

Hancock Department

SUFFRAGE FIGHT STILL IN THE AIR

Status of Uninitialed Ballots Is Very Important

Information from the counties where the recount on the woman suffrage amendment has been in progress indicates that the situation is about as much "up in the air" as at any time since election and it is almost certain that it will finally have to be passed on, if not the fate of the amendment actually decided, in the courts.

The surprising feature about the recount is the failure of the review of the vote in Wayne county to bring about any advantage for the woman suffragists. Instead of resulting in a gain for the amendment, it has brought about a loss for it of over 1,000 votes. In every ward recounted the review of the ballots has resulted in increasing the apparent majority against amendment.

This condition would put the question of the status of the amendment beyond debate if it was not for the question that has arisen relative to the legality of counting ballots that are not initialed. It is on this point that the dispute is likely to find its way to the courts. It is now reported that the attorney general's department will join with the woman suffrage leaders in getting a ruling from the supreme judges.

It is claimed that there are enough uninitialed ballots involved in Wayne, Kent and Saginaw counties, where the votes are now being recounted, to mean the success of the amendment, if the courts held that all ballots have to be initialed. This claim, however, is combated by anti-suffragist leaders who have been following the recent recount closely.

The courts have ruled a number of times that the initialed of the ballots is a mandatory requirement of the election law as regards any ballot on which it is proposed to elect candidates for office and this interpretation of the law is now generally accepted. Whether a ballot carrying a constitutional amendment is subject to the same requirement is, however, a point that has never been definitely passed on.

Assistant Attorney General Waer has given an opinion that the statute is not

mandatory in requiring the ballots to be initialed in the upper right hand corner, but that if they are initialed on some other corner the requirement of the law is sufficiently met. This opinion was handed down in response to a request from Saginaw county. John F. O'Keefe, who is looking after the legal interest of the suffragists there, has announced, however, that he will not accept Mr. Waer's ruling and that he will seek a court ruling that all the ballots not initialed in exactly the place provided for by the statute must be thrown out.

ARTICLES ARE SIGNED.

Allard Will Weigh in at 158—Godfrey Two Pounds Lighter.

The articles for the boxing match between Art Allard of Butte and Art Godfrey of Minneapolis were signed and received by the Hancock promoters yesterday. Manager Callahan has been informed that Allard will weigh in at 158 pounds at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the bout while Godfrey will scale two pounds lighter.

Two good preliminaries will be arranged, Manager Callahan announces. The meeting will take place in Germania hall the evening of December 29. A staging will be built out in front of the stage and the ring constructed on this. Both men report they have been training for this match for some time and are in condition to put up a fine exhibition.

PLANS BIG CLASS.

The Italian Citizen's League will hold their next meeting on Jan. 5, and it is indicated that a big class of new members will be admitted at that time. So far there have been twenty applications received this month, and it is likely that more will come in before the meeting. The league is one of the strongest organizations in the county, having a large membership already, and with this added strength will likely undertake a vigorous campaign to raise its membership still higher.

W. C. T. U. MEETING HELD.

The Houghton county branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held a meeting at the Portage "La" Baptist church yesterday afternoon. No business of importance was transacted at this meeting. The society is at present concentrating its energies on increasing its membership and a number of new members were admitted at the meeting. The society will meet again Jan. 3 at the same place.

METER FIGHT IS STILL ON

Those in Favor of Meters Recall Circular Against Waste

The party in the city government in favor of extending the meter system is preparing to fight the matter when it comes up at the coming council meeting. The statement was made at the last council meeting that the shortage of water in the reservoirs, which Mr. Stockly complained of and advanced as one of the reasons why meters should be put in to stop the waste, had not been complained of hitherto, and that it was due to other causes. In refutation of this statement Mr. Stockly has cited the following extract taken from a circular issued by the board of public works before the present general manager took the position. The circular is dated June 28, 1910, or about two years and five months ago. The extract is as follows:

"The attention of the citizens is also called to the fact that owing to excessive sprinkling and wastage a large number of people in the upper parts of the city are without any water for drinking or fire protection, and life and property in the entire city may be in danger. This makes it absolutely necessary for the water department to enforce the water regulations."

"The fight over the proposed installation of meters is still stirring the citizens. Jacob Baer, president of the board of public works, and George C. Bentley, judge of probate, have both joined the forces opposed to the metering of the water.

Mr. Baer, while a member of the board which passed the resolution that precipitated the fight, was not present at that meeting, and says had he been informed of the meeting in time for him to arrange his work to attend, he would have opposed the passage of the resolution. Mr. Baer does not believe in removing the meters from business houses or from other places where the consumption of water is large and in this respect he is not exactly in accord with the other members of the anti-meter party.

Mr. Bentley takes the stand that all water should be supplied on a flat rate at least if not on a free basis as was once done. He says the rate at which water is supplied to the heavy con-

WIVES MAKE MARRIAGE UNHAPPY, SHE SAYS



MRS. EDWARD W. HOOKE.

With twenty-four years of happy married life to look up her ideas. Mrs. Edward W. Hooke, New York woman of affairs, states that 75 per cent of the unhappy marriages are made unhappy by the wives. Marriage, she says, should be considered as a business partnership, and difficulties should be adjusted as two men in business would adjust their affairs without dissolving partnership. Men are kids, and must be treated as such by their wives. Only one-fourth of the marriage failures are due to the selfishness of the men.

sumer, like a hotel, brewery or laundry, should be more than that charged to the individual consumer who uses a comparatively small amount.

DANCE AT ODD FELLOWS.

A dance will be given next Saturday evening at the Odd Fellows hall in Hancock by a party of Hancock young men, including Frank Shinn, Will Thomas, John Rodda, Jr., Thomas Tippet, Joseph Paul and Fred Hoising. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Hancock city orchestra.

ELKS ORGANIZE DRAMATIC CLUB

Copper Country Comedy Follows Amateur Production

A meeting of the eighteen members of the troupe that put on the Elk's show, "Because She Loved Him So," was held in the Hancock temple last evening for the purpose of formally organizing the company.

The members of the troupe finally decided on the name "Copper Country Comedy club." The club will not be an exclusive affair, but will take in new members from time to time as applications are received and acted on. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Norman D. Starrett, Vice-president—Mildred Haire, Directress—Miss Helene McKernan, Secretary-treasurer—Earl R. Trankmar.

The club will meet again on Dec. 19 and will then lay the rest of the plans for the season. The company plans in a general way to give one big show a year and then to put on a number of sketches throughout the year in different towns of the copper country.

SEASON'S CLOSING NORMAL.

Northern Wave Passes Out of Hancock—Season Ends on Time.

The navigation through the Portage lake will be officially declared at an end next Saturday when Observer Goodrich will close his stations at Ontonagon and other outlying ports and cease displaying his storm warnings at Houghton. The actual close of navigation comes today when the steamer Northern Wave clears from the canal.

This close is just about the same as in other recent years. The average date fell in November, until 1897, when the Mutual Transit boats began making trips along into December and this has postponed the closing of navigation through this port until about Dec. 10.

In 1910 the channel was open for small boats as early as March 27, although no passages were recorded until April and although the last boat went out on Dec. 7, the Reed tug, Sarina City, kept the ice in the lake broken until January. In 1911 the tug Daniel Hebard brought in several boats and went down for the last time on Dec. 5. In 22 years the ear-

liest closing was on Nov. 25 in 1896 and the latest on Dec. 15, 1909. For that period the years and dates of final passages through the canal as taken from the department's records are shown as follows:
Nov. 20 1891, Nov. 30 1892, Nov. 29 1893, Nov. 30 1894, Dec. 2 1895, Nov. 26 1896, Dec. 2 1897, Dec. 4 1898, Dec. 15 1899, Dec. 8 1900, Dec. 8 1901, Dec. 13 1902, Dec. 9 1903, Dec. 5 1904, Dec. 11 1905, Dec. 10 1906, Dec. 9 1907, Dec. 7 1908, Dec. 15 1909, Dec. 7 1910, Dec. 5 1911, Dec. 10 1912.

WILL SERVE SUPPER.

The Ladies' Industrial Society of the Hancock Congregational church will serve a turkey supper and will hold an apron sale tomorrow evening at the church.

PASSES AWAY AT BUTTE.

Mrs. J. G. Coppo, now a resident of Butte, but for many years a well known figure in Hancock, passed away at her home last Saturday evening, according to the message received by Hancock friends yesterday. Mrs. Coppo was formerly Miss Sadie Fitzpatrick of Hancock.

HANCOCK BREVITIES.

J. J. Kieckhefer is in Chicago, attending the meeting of the leaders of the Progressive party, which opens today. H. M. Goshel of Minneapolis is in Hancock on business. Dr. A. H. Baker will speak at the Peewee M. E. church next Sunday afternoon. Dr. Baker is a foreign missionary, who has been spending

"A Shine In Every Drop"

Get a Can Today

the past week among the copper country churches.

Arthur F. Jacques and son returned yesterday from a trip to Maquette.

Miss R. M. Douglass has returned from a trip to South Carolina.

Miss Frances Wynne returned to Chicago yesterday after a visit with Hancock relatives.

The Hancock school board will meet this evening.

Senator W. Frank James left last evening for Lansing, where he will meet with other members of the legislature to talk over proposed amendments to the employers' liability act. The Portage Lake Business Men's association will hold their regular monthly meeting tomorrow evening.

QUITS WRESTLING GAME.

Saifer Jack has forsaken the wrestling game. During the past vacation season, Jack has been a mechanical on the steamer W. J. Smith. With the close of the period he will ship on one of the Atlantic coast boats.

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- Mufflers in different shades at 50c to \$2.50.
- Shirts in all sizes and styles \$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Handkerchiefs in fancy holiday boxes 75c to \$1.50.
- House Slippers for men and young men at 50c to \$2.00.
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