOR SPRING ARE SWAGGER. With their attractive flounces over the hips, or their chic novelty tunic effects. They are shown in checks, plaids, stripes and solid colors, in crepe, moire silk, taffeta and serges. A very exceptional assortment at— \$5.00 \$7.50 \$10.00 \$12.50 A Rackful of Winter Coats, worth to \$20.00, Cleanup Price, \$4.95. Berg Clothing Co. IN 12 & DOUGLAS. A Rackful of Winter Coats, worth to \$30.00, Cleanup Price, \$9.95.

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SAMSON BACK FROM JUNKET. "Dad" Weaver Gathers Much Valuable Information While Away. MAKE HOME COMING A SUCCESS. Ak-Sar-Ben Secretary Finds that Invitation Brings Back Many Ex-Residents to Celebration at Terre Haute. Samson is back from his junketing trip to Chicago and Terre Haute. As Samson is not a city official, nor yet a member of the Water board, in all probability there will be no complaint against allowing his expenses for the trip in the interest of King Ak-Sar-Ben and his realm. For Samson drank in a lot of information while away that will be of vast importance to the booster organization of Omaha in making the Homecoming week a success next fall in connection with Ak-Sar-Ben festivities. Secretary and Mrs. J. D. Weaver returned yesterday from their trip. At Chicago Dad met secretaries of state fair associations for nearly half the states, as well as secretaries of other festivities that are held in various large cities of the country. The bunch exchanged experiences in the matter of handling big festivities like Ak-Sar-Ben, state fair, etc., and made some plans in regard to getting the show for the carnival. Many Omaha Homecoming. At Terre Haute Mr. Weaver consulted with Spencer Ball, president of the Com-

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