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Petitions Cause New Question

There has been considerable comment on the streets the past few days regarding the possible outcome of the city election controversy. The question that has the voters stumped, as well as the candidates, for the various city offices, is whether or not there will be an election for the offices of city attorney and city judge.

At the last session of the state legislature, Senator Ryan of Clark county sponsored a bill that, among other things, changed the city charter to make the election of the city attorney and city judge mandatory. This bill was passed by both the senate and assembly and was signed by Governor Kirman. In the past these offices have been filled by appointment by the mayor.

At the same session of the legislature a bill was passed and became a law that made it possible to change or amend a city charter by petition of the voters. This measure requires that "Upon the filing of a verified petition bearing the signatures of not less than 60 per cent of the qualified voters of the city or town praying for the adoption of any amendment or amendments fully set forth in said petition and exhibited to each of such signers prior to the signature being affixed thereto." * * * "Upon the filing of any such petition bearing the required number of signatures, duly verified and setting out therein the amendment or amendments proposed, it shall be the duty of the governing body of such city or town to adopt such amendment or amendments by resolution without further proceeding."

"The said sixty per cent as provided * * * shall be based upon the total votes cast for justice of the supreme court at the general election last preceding the filing of the petition * * *"

A petition has been circulated, and is reported to have sufficient verified signatures that will change the Ryan bill and place the filling of the offices of city attorney and city judge back in the hands of the mayor.

Another petition is now being circulated that, should the above petition be adopted by the city board, would again amend the city charter and put the filling of these offices back in the hands of the voters, as set forth in the Ryan bill.

From well informed sources we learn that there are more than enough verified signatures on the first petition circulated and that it will be filed with the city board within the next few days, at least before the ballots are printed. If

County Board Votes New Signs

The Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting voted the sum of \$700.00 from the publicity fund to be used in erecting three signs that will direct automobile traffic into the state.

One sign will be erected at the junction of Highways 66 and 91 at Barstow. This turnoff from 66 to Las Vegas Highway 91 has always been difficult for tourists to locate. Plans call for a huge neon arrow at this intersection.

Another sign will be placed at the junction of 66 and the Boulder Dam-Las Vegas highway at Kingman, Arizona. This sign will divert traffic over the dam to Las Vegas.

The third will be placed at Flagstaff, Arizona, to divert traffic via Kingman on Highway 66.

The new signs have been advocated for months by the Chamber of Commerce and are expected to add greatly to tourist travel this summer.

Vegas Valuation Up 25 Percent

County Assessor Frank DeVinney, in his report to the board of county commissioners, states that the assessed valuation of the city of Las Vegas has been increased from \$4,500,000.00 as of 1936, to \$5,600,000.00 for the year 1937. The boost in valuation is approximately 25 per cent over last year. The greatest increase is in the business district of the city.

Increased costs of city, county and school operation is responsible for the boost in valuation. Demands of the various departments, despite the increase, will make it necessary for the board to trim edges on expenditures to keep the rate inside the \$5.00 limit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley A. Harmon of Carson City, arrived Wednesday evening to be present at the seventy-sixth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Harmon's mother, Mrs. Ella Wengert. They expect to return Monday and will be accompanied to Carson City by Mrs. Harmon's aunt, Mrs. Mary Fogarty, who will visit them for a time.

such is the case, the main issue of the Ryan bill will be defeated.

The second petition that is being circulated, that would nullify the first one, is also said to be meeting with success, but it will be several days before it is definitely known what effect it will have on the mixup.

Campaign Is Quiet So Far

Since the closing time for filing for the offices of city clerk, city attorney, city judge and city commissioners on last Saturday, there has been a decided lull in campaign activities. This is due to the question of whether or not the names of the candidates for the office of city attorney and city judge will appear on the ballot.

Those seeking the office of city attorney, which carries a salary of \$300.00 per month, are Wm. Scott, George Marshall, Guy E. Baker and Roland Wiley.

Those who filed for the office of city judge are Judge Thomas Carroll, present judge; Wm. E. Gore, Jack Lewis, Joe Hufford and J. P. Wagner.

For the city commission, Joe Ronnow will run against James Down, while James Powers will oppose Herb Krause.

Viola Burns, city clerk, will not have to make a campaign, as no one filed against her for that office.

Grand Worthy Matron Honored

Southgate Chapter, O. E. S., is to receive a visit from Grand Worthy Matron Jean Muir of Ely on Monday, April 12. The festivities begin at 12:30, when the Past Matrons' Club will entertain the Grand Matron and several other distinguished guests at a luncheon to be served in the banquet hall of the Masonic temple. The luncheon will be an informal affair and will be a happy beginning of what is hoped to be a bright spot in the honor guests' book of memories. Following the luncheon there will be a school of instruction for the officers of Southgate Chapter.

At 6:30 that evening the annual banquet will be served in the dining room of the Methodist church to which all Stars are invited. Mesdames Grace Newlin, Velma Van Eaton and Tilla Croneck are in charge of the reservations. Mrs. Fred Wilson and Miss Pauline Honrath will be heard in several numbers on violin and piano. Later the Grand Matron will visit Southgate Chapter.

St. Agnes Guild of Christ church met this afternoon with Mrs. Leon Rockwell hostess.

If a man doesn't answer your question it doesn't mean that he is ignorant—he may be just smart.

State Federation Opens Wednesday

The stage is set for what is the most auspicious event in the history of the Mesquite Club, the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which opens its session at the club house Wednesday morning. Mrs. A. C. Grant, the president of the Mesquite Club, and her able assistants have worked unceasingly to make the event a success, and if their plans don't "gang alee" the convention will be perfect.

The affair opens Wednesday morning with a breakfast at the Apache at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that as many as possible of the club members will attend this breakfast to greet the delegates and get the convention off to a good start. After this, the guests will be driven to the club house where they will present their credentials. Then follow a board of directors' meeting and a club Presidents' get-together meeting. At 12:30 there will be a luncheon at the Apache honoring the club Presidents.

The formal opening of the convention will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the club house, followed by a dinner at 6:30 at "The Meadows" to which all club members and their husbands are invited. This will be followed by a reception.

Thursday morning at 9 o'clock there will be a session at the club house, followed by a luncheon at the M. E. church with the P. T. A. club as hostess club.

The afternoon program will be presented at the M. E. church, followed by a drive over the city and a visit to the high school art department. In the evening the club members are invited to attend a dinner at the U. P. dining room honoring the Past State Presidents.

Friday morning a session will be held at the club house, when officers for the coming year will be elected. At 1 o'clock the guests will assemble at the Apache hotel and will be taken to the Dam and Lake.

The convention will be brought to a close Friday evening at the club house, when the new officers will be installed. A reception will follow the business session.

The members of the Hostess Club were luncheon guests of Mrs. W. N. Schuyler Tuesday. A pleasant afternoon was spent with needlework and sociability. The following ladies were present: Mesdames Emily Ball, Mary E. Lake, Charles P. Squires, O. C. Boggs, Al Moser, Earl Eglinton, Frank Ball, E. G. McGriff, H. R. Adams, D. S. Farnsworth and Geo. Ball.