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CANDIDATES RECOMMENDED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY VOTERS' LEAGUE

Douglas County Voters' League Endorses Seven Candidates

At a meeting of the Douglas County Voters League, held Friday Evening, March 10, at 2418-20 Grant St., with more than 200 members present and S. E. Klaver, president, presiding, the members attending accepted the recommendation of the executive board and endorsed the following candidates:

ROY N. TOWL	HARRY TRUSTIN
W. W. CARMICHAEL	RICHARD W. JEPSEN
JOHN HOPKINS	BLAINE YOUNG
ARTHUR A. WESTERGARD	

The Douglas County Voters League an independent, non-partisan organization, was formed in 1924 for the purpose of giving independent voters correct information about candidates for public office that would guide them in the choice of their public officials.

The founders of the league realize that many voters have no means of ascertaining who among the many candidates for public office will best serve them if elected. They therefore, believed they could serve a useful purpose by scrutinizing carefully, records of citizens seeking public office and recommending and endorsing men who have proven themselves capable, honest, and efficient, and who will serve the people ably and faithfully.

Great care has been taken in making these endorsements and during the years the league has been in existence, not one of the candidates endorsed by it has proven to be anything but a competent, loyal public servant. Members and officers of the Douglas County Voters League have no personal interest, neither the candidates or the officers. The organization does not accept funds from any candidate that is endorsed by them.

They are actuated solely by desire to help the voters choose honest, upright and capable public officials.

The officers of the organization are: S. E. Klaver, attorney, President; C. C. Galloway, editor of the Omaha Guide, Vice-President; Alfonso J. Bell, Secretary.

DOUGLAS COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

By S. E. Klaver, President

THE PROGRAM

ROY N. TOWL	HARRY TRUSTIN
W. W. CARMICHAEL	RICHARD W. JEPSEN
JOHN HOPKINS	BLAINE YOUNG
ARTHUR A. WESTERGARD	

The above men will do everything in their power to carry out the following program:

- 1 To give the people of our city an efficient, economical government to the end that taxes may be reduced, wherein consistent with the demands of the citizens for service.
- 2 To immediately and completely divorce the police and fire departments from politics, and to give the commissioners and members of those departments an opportunity to do their full duty without outside interference.
- 3 To increase Omaha's pay roll by cooperating in every way with the commercial and civic organizations of the city in the bringing of industries to Omaha, in the advancement of the city and in the encouragement of Omaha institutions.
- 4 To employ only citizens of Omaha on city work.
- 5 To conduct the affairs of the city as though it were a business institution instead of a political machine.
- 6 To stand squarely against any and every encroachment upon the right of the people by any corporation or private individual.

- 7 To do everything in their power to balance the budget.
- 8 They will not bind the city to a natural gas contract without a vote of the people.

DOUGLAS COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

By S. E. Klaver, President.

To the Voters of the City of Omaha

We the undersigned citizens of Omaha having made a careful and extensive investigation of the candidates who have filed for city commissioner find that the following candidates deserve the utmost consideration and support of every voter of Omaha.

ROY N. TOWL	HARRY TRUSTIN
W. W. CARMICHAEL	RICHARD W. JEPSEN
JOHN HOPKINS	BLAINE YOUNG
ARTHUR A. WESTERGARD	

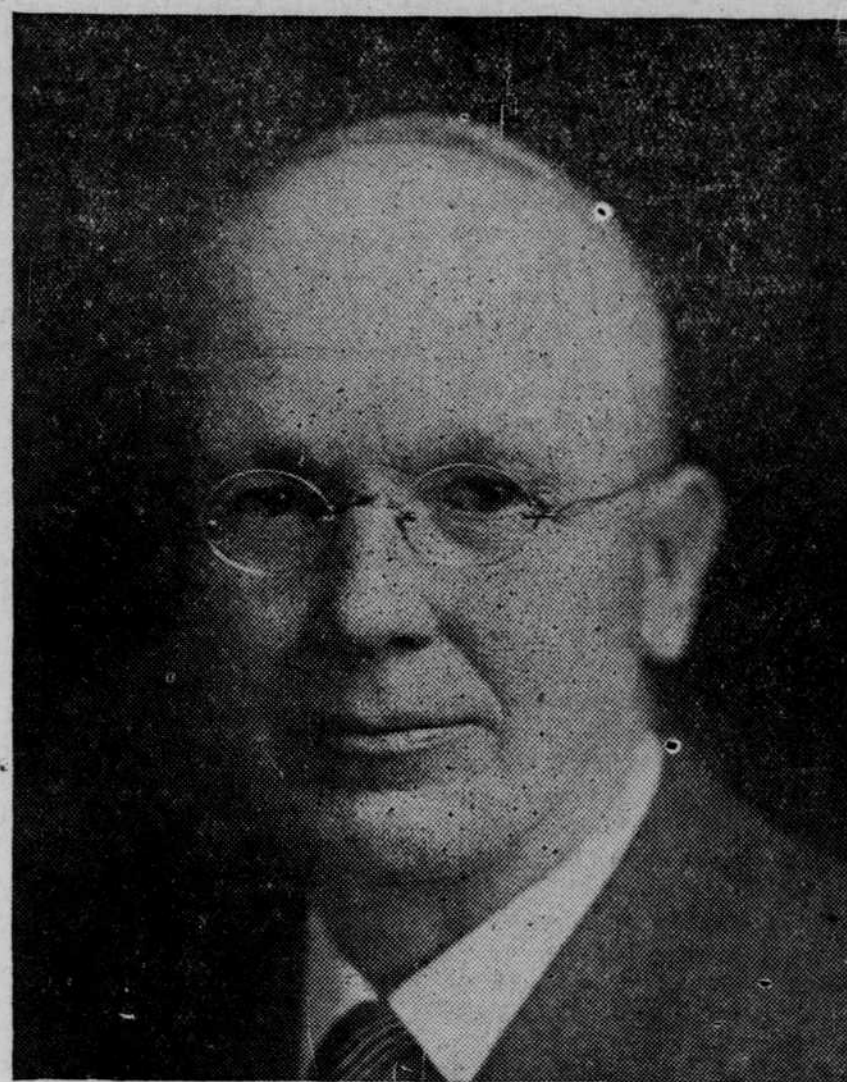
We believe that Omaha needs a business administration and it is our opinion that the above men have the ability, integrity, and experience to give us that kind of an administration.

We are confident that the above men will work harmoniously together, and not spend their time interfering with each others department but will give the commissioner in charge of his respective department full and com- authority to administer his department for the best interests of the City of Omaha.

We the undersigned citizens of Omaha unqualifiedly endorse and recommend the above candidates for your earnest consideration.

- C. C. Galloway, 2502 N. 24th St., Working man.
- Sam E. Klaver, 2221 Spencer St., Attorney.
- Rae Lee Jones, 2122 N. 26th St.
- Paul Barnett, 939 N. 26th St., Printer.
- Harry E. Knight, 3819 N. 19th St., Linotype Operator
- Jess C. Dodds, 1110 N. 17th St., Pressman
- B. V. Galloway, 2502 N. 24th St., Editor.
- Dave Slobodinsky, 1407 N. 24th St.
- Robert Swanson
- Blanch Smith
- Bernice Smernoff
- A. J. Bell
- H. H. Jenkins
- Bell Goldberg
- Gertrude Goldstein
- S. Roitstein
- John Allen
- George W. Hibbler, 2415 N. 22nd St.,
- George Ray, 811 N. 46th St., Contractor,
- Leon Ray, 2504 Lake St.,
- Edward Whitley, 801 N. 35th St.,
- Richard Smith, 811 1/2 N. 35th St.,
- George McCalley, 46th and Burt Sts.,
- W. V. Johnston, 616 N. 46th St.,
- S. D. Johnson, 616 N. 46th St.,
- O. M. Black, 2522 N. 71st St.,
- Voner & Houston, 2114 N. 24th St.,
- Viola Wright, 2515 N. 22nd St.,
- John Gardner, 2622 Maple St.,
- Mrs. Williamson, 2508 Burdette St.,
- Rueben Taylor, 2515 Wirt St.,
- Ed. Patton, 16th and Dorcas Sts.,
- Azarene Wright, 2916 Grant St.,
- Dorothy Allen, 2716 Hamilton St.,
- Josephine Goodlet, 2716 Caldwell St.,
- Julia Horton, 2802 N. 30th St.,
- Mrs. Randall, 2886 Maple St.,
- Mrs. Hattie Becks, 913 1/2 N. 25th St.,
- Bill Peebles, 2906 N. 25th St.

Gives Radio Talk



ROBERT SMITH

Clerk of District Court Selects Five Candidates for City Commissioner

All Candidates On Douglas County Voters' League Slate

(Radio Address over W. O. W., March 28.)

I appreciate the privilege of speaking to you tonight about the City Primary, which will be held just one week from today.

Out of the large number of candidates which will appear on the ballot, fourteen will be nominated; and one month thereafter, we will select seven from this number, to serve as City Commissioners for the next three years.

We, as citizens of Omaha, should go to the polls on next Tuesday and cast our votes, uninfluenced by any consideration other than a patriotic and unselfish desire to serve our city.

I have lived in Omaha for fifty-three years. I have seen this City grow from a thriving town of thirty thousand inhabitants until it has become the Queen City of the West, the metropolis of Nebraska.

During the past fifty years, many public problems have arisen to test the leadership and character of our citizens—problems of sanitation, education, fire protection, police administration, etc.

Invention, discovery and changing circumstances will not permit of absolute, permanent solution of these problems. However, we may boast that we have met and solved most of them as well as any City in the country. We have attained a fairly permanent and reasonably satisfactory settlement of all of them but one, and that one is the problem of police administration. Our failure here I attribute to two causes—outside sinister political influence and lack of continuity of policy and administration.

During the past three years we have seen the head of the Police Department change three times, so that the policemen, when he went to bed at night, was never sure who would be his boss in the morning. Nothing could be more demoralizing to any organization. The wonder is that our Police Department functions at all, when we consider the policy of change and confusion adopted with reference to it by a majority of the City Commission.

And now we may inquire, "What is fundamentally wrong?" I suggest that it is the lack of harmony and cooperation in the City Commission itself, which is reflected in the ranks of those who serve the City, under the Commission.

We should elect City Commissioners who have learned by practical experience how to cooperate; who have the wisdom to determine what should be done to meet public

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A LEADER



Congressman DePriest

Congressman DePriest said, "A hungry man cannot make a successful leader." He further said, "Any man who takes money from a candidate before election is not looked on with favor after election. He will not be able to do himself or anyone else any good."

Mayor Says Unable To Verify Charges

Gives 'No Serious Consideration' to
Complaint of Threat

Mayor Metcalfe stated Wednesday that he has been unable in a private investigation to verify a charge made by Arthur C. Storz before the council Tuesday that Inspector Danbaum demanded five hundred dollars from certain persons and received \$20 bills.

The mayor also said that after confidential inquiry into Storz's charge that a man was threatened with arrest if he did not support a certain candidate, he did not believe it fair to give the matter serious consideration. The man would not permit his name to be used.

The mayor announces that if anyone will bring him concrete evidence of any payment of graft or police interference he will use the power of his office to prosecute the guilty persons.

Mayor's Statement.

Mayor Metcalfe's statement in full follows:

"Referring to the charges made in the city council March 28, by Arthur G. Storz, that Inspector of Police Ben Danbaum demanded five hundred dollars from certain persons, and received one hundred dollars in five \$20 bills:

"Mr. Storz gave me in confidence the names of these men and I interviewed both of them, promising to keep their names in strict confidence. They both declared that there was no truth whatever in the charge, and they added that they have never paid Mr. Danbaum or any other police officer a cent.

"In the complaint that a man was threatened with arrest if he did not support a certain candidate for office, this man made statements to me under pledge of secrecy. In the absence of permission to use this man's name, I do not believe it would be fair to give serious consideration to his charges.

"It is easy to make accusations against public officials, and it is very common to have these accusations made against police officers. Some times such accusations grow out of personal grudges or are made for political advantage. It is very difficult to obtain evidence to support such charges. While doing justice to public interests, we must not do injustice to public officials, but if there is any man or woman in Omaha who can bring me concrete and usable evidence of any payment of graft or any police interference, I will use all the power of the mayor's office for the protection of the informant and the prosecution of guilty persons."

Talks with Baldrige.

The mayor conferred Tuesday afternoon with Mr. Storz and Malcolm Baldrige, the latter chairman of the Voters' Economy council. It was one of the Baldrige workers who made the complaint of police threats. He was present in the mayor's office.

Hopkins, Metcalfe Praised at Rally

Speakers Say Both Candidates Should
Be Re-Elected.

Police Commissioner Hopkins and Mayor Metcalfe were praised by Robert Smith, clerk of the district court, in addressing a crowd of more than eight hundred which filled the ballroom at Hotel Rome Wednesday night. Smith mentioned particularly Metcalfe's prompt investigation of

charges affecting Hopkins, recently made before the city council, and which he said personal investigation had proven false.

"I know that tremendous influence was used to obtain a biased report from the mayor against Hopkins, and Mayor Metcalfe deserves the commendation of the people of Omaha for his action," he said.

Clinton Brome, chairman of the Hopkins committee, presided. A. V. Shotwell complimented the police department for its work in reducing crime in Omaha.

"I am for John Hopkins because he travels right straight down the road," said Shotwell.

"Commissioner Hopkins should be elected for his work in developing the safety patrol, if for no other reason," said Mrs. Blanche McKelvey.

J. Francis McDermott and Henry Monsky also praised the work of Hopkins in running the police department.

"Commissioner Hopkins has integrity, ability and intelligence," said McDermott. "He has been in charge, during his career as city commissioner of the finance department, street de-

partment, fire department and acting mayor, and now has the police department. During all of this time, he has never been accused of a dishonest act."

Monsky said Omaha is fortunate in having a man of Hopkins' caliber in charge of police. "He is fearless and fair. He should be re-elected because of his excellent record," said Monsky.

Hopkins lauded the work of Chief Pisanowski and the other members of the force, and thanked them for cooperation. He also lauded Mayor Metcalfe for his fearless stand in exposing as falsehoods, recent charges made before the city council.

The World-Herald City Editor concedes to the fact that.....
- - - - - "The Douglas County Voters' League Has Four Winners."