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## COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSED

MAYOR DON L. LOVE ADVOCATES PLAN AT CONVOCATION.

TO SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION

Believes His Plan Would Eliminate Graft and Corrupt Politics from Administration—Points to New Distinction.

The proposition of governing cities by a board of commissioners has a staunch advocate in Mayor Don L. Love of Lincoln, who expressed his views relative to this issue in an address at regular convocation yesterday on "The Unpaid Commission in City Government." Numbered among other innovations in municipal government which he proposed was the election of unpaid commissioners to appoint professional heads for the departmental divisions of city administration, thereby eliminating the greatest incentive to public office—first money, then graft.

In no uncertain tones, he declared that the basic principle of the existing method of procuring city administrative officers is wrong both in theory and practice. Great money does not necessarily purchase great men, and only by a reorganization of this foundation can the cities of America ever realize their hopes for a pure, unadulterated, and unprejudiced administration of their affairs.

### Eliminate Graft.

As a prelude to the discussion of Mayor Love's, the junior class was represented by Miss Genevieve Harmer, piano soloist.

By way of explanation of his lecture, Mayor Love stated that he would not endeavor to give a comprehensive treatise of the subject of commission city government, but rather would confine his paper to a presentation of one phase of the issue, namely, the question whether or not the aforesaid commission or council would serve with a view of securing compensation. This constitutes the difference between a right and a wrong commission city government, and must be the nucleus around which the fate of the question will cling.

The commission form of governing the affairs of a city was devised for one purpose—the elimination of graft and corrupt politics from the administration—and if it fails to perform this evidently desired expulsion, it fails in every thing. Seventy-five cities in the United States are at present striving toward a perfection in this proposed reorganization, but generally, because of lack of foresight in adopting this non-salary amendment, they do not get results. We propose that the commissioners of the municipality serve without pay. The full significance of this digression from the present unavailing city commission may not be comprehended, but nevertheless it exists. It is merely a utilization of the fact that there are two sides of every government, the policy or political, and the practical, administrative or business, and an attempt to base the system on this discrimination. The importance of recognizing this difference, and as a consequence, making a well defined separation between policy and principle is manifest to every student of the commission city government. Politics in the administration side of the city affairs will inevitably wreak destruction or at least repression of the city's progress. Every city, to prosper, must select administrative officers because of their honesty, confidence and ability, and not because of some party

platform or political doctrine to which they adhere.

### New Distinction.

A new distinction now arises. Men should be elected on questions of policy. Men should be appointed on questions of principle. The city government has been one great failure in the organization of local governments because of a unity of policy and administrative offices. They are essentially at variance, and must be so treated. But we are confronted with the proposition that the commissioners can't be appointed without involving political prejudice. Very true, but there is an alternative which we may exercise in a limitation of the powers granted to the commissioners. Permit them as a collective body to ordain a policy, and then, in view of this decision, appoint professionals or experts to execute the duties of the various heads of governmental departments. Their tenure of office would depend upon their conduct as administrative officers.

The compensating by money or further power of these commissioners would involve the very essence of the political graft now apparent in so many municipal administrations. The greatest incentive to political offices is compensation thereby received, and if such is removed, the election of commissioners will evolve from the policy to the principle platform. If commissioners administer only so far as the declaring of a policy and the appointment of professionals to effect this policy is concerned, their positions will cease to be the goal of every grafting aspirant to wealth and notoriety, and become rather the means whereby public spirited citizens may benefit their community. The professionals appointed to the departments of the city administration will then merely submit their reports to an impartial tribunal for ratification. If such is not forthcoming, the appointment may be withdrawn, thereby instituting a system of unbiased checks on the different departments. If adopted, this proposition would certainly be a step toward the ideal municipal government.

### COMPARATIVE SCHOLARSHIP.

President of Chicago Gives Light on Standing of Men and Women.

Interesting light on the comparative scholarship standing of men and women college students is furnished by the annual report of the president of the University of Chicago, just issued. In the proportion of students receiving conditions during the year the men vary from 20 to 10 per cent, while from 10 to 4 per cent of the women were conditioned. From 10 to 17 per cent of the men failed, according to the report, while the number of women who failed was only from 12 to 8 per cent.

### CASCADE SOCIAL.

Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. to Hold Big Stunt Saturday.

A joint social will be held Saturday evening by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. While the general aim of the social is to stir up interest for the Cascade conference, there will be a general good time. Dr. Condra will give a short stereopticon lecture, showing a number of excellent Colorado slides. A mock field meet will be held, representing some of the typical stunts held at Cascade every summer. One evening at Cascade is given over to jollification, and all sorts of stunts are pulled off. Each college delegation presents a laughable stunt. Some of them will be reproduced Saturday evening. Refreshments will be served. A Colorado mineral spring will be erected in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, from which cool mineral water will flow to quench the thirsty. Tickets are free to all who wish to go.

## TRACK MEET HELD IN STORM OF DUST

FIRST PART OF EVENTS YESTERDAY.

WEATHER MAKES WORK HARD

Rest of Meet to Be Held Today at Fair Grounds—Coach Pleased With Showing.

The practice track meet was started yesterday on the Nebraska field between teams captained by Guy Reed and "Skinny" Amberson. Yesterday only field events were pulled off, and the track events, the runs and jumps, will be contested today on the state fair grounds.

The weather was rather inauspicious, a high wind coming up about 4 o'clock and making the field a very dusty place. Almost all the men were out and much interest was taken in the work. This meet will have nothing to do with Coach Cherrington's choice for first team material. It was mainly to give the men the experience of a real meet.

On account of the very bad wind, the pole vault and high jump were postponed until today, when better weather is hoped for. The coach was very much pleased with the work the men did, and especially with the spirit which was shown by them.

In the broad jump the following men were entered: Monson, Fleming, Hiltner, Landers, Neff, Beckman, Funkhouser and Gibson. Monson won first, Hiltner second and Funkhouser third. Monson's best mark was 18 feet 11 inches.

The results were very close in the shot put. Shonka won first with 36.8, Funkhouser second with 36.7 and Fleming third with 35.2. Seven big men were in the event.

Eight men contested in the discus throw. Funkhouser won this with a throw of 96½ feet. Harmon was second and Gibson third.

In the 120-yard hurdles Funkhouser won from Flack in the final heat.

In the 220-yard hurdles Flack won first, with Powers second.

Harmon won the hammer throw with 182 feet 2 inches.

The wind kept the men from making any low marks. The public is invited to witness the remainder of the meet at the fair grounds today.

### ECONOMIC PRIZES.

Students of the University May Compete.

An opportunity to compete for economic prizes amounting to \$2,000 has again been given to the students of the University of Nebraska. The invitation comes from Professor J. Laurence Laughlin of the University of Chicago, who is chairman of the committee in charge of the contests.

The prizes have been offered from year to year by Hart, Schaffner & Marx for the past six years and have brought out so many excellent studies of commercial and economic subjects that they are now renewed for the seventh year.

The subjects of the essays cover such important topics as:

The value of protectionism to American workmen;

The economic reasons for or against building a deep waterway from the Lakes to the Gulf;

The valuation of railways;

The effect of modern immigration in the United States;

The value of organized speculation;

The history of the rate of interest in the United States.

The universities whose students have produced winning essays in the past are Washington and Lee, Har-

vard, University of Chicago, Oberlin College, University of Wisconsin, University of Pennsylvania, University of Illinois, Wesleyan University, The Branch Normal College of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Northwestern University, University of Michigan and Bowdoin College. Some of the essays have been of such merit that they have been published in book form.

The prizes are to be divided as follows:

Class "A," first prize \$1,000; second prize \$500.

Class "B," first prize \$300; second prize \$200.

Class B includes only those, who at the time the papers are sent in, are undergraduates of any American college; class A includes any other Americans without restriction. A contestant in class B is eligible to a prize in class A.

Members of the committee in charge of the essays are as follows:

Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, University of Chicago, chairman;

Professor J. B. Clark, Columbia University;

Professor Henry C. Adams, University of Michigan;

Horace White, Esq., New York City;

Professor Edwin F. Gay, Harvard University.

### DIFFICULTY IN COLLECTING.

Want to Put Off Payment Until Last Moment.

The Ivy Day committee reports that the collectors are experiencing some difficulty in collecting the twenty-five cent assessments, by students desiring to put off buying the tickets until nearly the day of the event. It is absolutely essential that all or nearly all the finances should be collected by the first of May, so that the committee may know about how much they can spend for medals, lunches, etc. This makes it necessary that the students secure tickets promptly, and help make the day a grand success.

Ivy Day is a holiday given exclusively by the students and for the students of the University of Nebraska, and the attempt is made to make it one of the most enjoyable holidays of the school year. But the committee states that in order that it may be so, every student must help boost, if it only be by his presence on the 11th of May and his quarter paid promptly.

### ISSUE SECOND EDITION.

Professor Stevens' Popular Song Hit Reappears in Attractive Cover.

"The Cornhusker," the Nebraska song written some time ago by Robert W. Stevens, made its appearance yesterday in a new and more attractive form than when published before. The cover of the music is a neat piece of work in the university colors, scarlet and cream, printed on book paper.

The last issue of "The Cornhusker," although not nearly so attractive, was sold within a short time after its appearance. Professor Stevens has several other songs under way which will add a great deal to the meager song lore possessed by Nebraska. Some comment has been drawn forth from time to time by the evident lack of any true Nebraska songs. Consequently, when Mr. Stevens' song made its appearance it was heralded with delight and is now firmly established as the university song. The copies are on sale at the city music stores and at the book stores.

The song which Professor Stevens has under way at the present time will be entitled "College Memories," and will be dedicated to the alumni of the University of Nebraska.

Your car fare would pay for a nice lunch at the Boston Lunch. Why go home?

## FIRST GAME OF SEASON WITH COTNER TOMORROW

INITIAL CONTEST ON NEW DIAMOND CALLED AT 3:30.

COTNER HAS A STRONG NINE

Nebraska Men Preparing to Fatten Batting Averages Off of the Collegians' Star Twirler.

The first game of the season on the home field will be played tomorrow afternoon. The Nebraska Cornhuskers will meet the collegians from Cotner in the first game of the season on the new athletic field. The collegians are reputed to have the strongest team in this part of the state and they are coming determined to win.

In the early games of the season Nebraska met the Lincoln league team and succumbed to the boys from the M street park. The following day the league team met the Cotner nine and the result was much closer than the game the previous day with the Nebraska team.

### Nebraska Improves.

One of the best games that the Cornhuskers have put up so far this season they played against the Wesleyan team Wednesday. At times the Cornhuskers lagged and seemed to be asleep and again they would wake up and make the spectators hold their breath at the exhibition of the game that makes the country famous. The team last year was noted for its well balanced qualities and the team this year when it gets into regular form will be as well balanced if not better. The pitching staff is strong and the veterans on the team can be depended upon. The new men of the team are still to stand the fire of the season's games and this will give them further development for the game next year.

Daily practice is the program now. Every man is put through the hardest stunts, and all are drilled by Coach Carroll, with the hope that the batting averages will be fattened before the season closes.

### No Class Game.

The game between the freshmen and the sophomores yesterday afternoon was postponed on account of the grounds being occupied by the varsity team. The class games will be played as quickly as possible and doubt exists as to who will be winners in the class series. Six men of the freshman team have been found ineligible for these class contests and this throws the first year team into a mix-up, and no organized team can be picked. The quality of the rest of the teams is unknown.

### Standing Changes.

Yesterday Delta Upsilon defeated Phi Delta Theta 9 to 8 and the winners of the north division of the interfraternity league are still unknown. Sigma Chi still leads with three victories and no defeats. In the game yesterday Klepser and Gibson officiated for Delta Upsilon, while Howard, Halligan and Owen were Phi Delta battery.

### Standing of the teams:

North Division—	W.	L.	Pct.
Sigma Chi	3	0	1.000
Phi Delta Theta	2	1	.667
Alpha Theta Chi	2	2	.500
Delta Upsilon	1	2	.333
Phi Kappa Psi	1	2	.333
Phi Gamma Delta	0	2	.000
South Division—			
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2	0	1.000
Alpha Tau Omega	1	0	1.000
Kappa Sigma	1	1	.500
Sigma Nu	1	1	.500
Beta Theta Pi	0	1	.000
Delta Tau Delta	0	2	.000