

**COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN AN EIGHTH GRADE
ROOM AT THE CUSHMAN INDIAN SCHOOL.**

The Mayor is Ex-officio Commissioner of health and sanitation. He oversees the cleaning of the schoolroom and the destruction of waste paper, etc.

The Commissioner of Public Works has charge of streets and public buildings, therefore to him is assigned the duty of inspection of halls, porches and seeing that paper is kept off the grounds of the vicinity of the school room.

The Commissioner of Light and Water has charge of the heat, light and water, attends to the radiators, ventilation, raising and lowering curtains and on dark days turns on the electric lights.

The Commissioner of Public Safety takes the place of the teacher in her absence and renders other assistance to the teacher.

The Commissioner of Finance has charge of the store-room.

The five commissioners appoint a clerk who has charge of records, and a librarian who has charge of the distributing of papers, books and supplies.

The Judge decides what shall be the penalty for infractions of the rules.

PETITION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

TO WHOSOEVER MAY BE IN A POSITION TO GRANT OUR PETITION:

We, the undersigned pupils, pray that you grant to us the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship, now, while day by day we are spinning our lives into strong, unbreakable habits, and weaving this warp and woof into our permanent character.

We have learned something of the spirit of our American institutions, of the history of our country, and of present conditions. Though our people are prosperous, a deplorable civic condition has been pointed out to us, that a large part of the intelligent men who were educated as we are now being educated do not perform the fundamental duties of citizenship, such as attending primaries, voting at city elections, and serving on juries. Thereby the democratic foundations of our great republic are endangered. We have been shown how we may be saved from such a fate by being trained into faithful and effective defenders and developers of the democratic rights to which we are heirs, though we have not yet come into our heritage, and we adopt these words and sentiments, which have been submitted to us, to be our own, and pray that you will seriously consider and grant our petition, which, stated more in detail, is:

That we may be permitted to govern ourselves, make laws, elect our