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CITY GOVERNMENT OF BERKELEY

By Professor T. H. Reed and J. R. Douglas.

The object of the following bulletin is to give to the people of Berkeley a brief and definite account of the government of their city. The general outline of the commission form of government as it prevails in Berkeley has been widely understood, but only a very small number of our citizens know of the administrative organization of the city. It is also hoped that this report will be of interest to students of municipal government as a brief but detailed account of the organization of a typical commission-governed city.

Besides personal interviews with many city officials and familiarity with the working of the city government the authors have relied upon the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Berkeley, the annual reports of the Mayor and Council, the monthly and annual reports of the Auditor, and the accounts of Council proceedings appearing from

time to time in the Berkeley Gazette.

The portions of the text relating to the Council and the Auditor were written by Professor Reed, who has guided the preparation of the whole report. The remainder of the bulletin was constructed by Mr. Douglas, who made the survey of the various departments.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday evening, March 25th. "Motion Picture Amusement in Berkeley." Speakers: Peter B. Kyne, short story and scenario writer; C. A. Langley, general manager, T. & D. Circuit; Prof. T. H. Reed, who will present the report of the committee which has made a survey of the situation in Berkeley. The meeting will be held in the music room of the Hotel Shattuck at 8 o'clock.