

# Special Elections to Name Successor to Late Rep P. A. Peterson Are Headed Off

**Four Candidates, M. J. Rohne, Andrew Hanson, George Sanborn and W. D. Espeland, Co-operate to Make It Possible to Save Costs of Election by Voluntarily Withdrawing From Race at Noon Today—Governor Olson Congratulates Candidates and Those Who Worked to Prevent Election.**

All Freeborn county—especially the taxpayers—will rejoice over the news that the special elections which were to take place March 3 and 14 to name a successor to the late P. A. Peterson, state representative, have been prevented.

Practically every citizen in the county has been opposed to these elections—but owing to the Minnesota state law it was mandatory that the Governor call them.

Saturday, after the time limit for filing had passed, a number of citizens, representative of various parts of the county got busy and suggested that the four candidates, M. J. Rohne, George Sanborn, W. D. Espeland and Andrew Hanson withdraw. All four agreed to do so as soon as they were interviewed. In fact these four candidates met this morning with a number of interested citizens and stated that they would do their part in an effort to save the county this big expense.

Mayor Hayek got in touch with Judge N. E. Peterson of the district court and just before noon the Judge got in touch with the Governor over the telephone. The Governor extended his congratulations to those citizens (and especially the candidates who so willingly agreed to withdraw) for their action which will prevent these elections, at a time when the citizens in general are so heavily burdened with taxes.

Accordingly just at noon today the four candidates marched into County Auditor A. C. Hartz's office and withdrew their names as candidates.

The following is a message received today by Judge Peterson from Governor Olson:

Judge Norman E. Peterson—  
Court House,  
Albert Lea, Minn.

St. Paul, Feb. 27—In answer to your inquiry today relative to special election Freeborn county it is my opinion that people of county should induce

prospective candidates to fill unexpired term of late P. A. Peterson to refrain from filing so as to save unnecessary expense to taxpayers.

If no candidate files for election I am willing that county authorities refrain from printing ballots or holding any election. Constitution compelled me to call an election but I will be glad to cooperate with people of county in every way to prevent such an election in event that prospective candidates can be induced to refrain from filing.

GOVERNOR FLOYD B. OLSON.

It is evident from the above telegram that the Governor, amidst all his many other duties, did not realize that the filing time has already past and that all candidates had filed. Judge Peterson stated this afternoon that the telegram was really tantamount to a withdrawal of the candidates, which had already been done.

The Tribune received the order from the county auditor for the printing of the ballots last Saturday, but in anticipation of just what has happened held up the actual printing. Today Mr. Hartz canceled the order. Some of the election supplies which were printed in the Twin Cities have already been received but an effort will be made by Mr. Hartz to have the company, doing the job, cut the price for this work.

All of the four candidates have spent considerable time and money in getting their campaigns launched. This they will lose, but they can feel assured that the citizens of Freeborn county, in general, will appreciate what they have saved in taxes by withdrawing from the race.

So the Tribune wants to impress upon all that the ones who are really deserving are the four candidates themselves. They did not hesitate one minute when the suggestion was made for them to withdraw.

say, "It was I that forced those people to give up that old farm after paying taxes on it for nearly eighty years?"

Gentlemen, I am a tax payer in your county, and have been for a good many years. I'm not afraid, nor ashamed to suggest to you county officials, you ought to disobey, or break any law if by so doing you can save someone's home. I'm interested in that old homestead. I have spent a good many days trudging over its fields. I have slept a good many nights under the roof of the old log house, now gone.

I was born there, and that young man who in 1856 filed on that homestead was my father.

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## LOCAL W.C.T.U. HELD MEETING FRIDAY, FEB. 24

**Senator Sheppard of Texas Says: "The Repeal of Prohibition Would Be the Beginning of the Dismemberment of the Soul of America."**

The W.C.T.U. held their meeting, which was adjourned from Feb. 17, to Friday, Feb. 24.

The adjournment was on account of the funeral of T. E. Noble, who had always been a staunch supporter of temperance and prohibition. He had long been an honorary member of the W.C.T.U. His wife who had preceded him to the better land but five months before, had long been an active and useful member of the W.C.T.U. They will be sadly missed in the circle of the W.C.T.U. and the community in which they lived.

The meeting was called to order and prayer was offered by Mrs. Mary Reynolds. The business of the day was disposed of, and some letters from heads of departments, laying plans for the work, were