



The zoning bills introduced into the 1931 Legislature by Kirby.

In December 1928 a Regional Planning Association was formed and a part of its policy was the creation of a zoning and planning law for the Region both in Kansas + Missouri.

A bill was introduced in the 1929 session of the Mo Legislature but failed ~~to pass~~.

This bill and its associated bills were House Bill 197, 198, 199.

Along the latter part of January Mr Prescott, Mr King, Frank Davis and the Presiding Judge of the

County Court of Jackson County  
had a luncheon and discussed  
the advisability of introducing a  
young bill into the 1931 Session  
at Jefferson City. Davis had col-  
lected a set of young bills  
from Wisconsin, Ohio, California  
and other states. These laws were  
turned over to the assistant  
County Cancellor from Indepen-  
dence and he was instructed  
to draw a bill for introduction.

He took the old bill the Wisconsin  
and Ohio laws and drew the  
present bill. He was sent to  
Jefferson City by the Court and  
the bill was introduced.

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TENTH AND MCGEE STREETS

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

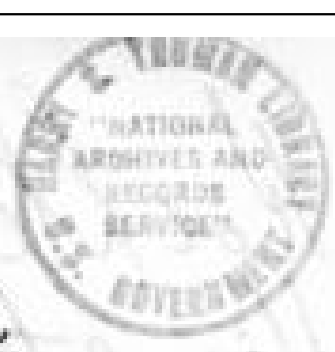


The Star does a most purring as the best.

More about government as it is administered these days. There's Tom and Joe and Cass and the Star and Newman and among the small fry Koehler and Richardson and a lot of others. What chance is there for a clean honest administration of the city and county when a bunch of ruffians sit on the side lines and poke on the field? If we only had Tom to deal with the public might have a chance, but Tom can't operate without Joe + Cass. Cass is a thug and a crook of the worst water he should have been in the pen twenty years ago. Joe hasn't got an honest

appointed on the pay roll. Tom's  
most influence is Mike Ross  
who is just a plain thief. His  
son Willie had his dad backed off  
the boards in that line and he's  
was also rival of Casimer as a  
thug. He's dead and I suspect  
his sale of rotten paving have han-  
rupted the government of hell by now.  
He brought Mathew Murray here from  
the State Highway Dept. and there  
hasn't been an honest letting  
of paving contracts since he's been  
here. Mr. Elroy ~~told me~~ <sup>said</sup> he'd "forced"  
old man Gary to let him have  
Murray from the State Highway  
Dept. but ~~I found out that~~  
"Willie" recommended him to Mr. Elroy  
and that's how he took him away  
from Gary. Gary no doubt heaved  
a big relief sigh.

Take the director of water for



instance. He's a crooked building contractor who was formerly president of the old upper house of the council and was one of the "split up" men. He built a negro home for boys for Bulger (who made a \$2 million as County Judge) at a cost of \$167,000.00. Worth probably \$80,000.00 but Miles got a house out of it. He tried the same tactics on ~~me~~ <sup>the Negro girls' home</sup> with a negro girls' home. ~~got~~ <sup>there was</sup> an honest inspector who held his feet to the fire. He nearly died when he had to build by specifications, ~~and by~~ no wonder water bills go higher and the dept has a deficit. Of course Tom Doyle helps that out too.

Mr. Koehler is in a class by him-  
self. His ethics were acquired in  
a north end precinct. He and Jukes  
were partners in all Willie Ross's  
road contracts. He gets a rake off  
on road oil from the Standard Oil  
Company; he gets a rake off from  
the same outfit on asphalt. He  
is a partner of the Crook's Cement  
Company. ~~I can't stop him~~  
~~I can't catch him~~  
He is a partner of Ryan and  
~~and some other~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Tom Thompson. He takes ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
~~out~~ ~~to~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
But is very fond of women. Dan & Dash.  
John Barker, expert fixer.  
He failed to fix the Supreme Court  
in the police business and out  
he went. He got Mr. Tette to al-  
low a crooked contractor Orelly  
by name to collect some 60,000<sup>00</sup>  
on a sewer contract against  
the engineers advice. I wonder how  
good a fixer this gentleman's suc-  
cessor is.

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Why oh why cant we get some  
old Romans who are fundamen-  
tally honest and clean up this  
mess? It will take a revolution  
to do it and it is commencing in  
about ten generations. That at a  
real race will appear and take  
charge.

We teach our boys to worship  
the dollar and to get it how they  
can. The above situation is the  
result. And we have an extra  
ordinarily clean local govern-  
ment. Chicago, Pittsburg, San Fran-  
cisco, Los Angeles make us look  
like suckers. The State of Kansas  
and the State of Illinois are also  
in the hands of money and money  
makers. Missouri is harder to get

at and is not so bad. However  
we have the crooked<sup>est</sup> Secretary of  
State the world has ever seen.

Some day we'll awake have a  
reformation of the heart teach  
our kids loyalty and kill a  
few sex psychologists put boys in  
High Schools to themselves with men  
teachers (not sisies), close all the  
girls finishing schools, shoot all  
the efficiency experts and be-  
come a nation of Gods people  
once more.