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## COMMISSION PLAN WAS HIS SUBJECT

Hon. Theodore A. Craig, City Solicitor, Spoke to Members of the Civic League Yesterday on This

### MANY QUESTIONS ASKED

That Women Are Taking Much Interest in Government, Shown by Queries Propounded to Mr. Craig.

Theodore A. Craig, city solicitor, was the principal speaker at the Civic League on Saturday afternoon having for a subject "The Commission Form of Government." He spoke in a very direct way and held the closest attention of the audience. In the beginning he explained in a general way the differences between the government in a chartered city and one under the commission form. Three advantages of the commission form were given—first, the power to fix responsibility; second, the plan provides for the affairs of the city to be conducted in a business like, expeditious way, and third, that the officers are elected at large from the city, representing the city as a whole rather than as wards. He contrasted the old method of nomination at conventions of the different political parties with the present direct nomination by primary election. He enumerated the five departments in city government and explained that the council as a whole serves as a check on the action of the heads of departments.

Mr. Craig spoke of the advantages coming from having tax police and men of the fire department under civil service. He explained the powers of initiative and referendum and the recall. He said in conclusion that the people have great power to control the legislation of the commissioners under the present form of city government, but said that it makes no difference what form the machinery of city government follows—a chartered city, a commission form of government after the Dayton plan, in the last analysis it was the efficiency of the men at the head of

## MANY TROUBLES DUE TO WEAK KIDNEYS

"It is no use advertising a medicine unless the medicine itself is good enough to back up the claims you make for it," said Wilkinson & Co., the popular druggists, to a Gate City man. "On the other hand it is a pleasure to sell a medicine when our customers come in afterward and tell us how much good it has done them. And that is why we like to sell and recommend Solvax, the great kidney remedy. Ever since we first introduced Solvax in Keokuk our clerks have been so busy selling it that we have a hard time keeping a sufficient stock on hand. We have so much faith in this article that we are going to guarantee it in the future and will return the money to any purchaser of Solvax whom it does not help. This may seem rash but our customers have said so many good words in its favor that we do not expect to have many packages returned."

This shows great faith in Solvax. It really is a most unusual medicine because it overcomes the worst cases of kidney complaint by removing the cause. It goes straight to the seat of the trouble. It soaks right in and cleans out the kidneys and makes them pass off all the uric acid and poisonous waste matter that lodges in the joints and muscles, causing rheumatic pains; soothes and heals the bladder and quickly ends all such troubles. Nothing is more uncomfortable or hurts a person's perfect enjoyment of life more than troublesome kidneys and their attending evils. Use Solvax and get your full measure of benefit out of life.

### POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

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### the city government which determines its success or failure.

Following Mr. Craig's address a number of questions were asked showing that the women were greatly interested in civic affairs. Mrs. J. J. Ayres presided at the business meeting which preceded the address of the afternoon. Mrs. W. G. Blood served as secretary. Mrs. Ayres read a letter from Commissioner Collins stating that the signs had been placed and that the expense to the city had been \$34.85. Mrs. Leonard Mattess was appointed chairman of the garden contest committee. By a vote it was decided that the Civic League should co-operate with the kindergartens of the city and with the visiting Nurse association in the observance of baby week.

### NATHAN HALE IS STAGED AT SCHOOL

Play Based on Activities of American Spy Given by Garfield Pupils.

A program of much merit was given Friday afternoon by the pupils of Miss Emma Binde's room in the Garfield school. The program was prepared and carried out by the pupils under the direction of their teacher. Following is the program:

- The Salute to the Flag.
- Song—"The Star Spangled Banner."
- Scott Drill—Harold Stadler, Clyde James, Ralph Cruze, Chester Dumenil, Calvin Alling, Beverly Dickinson.
- Poem—"O Captain, My Captain."
- Play—Nathan Hale.
- Characters: Nathan Hale..... Thomas McManus; Nathan's Father..... Rush Montgomery; Nathan's Cousin..... Ralph Cruze; School Children..... John Breheny; Dumenil, Stadler, Chester Dumenil, Ruth, Harsh, Clarie, Lichenberger, Vera School, Clara Poland, Lorena Buss, Alice Weber, Hazel Courtney, Bertha Courtney, Lorene Huxley.
- George Washington..... Max Jones; His Officers..... Clyde James, Donald Mehler, Beverly Dickinson.
- Colonel Knowlton..... Fowler Phillips; His Officers..... Calvin Alling, Orbra Appleton, Hardin Tomlinson, Harold Stadler.
- British Soldiers..... Clyde James, Donald Mehler, Beverly Dickinson.
- Messians..... Graffen Blood, Orbra Appleton.
- Aide..... Fowler Phillips; Teamster..... Rush Montgomery; Landress..... Max Jones, Donald Mehler; Provost Marshal..... Graffen Blood.
- Poem—"Concord Hymn."
- Dumb Bell Drill—Fannie Bell, Eugene Maxwell, Daisy Renaud, Mary Louise Cochran, Hazel Miller, Elizabeth Maxwell, Kathryn Milroy, Sons—America.

### Interesting Divorce Suit.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Charges of abuse, drunkenness and acquaintance with a number of other women are made against Wm. J. Caples, son of El Paso's late mayor, in a divorce action brought by his wife that came to light here today. She has asked a restraining order to prevent disposal of any of his property, as she claims she is entitled to a share of it.

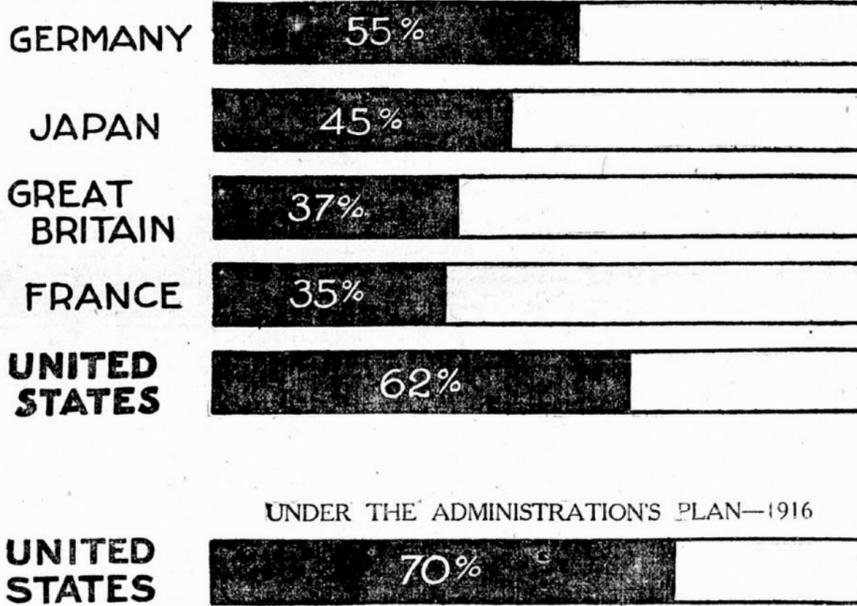
### Dupont's Great Profits.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Fifty-five and a half million dollars was the net profit of 1915 of the Dupont Powder company as compared with \$4,500,000 net profit in 1914, according to the company's official statement here today.

## WHY KITCHIN OPPOSES PRESIDENT'S PLAN

Diagram which hangs in House Leader's Room showing how much of their annual budgets leading nations now allot to war and "preparedness." "Enough is enough!" quoth Kitchin.

### SPENT ON "PREPAREDNESS"—1915



### UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLAN—1916



WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—One of the interesting "exhibits" in the pending "anti-preparedness" fight in congress, is the diagram hanging in the office of the chairman of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. It may be said to sum up Congressman Kitchin's fundamental opposition to any increase in the army and navy budgets at this time. He takes the position that the United States is now paying an excessive proportion of its annual income for war "past and to come."

"Both relatively and absolutely the proposed increases in our navy and army budgets are enormous," says Congressman Kitchin. "At the expiration of the five-year period for the program this country will then be expending on its navy and army more than any nation in the world in times of peace ever expended on its army and navy; more than England, with her navalism, more than Russia or Germany, with their huge militarism. At the beginning of the European war Germany was expending for past wars and preparations for wars (on its army and navy)

55 per cent of the total amount of revenues collected; Japan, 45 per cent; Great Britain, 37 per cent; the United States, over 60 per cent. With the proposed military and naval program enacted into law the United States will be expending over 70 per cent of its total revenues—that is, out of every \$100 collected from the people over \$70 will go into militarism and navalism, including \$22 for pensions, leaving less than \$40 for all other functions of our government and for all other benefits of the people.

## Hamilton Gate City

Hamilton, Ill., Feb. 27.

Christian church, N. W. Evans, pastor, W. C. Hughes, chorister.—Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 11:00 a. m. Subject, "The Badge of a Christian." Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "Exterminate the Saloon." Leader, Master Loraine Reese. Worship, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Welcomed." Everybody welcome to all services. Teachers' meeting Monday evening.

Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. H. S. Willing, pastor.—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching, 10:45 a. m. Subject, "The Unjust Steward." Epworth league, 6:30 p. m. Subject, "The God of God." Leader, Mrs. Eliza Smulling. Special song and praise service 7:30 p. m. Preaching 7:45 p. m. Mid-week prayer service, Thursday, 7:15 p. m., followed by choir rehearsal.

Mrs. Chas. Thompson attended the Sunday school convention held in the Carthage M. E. church last Friday.

Mrs. Celia Wardwell spent the past week at Basco visiting relatives.

Mrs. Martin Stewart has been seriously ill the past week with inflammatory rheumatism. The personal property of the Peterson Shoe company was sold at the factory Friday under orders of the federal court at Chicago, and brought \$1,360. The property was purchased by Chicago parties, with the exception of some office furniture. If the sale is approved by the federal judge presiding in the bankruptcy proceedings of the shoe company, a very substantial step will have been taken toward straightening out the tangle into which our shoe factory has become enmeshed.

Friends are greatly pleased at the arrival of Mrs. Beattie Leroy Pease and her charming little family. Mr. Pease is expected here in a few weeks. Since leaving here Mr. Pease has developed poor health and the mandate of his physician sends him forth to outdoor labor, so he has resigned his position in Newark, N. J., and may locate in Colorado in the near future.

The funeral of Mrs. Lottie Martin took place yesterday from the M. E. church at Carthage. She died Thursday in this city and interment made in Moss Ridge cemetery at the county seat. She was in her thirty-third year and leaves a husband, several children and an aged father.

Schools in Hancock county were dismissed Thursday and Friday to permit the teachers to attend institute at Carthage. Hamilton was well represented on the program. There was 200 tickets sold at Hamilton for Carthage.

The Elvaston basketball team defeated the Hamilton team, 40 to 16.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sanders of Kankakee, Mo., were Hamilton visitors yesterday. R. G. Theese of Bloomington was a business caller yesterday. L. H. Shanon of Plymouth was a Hamilton visitor yesterday.

—Read The Daily Gate City.

## BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS IN IOWA

Two Million a Year for Last Five Years Was Spent for Improvements in Various Districts.

### BIG ATTENDANCE GAIN

High Schools Show Increase of 8,000 in the Last Three Years—Expect to Double Averages.

Two million dollars a year in school improvements for five years is the record made in Iowa, according to P. E. McClenahan, state high school inspector, and there is no evidence of a diminution. Furthermore, high school attendance has increased 8,000 in the last three years. "There are more sophomores in the high schools of the state than there were freshmen last year, more juniors than there were sophomores last year, and more seniors than there were juniors," says Mr. McClenahan. These figures indicate that many who dropped out of school in earlier years are returning, for ordinarily each promotion of a class results in a loss of from 5 to 15 per cent of its enrollment.

Helped by Higher Standard. "I think that the addition of a fourth year to high schools in the small cities of Iowa is chiefly responsible for the added numbers of pupils," said the inspector. "The result is exactly opposite to what the public expected. When standards are raised, young people believe they are getting more for their time, and their desire for an education increases with their estimate of its worth."

"I was at Winterset when the fourth year was added. There were eight graduates in the last year under the old system, and it was predicted that there wouldn't be any the next year. But there were twenty. The school filled up from former pupils who had dropped out. Not only did they take the fourth year, but it gave them an opportunity to go to college. Twenty of my old pupils at Winterset are attending the State University of Iowa today.

Another Good Influence. "Another influence aiding the growth of the high schools has been the law authorizing children in the rural districts to attend the nearest high school at township expense. This has brought a decided increase."

Verification of Mr. McClenahan's statement that the expenditure of money for permanent school improvement still continues is obtainable from other sources. A compilation of building operations in the cities of Iowa made by a contracting firm shows that sixty-five city school buildings have been authorized or contracted for in Iowa this year.

Present Year's Advance. If these buildings average \$30,000 apiece, the authorized expenditures in city schools alone is \$1,950,000, with many bonding propositions still to be heard from in the spring elections, and the amount spent on consolidated country schools to be added. The parity with which the consolidated school movement is growing throughout the state makes this year's investment uncertain, with the probability of assuming large proportions. It is certain that the five year average reported by Mr. McClenahan will be exceeded and perhaps nearly doubled in 1916.

Bull Moose Negro. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 26.—James R. Pollard, colored attorney, leader of the bull moose party in Richmond, and chairman of the state executive committee, issued a call today for a statewide mass meeting and convention to be held in Petersburg.

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March 29, to elect delegates to the national convention. Pollard predicted that Roosevelt would get the nomination for president and that the republican convention would ratify it.

Ford Peace Tribunal. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] STOCKHOLM, Feb. 25.—The Ford permanent peace tribunal will hold its first formal session on Monday, Swiss delegates having arrived.

—Read The Gate City want column.