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CLEVELAND HAS SOLVED CITY TROUBLES

Party Organizations Have Been Eliminated and the City Manager Plan Substituted—No More Election Squabbles and Petty Political Fights—New Government Based on Common Sense.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 12.—Cleveland has solved the city government problem with which Indianapolis still is struggling. It has done away with party organization in the operation of the affairs of the city and has put them on the common-sense basis used by other large business institutions.

While the plan is admittedly not perfect—as no governmental plan ever was—citizens of this city are sure that it is far superior to the old party system under which Cleveland suffered as much as Indianapolis now is suffering.

The plan has done away with the party elections—which never had any place in city government—and has made efficiency and ability the characteristics of city management. It has done away with party conventions, such as the spectacle Indianapolis will witness Friday; and it has done away with continuous fights for party leadership, such as the one that now is being waged in the Marion county courts and such as the ones that will inevitably follow.

City Manager Plan

The Cleveland plan is THE CITY MANAGER PLAN OF GOVERNMENT.

This plan is simple and is based on COMMON SENSE and not political expediency.

The plan is that under which large business corporations operate and it was adopted by large business corporations because it is the BEST plan.

Briefly, Cleveland is governed by a manager and a board of directors. The manager is employed by the board of directors. The board is elected by the people of Cleveland in a non-partisan election. It is known as the city council.

So far as the administrative and legislative branches of the government are concerned, the city councilmen are the only elective officials.

A City Council

In Cleveland, the council consists of twenty-five members, each of whom receives \$1,800 a year. This council elects a city manager, who is executive head of the institution. He selects department heads. There are no boards in Cleveland, such as the board of safety, board of works, park board and board of health in Indianapolis. These departments, and others are looked after by department heads, just as they would be looked after in any other business institution.

Cleveland pays its city manager \$25,000 a year. The job is a big job for a big man and necessarily must carry a comparatively big salary, just as the head of any other corporation the size of Cleveland or of Indianapolis would receive a big salary.

The Cleveland manager—at the present time he is W. R. Hopkins, a native of Cleveland and a man of wide experience—names these department heads:

LAW DIRECTOR, corresponding to the Indianapolis corporation counsel.

PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR, corresponding to the Indianapolis board of works.

Safety Director

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, corresponding to the Indianapolis board of public safety.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, who is the head of municipally owned utilities, of which Indianapolis at this time has none.

FINANCE DIRECTOR, corresponding to the Indianapolis city comptroller.

WELFARE DIRECTOR, corresponding to the Indianapolis board of health.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS, who has duties similar to those of the Indianapolis park board and who, in addition, is the custodian of all public buildings and grounds, a duty divided in Indianapolis among several departments.

TRACTION COMMISSIONER, who represents the city in its relationship with transportation systems. The Ohio public service commission has no control over local transportation systems as has the Indiana commission.

Under the Cleveland plan, the city council initiates public policies, just as a board of directors initiates the policies of a corporation, and the city manager, with his department heads and their subordinates, carry them out.

In addition, Cleveland has a mayor, who is a member of the council. He has very few powers, his principal job being that of custodian of the "gates of the city." He is referred to here as the city's glad-hand expert, the city manager confining his time and energies to the city government.

ALBERT H. JOHNSON DIES

Funeral For Broad Ripple Resident

Wednesday, 10 A. M.

Used, but too useful to throw away, describes the state of many pieces of furniture in the average home.

If you would like to replace some such items now while sales are on in the stores, you can do so without taking a total loss on the old ones.

Times Want Ads are the little hustlers looking for just such jobs. They find buyers for anything.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

6 a. m. 25 10 a. m. 27

7 a. m. 26 11 a. m. 28

8 a. m. 26 12 (noon) 29

9 a. m. 26 1 p. m. 28

Indiana's New Chief Executive Shares Honor of Office With Wife, Who Is State's 'First Lady'



GOVERNOR AND MRS. ED. JACKSON. —Photos by Dexheimer.

GIRL SERIOUSLY INJURED

Wheels of Truck Pass Over Body of Miss Mildred Carson.

Miss Mildred Carson, 18, of 838 Broadway, was injured seriously today when she was struck by a truck, the front wheel of which passed over her chest, at Massachusetts and College Aves. She was taken to the city hospital with injuries to her body and legs. Police charge William McNeely, 22, of 2122 Bosart Ave., driver of the truck, with assault and battery. He said Miss Carson was crossing the street and failed to see his truck. She was en route to work at the Real Silk Hosiery Mills, Noble and Michigan Streets.

NO NICKEL; LIFE SAVED

Detective Narrowly Escapes Death in Bomb Explosion.

By United Press SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—A detective narrowly escaped death early Sunday when a bomb exploded in the Hall of Justice Bldg. here. The bomb, police say, was placed in an attempt on the life of Chief D. J. O'Brien of the San Francisco police department. O'Brien left his office near by a few minutes before.

The bomb demolished a telephone booth. Detective Sergeant Robert Malburg owes his life to the fact he did not have a nickel in his pockets. Malburg approached the booth, felt in his pockets for a 5-cent piece, and, finding none, turned away just before the explosion.

BRANCH PLANS TO GIVE UP POLITICS

Retiring Governor Will Live in Martinsville.

Back home in Martinsville and out of politics.

That in life Emmett F. Branch

plans after turning over the govern

orship of Indiana to Ed Jackson, today.

Governor Branch took office fol

lowing sentencing of Warren T.

McCray to the Federal penitentiary

at Atlanta, Ga., on conviction of

using the mails to defraud, last May.

Branch was elected Lieutenant

Governor four years ago. Before

he was an attorney at Martinsville.

He also served as a colonel in

the Army during the World War.

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plished by the retiring Governor dur

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the reduction of accidents at grade

crossings.

WATCHMAN ORDERED

Traction Company Agrees to Tibbs Ave. Protection.

Capt. Charles Sumner, investiga

tor for Police Chief Herman F. Rik

hoff, today said Guy K. Jeffries, gen

eral superintendent of the T. H. I.

& E. Traction Company, had in

formed him a watchman would be

placed at the company's crossing at

Tibbs Ave., and that motormen would

be ordered to stop there on both out

and in runs.

Jeffries said, according to Sumner,

he would try to effect an agreement

whereby the watchman for the Pe

oria & Eastern division of the Big

Four Railroad also would guard the

traction crossing at this point. Sum

ner said he had visited the crossing

Sunday and found one watchman

had guard both lines.

GOVERNOR PLACED UNDER ARREST ON BRIBERY CHARGES

Warrants Served on Kansas

Chief Executive and Son as Result of Expose.

By United Press TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 12.—For the

first time in the history of the State, a Governor of Kansas was placed under arrest today.

Warrants charging soliciting and accepting a bribe were served upon Governor Jonathan M. Davis and his son, Russell Davis, in connection with acceptance by the latter of \$1,250 from Fred Pollman, paroled convict, for a pardon for Pollman.

SIGNS BONDS

The Governor and his son, an hour before the former was to relinquish his office to Ben S. Paulen, appeared at the courthouse to sign bonds of \$1,000 each.

After signing the bonds, Governor Davis went back to the Statehouse to prepare for the inaugural ceremony at noon. Russell Davis accompanied his father.

Charge. against the Governor which resulted in his arrest today grew out of the expose here Friday when Russell Davis met Pollman in a hotel and negotiated with Pollman to secure the latter's pardon provided \$1,250 was forthcoming.

Meeting Watched

In an adjoining room were news

papermen and a shorthand reporter.

The latter took down the conversa

tion between Young Davis and Poll

man, who was a party to the plot to

catch the Governor's son.

Young Davis was confronted by

the newspaper men and forced to

hand over to them the marked

money with which Pollman pur

chased his pardon. The young man

denied allegations that his father

knew of the deal. The former Gov

ernor, in a statement issued Sat

urday, declared he had no knowledge

of his son's transaction and added

that he had already granted Poll

man's pardon.

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JUDGE ANDERSON LEAVES

Receives New Commission—to Be Sworn in Tuesday.

Judge Albert B. Anderson, for

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