

## NEW CODE FOR OHIO

The General Assembly  
Convenes In Columbus.  
Today.

### CONTEST EXPECTED

Shall Cities Be Ruled by "Federal"  
or "Board" System.

(Journal Special Service.)  
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 25.—In accordance with the proclamation issued by Governor Nash, the general assembly convened today at noon in extraordinary session for the purpose of enacting a code of laws for the uniform government of Ohio municipalities and of amending or repealing the Royer law, which robs the supreme court of jurisdiction in the majority of appealed cases.

Unless all predictions go astray the session will prove one of the most exciting ever held in Ohio. The Democrats and Republicans are sharply arrayed against one another on the question of the new municipal code. The contest was precipitated by a recent decision of the state supreme court, which declared every municipal government in the state illegal and unconstitutional. The anomalous situation was brought about by Mayor Tom L. Johnson's efforts to make the corporations of Cleveland pay more taxes, which provoked a test suit, and which led the supreme court to declare that every municipal government in the state is illegal, for the reason that it violated a clause in the state constitution which prohibits all class legislation.

The interesting feature of the situation is the sharp division of the two parties as to whether what is known as the "federal" system, now in force in Cleveland, or the "board" system, now in operation in Cincinnati, shall be embodied in the new code. The federal system, which makes the mayor the absolute ruler of a city and places all appointments in his hands, is favored by the Democrats, while the board system, under which the governor of the state appoints certain boards and commissions, which administer the affairs of the city, is favored by the Republicans. The Democrats have prepared themselves for a bitter fight and doubt is expressed as to whether the so-called Nash-Hanna code bill can be passed unless numerous amendments and modifications are made.

### LOST \$25,000.

The Roulette Wheel Was too Much  
for Him.

(Journal Special Service.)  
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 25.—A report is in circulation to the effect that a rich Philadelphian, accompanied by a high official, lost \$25,000 at roulette here. The visitor started by buying \$1000 worth of chips and proceeded to play the limit. He lost and then bought \$3000 worth more and lost again. He then took more chips and insisted that the limit be removed. This was done, and the other players dropped out to see his plunging. Before he finished he had lost \$35,000