

## GET READY TO FIGHT.

### Citizens Opposed to Pipe Dreams Should Gird on Armor.

Citizens and taxjayers of Lincoln who are opposed to pipe dreams and in favor of progressive municipal government, should be getting ready to put the rollers under the proposed new city charter framed up by the cumbersome charter committee. The fine Italian hands of two or three franchised corporations are easily discernible in the framing of the proposed charter; also the much coarser hands of something like fourteen politicians who are seemingly anxious to perpetuate their little \$25 a month councilmanic jobs.

Even the proviso that the mayor may not appoint any of his relatives to office does not counterbalance the vicious features of the charter. Briefly the proposed charter provides for a council of fourteen members elected at large—the same sized council as at present. Then it provides for the election of a mayor, who shall have power to appoint all other officials and heads of departments. This is said to be after the "Boston plan," and it sounds like it.

The people of Lincoln want a commission form of government, and have so expressed themselves. They want it without any frills or furbelows. Just a plain commission form government, with five commissioners, each responsible

directly to the people for the management of a specified department of the city government and subject to recall at any time. They want this because they are tired of the councilmanic form, which is cumbersome, unresponsive to popular will, beyond recall and usually so messed up with cheap politics as to be wholly useless to the taxpayers. The proposed plan retains this bad feature and add another in the shape of allowing one man to appoint all the officials outside of the councilmen themselves.

The Wagerworker has interviewed a number of voters, representatives of all classes of our citizenship, and has yet to find the first one who has a good word to say for it. On the other hand they condemn it, and some of them use pretty lurid language in their condemnation.

### THE COLOR LINE.

#### Must Be Obliterated if Organized Labor Is to Succeed.

The drawing of the color line in a labor organization is one of the most unreasonable ideas we have ever heard advanced. Labor knows no color, white, black and yellow have to work and are employed by capital to produce wealth.

Nothing suits the corporate interests better than to inject the "color" line in the labor movement, as it means a serious stumbling block to the thorough or-

ganization of the workers. Editor Scaife of the United Mine Workers' Journal has the following article in a recent issue:

The electrical workers are being perplexed somewhat by the large number of colored men who are becoming electricians, and as their constitution forbids the colored man to hold membership in the Electrical Workers union. They are asking, "What are we going to do?" The answer is easy—do the same as the miners did twenty-five years ago—admit them into the union, treat them right and they will be among the best union men you have. This color line on a proposition in which you have either to treat it right or it will be used against you is foolishness. Capital draws no color line in its employment of labor. If it can use one race to crush the other it will and does. Labor has only one remedy, and that is to get all men who earn a living into the organization of the craft they belong to, and then it will win every time. United we win, divided we lose, hits white and colored alike in the labor movement.—Colorado Industrial Review.

### NO COLOR LINE.

There was one colored delegate to the A. F. of L. convention, who represented a southern organization. Early in the convention the colored delegate stated that his organization could not afford to send him to the conven-

tion on account of a lack of funds, and a collection was taken from all the delegates of 50 cents each to pay his expenses, and this collection was taken on the very date that the subsidized press all over the United States came out with the story that Sam Gompers had read the negro out of the movement.—Oklahoma Labor Unit.

### Stereotypers Settle.

The commercial stereotypers and electrotypers' strike in San Francisco is settled. The men employed in the job offices won a quick and decisive victory. Every journeyman and apprentice obeyed the strike call, making a complete tie-up. The strike lasted only one week.

### Hyers Endorsed.

"Gus" Hyers of Havelock was endorsed for the position of sheriff at the meeting of the Havelock and Lincoln branch of the association of machinists Friday evening.—Lincoln Daily Star.

### GETTING TOGETHER.

The central executive of the Victorian (Australia) Political Labor Council has discussed the question of affiliation of all trade-unions (numbering about 60) with the council. A number are already affiliated, and it is understood that the Victorian Coal Miners' Association will shortly do so. Special efforts are to be made to bring in those unions not yet affiliated.

*Twenty-four Years Old*  
*The Old Line Bankers Life*  
*Of Lincoln Has Over*  
**Four Million Dollars**  
*Assets Farm Mortgages*