

# POSSIBILITIES OF SPRING ELECTION

The First of a Series of Articles Dealing With Municipal Affairs and How People Have Received Them.

## THE PUBLIC SOUNDED

Object Seriously to the Fact That Too Little Publicity Has Been Given the Affairs of Government.

Entering upon one of the most important epochs in the industrial and commercial life of Keokuk, the city's spring election in 1912 will place a heavy burden of responsibility upon the voters and for this reason possibly more than any other, it will be attended by the most wide-spread interest. Men eager for municipal limelight and public service are cognizant of this fact, for during the past month there has been more or less buzzing of a political nature.

At the present time few men declare they are to be candidates either for the office of mayor or commissioner in the coming primaries. They assert it is too early to go on record before the voters of the community. Few of those prominently mentioned, however, deny they might run under certain conditions.

Election talk naturally has brought the present administration more or less before the public eye. Its merits and faults are being discussed quite freely and upon them will be drawn factions at the polls next spring.

A Gate City reporter interviewed a number of voters Saturday with a view to determining in a general way the attitude toward the present administration, and ascertaining, if possible, some of the elements which must be reckoned with in the coming campaign. The one fault which a number of persons pointed out was this:

That they have no convenient way of keeping abreast with what the commissioners are doing and too little publicity is given to municipal affairs.

The present method of publicity does not seem to be a popular one. Instead of using space in the newspapers to acquaint several thousand voters with what is being done in the council chamber the official proceedings are published once every month in a small pamphlet. These are at hand in the city clerk's office and may be had free of charge by anyone.

An investigation shows that an average of 150 of these are published for the month. Sometimes the entire number is disposed of; more often a great many are left. Working men declare they have no time to call at the city clerk's office for the pamphlets. The plan of printing the proceedings which is now in vogue was an economic step.

In the way of a political campaign in the spring a canvass of labor men leaves this impression:

That the labor vote of the city may be cast against the present administration.

One of the first difficulties which the commissioners met in stepping into office nearly two years ago was in dealing with the labor men. The union members and typographical men especially, became hostile and there

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still remains an unfriendly feeling. This condition may be made the basis of the political fight.

The administration of public affairs, however, is roundly praised on many sides. The service has been efficient in numerous ways, they say, and the commission form of government has put the city on a business like basis.

[This is the first of a series of weekly articles on the present government of Keokuk and possibilities of the spring election.—Editor.]

The Prize Puzzle.

Outsider—"Who was elected in your city last time?" Citizen—"We don't know yet. We're having a guessing contest about it now."

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"Of course he did," agreed her friend. "Harold has the finest nature! It's too bad you don't know him well enough to realize it. However, I think I'm about the only one to whom he shows his real self. He must be out of town now, because I've called up his office every day since I got back and the telephone boy always says he's not in. I expect he's terribly anxious to get back now that he knows I'm here."

"Harold isn't out of town," said the girl with the blue eyes.

"He isn't. How do you happen to know that he is not?"

"Because he was at my home last evening," explained the girl with the blue eyes.

The girl with the fall hat stared at her indignantly. "The idea!" she said. "He can't know that I'm back! I'll telephone him right away, and—"

"Telephone him, of course, if you want to," said the girl with blue eyes good humoredly. "But I ought to tell you first that Harold and I got engaged during the summer that we passed cooped up in this dreadful town! Still, the news will scarcely interest you, since you have all those men you met at the lake coming to the city to see you this winter!"

Works Both Ways.

"Mr. Wombat, I must leave you to get married. I know a great many girls leave the firm to get married. Still, I hope you can fill my place."

"That will be all right. We have a waiting list of girls who left us to get married, are now tired of their husbands, and would like to come back."

—Read The Daily Gate City.

# While She Was Away

"Why, I haven't seen you for an age!" cried the girl with the fall hat as she rushed at the other girl with the golden hair and innocent blue eyes, who was buying handkerchiefs assiduously. "How well you look! Your summer in the country—"

"Oh, I didn't go to the country," said the girl with blue eyes. "I stayed at home this year!"

"What!" gasped the girl with the fall hat, in a shocked tone. "My dear, you don't mean to say you've passed the whole dreadful summer cooped up in the city, without a bit of change of—"

The girl with blue eyes regarded her calmly. "I managed to have a very good time," she said.

"I know," commiserated the other. "But I do feel sorry for you! When every one you know is away it must be hard to be patient and amuse yourself. I think it is wonderful that you have stood it so well. I should have been bored to death, I feel sure. You know that I simply must have lots of people around me and things going on."

"I had a perfectly glorious time at the lake," proceeded the girl with the fall hat. "There were several men there who simply kept me busy and, of course, while I didn't want to make the other girls unhappy, I couldn't help it if they got left out a good many times. But it is perfectly dreadful when three or four men happen to fall in love with one the same summer!"

"I should think so," said the girl with blue eyes. "Which one did you take?"

The girl with the fall hat looked annoyed. "Oh, I'm in no hurry about that," she said. "I'm not so crazy to get married as most girls. They all will probably be on here soon to see me. I was so rushed that I am afraid I rather neglected my old friends. I did write Harold asking him to come up, but something tiresome kept him in town. Of course, then I wrote and told him to come any time that suited him and not to think of hurrying back, but, some way or other, the poor boy got delayed each time."

"The head of the firm came on from the east once and his mother was sick another time, and goodness knows what else interfered. I felt so sorry for him, for I knew how disappointed Harold was—well, he was—"

"Yes?" queried the girl with the blue eyes, with some interest.

The girl in the fall hat managed to blush faintly. "Well, between you and me, Harold was getting so terribly fond of me that I couldn't help feeling what was coming. He can't help showing his feelings in his eyes—did you ever notice? But, of course, you were never in exactly the same situation as I was with him, so you wouldn't notice. If there is anything I hate to do it is break a man's heart and I wanted to be kind to Harold. That was why I asked him up to the lake."

"That's an odd way to proceed when you are refusing a man," commented the girl with the blue eyes.

"I didn't say I was going to refuse him, did I?" demanded with some asperity the girl with the fall hat. "Harold is very nice and devoted such as his appeals to a girl with sensibilities such as I have! It just spoiled my birthday picnic for me because he couldn't be there. I kept thinking of him working away alone in town, wanting to join me and imagining the good time I was having with other people! I wrote him a long letter to cheer him up that night."

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# HOW BRITAIN HANDLES STRIKES

National Industrial Council to Inquire Into All Disputes Between Labor and Capital.

## A VOLUNTEER FORCE

Taxing of Land Will Force Rich Men to Put in Crops Instead of Laying Out Parks.

[By Ed. L. Keen, London correspondent of the United Press.]

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Opinion is divided concerning the British government's latest scheme for handling labor troubles—a "national industrial council" which is to inquire into disputes between labor and capital, and make recommendations for their settlement.

As the new body was sprung upon them without previous consultation or even warning, both labor and capital naturally are somewhat suspicious. It is proposed that the council act as an intermediary and conciliator between the opposing forces of trade, but, as no compulsory powers are conferred upon it, the general opinion seems to be that it can not do what existing boards have failed to do—prevent strikes. Organized labor is firm in denying to the new council the right to forestall strikes, and employers are equally insistent on exercising their right to declare lockouts under any circumstances.

The industrial council, which is an auxiliary of the Board of Trade of Great Britain, has for its chairman Sir George Asquith, comptroller-general of the labor department of the board of trade, whose services as an industrial peace-maker have for many years been recognized and appreciated by both labor and capital. The employers have 12 members on the council, and employes the same number. Six of the labor representatives are members of parliament.

The board of trade, in launching the new council, went to considerable pains to explain that it was not intended to interfere with existing conciliation and arbitration boards, and in view of this explanation, both laborers and employers are inclined to believe that it will simply supply a piece of superfluous machinery.

When labor and capital come to blows it is often the innocent bystander that gets the hardest knocks. In the case of Great Britain the innocent bystander is the middle-classer who is neither a trade unionist nor a large employer. The United Kingdom has had more than its share of strikes this year, and the middle classes, having no immediate interest in the issues at stake, found them not only inconvenient but costly.

For the protection of the middle classes a so-called volunteer police force has been organized, with headquarters in London. Its objects may be epitomized as follows:

The formation of a permanent force of volunteer policemen who shall be available whenever disorder arises from strikes or any other civil states of unrest. It will be within the option of the individual volunteer officer whether he will exercise his powers in particular circumstances, except when the riot act is read, when his services will be absolutely at the disposal of the local head of the regular police. Any extravagant use of authority will lead to dismissal of the delinquent from the volunteer force.

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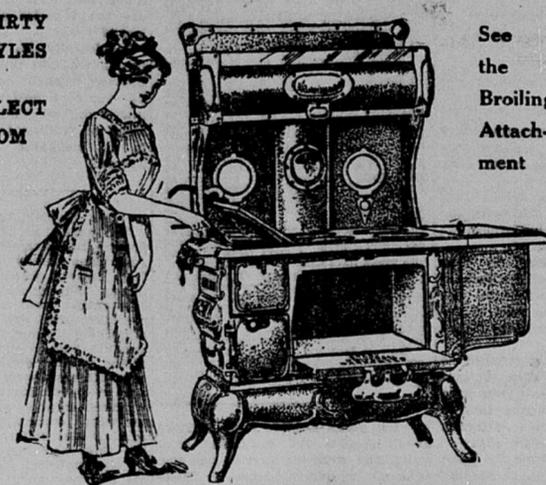
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