I OWENS SEES

Oklahoma Senator Prescribes Initiative and Referendum and Direct Primary as Remedies for Abuses.

attention by the hubbub attending their iscussion is that of progress in the methods of state and city government. n the opinion of Senator R. L. Owen, Democrat, of Oklahoma. His judgment is based on a long study of the peopie, who at least to some extent have fought their way out of old ruts of government wherein all power lay in nachine boases , and unscrupulous corporations.

Owen's idea is that the adoption of owen's idea is that the adoption of the voters of Oregon through the use two or three principles is the only thing of the initiative abolished the convennecessary to free the people, and he is devoting all his energy to the spread of that gospel. He feels that if Americans are to escape a condition approaching servitude and a revolution is to be averted, steps must be taken to break the power of those who in some ways now dominate affairs.

As the most important step he adocates the adoption of the initiative there are mandatory and in 11 states and referendum, which would enable the optional laws covering certain localities people to propose and adopt new laws or offices. In practically all the southand by popular vote veto offensive ern states there are direct primaries. laws passed by the legislatures. With such an arrangement "bosses" could not sell laws, and corporations would not tion system is abolished, except as to buy, because there would be no assur- national convention delegates, while anof permanency of the tainted stat-He strongly favors a corrupt HEAS. practices act, which would ventilate methods, and the nomination of candidates for office by popular vote

A Non-Partisan Question.

"The people's rule is not," says Owen, "or should not be, a partisan question. In Republican Oregon, South Dakota, Mentana and Maine, and in Democratic Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Nevada, the people have become already comparatively free from machine conor are about to achieve that distinetion

This issue of the people's rule goes to the root of all other questions, becomprise some form in which the rights paign the initiative was used to abolish ness of the people is interfered with by voted in 1899 in favor of a constitutional announce a new declaration of inde- fect.

indence, freedom from the rule of the few, freedom from the rule of the speoliticians who are in alliance with the interests-interests which have pervertdeas to sordid and selfish ends."

In a code on the progress in state and mended by the governors. local government prepared after a careful study, Owen says that James Bryce,

nee and methods of "machines". an politice. In that year the secret ballot for ele

ns between the party machines was just coming into use in Manuschusetti and the reform quickly spread to near y all the other states, though seriously ippled by artful loopholes inserted by ach ruling political machine.

Then registration of voters was se-tured, though at the start all sorts of constitutional objections were

Later there was a somewhat success-ful movement for an honest ballot and system has been adopted in Nebraska and Nevada. The merit system has been largely established throughout the a fair count.

Oregon in Foreground.

During these years there was a grow- Senator Owen states that practically ag movement for legal control of the all the reforms have come from within the would-be voters at the elections in the party primaries or caucuses. Not until 1901, in Minnesota, did the people establish by law a state wide set of mandatory regulations for the control of the primary elections. The Minne-control and referendum Overn de-

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Oct. L.—An issue that ises above many which absorb public was a long step in advance. Sola law did not apply to state offices in attractive and reference. Best and the issuance of platforms but it scribes the Oregon system, whereby the people, to a greater extent than those sota law did not apply to state offices itlative and referendum. Owen de-In the same year, 1901, important di-rect primary laws were enateed in trol in the election of public officers Florida and Oregon; and in 1902 in and the passage and veto of laws by Mississippi. But not until the followpopular vote. ing year, 1903, was there enacted in Wisconsin "the first state wide primary The senator says that the people law with fairly complete provisions for almost perfect corrupt practices act in legal supervision." It left not a shred 1908. He speaks approvingly of the except for the forming of a state plat-form. Even the delegates to the na- faithful public official by the use of the faithful public official by the use of the tional party conventions were to be elected by direct vote. The next year recall. The operation consists in twentyfive per cent of the voters in the elec-tion district from which the official was elected signing a statement setting

tion system except for choosing deleforth the reasons for their demand that gates to national conventions. he shall surrender his office. If he so Eighteen states now have mandatory desires he may present his resignation. laws for direct nominations concerning and it becomes effective on the day on practically all the offices except delewhich it is offered. If he sticks, a specgates to national party conventions. In ial election is called within five days five states there are optional laws to to oust him. The reason for unhorsing cover direct nominations. In four states him is printed, in not more than 200 words, on the ballot. Other candidates for the office may be nominated to be voted for at the special election, a neat-way of holding the funeral before the "In other words," says Owen, "in patient is dead. No petition for the reabout one half of the states the convencall of an officer can be circulated until he has held his position for six months. The reason for adopting this law was other one third of the states' either frankly placed upon the ground that: legally require direct nominations for "To get the best service from all officertain localities or make the system cers at all times it is as necessary that optional."

Urge Direct Legislation.

In 1892 the American Federation of Labor and the Knights of Labor urged the adoption of the initiative and referendum, a direct vote system of which good reports had been received from Switzerland. In Nebraska a law was passed authorizing cities to establish the initiative and referendum and South Dakota installed it in 1898,

senator a Democrat. Rebellion lifted Oregon adopted the system in 1902 its head, but the governor of the state. by carrying a constitutional amendment a member of the opposite party and cause all modern questions practically by a vote of 11 to 1. In the next cam- the people's choice for the United States senate, prepared to circulate peand interests, the health, or the happi- party caucuses and conventions. Utah ittions to recall the unfaithful public servants, should they actually rebel, special interests seeking profit through amendment providing for the initiative and he was prepared to call an election the machine method of government. It and referendum, but Republican legisla-is absolutely essential for the people to tures have refused to place it in efvented the overturning of the people's

In 1906 the giving of railroad passes will. was prohibited by congress and at the "In municipal affairs, too, the mere interests, freedom from machine next session of the state legislatures presence of the people's power to renine of them enacted anti-pasa laws. call unfaithful public servants has been Nine states passed laws regulating lob- helpful, but not completely effectual, ed the great republic from its noblest bying in their legislatures. In 13 states for in two small places, at Junction the passage of similar. laws was recom-City and Estacada, the voters actually recalled the public officials."

In at least 20 states the laws provided for publicity of election contrithe present British ambassador to the butions or expenses, or both. New der this plan a certain number of citi-United States, was the first to publish York led the way in 1890. In six states, zens by signing a petition may bring ring of footfalls in the farthest cor-a book, 1888, dealing with the influ-Michigan, Kansas, North Carolina, Ohlo, about an election for a vote on any ridor.

thile opinion votes. Even in the ont the people are not well protected comme a legislator may oney instrulies to the election of all na tional officers. In more than two thirds of the states the candidates for the national house of representatives are directly nominated. In 39 states the ions to vote for a law on a certain su ject, but amendments inserted by the political bosses may defeat the object sought to be attained by the people in expressing their public opinion. United Sintes senators are nominate by direct vote. In Oregon the people s the general election choose between th

MINERS BLAST THROUGH atorial nominees of the parties. Th **TWO PREHISTORIC FISH**

Mokelumne Hill, Cal., Oct. 1 .-- Glant secutive departments. ish of prehistoric times have just een found in a tunnel of the Bouvier rimaries. Each party organization the old established parties, the progrest mine, 20 to 40 feet under ground, and was wholly uncontrailed by law and sive party leaders having the help of have been taken out in pieces, but not the result was all sorts of outrages on non-partisan organizations. The farm-the would-be voters at the elections in ers' organization and the labor unions seum purposes. The miners struck a ongealed substance in digging which

was carefully scrutinized. They did not realize the nature of their find for some time, when they discovered they blasting lengthwise through a great fish. It proved to be 37 feet long. After digging it out the miners prowhich reaches St/ Petersburg as to the gressed only a short distance , when condition of the czarina is not encourthey struck another fish, which they aging. The treatment at Bad Nauheim has not had any appreciable effect in dug through crosswise before investigating. It proved to be 15 feet long.

Oregon, by direct legistation enacted an GRAPEVINES TO BE **USED AS SNOW FENCE**

Tageblatt from St. Petersburg states

teraburg with his family.'

EARTH'S WEIGHT IS

burg.

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have been entertained, but for her children. The hand that strikes at the ruler Cadillac, Mich., Oct. 1 .-- There is of all the Russlas would not be likely alk among G. R. & I. rallroad men to spare his heir, even though that heir to the effect that next spring the combe but a child, and the constant hideous pany will commence the construction fear that death in its most shocking and of a new kind of enow fence. Vineviolent form may at any moment rob yards from Grand Rapids to the straits but without grapes on the vines are talked of. The present snow feaces her of her boy-perchance of all her children-has been more than a constitalked of. tution naturally delicate, could stand. are inadequate to the demands made Such mental torture through months upon them in February and March. and years must surely be the nearest Seeds of wild grape vines will be sown thing to hell on earth that any woman along the woven wire fences which they could suffer. Through weary days and will climb, becoming a formidable barsleepless nights the sword has hung suspended until at last the utterly rier to the snows of the coldest and wildest months. Besides that, the wearled body bas, collapsed, under the graps vines will be a pleasing thing to look at in the summer months. strain. That rest and care may in time bring increase of health and strength

to this brave but most unhappy lady RUSSIA ADMITS DIPLOMACY will be the wish of all who have a grain of sympathy in their composition. OF AMERICAN AMBASSADOR those best acquainted with her condition do not believe any great improvement Berlin, Oct. 1 .-- A dispatch to the can be hoped for.

Collision With Submarine.

to Nervous Breakdown.

By George Fraser.

mproving her majesty's nerves.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1 .- The news

The cause of her illness, touches the

greatest deeps of tragedy in the lives

of royal women. . It is not for herself or for her husband that her worst fears

the people shall be able to discharge any that the Russian ministry of the inte-of their public servants as it is that, rior has published an order giving Oscar The Russian minister of marine has had the alarming experience while yachting, of being in collision with a submarine. The affair occurred off S. Straus, the American ambassador to Turkey, permission to visit St. Petersrg. The order is as follows: "The ministry of the interior permits cronstadt, and the submarine at the time was so far submerged as to be the American ambassador to Constantipractically invisible from the yacht on nople, Oscar S. Straus, who belongs to the Jewish confession, to visit St, Peboard which the minister was voyaging. The collision occurred before the danger was realized, the yacht just graz This order is regarded as a striking ing the submarine's hull; and, alarmed illustration of the rigor with which the by the shock, several of the crew of the anti-Jewish regulations are being ensubmarine jumped overboard with the result that two were drowned. The submarine was able to refurn to port, having suffered very little damage.

New Ships for Bussis. It is announced from Sebastopol that

7 TRILLION TONS the keels of the four Dreadnaughts to be added to the Black Sea fleet will not be New York, Oct. 1 .-- Reinhard. Wetzel, instructor in physics at the Collaid down before the spring of next year. lege of the City of New York, has just Two of the yessels will be built at Sefinished a series of experiments by bastopol and two at Nicolaieff: but i which he has computed the weight of has been found necessary to extend and the earth to be seven trillion tons. Acimprove the appliances at both yards cording to Instructor Wetzel, the result for the construction of these great batis more accurate than has hitherto been tleships, which, according to the latest information, are to have a displacement each of 23,000 tons, with engines of 42,

The apparatus used by the weigher In Illinois and several other states in his experiments was so extremely 600 horse-power, and a speed of 23 knots. public opinion laws are in effect. Un- delicate that they were carried on en- No details are as yet known as to their

On the other hand, the passenger having the right of way, was just builder, to take general supervision of the work and to place expert American whip builders in direct charge, thus ma-terially reducing the time of construc-tion. It may be said that none of Buseeding when no cal n was shown.

Bunesintendent Chisholm's disco

da's new navy will be built in foreign EPICUREAN OSTRICH

INTERRUPTED AT FEAST Washington, Oct. 1 .-- A menu

OF RAILWAY WRECK electric wise and white and blue bunting, several nails which happened to be

Rockland, Maine, Oct. 1 .-- A dead fly aused a head-on collision that injured **Constant Worry Over Safety of** Her Children's Lives Proand, Thomaston & Camden street rallway, after examining the block signal duces Conditions Inevitable that falled to operate.

DECEASED FLY CAUSE

fact.

Electrical connection had been prebetween the slate base and brass c n-

loose in a fence and numerous stones from a rock heap just outside the Ben-11 persons at Ballard park. This was the conclusion reached by Superintend-of Washington which "Cyclone." the ent Valentine Chisholm, of the Rock- Florida ostrich, will take back home with him. "Cyclone" broke loose from his moor-

ings and devastated several booths. He vented by a dead fly, which was found was thought to have eaten his way through the fence when discovered en-joying a dainty dessert of choice, sharp The freight train had taken the edged stones at the rock pile.



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