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Amendments to the Constitution.

The Ten Provisions That Will Be Voted on at the November Elections.

There will be ten amendments to the Constitution to be voted on at the next general election, and the voter will be kept busy using his pencil in making crosses opposite "for" or "against" each amendment.

The first amendment provides that where a vacancy occurs in an office that is filled by appointment of the governor, two months before a general election in November, the office shall be filled at that election. At present if the vacancy occurs three months before election it is so filled.

The second amendment fixes the terms of the auditor general and State treasurer at four years each. At the present time the State treasurer's term is two years and the auditor general's three years.

The third amendment changes the term of justices of the peace and aldermen from five to six years.

The fourth amendment applies only to Philadelphia and fixes the term of magistrates from five to six years.

The fifth amendment changes the general election from annual to biennial, all to be held in the even numbered years.

The sixth amendment does away with all spring elections, abolishing them entirely, and all municipal elections will be held in November in odd numbered years.

The seventh amendment increases the terms of election of officers from one to two years.

The eighth amendment provides that elections of State officers shall be held on a general election day, except when, in either case, special elections may be required to fill unexpired terms.

The ninth amendment changes the terms of all county officers to four years.

The tenth amendment fixes the terms of office of county commissioners and county auditors at four years, evidently classifying them in the county officers coming under the ninth amendment.

The amendments in full as proposed, will be found in this issue, and will be published for the next three months.

A labor war has been begun in Sweden which the government is making vigorous efforts to check.

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2, 1909

One of the most edifying spectacles of the tariff session has been that presented by Speaker Cannon almost attempting to hold up the passage of the bill, actually sending threats to the White House, because the President would not approve the deal which Mr. Cannon made with former Representative Littauer for extortionate duties on women's gloves which Mr. Littauer, who is one of the largest glove manufacturers in the country, wishes to make without foreign competition at his plant at Gloversville, New York. When, at the beginning of the session, there was a threat to defeat "Uncle Joe" Cannon in the race for the speakership, and when a large number of Republicans joined forces with the Democrats to prevent the re-adoption of the Reed rules which make the Speaker nothing short of a despot, Cannon sent for Littauer and made a hard and fast agreement with him that he should have prohibitive duties on women's gloves if he would save Cannon from defeat. Littauer, who is a liberal entertainer, achieved the task assigned to him with, as will be remembered, the help of a few Tammany Democrats who turned traitor to their party in consideration of special favors which the Speaker was in a position to grant. The Ways and Means committee met and the Payne bill contained the glove duties demanded by Littauer as the price of his assistance to the Speaker. The House objected but was powerless under the rules to prevent the glove duties being adopted without defeating the entire bill. Influential members of the House immediately began work in the Senate, however, to prevent the adoption of the glove duties there and were successful. The Dingley rates were adopted in the Senate and the bill went to conference. Meanwhile, however, the President learned of the Cannon-Littauer trade and determined to defeat it.

When the tariff bill went to Conference Speaker Cannon "packed" the committee against Representative Payne in order to insure the retention of the glove duties. But the President informed the conferees that he would never agree to any increase over the Dingley rates on gloves. Cannon went to the White House, after first telegraphing to Littauer to come to Washington and make the fight. The Speaker told the President that he was an old man, that he had just one request to make and that was that he be permitted to keep his promise to Littauer. The President was thoroughly disgusted that such a trade should have been made, that the people of the country were to be compelled to pay tribute to Littauer for the far from meritorious privileges of having Cannon Speaker of the House. He told Cannon so very plainly. That did not silence the Speaker, however. He has been making political deals all his life and was absolutely unable to see anything improper in his conduct or to grasp the President's meaning. He never ceased his fight. The conferees promised the President to report the Dingley duties but Cannon kept up the contest. Finally, when the conferees had agreed to the President's demand for free hides, Cannon got them to demand the President's approval of a compromise on the glove schedule. The compromise was rejected but even after that a still further compromise was proposed.

The Republican conferees have come very near wrecking the tariff bill altogether. Their insistence on the glove rates demanded by Cannon and Littauer and the duty on lumber demanded by certain western Senators placed the bill in serious jeopardy and incidentally demonstrated to the leaders of the Senate and the House that although he was big and good natured and apparently easy going, William H. Taft possessed a determination more dangerous to encounter once it was aroused even than that of Theodore Roosevelt.

The Secretary of the Navy is working on a proposition which is of a highly important character to the welfare of the navy. It is a broad plan of reorganization which will provide for the grouping of the various correlated bureaus in the Navy Department under experienced flag officers and the creation of a sort of naval cabinet to advise the Secretary on all points which require technical knowledge for their correct determination. Under the present system, every new Secretary of the Navy finds himself face to face with problems of grave im-

port which he is not and cannot be competent to solve. For advisors he has only the various chiefs of bureaus and often their advice is extremely conflicting. In the last nine years there have been seven Secretaries of the Navy and each in turn has had to go through the apprentice period, striving to solve problems of which he came into the department wholly ignorant, but the guidance of only common sense and perplexed by the conflicting assurances of officers, each of whom was prepared to back up his statements with arguments so technical in their character that only the initiated could weigh them intelligently. It is expected that the new plan will insure a continuity in naval policy which is highly desirable. In every improvement which receives the approval of Secretary Meyer, the chief thought will be the efficiency of the fleet, a thought which Secretary Newberry was prone to overlook in his desire to secure "business-like administration" of the navy yards. Generally speaking, the new plan will involve the abandonment of the Newberry plan of navy yard organization.

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Two Tons of Gold on Show at Seattle.

Want to see \$1,250,000 in pure, yellow gold? This is one of the exhibits of marvelous wealth exposed to the eyes of the visitors to the Alaska building of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Washington. Securely entrenched behind a double steel cage are over two tons of yellow wealth that would do justice to the days of Aladdin.

Taken from the frozen earth of Alaska by men who have risked their lives to obtain this most precious of metals, it lies inviting the wonder of the visitors to the exposition.

Dozens of gold bricks, larger than paving blocks, lie in the center of the exhibit. Each one of the bricks would mean a fortune. Just figure it out; with gold bringing \$24 an ounce and a brick weighing around 150 pounds, each one means over forty thousand dollars.

Surmounting the whole on a shelf are five of the largest nuggets ever found. One of these holds the record for a single piece of native gold. It is worth nearly four thousand dollars.

It is a revelation to watch the crowds that flock around the cage to catch a glimpse of the precious metal. They seem to love to get as close as possible to the pile of wealth. Many a man is unconsciously wondering how he can get that gold out of the pile into his pocket.

The average visitor wonders how thieves are kept out of this tempting hoard. That was easily done. It is enclosed by a double cage of strong iron bars in the day time. At night it is lowered into a vault beneath the floor of the building. This vault is fitted up with electric wires charged with 2,000 volts of electricity. Any hapless man who placed a hand on one of these wires would be electrocuted in a hundredth of a second.

Beware of Flies!

The state department of health has issued a no-fly warning in which it is declared that flies are common carriers of disease and should be kept out of premises when possible. The bulletin urges the careful observance of the following rules:

- Don't allow flies in your home. Don't permit them near your food, especially milk. Don't buy foodstuffs where flies are tolerated. Don't eat where flies have access to the food. Do not eat food that has been in contact with flies. Screen the baby's bed and keep the flies away from baby's bottle. Keep flies away from the sick, especially those ill with typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria and tuberculosis. Kill every fly which enters the sick room. Catch the flies as fast as they appear. Use liquid poisons, sticky fly papers or traps.

Tax the Heiresses.

Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy under President Roosevelt, has made a novel suggestion for the tariff makers. He would levy an export tax on American heiresses, so as to keep our fortunes here and some of the foreign nobility at home.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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