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Excerpt from National Municipal Review, 1916, Vol. 5 An outgrowth Of the widespread and popular commission government movement, the city manager idea represents all that is best in the com mission system with the addition Of a carefully chosen expert to look after the administration Of the citys affairs, instead Of three or five promiscuously chosen. Under it there is no longer any doubt as to who was responsible. There is no danger Of inefficiency hiding itself behind a long list Of elected Officers no one Of whom has sufficient authority or power to change conditions. If anything goes wrong in Dayton now, you know that the responsibility for it lies primarily at the door Of the city manager, and behind him at the door Of the council Of five. A characteristic Of the Older conception Of American city government was to place entirely too much dependence upon the law and the form Of government. Many still are for substituting statutes and constitutional provisions for the self-governing instinct. The newer conception involves the utilization Of the most effective forms Of government for the adequate expression Of a sound public Opinion and the idea Of a city manager has proved a popular one because it embodies just this thought. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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