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## CITY GOVERNMENT.

**Problem of Ruling Municipalities  
Discussed by Paul Clark, '87—  
Favors Centralization  
of Power.**

Hon. Paul Clark, '87, addressed the students, at convocation, Friday, on "Municipal Government." In substance, he said:

The greatest problem before the people today, is the government of municipalities. Although the people recognize the difficulties involved in this question and feel the need of reform, they take little interest in the affairs of their city. The professors, lawyers, and doctors are too busy to give their attention to the management of city affairs. Consequently, the city is governed, not by and for the people, but by and for a clique. This evil is not so great in small cities and towns as it is in great municipalities.

Party politics control and will continue to control municipal government. To change this, man would have to be made over.

The idea of making the municipality more democratic is a good one, but it cannot succeed as long as so little interest is manifested by the citizen.

If it were not for this indifference on the part of the people, municipal ownership and control would be practicable, and desirable.

Mr. Clark thinks a better plan for the management of cities would be to place them under the control of the state, allowing the state officers to appoint all the city officials. A strong centralized municipal government is the best solution of the problem, but this cannot be brought about until the people are thoroughly aroused. Executive and legislative bodies should be elected every two years. This would do away with the large numbers that make up the council, which is the greatest evil in the present system because responsibility cannot be located. One man hides behind another. It is true that a poor executive might be elected, but one poor man is better than many. But, since another system exists, people must make the best out of conditions. If they do their best, that is all that can be expected under any circumstances.

### THE TROUBLE AT GOLDEN.

As a result of a fistie combat in which seven students participated, the Colorado School of Mines is threatened with disruption. About ten days ago some of the students, as a mere diversion, turned the large assembly room of that institution into a pugilistic ring and proceeded to have a good time. When the smoke of the battle had cleared away a number of them had been expelled. The action of the faculty was at once met with open disapproval by the students who decided to go out on a strike.

As a result the school rooms are now empty and the teachers are talking to empty seats, the town of Golden is stirred up in sympathy with the students and finally the governor of the state has taken the matter in hand.

The trouble between the students and faculty has been brewing for some time, the former characterizing the latter's conduct as tyrannical. Especially has President Chauvenet been the target of the students' anger. While as yet no settlement has been made the governor is making an attempt to bring the two factions together. The students have received flattering offers to complete their education in Montana and Michigan schools, and unless big concessions are made to them by the faculty, they will doubtless refuse to return and the school at Golden will be closed.

### PALLADIAN PROGRAM—GERMAN EVENING.

A radical departure in the way of programs was the one given by the Palladians last Friday evening. It was a German evening. The opening number was a vocal solo, rendered by Mr. Bostrum. Mr. Bostrum must be heard to be appreciated. His sympathetic voice is beyond the power of description. Mr. Hamilton followed with a well prepared paper on German life and character. This proved a splendid preparation for the sketch in German dialect which followed, given by Mr. Hayes. Mr. Hayes was in the costume of a German-American butcher, with jestures, expression and painted face to match. Following this "Die Wacht am Rhein" was sung by the Pal Boy's Quartette. This is a new effort to train musical talent within the bounds of the Pals themselves. A long recitation in the original "deutsche" was the next number, by Miss Phelps. Its full meaning was not apparent to any except the disciples of Professor Fessler. Following this another sketch in dialect, by Mr. Pierce. Mr. Pierce was in costume to represent a German farmer and handled a big dutch pipe in most approved style. The closing number was by the Pal Boy's Quartet, being the German "Old Kentucky Home." The critics report by Mr. Strickland did full justice to the occasion, but the German language was again for the moment forgotten.

Last Saturday afternoon, after a long and critical illness of over two months, Miss Ellen Smith was able to call at the registrar's office where she has faithfully served for so many years. In her twenty-three year's connection with the university, it is said, this is the first time that she has been unable, for any length of time, to attend to her duties either as instructor or as registrar.

## DEBATERS CHOSEN.

**Fifteen Men Chosen to Try for the  
Positions in the Interstate  
Contests—Final Choice  
Later.**

The preliminary honors or debate were announced Friday evening, an hour after the close of the debate in the new chapel on the reciprocity question—the second part of the preliminary contest to select the members of the squad from which the three interstate teams will be selected.

The fifteen fortunate contestants out of the twenty-five are O. B. Bracelen, W. B. Catlin, C. P. Craft, N. M. Cronin, J. C. Doubt, S. C. Hawthorne, F. M. Hunter, C. A. Kutcher, G. A. Lee, B. H. Lewis, Thos. Maxwell, W. F. Meier, C. C. North, D. E. Thomas and John Tobin.

Dean Sherman served as judge in place of Professor Ross, who was unable to be present Wednesday evening on account of a severe cold. The other members of the committee of appointment were Professor Caldwell, Professor Taylor, Professor Fling and Professor Hill.

When the lights in the new chapel went out at 10:15 o'clock the waiting contestants and their friends adjourned to the old chapel where they sang songs and made speeches while the judges were deliberating. The arrival of the alphabetical list of the appointees elicited applause—and then silence. President Morrow read the honor list "to the anxious throng."

The judgment of the committee has met with general approval. Some of the defeated candidates are, of course, greatly disappointed, but even some of them commend the impersonal justice of the judges in weighing the evidence, as it appeared on the platform. It was apparent during the debates that the judges were scrutinizing the work very minutely. The almost total absence of mere talk in this year's preliminary debate was one of several circumstances which enabled the committee to select the men more justly with a view to the kind of work now required of the interstate debaters.

The debate Friday evening was decidedly interesting. It went off with a snap lacking, on the whole, on Wednesday evening. As a group, the men both thought better and spoke better. With this the larger and better ventilated room undoubtedly had something to do.

The further work of judging the powers of the several members of the squad will be carried on this week by Mr. Fogg and members of the preliminary board of judges.

### THE JUNIOR PROM.

The junior class held the annual promenade, Friday evening, at the Lincoln. The function was unusual-

ly well attended there being about one hundred and twenty-five couples present. The promenade was varied somewhat from the usual university functions, in that a very large number of visitors from out of town were present.

A great many from different neighboring cities came by invitation to enjoy this most important social function of the year.

The decorations were meagre, and consisted in a few streamers of scarlet and cream in the hotel rotunda, and the colors of the class of '03, at one end of the dancing hall, and flowers. Light punch was served as usual from the parlors.

The program consisted of twenty numbers, two steps, waltzes and five steps, with no extras. Owing to the lateness of the hour in starting, the program was cut short and the dancing was over by a quarter after one o'clock.

Many striking and beautiful gowns and collures were in evidence. Because of a large number of comparative strangers the affair took on more of a formal air than usual.

### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONTEST.

A large and enthusiastic crowd was in attendance at the high school girl's athletic carnival at the auditorium, Friday evening.

The rivalry between the classes which were contesting for honors was intense throughout. The program consisted of basketball games and relay races between the girls of the different classes and floor work by the lower grades.

In the junior-senior basket ball contest the seniors won and also won from the sophomores who had defeated the freshmen. This gave the class championship to the seniors.

In the relay race, the juniors and freshmen won from the seniors and sophomores respectively. In the final race the freshmen were victorious.

The freshmen and juniors classes were given a supper as a prize for selling the most tickets to the carnival.

### JUNIOR LAWS ELECT.

The junior law class met last Friday morning and elected officers for the second semester. The following men were chosen: W. F. Bland, president; G. A. Johnson, vice-president; A. R. Amspoker, secretary; C. A. Sather, class representative.

Yesterday was the special day of prayer observed universally among colleges of America. The University Y. M. C. A. listened to an address on the subject of prayer by Secretary C. M. Mayne of the city association. He developed the importance of prayer in the Christian life.