

# THE LAW SAYS A SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL BE CALLED

WHILE AND ELECTION, WITH ITS ATTENDANT EXPENSE HAS BEEN AVOIDED, THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT IS PLAIN AND SPECIFIC.

In the matter of the selection of a successor of the late Judge Lardin, the La Salle county board of supervisors, looking probably to the matter of expense, yesterday took steps toward filling the vacancy caused by the death of the late jurist, which, had they consulted proper authorities, they would have found were out of the province of the governor, or any one else, so long as the laws of the state remain as they are.

The law is plain and specific. It may be unfortunate that the county will have to spend some \$10,000 to select a successor of Judge Lardin for what must be but little over a year's time, by the time the election can be called and held, but the framers of the law apparently did not care so much about expense as the board of supervisors.

While it is true that the matter has been evaded in the case of the county judge here and in other places by delays in the matter of calling of the special election, the law in the matter is plain. The law does not state how soon the governor shall call the election, and by dilatory tactics the plan can apparently be continued to evade an election, with its attendant expense. The law, however, is plain, and there is no question but an election could be forced, if this plan is adopted, should anyone so desire.

The law governing the matter of probate judges reads as follows, and it is hardly thought the governor will go so far as to set it aside, even at the solicitation of the La Salle county Board of Supervisors.

**Probate Courts, Chapter 37, Section 3.**—The Judge of said court in each county in which such court shall be established shall be elected on Tuesday next, after the first Monday in November—and every fourth year thereafter, and shall enter upon the duties of his office on the first Monday of December, after his selection, and shall hold his office for the term of four years.

**Section 24, Vacancy.**—When a vacancy shall occur in the office of Judge of the Probate Court, of any county, the clerk of the court in which the vacancy exists shall notify the governor of such vacancy. If the unexpired term of the office made vacant, is less than one year, at the time the vacancy occurs, the governor or he shall fill such vacancy by appointment; but if the unexpired term exceeds one year, the governor shall issue a writ of election, as in other cases of vacancy to be filled by election.

The governor has power to fill the vacancy by appointment only in case the unexpired term is less than a year, at the time the vacancy occurs. At the time the vacancy occurred in this case, Judge Lardin's unexpired term exceeded a year by about eight months. In such case, the vacancy cannot be filled by appointment. The vacancy can be filled by an election only. It will do no good whatever to call in outside judges to transact the business of the court until there shall remain less than a year of the unexpired term.

If we were to have a general election next November, it might be advisable to fill the place with outside judges until such general election, and have the governor issue a writ of election for this office, to take place at the time of the fall election, but we have no general election next November, and as a special election must be held to fill the vacancy, no advantage is gained to the county by deferring it.

Again, the law is mandatory. "If the unexpired term exceeds one year at the time the vacancy occurs, the Governor SHALL issue a writ of election." His duty is plain. He must issue the writ. Nothing is to be gained by postponing.

**Super Nest of the Tontobane.** The oddest of all birds' nests is that built by the tontobane, a South African songster. It is built of cotton, and always upon the tree producing the material. In constructing the domicile the female works inside and the male outside, where he builds a semi-circular box for his own special use. He sits in the box and keeps watch of things nearly all the time, and while danger comes in the form of a hawk a female he warns the family, but never enters the main nest.

**Winged Creatures.** "Is your wife trying to make a social butterfly of you?"

"No," replied Mr. Cumrox. "I don't stand any chance of being a winged creature of airy grace. If you want to classify me you'll have to get away from the insects and try the birds. I'm the goose that lays the golden eggs."—Washington Star.

**What "Barrage Fire" Is.** An interesting feature of artillery fire is the "barrage" or "barrage" fire. This means simply keeping up such a terrific fire on a certain area that an enemy cannot or will not cross it. When an infantry attack is launched, a barrage on the ground beyond the enemy's front line prevents his reinforcements coming up while the attacking infantry are having it out with the defenders of the trench. If the attack carries beyond the first line the artillery of the defense promptly interposes a barrage to prevent its reaching the second line. If the attack on the first line fails the defending artillery puts a barrage behind the attacker's line to prevent reinforcements coming up to it and to enable the victorious defenders to counterattack and destroy the enemy in his own trenches. It is merely a wholesale development of a long established method of supporting the infantry.—Major E. D. Scott in National Service Magazine.

**Mystery of a Fish.** In the economy of nature nothing is more remarkable than the metamorphosis of the flounder, which when young swims in an upright position, as do all other fish, but when maturity develops it becomes topheavy, falls over on its side and its existence is passed as a flat fish. That nature moves in a mysterious way is here freely illustrated, for when the flounder falls flat the two eyes, which originally were on either side of the head, are transposed to the upper side of the fish, where they always face the light.

The process by which this strange change is accomplished has never been discovered by scientists and is a marvelous instance of nature's operations, for while the fish usually rests upon bottom it can readily swim about in any depth of water.—New York Sun.

**A Short Business Talk.** In a certain store the merchandise manager sent for the ready to wear and millinery buyers and said to them:

"You men are getting a bad accumulation of stock that is hard to move. Hereafter you will make a daily and weekly inventory and send the report to this office."

Both buyers declared this to be impossible, but the merchandise man told them to go and do it. Especially he wanted them to show the age of the goods in stock, the sizes and the colors. After attempting to take some of these daily inventories the buyers decided that an easier way would be to get busy and sell the goods faster. This same plan has been used in many departments with fine results.

There is nothing like the spot light to engender selling activity in a store.—Philadelphia Record.

**All in the Dialect.** A New Zealand man vouches for the truth of the following story:

Dick Seddon was of Lancashire origin, and when he died the Lancastrian society in New Zealand sent a wreath with the following inscription: "I have gone whom." The journalist who reported the funeral evidently did not come from Lancashire and consequently was somewhat puzzled by the wording and, after thinking hard, concluded that some one had blundered. His report read:

"The Lancastrian society sent a beautiful wreath bearing the inscription: 'I have gone. Who am I?'"

**Destroying an Idol.** "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "you can say anything you like nowadays about George Washington, can't you?"

"Yes, the lid seems to be off." "Well, I never liked to mention it before, but I have my doubts about his being incapable of an effort to deceive. His pictures look to me as if the old gentleman wore a wig."—Washington Star.

**Luxury and Labor.** Alexander the Great, reflecting on his friends degenerating into sloth and luxury, told them that it was a most slavish thing to luxuriate and a most royal thing to labor.—Barrow.

**Happiness.** Happiness rarely is absent. It is that we know not of its presence. The greatest felicity awaits us nothing if we know not that we are happy.

### ♦ PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT. ♦

**Diet and Health.** In an article on "Taming the Liver" World's Work says that the daily meal of the average business man consisting of meat and potatoes and white bread is ideal for inducing constipation. Most of us should not eat more than once a day. Eat the shells of your baked potatoes and eat whole wheat bread or Graham for the help that what we call "roughage" has in stimulating bowel action. And see to it that you take liberal portions of at least two kinds of vegetables at both luncheon and dinner, such as vegetables as peas, beans, lettuce, parsnips, carrots, turnips, celery, oyster plant, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, tomatoes, radishes, Spanish onions, asparagus and spinach. If you dislike these you will be able to substitute fruits that you do like. Eat the right things, get sufficient exercise and rest and you will have no need for habit forming laxatives which eventually may do you much harm.

**Mars Photographs.** The best photographs of the canals of Mars were taken through red and orange screens.

**Perseverance always wins in the long run—usually in a walk.**

## FIND HOLY WATER MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES OLD

Was Buried With Body of Seneca Brave Near Rochester, N. Y.

Albany, N. Y.—A vessel of holy water buried with a Seneca brave more than 250 years ago has been unearthed in an old Indian cemetery near Rochester and brought to the State museum here by A. H. Dewey of Rochester, president of the State Archaeological society, and Dr. R. B. Orr, provincial archaeologist of Ontario, Canada.

A. C. Parker, the state archaeologist, who is a Seneca Indian, expressed the opinion that the brave of his tribe who held the vessel clasped to his breast was buried not later than 1687. In that year the Indian village of Totinacton, fourteen miles from Rochester, in the burial ground of which the vessel was found, was destroyed by a punitive expedition, headed by Count de Norville, then governor of Canada. In retaliation for Iroquois raids on the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The burial ground is now part of a farm owned by John G. Dann.

The box was found five feet under ground. The skeleton, unearthed with the box, had been buried in the Indian way, with arms folded and knees drawn up under the chin, in solid sand and clay.

Mr. Parker believes that the Indian was a convert to Christianity and that some Jesuit missionary had given him the holy water.

## LATEST RUSSIAN REVOLT AND PREVIOUS UPRISING

When Soldiers Refused to Fire Revolutionists Knew Battle Was Won.

Petrograd, Russia.—Comparing the present revolution with the great but unsuccessful uprising of 1905, certain likenesses and still greater differences are to be observed. Both began with food rioting and widespread industrial strikes.

After weeks of sporadic strikes throughout the empire during the Japanese war, strikes which were without central leadership, a general strike of government workers and others came in January, 1905. Liberal leaders and revolutionaries alike were taken off their feet by the spontaneous uprising.

Then both liberals and revolutionaries went to the support of the strikers and endeavored to change the industrial revolt into a political revolution. The situation grew so serious that the czar put Petrograd under martial law and made General Treppoff military governor.

The present revolt is a direct result of that of 1905. The chief difference is that the uprising which has led to the abdication of Czar Nicholas and the establishment of a democracy in Russia is that the liberty leaders carefully worked out the plans for the recent coup d'etat. Every detail of the program was studied with care, and nothing was left to chance.

There was one element of uncertainty—the attitude of the army. When soldiers refused to fire on strikers and food rioters the revolutionists knew the battle was won, and the overthrow of the ministry followed.

### USE SOUP AS A FOOD.

Woman Economic Expert Says It Will Reduce Cost of Living.

Pittsburgh.—That the disappearance of the soup pot in the American kitchen was one of the reasons for the present high cost of living was a statement made by Miss Pearl MacDonald, economic expert, in her address before prominent Pittsburgh women on home economics at the Pennsylvania State college.

"The American housewife does not follow the example of her European sister," Miss MacDonald stated. "In the making of soups, meats and bone can be used which are not used at all by the American women. I also would recommend the making of clear soups only on rare occasions, as in the clear soups you remove substances which are highly nutritious and which possess food value."

### TOMBSTONE BALL REVOLVING.

An Ornament in a Cemetery Proves a Puzzle.

Harrisonville, Mo.—There is a tombstone in Orient cemetery here that puzzles local scientists. The tombstone consists of a pedestal on which rests a ball of granite two feet in diameter. With the exception of the spot that rested on the pedestal the ball was given a high polish.

Now, the ball has turned until the unpolished spot has moved about one-sixty-fourth of the distance of the complete circle. A Harrisonville mathematician ascertained the exact hour the monument was set and by his computations declares the ball will make one revolution in 100 years.

### Champion Corn Husker.

Axtel, Kan.—Miss Agnes Schmidt is offered as the champion female corn husker of Kansas on a record made here recently. Miss Schmidt lives southwest of town. Her average for a week is seventy bushels a day, and on the last day of the week she brought in seventy-six. Men working in the fields beside her, who were experienced in corn husking, made records little better because of the difficulty in gathering the corn in the fields.

### Shrewd.

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### Hard on the Records.

Freshman (in awed voice)—See that big fellow over there? He broke three records last week. Sweet Young Thing—Mercy, I wouldn't let him run the phonograph!—Penn State Froth.

# ALLIED SOLDIERS CHEER ENTRANCE OF U. S. IN WAR

WORD REACHES ALL FRONTS THAT AMERICA STANDS BEHIND ENTENTE IN EFFORT TO DOWN PRUSSIANISM.

London, April 7.—The tremendous influence of America's entry into the war is making itself felt in every direction.

The military situation, world wide politics, economics and international finance all feel the powerful touch of the great republic across the Atlantic.

The expression was heard in official circles today that the action of President Wilson may open the way for him to take the lead for the organization of an international peace and arbitration league at the conclusion of the present conflict.

"The vast moral effect of the entrance of America in the war is so immense that it can be no more estimated than the ultimate result of the revolution in Russia," said the Morning Post. The practical effect can be more easily measured—it insures victory for the Allies, added the paper.

Dispatches from the front dwell on the effect of the news from Washington upon the allied soldiers in the trenches. It buoyed up their spirits and inspired assistance of such magnitude as no other neutral country in the world could furnish today.

In France and Belgium, on the snow capped Alps, in faraway Mesopotamia and amidst the bleak mountain Meconida, the forests of Northern Roumania and all the way across Russia cheers and shouts of joy were the answer of the soldiers in the trenches to the announcement:

"America is now with us."

It was further reported that Count Tarnowski, Austro-Hungarian ambassador designate to the United States, has been instructed to ask for a guarantee of safe conduct home.

Advices from Berlin, telling of a "Momentous Conference" at German Great Headquarters gave ground for the belief that it had to do with Austria-Hungary's attitude toward the United States, in the event of war between America and Germany.

Frederick C. Penfield, American ambassador to Austria, is expected to leave Vienna tonight. His passports have already been given him, it was said.

### Tragedy of Being Dull.

In the Woman's Home Companion Arnold Bennett describes the tragedy of being dull:

"The man lacking imagination is the utterly matter of fact man. He is necessarily the man who never has and cannot have any point of view except his own. He is the Wordsworthian man to whom a primrose by the river's brim was strictly a yellow primrose instead of being a miracle. He is imprisoned in what to him is the actual, and he is always the exact center of the prison, which is of thickest iron. His tragedy is that he does not suspect and is incapable of suspecting that he is in prison at all and that the prison walls and floor and roof entirely prevent him from really 'getting at' any other human being whatsoever. He is always in his own place. This is the deep meaning of dullness, and this is the dull man's doom."

### How a Bullet Falls.

In order to solve the problem a special stand was erected in Germany, and experiments were carried out along the shores of a lake the surface of which was frozen. The ice was covered with strong planks. It was shown that an infantry bullet shot upward in a vertical direction passes downward in the same position in which it passed upward. In other words, it came back to the earth with its bottom first. Why was it not upset at its culmination point? The answer is that the propelling force ceases to act at the culmination point, but the twist has as yet not stopped, and therefore it starts its fall with a twist. Even on impact the twist has not stopped, as was indicated by the warping of the wood fibers in the planking on the ice.—Popular Science Monthly.

### Where the Five Points Was.

The Five Points, once a most dangerous part of the New York slums, is now the site of Paradise park. It is at the crossing of Worth, Baxter and Park streets, near the junction of Park row and the New Bowery and Chatham square and practically adjoining Mulberry bend. In 1740 fourteen negroes were burned here during the negro insurrection. Here the Dead Rabbits had their headquarters and fought the Bowery Boys. The Seventh regiment was called out July 3, 1857, to quell a riot here. The Five Points mission was incorporated in 1850.

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### Blindfolded.

If blindfolded, it is said, no person is able to stand five minutes without

## RESTRAIN A COUGH.

A patient German statistician has calculated that a patient who coughs once every quarter of an hour for ten hours expends energy equivalent to 250 units of heat, which may be translated as equivalent to the nourishment contained in three eggs or two glasses of milk. In normal respiration the air is expelled from the chest at the rate of four feet per second, whereas in violent coughing it may attain a velocity of 300 feet. This waste of energy is especially important because it occurs for the most part in persons whose assimilative functions are already working under difficulties; consequently the ingestion of the corresponding quantity of nourishment by no means compensates for the exertion. It follows that persistent cough is per se a cause of emaciation, though there are many other factors which tend in the same direction; hence the desirability of restraining cough within safe limits, especially when it is due to irritative reflexes, such as are excited by laryngitis and pharyngitis.—Medical Critic and Guide.

## The Transformation.

After the hero of seventeen looks at the heroine of fifteen she is a different person. Before he looks at her she likes the fine brick houses in the neighborhood. In fact, she sees many elegant houses in town that she thinks would make ideal homes. Unlike her mother, she even likes the house in which the family lives. But after the hero looks at her you couldn't give her a big brick house. To her such places look cold, and she hardly would take one of them as a gift. But she just worships every little four and five room cottage she sees. They look so cute and neat and dear and sweet and cozy and snug. Oh, if she could just have a house like that and a hero like him—he is the only one there is of his kind—she would be just too happy for anything! And she would make fudge and have a regular home, only it would be far happier than other homes.—Claude Callan in Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

## UTICA.

John D., the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Baumann, is very seriously ill with pneumonia. Drs. Pettit, of Ottawa, and Antle, of Utica, are attending the little boy, who is about 5 years old.

Dr. Geen arrived home this week from Hot Springs, Ark., where he has been the past five weeks taking a much needed rest.

Mrs. Patrick Shaney was brought home from St. Mary's hospital Tuesday somewhat improved in health. J. H. Hanna is taking treatment for rheumatism at Morris.

Leon Tombs and Adrian Baumann both underwent operations for the removal of tonsils at St. Mary's hospital, La Salle, last week.

Mrs. Herbert Carlisle, of Ottawa, called on friends in Utica Thursday.

John Neary now has his office for the Utica Fire Sand Co. down town instead of at his home, as formerly.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nangle, who have been living in Aurora, are now making their home at the residence of Mrs. Nangle's mother, the late Mrs. Wm. Jones. Mr. Nangle is a motor-man on the C. O. & P. railroad.

Mrs. Eugene Hess and daughter, of Manchester, Ill., were here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Ray Phelps, of Ogesby, was in Utica Thursday calling on friends. Mrs. Fred Conover, of Chicago, has been spending a few days in Utica visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Farmer.

Mrs. Sam Gardner has returned from East St. Louis, where she went as a delegate to the Royal Neighbors convention.

Mrs. Chas. Wagner and little daughter, of Chillicothe, Ill., is here visiting at the home of Mrs. Sophia Kaiser.

Mrs. Chas. Simms and children, of Ottawa, have been spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reynolds.

Howard Cary has been down from Chicago a few days this week transacting business and visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dickman, of Rock Island, are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

George Gleim, of Ottawa, was transacting business in Utica Thursday. A new court of the National Order of the Daughters of Isabella has been organized in Utica, with about forty-five members. The initiation was held in K. of C. hall Sunday, April 1.

Disatisfied. The haughty looking woman upon whose features the dermatologist had been working for more than two hours sneered when she glanced in the mirror. "I certainly thought you knew your business," she snapped, "but you have not even given me fair treatment."

The man shrugged his shoulders. "If you had wanted fair treatment you should have been more explicit," he retorted. "I thought from what you told me that you wanted 'brutic'"—Chicago News.

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