

# SENDS COLD SHIVERS UP DEMOCRACY'S BACK

## Petition Has Been Filed for a Recount of the Ballots Cast at Monday's Election for Office of Mayor.

# CORRECT COUNT WILL ELECT STERN

## That's What the Petition Filed Today Declares—Off is Anxious and Has Made Demand for His Certificate.

The petition of Louis Sterne, contesting the election for mayor and asking for a recount of the ballots cast at Monday's election, has been filed with the city clerk and with Charles Off. For several days the attorneys for Mr. Sterne have been at work drawing up the petition and looking up the law of election contests.

The petition is a lengthy one and recites that Mr. Sterne believes that the correct count of the votes would give him the majority.

The Democrats have been quaking in their boots ever since the day after election and are moving heavens and earth to find some way to resist a recount of the vote.

Charles Off, who had a 3 majority on the face of the returns, upon advice of his lawyers and henchmen, instead of welcoming a recount and an honest effort for the honest figures, has filed a demand upon mayor Strimback for a certificate of election.

Yesterday evening he filed notice with the mayor that he must turn over to him at once, a certificate of election, be held responsible.

This morning city clerk Moore made a demand upon mayor Strimback for a certificate of election for Mr. Off.

the truth, that the public has become somewhat interested in the result of the election and there has been an awakening in some quarters.

For the present, though, no fraud charges have been officially filed, either as to illegal voting or on the count. Most of the talk has been about illegal voting, it never having been charged that any fraud was practiced in counting the ballots.

As both parties are always represented in the election boards, a claim of fraud in counting the ballots, would involve both sides and it is almost impossible that this has occurred. A doctored return from any ward is a thing which nobody suspects, but it is thought that an unintentional mistake has been made.

**Mistakes are Frequent.**

Mistakes in counting ballots are of frequent occurrence and the result is so close that four ballots counted wrong would change the ultimate result.

The people want a correct count and the masses will not be satisfied until that is made. If Sterne has been elected, he should be the next mayor of the city and if Off is elected, he is entitled to it.

While it may turn out that the recount of the votes will show the figures to be the exact ones as given out of 1495 for Off and 1492 for Sterne, then again a recount may show a difference.

Never yet has the board of supervisors canvassed the county ballot without finding a number of differences in the figures from those given out at first and the city election would likely turn out the same way.

**The Next Step.**

The council is due now to get busy and recount the votes. When they will do this, has not as yet been decided.

**The Petition.**

The petition filed this morning with the city clerk and also served on Mr. Off, is as follows:

Before the Mayor and City Council of the City of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa.

In the matter of the contest of the office of mayor and other offices at a general city election held in and for the city of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, on April 5, 1909.

Now comes Louis Sterne, contestant, and states that he is qualified to hold the office of mayor of the said city of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, and was so qualified on April 5th, 1909—that he was the duly nominated candidate of the republican party in and for the city of Keokuk, Iowa, for the office of mayor at the general election held in said city on April 5th, 1909; that Charles Off, incumbent, was the duly nominated candidate of the democratic party in and for the city of Keokuk, Iowa, for the office of mayor at said general election.

Said said contestant, Louis Sterne, is informed and believes, and so states, that the board of canvassers of the votes cast for said offices, did on the 6th day of April, 1909, duly canvass the returns from all wards in said city for votes cast for the office of mayor of said city at said election, and have declared the said Charles Off, incumbent, duly elected as mayor and the said Louis Sterne, contestant, hereby declares his intention to contest the election of the said Charles Off as mayor, at said election, and for grounds thereof assigns the following reasons, to-wit:

1.—That the judges of election in the third ward in said city of Keokuk, at said election, were guilty of misconduct in said election sufficient to change the result of said election, for that the said judges, contrary to law and in violation of the statutes governing said election, opened the counting boxes and commenced the counting of the ballots long prior to seven o'clock p. m., on April 5th, 1909, (the time for closing the polls in said ward as prescribed by law) at said election.

2.—(Same allegation for fifth ward.)

3.—(Same allegation for sixth ward.)

4.—That the judges of election in the second ward, were guilty of misconduct sufficient to change the result of said election, for that said judges, contrary to law and in violation of the statutes, canvassed the votes of said ward in private and excluded the public from the room during said canvass; that said judges locked, or caused to be locked, the doors of the room in which the election in said ward was held, and caused screens to be placed before the windows and doors of the said room so that parties outside of said room could not see the canvassing of the votes of said ward in said counting of the votes cast in said ward, nor could they enter the room in which said election was held and said ballots canvassed, and the votes cast in said ward at said election were canvassed in private and not in public as required by law.

5.—(Similar allegation as to third

ward, that doors were locked and public excluded, the count being made in private.)

6.—(Similar allegation as to fourth ward.)

7.—(Similar allegation as to fifth ward.)

8.—(Similar allegation as to sixth ward.)

9.—That the judges and clerks of election received and counted for Charles Off as mayor of said city, illegal votes sufficient to change the result of said election, and the said judges and clerks rejected at the polls legal votes which were cast for Louis Sterne for mayor, sufficient to change the result of said election.

10.—(Similar to No. 9, but specifying first ward in particular.)

11.—(Same, specifying second ward.)

12.—(Same for third ward.)

13.—(Same for fourth ward.)

14.—(Same for fifth ward.)

15.—(Same for sixth ward.)

16.—That the judges and clerks received and counted for Charles Off ballots which were not signed or initialed by one of the judges of said election in the respective wards contrary to law and counted sufficient of said votes for Charles Off for mayor to change the result of said election.

17.—(Similar to No. 16, but specifying first ward.)

18.—(Same for second ward.)

19.—(Same for third ward.)

20.—(Same for fourth ward.)

21.—(Same for fifth ward.)

22.—(Same for sixth ward.)

23.—That the judges and clerks of election for the first ward, received and counted for Charles Off for mayor of said city, ballots which were not marked as required by law, sufficient to change the result of said election and ballots which bore identification marks contrary to law and rejected and failed to count for Louis Sterne, contestant, ballots which were legally marked as required by law and rejected sufficient ballots to change the result of the election.

24.—(Same for second ward.)

25.—(Same for third ward.)

26.—(Same for fourth ward.)

27.—(Same for fifth ward.)

28.—(Same for sixth ward.)

And Louis Sterne, contestant, an information and belief states that a recount of the ballots cast in the respective wards in the city at the election for the office of Mayor will show that sufficient legal votes were cast for said contestant, for the office of mayor, to elect him to said office.

WHEREFORE contestant asks that a contest may be declared of said election for the office of mayor of the city of Keokuk and that the mayor fix a day for the trial of said contest and cause notice of the time and place of said contest to be served on Charles Off, incumbent, with a copy of this statement, as required by law, and at said trial the ballots cast for the respective wards of the city of Keokuk, at said election, be recounted, and that such other proceedings be had as may be required by law and this statement and contest, and the said Louis Sterne be declared the duly elected mayor of the city of Keokuk at the election held for such office in said city and that a certificate of election be issued to him, and the said Louis Sterne, contestant, herewith files his bond with sufficient security, conditioned to pay all costs in case this statement be dismissed or the prosecution fail.

(Above is signed by Louis Sterne, before a notary public and is filed with the city clerk together with bond, also a copy served upon Charles Off, incumbent.)

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**PARRISH GETS FIVE YEAR SENTENCE**

Ex-President of Defunct Owensboro Savings Bank and Trust Co., is Found Guilty.

HAWESVILLE, Ky., April 9.—J. H. Parrish, ex-president of the defunct Owensboro Savings Bank and Trust Co., was Thursday found guilty of accepting deposits after the bank became insolvent, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Relatives of the convicted man who were in the court room at the time, broke down completely. Five brothers also indicted for alleged wrecking of the bank will be tried in the near future.

**IRATE ELEPHANT KILLS HIS KEEPER**

Employe of Yankee Robinson Circus Killed by Big Tom at Ingersoll Park Yesterday.

DES MOINES, April 9.—Charles Bartlow, an employe of the Yankee Robinson circus, was killed instantly by Tom, the largest elephant in captivity, when he took the big beast to water at Ingersoll Park at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The elephant first threw its temporary keeper into the lake and ran to a far corner of the park. Angered by the elephant's action, Bartlow rushed toward it with a pitchfork. The big brute threw him into the air with his tusks, poked him up with his trunk and beat him against the elephant barn.

Bartlow was fifty-five years old and had been with the circus for five years. He came to Des Moines from Oskaloosa, was single and so far as known has no relatives.

**P. O. EXAMINATION ON APRIL 24**

Local Examining Board Hopes for a Good List of Applicants for Positions.

The local examining board of the post office hopes to have a good list of applicants for the coming examination which is to be held on April 24th for males only, for the positions of clerks and carriers.

The vacancies made by the appointment of a new carrier will be filled from the list of those who pass the examinations on that date and vacancies made during the year will be filled from this list. The vacancy made by the appointment of the new mounted carrier, known as carrier No. 12, makes it necessary to have an eligible list.

Blanks for applicants can be obtained from Miss L. M. Perkins at the

**Hal Chase Has Smallpox.**

LYNCHBURG, Va., April 9.—Manuel Stalling, of the New York American league, admitted here that Hal Chase, his first baseman, is in a smallpox hospital at Augusta, Ga., suffering from a mild attack of varioloid. Stalling said the physicians advised him Chase is slightly ill, but will be discharged in the latter part of next week.

**Men's and Boys' Clothing**

Are unusually large and of the reliable brands for which the Good Clothes store is so well known. The advantage of not only being pleased in a selection, but of making a substantial saving in price should not be overlooked. We request an early inspection.

Ask about the pony, buggy and harness to be given away.

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Any intelligent person can be his own doctor in the ordinary case of liver trouble, for the symptoms cannot be mistaken. If the white of the eyes becomes yellowish, if the skin becomes sallow, if pimples and blotches appear, if the bowels do not move, if you have sick headache, if you are bilious, you may be sure that your liver is torpid or inactive.

The quickest and surest remedy yet found for the cure of liver trouble or any of its symptoms is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the great herb laxative compound. This wonderful remedy is not only a laxative, but a tonic as well. It will start the flow of gastric juice, thereby soon enabling the liver to do its work naturally. A bottle of this great liver remedy can be bought of any druggist for 50 cents or \$1, and in many cases a single bottle has cured a chronic case.

For example, John W. Lee, 619 S. Pennsylvania ave., Indianapolis, Ind., had a liver trouble, with pimples, blotches, jaundice, etc., and it cured him. Mrs. B. Filchum, Jackson, Ky., says the same of it. Thousands of families keep it in the house against just such an emergency, as you can never tell when some member of the family will need a good laxative.

In order to have you or any other sufferer from the liver make a test of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin without personal expense, Dr. Caldwell will send you a free test bottle if you will send your name and address. The sample will show you how pleasant it is to take, how gently it works. It will start you on the cure of your trouble and convince you that you have found a cure. That is the object of the sample, and the doctor urges you to send for it today.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 505 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.

**No Fraud Charges Yet.**

With no fraud charges filed yet, it seems strange that any fair minded person would get excited over a recount of the ballots.

Since election night, there have been so many rumors and wild talk going around, some of it possibly near

**Object to Strong Medicine.**

Many people object to taking the strong medicines usually prescribed by physicians for rheumatism. There is no need of internal treatment in any case of muscular or chronic rheumatism, and more than nine out of every ten cases of the disease are of one or the other of these varieties. When there is no fever and little (if any) swelling, you may know that it is only necessary to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely to get quick relief. Try it. For sale by Wilkinson & Co. Pharmacy and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

**Local government office, the applications to be in St. Louis by April 20th.**

The examination will be held at the post office on April 24th and the appointment of a twelfth carrier will take place on Friday April 16th.

**People past middle life usually have some kidney or bladder disorder that saps the vitality, which is naturally lower in old age. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects urinary troubles, stimulates the kidneys, and restores strength and vigor. It cures uric acid troubles by strengthening the kidneys so they will strain out the uric acid that settles in the muscles and joints causing rheumatism. Wilkinson & Co.**

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