

then there is no use wasting time, ink and effort in making any change. There can be no compromise on this score. Half-way steps will not do, gentlemen. The dream of a few idealists that Lincoln may, and should, invent some new system of municipal government that will send their names and the name of this city ringing down through all the ages is iridescent. The commission plan of government has been tested and found effective. Effective government is what Lincoln wants—not experimental government. Not only must the mayor be responsible to the people for his official acts, but the heads of all city departments must be responsible to the people. The people have a right to demand this, and they will.

If after all their time and effort the wise men having the new charter in hand can bring forth nothing better than the proposed plan, then in the name of commonsense let us hold on to what we have regardless of its known evils, rather than fly to something else of whose evils we know nothing.

A mayor with power to make all appointments.

Rubbish!

A continuance of the cumbersome council system!

And that is called progress!

The gentlemen responsible for this proposition ought to take a few days off and acquaint themselves with public opinion in Lincoln.

Either that joint charter commission is neglecting its duties or there is a "hen on." If it is a case of "hen on" the voters will addle the eggs before hatching time, and don't you forget it. The people will not stand for any scheme that doesn't give them a chance to vote on it.

Mayor Love favors changing the charter and then buying the Gas Co. plant. Mayor Love will discover that a majority of taxpayers are already convinced that their load is heavy enough. The tax burden will have to be more equitably distributed before there is willingness to increase the revenues by increasing the tax levy.

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## SAN FRANCISCO IS THE LOGICAL PLACE

### Omaha Man Tells Why Exposition Should Go to California.

San Francisco has some very good friends in the middle-west and in the Mississippi valley section, friends who are not at all backward in expressing their preference for this city as the site for the proposed exposition in celebration of the completion of the Panama canal.

This fact was strikingly illustrated recently through the effort of the special representative of the New Orleans exposition boosters, in Omaha, to secure an endorsement for the southern city from the Commercial club, Omaha's leading organization of business men.

In trying to secure this endorsement, J. B. Haynes, New Orleans' special representative, addressed a circular letter to the members of the club and received a reply which must have had the effect of a cold douche on his hopes.

Haynes' letter and the reply, which is signed by R. Miller, one of the most influential members of the club, are here given:

WORLD'S PANAMA EXPOSITION CO.,  
NEW ORLEANS—LOGICAL POINT.  
Offices in the Brandeis Theater Bldg.  
Telephone: Douglas 827.  
Omaha, Neb., Sept. 13, 1910.

My Dear Sir—I understand the Commercial club has asked its members to express in the form of a post-card vote a preference as between New Orleans and San Francisco—the two cities which are competing for congressional action designating a city in which to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal in 1915. Before casting your vote, please read the enclosed circular containing points bearing directly on the subject.

In forming a conclusion in the case, do not forget the shabby treatment accorded to the big Nebraska delegation which, at large expense, took a special to California to induce the legislature at Sacramento to provide for an exhibit at the exposition in Omaha in 1898. That legislature passed such a bill, but before the Omaha delegation had traveled many miles on the return trip the bill was repealed, and California did not participate in the Omaha exposition. Moreover, within the last few months the San Francisco Chronicle printed an editorial asserting the failure of the Omaha exposition. That city is positively unfriendly to Omaha for some reason or other.

The World's Panama Exposition company of New Orleans is bidding for Omaha's support. It has done what no other exposition company ever did by establishing a branch office in Omaha, which is a compliment to this city, to say the least, and is enough to entitle the New Orleans project to the thoughtful consideration of every citizen of Omaha.

I would appreciate a reply.

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. B. HAYNES,  
Special Representative.

Private Office Rome Miller Interests,  
Omaha, Sept. 16, 1910.

Mr. J. B. Haynes, Special Representative,  
World's Exposition, City:

My Dear Mr. Haynes—I have your circular letter of Sept. 13, relative to the World's Exposition and note carefully all that is contained therein. I take issue with you in reference to San Francisco.

I do so fully appreciating the fact that you are a special representative of New Orleans, and it is your duty to plug for that city, but when it gets down to brass tacks, in my judgment there is no comparison between the two cities as rivals for the Panama exposition.

I have visited both cities many times. New Orleans is not in the same class as San Francisco, in climate, beauty of surroundings or in general interest to the average traveler.

I think it is unfair to damn San Francisco on account of something that the Chronicle has printed, or to go into an-

cient history and quarrel over an act of the California legislature.

I have in mind what San Francisco has gone through in the last few years, and the undaunted spirit of its people, and what the people of the west owe to that spirit, and which they can only pay by encouraging them in their future undertakings.

Yours truly,  
(Signed) R. MILLER.

## EXPOSITION FIGHT INTERESTS COUNTRY

### San Francisco Outclasses New Orleans In Every Respect.

The great fight that is being waged between San Francisco and New Orleans for the honor of celebrating the completion of the Panama canal is attracting the attention of the entire country. The fight is no longer a contest between the two cities, but between California and Louisiana, the legislatures of which have each authorized a state tax to raise funds in aid of the proposed international exposition.

In financial standing California is so far ahead of Louisiana that its superior ability to finance the fair must be conceded, and if the question of selecting a site for the exposition were to be decided on a basis of the relative wealth of the contestants, congress would have no option, but would be forced to award the coveted honor to San Francisco.

To the unprejudiced observer it is difficult to see wherein New Orleans has any legitimate claim to recognition as the logical point for the exposition, aside from the mere fact that it is located nearer to the center of population. In beauty of surroundings, climatic advantages, ability to handle the hundreds of thousands of prospective visitors, general progressive spirit of its people and record of achievement, San Francisco stands head and shoulders above its rival.

According to the report of the national monetary commission on April 28, 1909, the population of California was 1,732,000, and that of Louisiana 1,642,000, while in the amount of savings deposits California ranked fourth among the states of the Union and Louisiana twenty-fourth, the exact figures being as follows:

California .....	\$281,228,437 26
Louisiana .....	21,356,283 90

California had 525,488 depositors, averaging \$535.00; Louisiana 163,814, averaging \$264.00.

The total resources as represented in bank deposits were: California, \$842,969,880.00; average per capita \$486.70. Louisiana, \$158,642,502.00; average per capita, \$96.61.

The following figures are taken from the report of the reports of the California comptroller of currency:

San Francisco—Total savings deposits, \$153,792,186.05; total individual deposits, \$243,927,437.47; average, \$740.00.

New Orleans—Total savings deposits, \$16,856,783.49; total individual deposits, \$42,979,077.18; average \$300.00.

Increase in resources of National banks, year 1909-1910: San Francisco, \$103,620,828.96; New Orleans, \$2,370,226.74.

In the face of such a showing New Orleans and Louisiana do not appear to be in the same class with San Francisco and California, financially. And California is as much superior to Louisiana in every other respect as she is financially, just as San Francisco is immeasurably superior to New Orleans in all that goes to make a great and beautiful city.

San Francisco is the ideal site for the Panama-Pacific International exposition in 1915. Let congress make no mistake.