

There's considerable furor in all the papers about local politics and candidate for office, yet none of them offer anything to the people. It appears to be nothing but a scramble for office.

And each paper is trying to get some fellow in who will be friendly to that paper.

Hearst's fight for Carter Harrison for mayor was intended to help Hearst get a grip on Chicago and Illinois Democratic politics for presidential purposes.

He got the business manager of the Examiner in the job as president of the Civil Service Commission, and then proceeded to force a re-organization of the police force so as to make it a part of a Hearst-Lawrence machine. And Harrison saw Hearst's gang put the cleaner on the very Democrats that gave Harrison the nomination over Dunne.

Then there's the fight of all the other papers against Peter Bartzén. Pete seems to be an official they can't handle. So they've put up on the Republican ticket a former member of the newspaper publishers trust to run against Bartzén. This would put the publishers' trust in the saddle in the county if they win.

Hearst is supporting Bartzén, not for the public good so much as to beat the other publishers and get Bartzén's help on the Democratic side.

Take all the candidates for minor offices. No matter who happens to be elected, the people get the same old thing in the same old neck. The difference between Democrats and Republicans is vast when they are begging for votes, but you can't see it with the naked eye once they get in.

Can you tell the difference between an Illinois Central Democrat and an Illinois Central Republican?

But the point to this whole story is this: Do **YOU** see anywhere, in any newspapers, any boss or any candidate one single thing that would lead you to believe that any one of them is seriously interested in the public welfare or **YOUR** good?

And when the people do happen to get a man in office like Dunne, all of these interests get busy to throw him out and put in a mannikin like Busse.

Is it any wonder that the great army of people who are working for a living don't get very excited about the newspapers, the bosses and their politics?

Chinese are "peeved" because Americans do not put enough postage on the letters. They seem to forget they're getting civilization.

A stray volume of real life is the daily packet of the postman.—Douglas Jerriod. We agree with him, especially when the mail contains bills.