ROCHESTER BEST GOVERNED CITY

Here are a few of the compliments paid the city of Rochester by the experts of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, who conducted a comprehensive survey of the various departments and bureaus:

NO. 1.
BEST ORGANIZED AND BEST MANAGED.

"Rochester's government is better organized and better managed than any which has come to the bureau's notice."

NO. 2.
CONSCIENTIOUS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYES.

"Throughout the departments is found a spirit of loyalty and co-operation, a sense of responsibility and responsiveness of public demand, that is full of encouragement for a future development in the management of city affairs."

NO 3
FINANCES IN SAFE HANDS

"The work of the officials charged with the responsibility for the city's financial affairs — the Assessors, Comptroller, Treasurer and members of the Board of Estimate—evidences a sincere effort to keep down the cost of government."

NO. 4.
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE PROGRESSIVE.

"As in the other city offices during the survey, there was apparent a keen desire to improve the organization, methods, and procedure at every point where there might be need thereof. The tone of the entire office was above the average of such offices."

NO. 5.
GOOD ORGANIZATION IN TREASURER'S OFFICE.

"The City Treasurer is not only the custodian and disbursing officer of city money, but he is also the collecting officer of taxes, water rates and certain miscellaneous revenues. This is good organization."

NO. 6.
ABLE ASSESSORS.

"Rochester has an able Board of Assessors and a competent office force in the Department of Assessment and Taxation. The Assessors are familiar with the principles underlying their work and they are generally informed as to the methods employed in the cities which are regarded as leaders in the matter of property assessment."

NO. 7
EXCELLENT HEALTH BUREAU.

"The excellence of Rochester's Health Department under the present Commissioner is well known."

NO. 8
EFFICIENT POLICE FORCE.

"Rochester's police force is organized in accordance with the most approved modern plan and is efficiently managed."

NO. 9.
POLICEMEN PROGRESSIVE AND ACTIVE.

"The activity of the officers evidences a progressiveness which was reflected throughout the force."

NO. 10.
CITY FREE OF COMMERCIALIZED VICE.

"That the city was found to be especially free of commercialized vice and that the police officials were vigorous in their efforts to rid the city of the few disorderly saloons and resorts operating, indicates the efficiency of the bureau in enforcing the policy of suppression."

NO. 11.
POLICE CHIEF IS UP TO DATE.

"The chief possesses knowledge of approved police procedure, and his conceptions of the functions of the police in carrying out the policies of the administration in the suppression of vice and in the performance of social service, is in accordance with the most advanced and accepted ideas."

NO. 12.
FIRE DEPARTMENT IS EFFICIENT.

"The Bureau of Fire is properly organized and efficiently managed.

NO. 13.
FIREMEN UNDERSTAND THEIR WORK.

"The firemen appear to understand their work generally and the methods used in fire extinguishment are modern and progressive."

NO. 14.
HIGH STANDARD IN PARKS.

"There is every reason to believe that the former high standards in park development will be observed."

NO. 15.
FINE STREETS AND BUILDINGS.

"The fact is obvious to anyone going about the city, as did those engaged on this survey, that the city's streets, public buildings and other public works rank well in comparison with those of other cities."

These facts were reported by the efficiency experts of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research to the Rochester Bureau of Municipal Research, Inc. The trustees of the Rochester Bureau are as follows: George Eastman, Edward Bausch, James G. Cutler, Jeremiah G. Hickey, Walter S. Hubbell, Abram J. Katz, Henry W. Morgan, Rush Rhees, George W. Todd, Andrew J. Townson, James S. Watson.

The high praise accorded Rochester's city government was made possible by the excellent administration of Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton. Vote for Mayor Edgerton on November 2 so that Rochester may continue to be the best governed city.

CITY TAX ROLLS SHOW THAT MOSHER OWNS NO REAL ESTATE ON WHICH HE PAYS TAXES HERE

Professor Howard T Mosher, Democratic-Progressive candidate for Mayor, is not a taxpayer in the city of Rochester

The man whose bitter attacks upon the Republican administration, as a taxpayer and citizen, have been the principal feature of the present municipal campaign, is not assessed on the tax rolls of Monroe County as an owner of property, nor does he according to official records pay one cent into the coffers of the city he is ambitious to govern

Professor Howard T Mosher according to the city directory and his business cards, lives at 216 Alexander Street The house at 216 Alexander Street is assessed against Mary S Mosher Nowhere on the tax rolls is there an assessment against Howard T Mosher, professor of lawyer Moreover, as far back as the records could be searched this morning, there never has been

The news that the man they are backing for a place at the head of the city does not pay taxes while claiming the right to direct an attack upon the administration as a "citizen and a taxpayer" fell like a bombshell into the ranks of the Democrats this morning Such of them as were in favor of the attack on the City Hall and Cox House had no comment to make but it was evident that their dismay was scarcely less than their astonishment Ever since an attack upon [illegible] member of the Democratic organization in the campaign has been a big feature of the campaign

As one of the Democratic workers put it this morning "If Professor Mosher pays no taxes at all it is a trifle in business at that Look back Judge Barry on the ground that the Judge did not pay enough And the fact that Mayor Edgerton's success proves that a lot of people trusted him to build houses for them while nobody so far as can be learned trusted the Professor to handle any law business, fathers one of Mr Mosher's of the argument that success in the contracting business is no qualification for managing other business affairs."

COMPTROLLER ASSERTS CITY'S CREDIT IS STRONGEST IN STATE

Rochester's credit is the strongest in the state. Rochester's finances are in the most flourishing condition among big cities of the state, and Rochester taxpayers money is being doled out with as much regard for economy as efficiency, according to Comptroller Edward S. Osborne, the city's chief fiscal officer

Comptroller Osborne said in part: "I want to say just a word to you about the fiscal affairs of the city of Rochester, but before going into that matter in detail, I want to prefece my remarks by a statement that the administration of the affairs of the city of Rochester by all of the officials, headed by Mayor Edgerton who stands today as the business manager of this great corporation, have endeavored to look out for the interests of our great city

"Mayor Edgerton has four times been elected to the high office of Mayor of our city, which seems to me evidence enough and proof sufficient that he has administered the affairs of the city and of this great corporation honestly, fearlessly and conscientiously

"The city of Rochester has grown more in the past eight years than in the previous eight years. It has grown more numerically and financially, it has grown more in area, and in beauty We have today better lighted streets better paved streets more convenient [illegible] comforts than we ever [illegible]

"Efficiency and Economy

"The Mayor [illegible] several terms of assessors to undertake [illegible] for the purpose [illegible] have been [illegible] the [illegible] for the [illegible] citizens [illegible] have served [illegible] chief fiscal [illegible] I can say to you [illegible] fearlessly that all [illegible] city government [illegible] with a due regard [illegible] economy, and for [illegible] of us all

"Best Governed City

"The Bureau of Municipal Research has made a very thorough and searching [illegible] of our city together with 35 other cities and 60 other [illegible] at this date quite a partial investigation of, and they tell you that Rochester is the best governed city that they have come in contact with. These people are absolutely unbiased, they have no political axes to grind, and there is no reason why they should make that statement, unless it was a fact They certainly were not paid for making it and I think that the things that have been accomplished by this administration are conclusive evidence that the facts are as stated by them

Now in regard to the financial affairs of the city of Rochester, and more particularly to its bonded indebtedness It has come to my notice that claim has been made that the city of Rochester will not be able to pay its water bonds at maturity In this connection I do not believe the people of one, two, or even three generations, should be called upon to bear the entire cost of an improvement that is permanent in character, and is apt to last from five to 10 generations I am, however heartily in favor of having bond issues for a permanent improvement carry with them a sinking fund provision to retire a portion of the bonds at maturity and in this connection, at my suggestion, all of the bond issues that have been authorized during my term as Comptroller, have carried a sinking fund provision of at least one per cent a year, together with the interest on bonds to be included in the tax levy, for the purpose of retiring a portion of these bonds when due In the case of improvement, the life and usefulness of which will not reach more than one of two generations, a provision has been made that a sufficient sum to retire the bonds at maturity shall be raised annually, with an amount sufficient to pay the interest thereon

Division of Cost.

"While I do not approve of spreading the total expense of an improvement of a long permanent character on one or two generations, yet I do not approve of saddling on future generations an improvement for which they can positively receive no direct benefit.

As a concrete example of what one per cent a year set aside each year, will result in I give you the following On an issue of $1,000,000 at one per cent each year, or, in other words $10 000 per year, set aside for a sinking fund would result in 30 years at four per cent —which is the amount we are receiving on our sinking fund accounts to the sum of $587,325 69 In other words the present generation would be paying the balance to be taken care of by future generations who will participate in the same results that we are receiving today

Best Credit in State

You will see therefore, from what I have said [illegible] that every [illegible] and [illegible] paid by the municipal [illegible] New York State

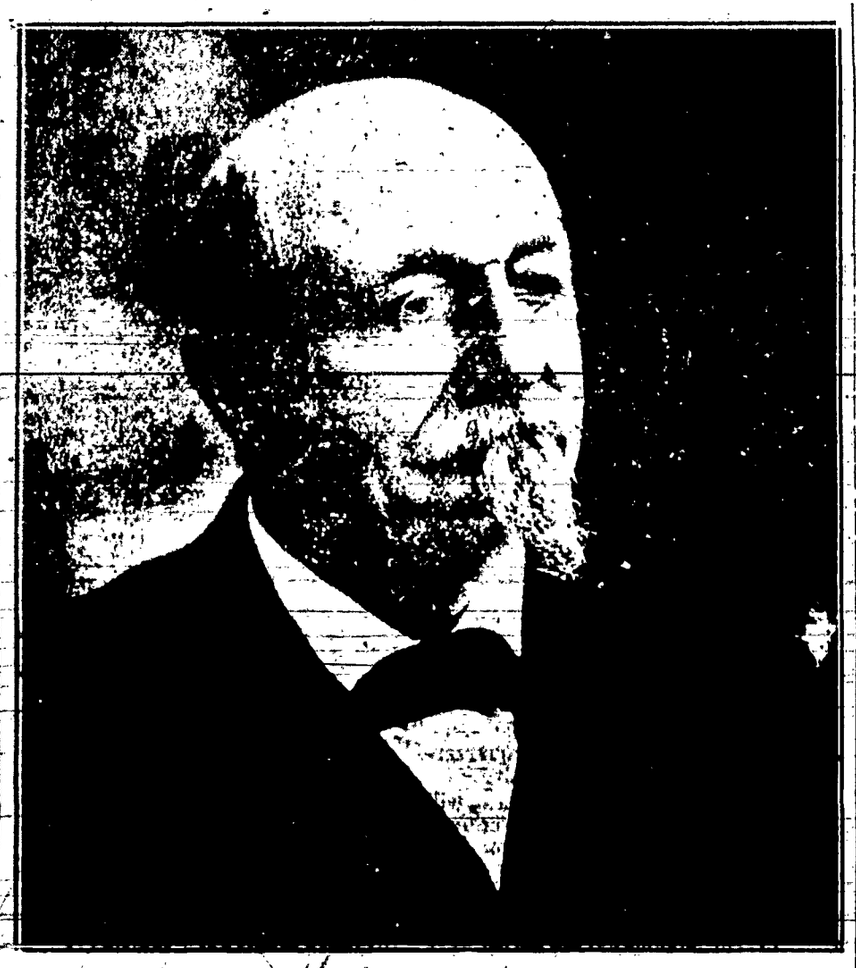
[illegible] February 1 paid [illegible] per cent and [illegible] sold at [illegible] remember that the other [illegible] was reduced from 4½ to 4 1/10% and [illegible] was the highest price paid for [illegible] municipal bonds in New York [illegible] this year.

[illegible] Rochester was not efficiently managed and was going to the [illegible] you suppose that a financial institution of our great metropolis would pay us any such price for our bonds? Not for one moment, because those people are shrewd financiers. There is not a week goes by that some representative of some banking institution or bond house of New York City does not come into the office and inquire if we have any bonds to offer They say Rochester bonds stand at the head of the entire list and are wished for by investors in preference to any other municipality

"This, I think, gentlemen, is sufficient evidence that the affairs of the city of Rochester are being conducted economically, efficiently and in a business-like manner and for the best interests of all

"I Stands on Record.

"It is on such a record as this that I appeal to—you and ask for your united support for our entire ticket, from top to bottom — Not only do I ask you to support the city and county ticket, but I ask you also to support your Alderman your Supervisor — because without a Republican board of aldermen a Republican Mayor would have his hands tied if the complexion of the board were different,—and in the interest and well-being of our city I ask you to support the entire ticket from start to finish"



MAYOR HIRAM H. EDGERTON,
Who Has Made Rochester the Best Governed City. Vote for Mayor Edgerton on November 2 That Rochester May Continue to Lead.

MANY OF RESEARCH EXPERTS' SUGGESTIONS WOULD INCREASE EFFICIENCY, SAYS MAYOR EDGERTON

Seeks Another Term to Place Them in Operation, He Says in Statement. Rochester's Government Now Enjoys Reputation for Being Best in Country, But Mayor Sees How He Could Make It Better.

[illegible] business, to make for greater [illegible] in the conduct of the city [illegible] government is developed by the [illegible] for the [illegible] to continue [illegible] part [illegible] term of office in my annual [illegible] to the Common Council, I recommended the creation of a Bureau [illegible] as a part of the city gov[illegible]

[illegible] Mr Eastman [illegible] In advance Mr Eastman [illegible] present was one of the [illegible] New York [illegible] Municipal Research, a local bureau of municipal research composed of Rochester citizens and that the local bureau after consultation with the administration, should [illegible] what [illegible] recommendations of the investigators were practical and worthy of [illegible]

Given Assistance.

The experts of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, who spent several months in studying and investigating the government of Rochester were throughout the entire period of the survey given every possible assistance by the local officials.

"While the research engineers made many recommendations as to change in methods in the various city departments they say in their report to the local bureau of research that Rochester's government is better organized and better managed than any which has come to their notice. The value of this statement can be realized when it is known that the New York Bureau of Municipal Research has made administrative studies in some 50 local governments and comprehensive studies of 25 city governments

"I believe many of the recommendations of the research experts, when put in operation, will result in increased efficiency and better city government. Being familiar with these recommendations and believing it is essential to the continued progress of the city toward the very best in municipal government, I consider it my duty to again place myself at the disposal of my fellow citizens that I may carry this great work to a realization.

"An unfriendly or indifferent administration would neutralize the good that has already been accomplished and destroy all prospects of future benefit to the city government and the taxpayers. It is obvious that no administration can be more friendly to the purposes of the research bureau than that one under which it was initiated, and which is committed and pledged to carry the recommendations to a consummation.

"I, therefore, believe that if the people desire it, it is my duty to serve another term, in order that the system and method of carrying on the city's business may be so standardized that we shall be able to maintain for years economy, efficiency and business methods in municipal government If re-elected, I shall strive earnestly and faithfully to serve the people, to give them good government, and to keep the city in the foreground of progress, so that Rochester may continue to boast of being a city efficient, a city economically administered, a city enjoyable, a city insulted people are glad to live."

If you desire a continuation of the present good government vote for Mayor Edgerton and all the Republican candidates on November 2.

Adv.

MOSHER'S CHEAP POLITICAL STUNTS DISGUST AN INTELLIGENT PUBLIC

In an effort to make political capital out of the Victoria Theater case, Howard T. Mosher, the Dem-Prog. candidate for Mayor, has written a letter to Mayor Hiram H Edgerton in which the Professor discusses the details of the performance at the theater and to which he makes the threat that if the questions he has asked about the theater case are not answered he will publish the letter The letter is not regarded as such that it ought to be printed in any newspaper

The letter says that police officials were present at the performance and [illegible] duly been [illegible] reprimanded The letter carries the [illegible] that Mr Mosher wants the [illegible] or any others who witnessed the performance punished more than they have been He says that none of the police there have been dismissed from the service and that the details of the performance have not come out at any of the hearings held He goes into detail in his letter however with regard to what took place

Within three hours after the performance at the Victoria ended a report was made to the Chief of Police by a police official and steps were immediately taken to prosecute those [illegible] of the exhibition The owner of the film was arrested, the manager of the theater was forced to resign and the directorate was changed before it reopened

A committee of the Ministerial Union made an investigation and a report on the case. The report expressed satisfaction with what was done in the way of punishment. The The report of the Ministerial Union Committee follows:

"The completeness with which the city authorities have dealt with the Victoria case is a matter of deep satisfaction to the union. The affair was so flagrant a violation of the law and such an insult to the moral sense of the city, that the union felt called upon to do all in its power to prevent a repetition of such exhibitions and therefore stood ready to co-operate through its officers and its attorney, with the authorities to secure such action against the offenders as should make certain that such a crime against the city should not be repeated.

"The union had no particular persons in mind in its crusade, but stood for the protection of the public against an evil which, if treated lightly, we felt threatened the welfare of the entire community The union had its own thought as to what should be done in the matter, though it was careful not to interfere with the city officials, and, in fact, did not even express to them what its desires were.

"The points we had in mind, as far as the matter came under the jurisdiction of the city authorities, were as follows

"The destruction of the film and prosecution of the owners.

"Punishment of the one responsible for bringing it here.

"Revocation of the license of the theater

"Various reprimanding of the police officers who were present and did [illegible]

We are greatly pleased that the city officials have covered this ground completely In previous publicity it has become widely known that the best points were covered fully In addition to it the Commissioner of Public Safety assures us that not only has he vigorously condemned all police officers who were present, for a serious lapse of duty, but has addressed an official communication to the policemen who were present, warning them against a second like offense.

"We are particularly glad of this, for while we conceive that from the moral standpoint any decent-minded citizens who were present should have protested against the exhibition yet in both a moral and legal sense we have depended on our police officers to prevent us from such indecent exhibitions and by this condemnation the Department of Public Safety has shown that it does not for a second condone the laxness of attitude indicated by certain of its policemen, and that it has determined to prevent such an exhibition being given in the future.

"In the last few years many of the stag parties of the city have been a disgrace to the community. Well-known citizens have allowed, under the name of sport or entertainment, things to be done in their presence which disgusted them personally, but which they did not have moral courage enough to protest against. It is to be hoped the Victoria incident may have a wholesome effect on the stag parties of the future.

"The Ministerial Union has felt free to condemn things in the city administration in the past, it gives us pleasure, and we feel it equally our duty, to speak a word of appreciation which is due"

ELECTRICAL WORKERS' UNION GIVES EDGERTON STRONG ENDORSEMENT

Resolutions were adopted at a meeting of Local 44 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, expressing the strongest confidence in Mayor Hiram H Edgerton and pledging him unqualified support at the coming election. The resolutions express the satisfaction of the union that the Mayor had been recompensed and appreciation of the many acts of friendship performed by the Mayor for the union The resolutions follow:

Whereas the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 44, has with satisfaction that the Hiram H Edgerton has been elected Mayor for Mayor of the city of Rochester and,

Whereas we are mindful of the many kind acts and his uniformly fair consideration of the rights of organized labor and of his manifest friendship for this union, and

Whereas it is the policy of this union to be watchful of its friends' interests and at any opportunity to express our appreciation of them be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 44, in regular meeting assembled avail ourselves of this opportunity to express our hearts appreciation of the many acts of friendship performed for this union by Hiram H Edgerton and, be it further

Resolved That we extend to him our sincere good wishes for his success and pledge him our unqualified support.

IRONWORKERS' UNION GIVES MAYOR EDGERTON STRONG ENDORSEMENT

At a meeting of Bridgemen and Structural Ironworkers' Union, Local 33, resolutions indorsing the policies and administration of Mayor Hiram H Edgerton were adopted The members of the union voted unanimously in favor of the resolutions, and their support was pledged to the Mayor

The resolutions state that Mayor Edgerton, as head of the city government and as an employer of labor, has shown himself to be in sympathy with the workingmen