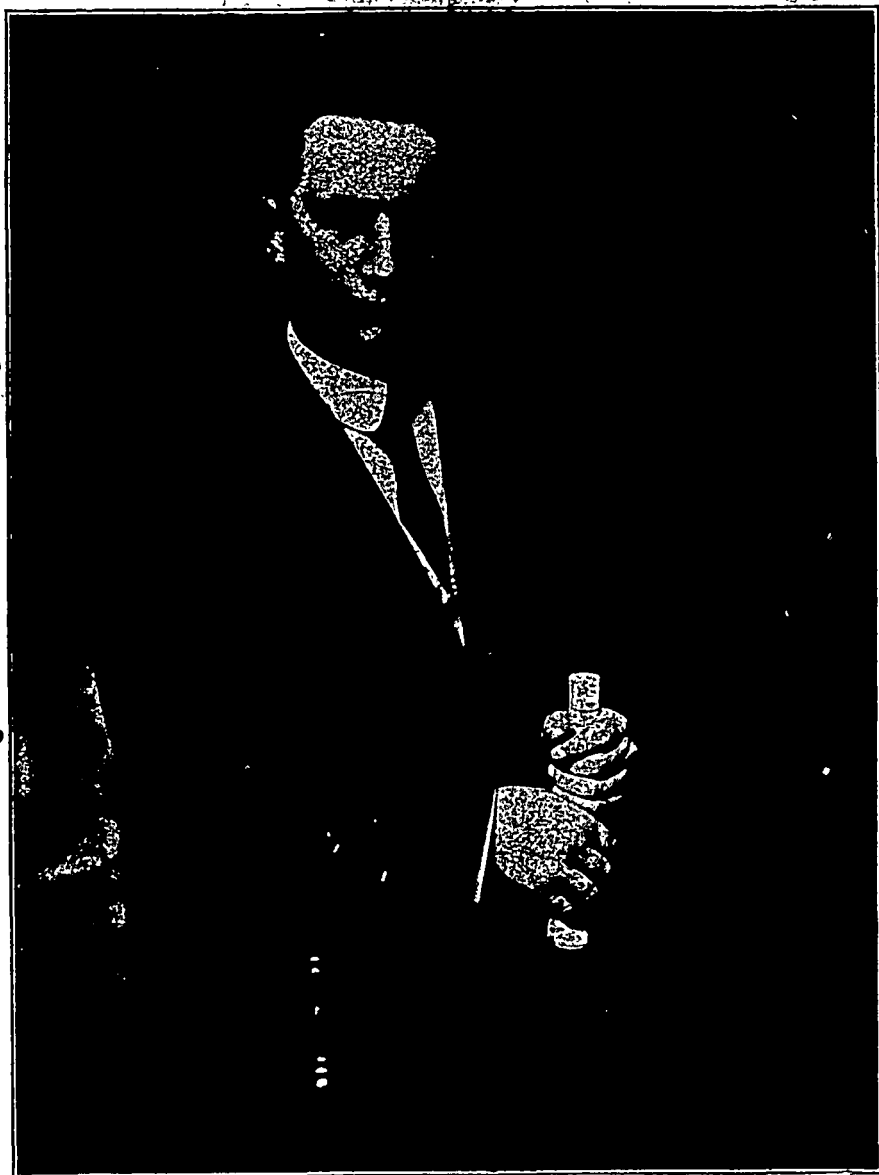


Dr. Rolvix Harlan, the Man Who Would "Make Ottawa Hum" If He Were Mayor



Dr. Rolvix Harlan, Ottawa University's Popular Dean, Who is Being Boosted for Mayor of the City.

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OTTAWA CITIZENS WANT DR. HARLAN FOR MAYOR

Pressure is Being Exerted by Local Men to Get Popular Ottawa University Dean to Enter Race for Head of City Government—Would Almost be Assured of an Overwhelming Majority.

IS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Thus Far No One Has Declared for Commissionership—Is Not Known Definitely Whether Mayor Slater, Present Incumbent, Will Consent to Run for Another Term—Local Men Predict That "Ottawa Would Hum" Under Direction of Dean Harlan.

The "Harlan for Mayor" boom, which was started the latter part of this week by local admirers of Dean Rolvix Harlan of Ottawa University, has gathered so much momentum about Ottawa during the last twenty-four hours that unless the unexpected turns up, the candidacy and election of the popular O. U. professor as head of the city commission is almost a certainty.

Since coming to Ottawa a year ago last fall, Dr. Harlan has been greatly interested in local municipal matters and has made a host of friends and admirers among the business men and local citizens. As a public spirited man and speaker he has been in demand at practically every municipal gathering that has been held the past two years.

In party politics Dean Harlan was one of the first to come out strong for the Progressive party principles and has been a leading figure in state progressive circles, being the head of the Franklin County Progressive party faction.

Dr. Harlan is a graduate of Chicago University, having taken his doctor's degree at that institution. He was a member of Coach Stagg's famous football machine while a student and has been one of the most ardent supporters of all kinds of athletics at Ottawa. Before coming here he was pastor of the Central Baptist church of Kansas City.

As yet, Dr. Harlan has not decided whether he will consent to be a candidate for the mayoralty, but business men and local citizens of all classes are urgently demanding that he do so.

From information gleaned on the street yesterday from business men, merchants and professional men, there was not a single one who was not enthusiastic in pledging his support in case Harlan should announce his candidacy, and indications point to almost a unanimous election.

"He is absolutely the best man for the place in Ottawa," said one prominent business man who exerts an influential position in local politics "He is progressive in every sense of the word and would make Ottawa one of the best towns in the state."

"I am for him strong," said another man, "and know that he would receive the support of practically every business man in Ottawa, to say nothing of the local vote among the citizens."

Party politics plays an almost negligible part in local elections here, as most of the people vote for the man they think is best fitted to serve the people of the city. Harlan's activity along lines of civic betterment and his broad-mindedness in dealing with municipal questions would make his services almost invaluable to the city.

The chief drawback that stands in the way of his acceptance at present is said to be his connection with the University. It is entirely possible that this can be arranged satisfactorily, however.
