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the future you will realize that there are other cities aside from your own, though you will always remain loyal to your home own and steadfast in the belief that the ballwick in which you live is the garden spot in the world," said A. W. Jefferis, the last speaker. "We in Omaha or South Omaha are firm in our belief that here-in the center of the continent-we have the pest of verything, firm in this belief from the soles of our feet to the top of our heads, and for this reason we have been tertain you in these rapidly growing sister

Today's session of the convention will cavalry from Fort Des Moines will give will of the people." special drill for thelor entertainment. The drill will begin at 2:30. Following the drill. the delegates will be shown through the fort and the government's war balloon station, and the officers will explain the signal service to them. Then, if time permits, they will go to Florence and view

the Mina Lusa pumping station. Much Work This Morning. Much work will have to be gone through with at this morning's session of the convention. The treatment of "Municipal Gov-

ernment by Commission" was not completed yesterday and this will come up to again the first thing in the morning, as well as the discussion of the "Liquor down on the program for addresses on the

The election of officers for the ensuing year and the selection of the city for the 1909 convention will also be this morning. This morning's meeting will be the last session of the convention and the delegates will leave tonight and tomorrow for their

Home Rule and Commission. "Home Rule for Cities" and "Municipal Sovernment by Commission" were the ng the convention on Thursday. The session of the convention was held in the council chambers of the city hall, as the delegates found it better adapted to the purpose than the Boyd theater, where the LaPointe. first meeting was held, and, while there were not many in the room when President Mahool called the convention to order, before an hour had elapsed nearly every chair in the chamber was occupied. many Omaha people interested in municipal affairs and the government of cities being present.

ivered on the two topics Thursday, but several of those on the program were unable to be present. "Home Rule for Cities" was the first subject taken up and the three most interesting addresses were delivered by Mayor Robert Lawrence of Middleton, N. Y.; Mayor Jacob Haussling of Newark, N. J., and Prof. John A. Fairlie, professor of administrative law in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Indifference the Cause. Stating that he believed poor government was due to the indifference of the public and its fallure to attend the primarles and to vote with judgment, Mayor Lawrence

"I would not eliminate politics from city life. Every man who votes should have ome kind of political bearing and should be man enough to exercise the right of suffrage on every occasion when oppor-

tunity presents itself." The paper prepared by Jacob Haussling, mayor of Newark, N. J., was read by Dr. J. C. Fraelick. In part Mayor Haussling

had this to say; appens that some distinguished personage will visit a great municipatity and the form of bestowing upon him the freedom of the city is observed. But it is a form only, an empty fiction. However hospitable their impulse, however wecome their visitors, the cities of this great republic, with some notable exceptions, have no freedom to give. They are in fact slaves themselves, slaves of the machinery which controls the state, and which generally counts the legislature and the executive as its most important parts. As individuals American citizens have greater power than the people anywhere else on earth. But, when they band themselves together as a municipal corporation, they have less power over their affairs than serfs."

Local Self-Government. "Taken together, the provisions in the new constitution of Michigan establish the principal of local self-government for citles and villages on a broad and firm foundation. The constitutional grant of home rule is indeed larger than in other states evcept, perhaps, a few of those west states evcept, perhaps, a few of those west

of the Mississippi river, and it may be said that the limitations in the Michigan con-stitution are not only reasonable in them-amelter. M. L. A. Lapointe, chairman of

Following the presentation of the addresnes and papers on "Home Rule," the delegates entered into a lengthy and protracted discussion of the subject, representatives from cities in all parts of the country giving their views on it and tell-ing their troubles. One of those was Collett. It was announced by Mrs. E. L. Mayor Charles H. Ellis of Camden, N. J., and in his short talk declared:

"We have the highest respect for the governors of our states, but I don't beand are glad to welcome you and to en- lieve in glying any one man too much power. What does the governor know of the conditions in the city, but still we allow him to appoint our fire and police commisbegin at 9 o'clock, the afternoon session to sioners. We are giving the governors too be crowded into the morning meeting, the much power and the first thing we know convention to adjourn at 1 o'clock. At 2 we will have cars sitting in the executive o'clock the delegates will board the street manalons of the commonwealths instead of cars for Fort Omaha, where the Second governors elected by the people to do the

> Crittenden Opposes This View, Mayor Thomas Crittenden of Kansas City took the other view of the situation and said that he found no fault with the sppointment of members of the commission by the governor. He said that in Kansas City the best men in the town were on the commission and that they never meddled

with politics, Mayor George W. Scott of Davenport, traveled a long ways toward home rule. The mayor appoints the fire and police commissioners, not more than two-thirds of the members belonging to one party. The grants all franchises, but should twentythe matter must be submitted to the people for ratification.

H. Cutchin of Roanoke.

opics discussed by the delegates attend- Canadian cities were a long ways from held without the confines of the United under a special charter, but it has to go to their behalf. the legislature whenever it wants any changes or special privileges, said Mr.

> Only One Such Address. One address was delivered on the subject

of "Municipal Gevernment by Commission." Four address were to have been delivered on the subject, but C. H. Huston of Cedar Rapids, superintendent of the department placed in mall boxes. of streets and public improvements, was the only speaker in attendence at the Thursday session. The subject will be taken up again Friday morning for discus-

Commissioner Huston was alderman for and has been a commissioner since the esthe workings of the Galveston plan and December. had the following to say of the efficiency of this new form of city government:

"I contend that the commission plan is practical from every point of view. In morning and attended the session at the the first place, it provides for reasonable city hall. He did not go on the cut-off compensation-\$2,500 to the mayor, \$1,800 a year to each councilman-and requires services therefor.

Home Rule Campaign.

Before adjournment Mayor Rhett of Charleston, S. C., chairman of the committee, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted by unanimous vote of the convention:

Resolved. That a committee of ten be appointed by the president for the purpose of forming and projecting an organized campaign for the desirable end—home rule

Resolved. That the secretary be and hereby is directed to maintain in connection with his office and with the official publication of the league a clearing house for such commodities as paving brick, asphalt and other material, sewer and water pipe, fire and hose appliances, sprinkling, roadmaking appliances, and other articles in ordinary municipal use to which bureau of the various cities can report their purchases and from which they can derive required information. Delegates View Plant.

Before the convention opened City Engineer Rosewater took about thirty delegates to the sewage disposal plant at Forty-sixth and Harney streets and explained to them the method of consuming sewage by means of septic tanks. This plant, which is small and disposes of the sewage resulting from a population of but 3,000 people, has attracted national attention and the delegates showed much in terest in it and inspected the plant closely. All of them considered the proposition feasible one and many proposed endeavoring to inaugurate the system in their home

Those who visited the sewage disposal plant were the delegates from St. Paul, Kansas City, Mo.; Gary, Ind., and from a number of the smaller cities in New

WOMEN VISIT LININGER GALLERY Wives of Delegates Enthusiastic Over Art Display.

Fewer women came with their husbands o the convention than was expected and the work of the Omaha matrons on the reception committee for women has not been as exacting as that of the men similarly engaged.

Prominent among the visitors are Mesdames Gay and Levesque, wives of two of the Montreal delegation of French Canad-Both are handsome women and gowned as attractively as might have been expected of people of Gallie birth. Funkhouser and Mrs. Bedford took then to the Lininger galleries Thursday morning, going from the hotel by artsmobile. If the French women had entertained a not unnatural suspicion that esthetic appreciation is confined to their country and "La Patrie," the tour of the galleries removed that idea. Both were enthusiastic over the canvases they saw. Mr. Guay

was also in the party. At the same time some of the men from Montreel were the guests of Vice Presi-

selves, but that they make the cities and the aldermanic committee of finance, and villages in their local affairs the more Alderman V. Levesque, Mayor Oliver of Tononto and Alderman Hecken of the same city were Mr. Wallace's guests.

The committee of local women assigned to entertain visitors of their sex included Mesdames J. W. Bedford, M. F. Funk houser, George F. West, B. F. Thomas, Haller that the Lininger galleries would also be open to the men-delegates to the convention and that access could be had

The leading men on the large Montreal delegation-there are fifteen of them-are Acting Mayor N. Leclaire and Alderman N. A. Lapointe, who is chairman of the committee on finance. The latter is a big man physically as well as mentally, and while full of enthusiasm for his native city, does not display any "Gallic ef-

"I hardly think that people in the states fully realize the size and commercial im portance of Montreal," said he. "It is the metropolis of Canada, you know, and the second biggest scaport in America. Furthermore the shipping interests are growing with tremendous rapidity."

"Montreal has a population of 400,000 within the city limits," declared Alderman In., said that in his state they have Levesque, who is one of the few delegates who brought his better half with him. "But the suburbs immediately adjacent contain fully 250,000 more.

"It is chiefly different from Omaha is mayor also appoints the members of the the relative size of territory covered. We Problem in the Cities." Eight mayors are library board, but the appointees must be are much more cramped, partly because the confirmed by the council. The council city is on an island. But here it is much better. I like to see the green grass around five resident freeholders petition for a vote the houses and the streets are broader,

> Like nearly all his party, M. Levesque In Virginia cities, under a new constitu- speaks excellent English, and in linguistic tion adopted in 1900, franchises can not be accomplishments could shame the average granted until after they have been ad- alderman in this country. The Montreal vertised three years and passed by a two- men want the next convention of the thirds vote of the people, said Mayor Joel | league, but are so reasonable a tot that they will not sulk if over-voted. The fact L. A. LaPointe, one of the aldermen of that, while the league is continental in Montreal, Canada, told the delegates that scope and as yet no convention has been having home rule. Montreal in governed States, is proving a powerful argument in

> > In dress the Canadians do not differ notably from their more southern colleagues.

> > Postal authorities wish that the attention of delegates be called to the fact that the postage necessary for Ak-Sar-Ben souvenir programs is 3 cents. A large number lacking in amount have already been

Delegats to the convention of the League of American Municipalities will occupy seats on the stage at the Auditorium this evening when Mr. Taft makes his speech. On the arrival of the Taft special at four years and then mayor for four years Union station Charles Martin will take a of Cedar Rapids, under the old regime moving picture of the reception committee and Mr. Taft alighting from the train. This tablishment of the plan in his city last picture is to be used at the National Corn March. Mr. Huston was enthusiastic over exposition which will be held at Omaha in

> Mayor W. G. Sears of Sloux City is a belated visitor. He arrived Thursday trip in the afternoon, but spent the time discussing municipal affairs and demotractic politics with Mayor Dahlman. Mayor Sears is once more running for congress in the Eleventh Iowa district.

MACVICAR HAS BIG OPPOSITION

Secretary for Nine Years is Opposed by Hugo Grosser. No opposition to the candidacy of Silas

of forming and projecting an organized campaign for the descrable end-home rule to eli municipalities.

Resolved, further. That all municipalities, however small, he extended a cordial invitation to join in the movement.

Resolved, That the fifteenth convention of the League of American Municipalities shall be held in the city of Chicago during the month of September in the year bill, and be it further

Resolved. That in connection with the said convention a "municipal exposition" shall be conducted by the information burseau of American municipalities similar to the plans set forth by the said bureau; and and be it still further

Resolved. That a cordial invitation shall be extended to all municipal organizations, as well as to other organizations devoted to municipal improvement and good government, throughout the United States and Canada, to convene in the city of Chicago during the said month of September, 1911, and to otherwise co-operate to the end that the proposed "Municipal exposition" will also be a "congress of organization."

Whereas, There are many commodities used by the cities of the livited for the convention S. C. says used by the cities of the livited for the convention of the league has as yet been manifested, but John MacVicat of Des Moines, candidate for re-election to the office of secretary and treasurer, to the office of secretary and treasurer. The second to the office of secretary and treasurer, to the office of secretary and treasurer. The sum of Des Moines, candidate for che as descretary and treasurer. The sum of Des Moines, candidate for Des Moines, candidate for Chicago during the said municipalities of Concerned to the office of secretary and treasurer. The sum of Des Moines, candidate for re-election to the office of secretary and treasurer. The sum of Des Moines, candidate for Des Moines, candidate for Des Moines

Resolved. That the league recognizes the needs for requiring such commodities to he standardized in prices so that all cities may have the benefit of the lowest prices and may be enabled by making proper freight allowances to at once determine the proper prices to pay for any such commodity.

Besselved That the recognizes the mayor seeing to it that when he made his appointment of delegates to the convention that the only two members of his lodge who sit upon the council were selected. The other two delegates from Charleston Mayor Rhett and the other two delegates Resolved. That the secretary be and here- are W. D. Clarke and F. J. McCarty. They,

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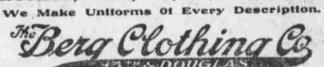
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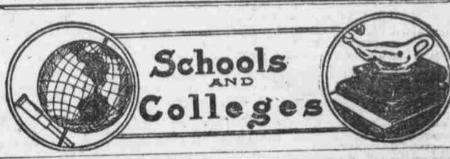
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