

City Officials All Amateurs, Asserts Expert

Office Holders Barely Get Inking of Many Affairs by Time They Retire, Professor Says.

City officials were characterized as "amateurs" by Prof. Charles M. Fassett, expert in municipal government at the University of Kansas, in an address before the convention of Nebraska League of Municipalities at the Hotel Rome yesterday.

"City officials are all amateurs when they are elected to office," the speaker said. "They remain in office for two or four years and when they retire they have just begun to have an inking of municipal government. When they return to their life another group of amateurs take their places."

"There is an awakening coming and the old method of electing officials because of partisan affiliation, regardless of qualification for office, will pass. Voters are asking more service from their municipal officials and are seeking men who are competent to hold the positions."

Prof. Fassett Urges Special Training

Prof. Fassett advocated special training and preparation for men holding municipal offices. At the University of Kansas there is a special course in municipal government, and Western Reserve, Cleveland, is planning a department of municipal government which will teach the theory while the student is allowed to work part time in the municipal offices of Cleveland to gather practical experience.

"There never will be an ideal city until we have ideal citizens," Prof. Fassett said. "The great hindrance to good government is indifference, disinterest in municipal affairs and failure to vote. No citizen can expect to enjoy the privileges of a democratic government until he is willing to shoulder some of the responsibilities of a true citizen."

Improved Standards

Prof. Fassett declared the evolution of municipal government has brought the method in effect in America to a higher standard than ever was attained before. He declared city managership to be the latest word in municipal efficiency, especially in smaller cities.

William Madgett, Hastings, vice president of the league, spoke on "Municipal Testing Laboratory." The delegates had luncheon at the Hotel Rome at noon, during which there was a round table discussion of "Legislation." In the afternoon William Grant, Lincoln, spoke on "Paving Progress in Nebraska." City swimming pools and sanitation, safety and liability were other subjects discussed.

Discuss Swimming Pools

Uplift and care of municipal swimming pools from a sanitary standpoint was the subject of an illustrated lecture yesterday afternoon before the members of the Nebraska League of Municipalities at the Hotel Rome by R. N. Perkins, Omaha chemist.

Slides showing proper methods of keeping swimming pools free from disease germs, filtering of water and other necessary prevention methods were shown.

Following the lecture, R. B. Howell, general manager of the Metropolitan Utilities district, delivered a short address on municipally owned utilities in Omaha and showed motion pictures of them in operation. Following this lecture the delegates made a tour of the Omaha utilities and saw them in operation.

Dry Laws Enforced, Says W. C. T. U. Officer

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—The 18th amendment is being enforced, according to Mrs. Clayton, Lincoln, vice president at large of the Nebraska W. C. T. U., in an address before the regional conference held at Fremont.

It cannot be expected, she pointed out, that a habit of 10,000 years' standing can be wiped out in an instant by the mere passing of a law. Mrs. Clayton appealed to the women to become acquainted with the work that is being done and to express their appreciation of officers who enforce the law and of papers that publish conditions as they are. She urged that all women exercise their right to vote and do all in their power to promote civic righteousness.

Miss Amy Spaulding, Upton, Ind., addressed the conference on the immigration question. The apparent indifference of Americans to foreigners, she said, makes the work of missionaries harder, for the immigrants cannot believe that the Americans really care.

Farewell to Rev. Mr. Lowe

C. F. Weller presided Tuesday afternoon at a farewell meeting given by the G. A. R. to Rev. Titus Lowe in the city council chamber. Bishop Stuntz, Rev. E. H. Jenks, Capt. E. Adams, and Rev. Lloyd Holsapple were the speakers, besides Dr. Lowe. The G. A. R. quartet sang.

Youth Sought in Omaha

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Frank Layton has gone to Lincoln and Omaha in search of his son, Glen, former high school football player who recently disappeared, passing a number of no-fund checks, it is alleged, before he left.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.)
Lincoln Highway, East—Good to Marshalltown; fair at Cedar Rapids.
Lincoln Highway, West—Good to Grand Island and west.
Highland Cutoff—Good.
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Sturtevant Highway—Good.
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Omaha-Tapia Highway—Good to the state line.
George Washington Highway—Good to Sioux City.
Rock Hills Trail—Good to Norfolk.
King of Trails, North—Fair to good to Sioux City.
King of Trails, South—Good to Hiawatha; fair to Kansas City, rough.
River to River—Fair to good.
White Pine Road—Good; snowing at Atlantic.
G. A. Short Line—Good.
Miss Gram Road—Fair to good.

Women Are County Treasurers



Four women, all of them county treasurers, now serving in Nebraska, are attending the convention of county treasurers here this week. They are, left to right: Mary J. Ford of Grant, Perkins county treasurer; Mame McAndrews of Ainsworth, Brown county treasurer; Mabel J. Thompson of Bridgeport, Morrill county treasurer; Myrtle J. Lancaster of Sidney, Cheyenne county treasurer.

Treasurers Told of Revenue Bill

State Tax Commissioner Explains New Measure to County Officers.

The new revenue bill, Senate File 65 and House Roll 127, was explained thoroughly to the county treasurers now in session at the Rome hotel by W. H. Osborne, state tax commissioner, yesterday.

He said the special session would remedy defects of the bill and make it more acceptable.

The new bill reaches property that previous legislation failed to touch, he declared, and taxes business untaxed before such as grain and hay brokers, oil distributors and motion picture theaters. He said it would increase state revenue four times the amount under former legislation.

Open discussion followed Mr. Osborne's talk. At noon, there was a special luncheon at the Rome.

The annual banquet was held last night at the Rome. Governor McKelvie was to have been in honor, but could not attend. Walter W. Head, president of the Omaha National bank, delivered the principal address. Charles E. Black, postmaster; Fred E. Ericson, president of the organization, and Frank B. Martin spoke.

Man Breaks Both Ankles

in Fall From Corn Bin—Ord, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Curt Wilson of the Johnson & Peterson corn storage plant narrowly escaped death when attempting to use a small elevator to descend from the top bins. The rope broke, causing him to fall 40 feet. Bones in both ankles were broken and other injuries were sustained.

Veteran Photographer of Omaha Dies in Wife's Arms

Just after taking a photograph at the Dean studio, 330 South Fifteenth street, Tuesday afternoon, Horace S. Emory, 58, dropped dead in the arms of his wife. He came to Omaha 32 years ago from Boston. The funeral will be held in the Elks rooms this afternoon at 2.

Nurses of State Hold Meet Here

Head of Chicago Visiting Nurse Association Gives Address—Officers Elected.

The Nebraska State Nurses' association, District No. 2, opened its annual meeting in Omaha yesterday at the Hotel Fontelle. The assembly continued throughout the day. But 15 nurses had registered for attendance up to 10:30.

Miss Margaret McGreevey of the state division of public health nursing in Lincoln, read a paper on "Rural Nursing in Nebraska" at the afternoon program. Miss Edna Foley, superintendent of the Visiting Nurse association of Chicago, arrived in Omaha Tuesday to give an address yesterday on "Public Health Nursing." Miss Isabelle Gallagher, supervisor of the Visiting Nurse association of Omaha, were to talk on "Child Welfare."

Miss Beth Jamison, vice president of the nurses' association, presided at the meetings. Balloting for new officers and directors continued throughout the day.

Luncheon was held at noon in the Hotel Fontelle.

Bluffs Boy, 11, Killed by Auto of Blaine Wilcox

Blaine Wilcox, head of J. F. Wilcox & Sons, florists, Council Bluffs, gave himself up to police Tuesday afternoon after his automobile had struck Richard Wise, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wise, 311 Franklin avenue, Council Bluffs, at Glen avenue and Broadway, Council Bluffs.

Wilcox took the boy to Jennie Edmondson hospital where he was pronounced dead. Wilcox was released by police upon his own recognition. The accident happened when the boy and a companion darted into the street from between two parked automobiles.

County Agent Re-Employed

Ord, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Valley county commissioners have granted the appropriation requested for next year's farm bureau work. County agent C. C. Dale has been re-employed at the same salary as last year.

City Not Liable for Rum Death, Officials Hold

Case of Woman Suing Over Husband's Death Will Be Thrown Out of Court, Dunn Predicts.

A damage suit filed Tuesday in district court by Elmer E. Thomas, in behalf of Pauline Yost, 2814 W street, attempting to make the city jointly liable with other defendants for the death of Frank Yost, brought forth various comments from city officials yesterday.

The petition alleges that city officials did not enforce state and city liquor laws and that Yost died from drinking liquors.

"I think Mr. Thomas is seeking cheap advertising," said Police Commissioner Dunn. "The case will be thrown out of court as far as the city is concerned. One may as well say the city could be held financially liable for a burglary. The police department has been and is doing its utmost to enforce all laws and Elmer Thomas knows it."

Would Bankrupt United States. Mayor Dahlman said: "Everything possible is being done to suppress liquor sales. But even if the city could be held liable in a case of this kind, so should federal

Fremont Woman Taken When Island Is Raided

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—County officials raided a house party on Fremont island in the Platte river and detained two married women and five men, some with wives at home. One man escaped through a rear door of the cottage when the police arrived, and was lost in the woods. The breaking up of the party followed the complaint of a wife of one of the men known to be in the party. The presence of booze was suspected and the entire gang was escorted to the county jail where an investigation was made. The two women, one from Fremont and the other from Ceresco, and one man, were held at the county jail over night. All were released this morning with no complaints filed. The officials refuse to make public the names of those implicated.

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7.00 Curtains, per pair.....	5.00	13.00 Curtains, per pair.....	8.50
8.75 Curtains, per pair.....	5.00	15.00 Curtains, per pair.....	8.75
7.25 Curtains, per pair.....	5.25	12.50 Curtains, per pair.....	9.55
8.75 Curtains, per pair.....	6.50	15.00 Curtains, per pair.....	11.50
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