

Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

M'ELVIE WILL MAKE CAMPAIGN FOR CODE BILL

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Ayers has already organized a committee for the purpose of taking such action, and last Sunday papers favorable to the move published a lengthy statement regarding the bill sent out by Ayers, which the governor calls the starting of a "campaign of misinformation and partisan prejudice and with the idea that the way to defeat a measure is to misinform the people." The governor says:

"I am not to have charge of the matter of circulating petitions to secure the required number of signatures to refer the civil administrative code bill, and I read your statement in the Sunday papers relative to that subject."

"I have been so busy with matters that this is the first opportunity I have had to recognize that statement, and referring to it now because I am sure that if you are to assume responsibility for such an important work you will not obtain your funds and the personnel of your organization, for both are very important factors if the subject is to appear to the voters in an unprejudiced light."

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imposed, and this without waiting for the constitutional convention. In fact, the constitutional convention could not take care of this subject for it is a legislative instead of constitutional matter.

You say that this is "not a partisan move," but I note that it has the support principally of the same interests that opposed the present administration both prior to and since the election.

Inaccurate Statements.
You state that the code bill "allows the governor to select six political henchmen at \$5,000 per year, in addition to hundreds of other subordinates." If that statement was intentionally made, and with a full understanding of what the code bill provides for, its inaccuracy is sufficient to deprive its author of any confidence at the hands of the people, for the fact is that the code bill will make it possible, I think, to handle the state's business more efficiently than is done under the present system.

I notice, also, that you state the civil administrative code bill is different from that which is in operation in the state of Illinois, and call attention to the fact that the Illinois law does provide for certain civil service requirements, but it should be added that all of the state institutions come under the civil administrative code in Illinois, and it is the employees in those institutions that are subject to the civil service requirements.

In Nebraska the code relates entirely to the administrative government and does not include provisions for the executive department provided for by the constitution, which includes the institutions under the board of control and the State Railway commission.

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Congressman Reavis Thinks Plan Will Be Ratified, But Not in its Present Form.

Lincoln, May 7.—There are yet some things in the league of nations proposition which ought to be changed, according to Congressman C. F. Reavis of the First Nebraska district, who was in Lincoln Wednesday on his way to Washington. Mr. Reavis is in favor of the league idea, but he believes the American people will not stand for some things it contains. In discussing it today he said:

"The plan will be ratified in some form, but the draft, in my opinion, will have to be changed materially. I do not regard the matter as a party proposition, for there are as many prominent democratic senators opposing it as there are republicans favoring it. Personally, I feel that if the statesmanship of the world doesn't capitulate the victory of our arms into some international agreement that will minimize the probabilities of war, then the statesmanship of the world has proven unworthy to the greatest opportunity of the ages. The Monroe doctrine should be more fully protected in this document than it is, and the United States should accept no mandatory outside of the western hemisphere or beyond its sphere of influence."

"President Wilson has been devoting himself too much to the theory of a league of nations, and too little to the very important matter of formulating peace terms, according to Congressman Reavis. He believes too much time has been wasted away at the Paris conference without coming to any real desirable result."

"You say this legislation is reactionary and dangerous, and yet it has been approved by at least three other states, and several others have made provision for it. For instance, I understand the state of Ohio at its last legislature appointed a joint committee to make provisions for such a law."

"Where Does Money Come From?"
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"Happy" Benner Estate Is Left to Son; Value May Reach \$500,000

Nebraska City, Neb., May 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The will of the late Happy Van Wyck Benner was filed for probate in the county court Wednesday, leaving the bulk of the property to her son, Van Wyck Benner. Two bequests of \$1,000 each are made to cousins living in the east. The son is to be paid all the income from the property until he is 30 years of age at which time the estate is to be turned over to him.

In case of his death without issue the property is to be used for erecting and maintaining a memorial hospital in Nebraska City in memory of the testator's father and mother, Senator Charles H. Van Wyck and Kate B. Van Wyck.

The will was made on October 22, 1909, and was witnessed by Victor Rosewater, Myron L. Learned and Grace M. Rowland, all of Omaha. An invoice of the estate, consisting almost entirely of real estate, will be filed in the county court here on May 28. It is estimated the estate will be valued at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Bee Want-ads pay big profits to the people who read them.

Maysville Man Arrested for Stealing Automobile

Beatrice, Neb., May 7.—(Special.)—A young man, 22 years of age, claiming Maysville, Kas., as his home, was arrested north of the city early Wednesday morning by Sheriff Schick, charged with stealing an auto at Lincoln. He was driving the car when taken in custody by the officer, brought to town and lodged in jail. He refused to give his name.

Members of Fremont Fire Department Entertained
Fremont, Neb., May 7.—(Special.)—Over 400 members of the Fremont

fire department and their ladies were entertained at the annual social of the department at Hotel Pathfinder Wednesday evening. A program of music and speaking preceded the social and dancing session. Speakers were Harry J. Hauser, president of the department; R. D. McFadden, County Judge Waldo Winerstein, vice president of the department; City Attorney W. M. Cain and Dan V. Stephens.

Former Geneva Woman Dies at Home of Daughter
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