

CITY MANAGER TELLS OMAHA ABOUT PLAN

N. A. KEMMISH INTERVIEWED BY THE OMAHA BEE.

If Omaha is to Have Modern City Government, Must Substitute Business Men for Politicians.

"If Omaha is to modernize its municipal government and win the city manager plan, it must be led by its business men instead of its politicians," said N. A. Kemmish, Saturday, as quoted by the Omaha Bee. "When the city commission is elected under the manager plan it ought to be made of an entirely new batch of citizens. If it isn't, then things will run on in the same old way, no matter how the government is changed."

Mr. Kemmish is Nebraska's only city manager. Since taking hold of affairs in Alliance, early this year, he has put in economies that more than have paid his salary. In the public safety department he made a saving of 25 per cent on police expenses and 60 per cent on the fire division. Expenses in the public service department have been cut 35 per cent. More work is being done now than before, and no salaries have been reduced. He is an engineer, with long experience in managing public utilities.

Watch System Operate. Many cities in the state are watching the progress of Alliance under the new system, and Mr. Kemmish is in demand as a speaker before civic organizations. He now is on his way

to attend a national convention of city managers in Chicago, and on his way home will address the Kiwanis club as St. Joseph, which is considering the city manager plan. It is probable that he will speak later before a business men's organization in Omaha.

"Politics and business don't mix," is the slogan of Mr. Kemmish. "The plain American citizen, who is not in with any political machine, is beginning to realize that our old system of city government does not fit modern needs," he said. "Is it any wonder that our costs of government have gone up by leaps and bounds? It would actually pay the city of Omaha to hire a big executive at \$50,000 a year to handle its municipal business. Of course no such salary would have to be paid, but the saving would warrant it."

Present System Wrong.

"Our city government, and especially our national government, has grown to be one of the most gigantic business institutions, requiring the highest skilled and trained business men available. Yet we continue to place men in office who have had little or no business training and have little or no conception of the problems before them. How long would a business man continue in business operating under such a system?"

"Suppose, for example, that a business house employed only the most popular or good looking managers, stenographers and bookkeepers, without ascertaining whether or not they have ever had any business training or knowledge of how to keep a set of books or run a typewriter. You know unless they had an unlimited capital to draw from that such a business would fail. Everyone knows it would fail and yet we cling to that very idea in our city government and complain because our taxes are high."

Present Plan Expensive.

"Under our old system we select a man who can pull the most votes. If he is a vote getter he is the man we want. We elect him and he proceeds to run a business in which he has had no previous knowledge or experience. He is full of ideas as to how the city should be run. He proceeds to try these out by putting them into practice at the taxpayers' expense. About the time he begins to really learn something about the business it is time for a change, and out he goes, and we vote for another green hand to take his place and try his luck, with equal results. All this time we continue paying the bill for his mistakes and for educating these men only to throw them out again."

"We keep on doing this same thing over and over again. We don't seem to realize that this sort of thing is unnecessary and it can be changed if we make up our minds to do it. It is a very simple matter, indeed, and is no experiment whatever. All we need to do is to apply the business principles that are used in any other lines of business. If we are to keep taxes within bounds we must use efficient business methods in administering the affairs of our government whether it be city or nation. We must get away from the old haphazard, happy-go-lucky, 'pass the buck' way of doing business in our governmental affairs and get down to real honest-to-goodness methods of doing business in a business way."

Must Choose Carefully.

"By applying the same business principles to our public corporation or city business that we do to a private corporation we will get the same results and do it just as efficiently. In a private corporation all the stockholders do not try to run the business. They choose among themselves a board of directors who act on all matters of

general policy for the stockholders. This board appoints a general manager and holds him responsible for the success or failure of the business. If he cannot produce results they fire him and get someone else who can. It is the same way in the city manager form of government. The city's business is carried on by men trained in business practices.

"The best type of man for a city to obtain as city manager is usually an engineer who is a successful business manager of a public utility corporation or a private corporation. This type of man has had experience in meeting and dealing with the public. This is especially true of those cities owning one or more public utilities. It is more important that a city secure a competent manager than it is for a private corporation. This is true because in his activities the city manager comes into contact with nearly every line of business in the city. The matter of choosing a city manager is a very important one. Whether this form of government is a success or not depends largely upon the man chosen."

"He must have the following qualifications:

Must Be Honest Official.

"Above all he must be honest. This should be an inherited trait of character and not simply acquired. He must be honest in all of his dealings with city affairs and give the same treatment and consideration to each and every citizen regardless of the social or financial standing they may have in the community."

"He should not be a politician in

any sense of the word. If politics are to rule there is no need to make a change in government for name only. The city manager should be chosen for his business qualifications and not for political reasons. If he has ever been in politics, especially in the community in which he is to serve, that alone should disqualify him as his old political friends will want to dictate to him and influence him for their own personal benefits."

"He must be industrious and must not take an active part in any one particular club or organization, but must be free to exercise his best judgment and have only the welfare of the entire city at heart. He must be an executive, capable of showing consideration for those with whom he deals and must have ability to know and the courage to do at all times what is just and right for the best interests of the entire city."

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 14.—CATTLE—Receipts, 23,000 head; market weak; steers, \$5.25@11.00; cows and heifers, \$1.75@8.75; stockers and feeders, \$4.50@7.25; calves, \$4.50@9.25.

HOGS—Receipts, 8,000 head; market 10c lower; bulk of sales, \$6.50@6.95; heavy, \$6.25@6.85; medium, \$6.75@7.00; light, \$6.65@7.00; pigs, \$6.75@7.75.

SHEEP—Receipts, 6,000 head; market strong to 25c higher; lambs, \$8.00@9.25; ewes, \$3.75@4.35; stockers and feeders, \$6.75@7.75.

Antioch Man Loses Suit to Hike Rent on Drug Store Tenant

Harvey Holt of Antioch lost his suit in district court against E. E. Cathcart, Antioch druggist, arising out of a dispute about rent. The case was tried before Judge Westover at Rushville last Thursday. L. A. Berry and R. L. Wilhite of Rushville represented Cathcart and Sam O'Brien was attorney for Holt.

Cathcart rented the building of Holt some time ago, when Antioch was in the heyday of boom days, at a rent of \$65 per month. Later, when the bubble burst, there was a verbal agreement that it should be reduced to \$32.50. This rent was paid and accepted several months, when Holt served notice that the price in the lease would be charged thereafter. A jury found that \$32.50 was the correct rent, and that the verbal agreement, which had been carried out, superseded the lease.

Judge Westover is holding court in Harrison, Sioux county, beginning yesterday, and will return to Rushville next week to complete the November term of court here.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 14.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,500 head; market steady to 15c lower.

HOGS—Receipts, 3,500 head; market 10@20c lower; top, \$6.95; bulk of sales, \$6.25@6.90.

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HOME TOWN LOYALTY.

Why not be fair to your home town? Do your buying with the merchant who is your neighbor and friend, who, when you need it, will give you accommodations you could not get away from home, who helps to keep Alliance going and growing by paying taxes and licenses here, paying store-rent here, paying wages to employees here, buying his own household supplies here. The home business man is a big factor in the growth and development of the city. When it is necessary to raise funds for church or charity he is the first to give, and he gives liberally. The question is largely one of town loyalty and of good business practice. It is not loyalty to a town to buy goods in other towns that could be bought as cheaply and as well at home, and it is poor business policy to pay merchants in other cities more for goods than home merchants charge for them. Anniston (Ala.) Star.

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