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## HOLD-ON HOODOOS.

Reasons for Republican Defeat and Dismay.

The Offices in the Hands of Professional Office-holders.

The Party in Cook County Cursed by Hacks.

A Thousand Years the Total of Their Official Terms.

Young Blood is Always Crowded to the Rear,

And Forced to Join the Democratic Party for Relief.

The young men of the Republican party are rapidly coming to the conclusion that it is a close corporation—too close, in fact, for them to belong to. The offices are only parcelled out to men who have grown gray on the payrolls of Cook County or some other division of the Government, State or municipal, and who are noted for their ability to hang on whether it benefits the organization or not. Whenever a nomination is made a party hack gets the benefit of it. Whenever a county office is to be given away, it goes to some of the gang who have been holding on for the past quarter of a century. None of the fresh blood ever gets a chance, except by accident. A glance at the following list of professional office-holders will

to the mind of the reader the kind of names which are indelibly impressed upon every Republican ticket or every Republican office, with the time of office-holding of the men named:  
"Jack" Stephens, chronic office promiser and chronic office holder, — 29 years.  
"Deputy" Kauffmann, Jack Stephens' assistant and chronic "deputy," — 19 years.  
Sheriff Matson, — 27 years.  
James H. Burke, Deputy Sheriff, — 24 years.  
W. A. Johnson, Sheriff's something or other, — 13 years.  
J. L. Monaghan, Deputy Coroner, — 15 years.  
Col. "Hi Hi" Thompson, postal expert, — 17 years 2 months.  
"Queen's Own" Gilbert, Clerk of the Criminal Court, ex-Alderman, etc., in office 17 years.  
Klaner Hertz, Coroner of Cook County, ever since his arrival in the country — 14 years.  
Charles H. George, head "Deputy," Probate Clerk's office, — 30 years.  
Twenty others, taken at random from the different office-holders in the County Building, of the Republican persuasion, bring the grand total up to 1,000 years of office holding.  
Well may the gang sing, "One Thousand Years, My Own Columbia," when holding forth in neighboring saloons to the Court House.  
No wonder the young Republicans are leaving the party and joining the Democrats.  
A party of party hacks can never be a party of winners.  
**LATEST POLITICAL GOSSIP.**  
Recorder STEPHENS' chief clerk is a Deputy.  
THE County Democracy looked well at Indianapolis.  
THE Republican State Central Committee meets July 29.  
MR. EDMANSON seems to be ahead in the Shrivley fight.  
"FRONTIER JACK" is what they call Recorder Stephens now.  
CHARLES KERR'S boom for County Treasurer is growing rapidly.  
RECORDED STEPHENS is the great office-promiser of the age.  
RECORDED STEPHENS is in his usual snuff and Fitzgibbon is in his usual snuff.

THE County Board should make the Recorder either stay in his office or resign.  
A GENERAL cleaning out among the postoffice inspectors in Chicago is imminent.  
WHEN Recorder Jack Stephens goes out to see a man he should return the same day.  
BUILDING COMMISSIONER DUNPHY is warmly indorsed for County Clerk by many Democrats.  
EX-ALDERMAN ANTON IMHOFF is talked of for Representative by Sixth District Democrats.  
LOUIS HURT is making a red-hot fight for the Republican nomination for County Treasurer.  
THE Democratic State Central Committee has opened headquarters at the Sherman House.  
RECORDED STEPHENS wants to run for Sheriff. Give him a chance, Messrs. Commissioners.  
RECORDED STEPHENS wants another job. The County Board should give him a chance to look for it.  
HONEST BARNEY McNEIL, of the Fourth Ward, is urged for County Commissioner by Democrats.  
"YELLOW-HIDE" JOHNSON, of the Sheriff's office, wants to be Senator from the Thirteenth District.  
UP to date, Recorder Jack Stephens has promised places to 2,180 persons and has appointed twenty-two.  
If Recorder Stephens is obliged to be out all the time he should get some deputy who will stay in to wait on the public.  
THE young Democrats of the Fourth District are for Sherman P. Coily for Representative in the Legislature to a man.  
DIMINUTIVE TAYLOR, the Republican nominee for Clerk of the Supreme Court, objects to being called a nonentity. Why?  
MR. DENNIS E. SULLIVAN, one of the most popular young Democrats in the Twenty-first Ward, will probably succeed the late Justice Thomas Sweeney on the North Side. Mr. Sullivan is well thought of by bench, bar and people.  
THE indications are that Charles A. Partridge, of Lake County, will be elected Speaker if the Republicans have a majority. He is Assistant Secretary of the State Central Committee, and was Mr. Miller's competitor in the caucus a year and a half ago. As a matter of courtesy, to say nothing of his recognized ability as a presiding officer, the nomination is conceded to him.  
THE Republican committee for the Eighth Senatorial District met at the Sherman House and nominated Capt. Charles B. Tryon, of Moline

County, for Representative, to succeed Elijah M. Haines, deceased. George Reed, of Belvidere, a member of the State Board of Agriculture, was his only opponent. Mr. Tryon is an ex-member and a farmer.  
**A GREAT AFFAIR.**  
Democratic County Commissioners Preparing to Picnic.  
The Democratic County Commissioners are making great preparations for their picnic and demonstration in favor of Gen. Palmer's candidacy for Senator, which will be held at Willow Springs, July 26. Gen. Palmer, Mayor Cregier, E. S. Wilson (Democratic candidate for State Treasurer), and H. Raab (Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction) will make addresses. An additional attraction will be a cattle-killing contest between Charles Westphal, champion of California, and Michael Mullen, of Chicago, champion of the world, for \$1,000 and a gold medal. There will also be races, athletic contests, games, and dancing. A large list of prizes have been secured for the winners of contests.  
**FOR TOM JUDGE.**  
He Will Be Next Clerk of the Drainage Board.  
Mr. Austin J. Doyle has resigned the position of Clerk of the Drainage Commission to accept the position of manager of the McAvoy Brewing Company.  
He will be succeeded by Mr. Thomas Judge.  
**The Saloon-Keepers' Annual Picnic.**  
Every arrangement is being made for a successful picnic at Ogden's Grove on Monday, July 14, under the auspices of the First District Board. No pains will be spared to make it a success, and it is the duty of every saloon-keeper to take a day off and enjoy himself. Races and games of all kinds will be engaged in. The bills will be out in a few days.  
At Parkersburg, W. Va., a contractor took part in a frolic that ended in a fight, all hands being drunk, and a man undertook to assault him with a hatchet. He rushed to a third-story window, and suspending himself by his hands from the sill, would have dropped to the street, and no doubt been crushed to death, but for the fact that his feet were caught on the top of the sash in the second story and gave way just as he let go his hold on the sill. He stuck with the window and his feet slipped inward, carrying him into the room below, and allowing him to escape unhurt.  
The Heister & Jung's Columbia brand. It is the best that is made.

**PERSONAL.**  
REV. FATHERS ABBOTT and Fitzgerald, of St. Joseph's, New Orleans, were in the city Thursday. They are on their way to Europe, and everyone wishes them a pleasant voyage.  
MR. FRANK CONNELLY, one of the best posted writers on base-ball in the country, has accepted the position of press agent for the Chicago League Ball Club. He is a great hustler, and his good work is increasing the attendance at the West Side Park noticeably.  
EX-CITY TREASURER C. HERMANN PLAUTZ, who is now at the head of one of the largest breweries in the country, has shaved off his beard and looks twenty years younger. He surprised his friends about town the other day. Some of them hardly knew him.  
JUST before starting out for a drive in Forest Park, Mr. Valentine Setting, a St. Louis jeweler, induced his wife to put his savings, \$4,005, in her stocking. This sum was the accumulation of years, and he had little faith in banks, and feared to leave it in the house during his absence. During the ride, the money felt uncomfortable in Mrs. Setting's stocking, and she took out the package and placed it at the bottom of a paper bag containing oranges, and which she carried in her hands. As they passed through the park, the couple ate the oranges, and when the last one was gone, threw the bag away, losing sight of the fact that it contained all the money they had in the world. They did not discover their loss until late in the evening, and all attempts to find the package proved unavailing.  
FROM a railroad publication just published we learn that the railways of the United States have to-day a total length of 150,000 miles. Their united length would put a girdle six times round the earth, and they represent more than half the railway mileage of the world. The railroads of the world are to-day worth \$25,000,000,000 to \$30,000,000,000, or about one-tenth of the total wealth of civilized nations and more than one-quarter of the world's invested capital. It is doubtful whether the aggregate plant used in all manufacturing industries can equal it in value. The capital engaged in banking is but a trifle compared with it. The world's whole stock of money of every kind—gold, silver and paper—would purchase only one-third of its railroads.  
It is an interesting point in American history if, as stated, the Confederate gray uniform was borrowed from the First Virginia Regiment, which borrowed it from the Seventh New York Regiment. The Confederates sang "Dixie" was of Southern origin.

**STEP DOWN, THOMAS**  
You Have No Place in the Next Legislature,  
For the Constitution Forbids You to Act as Senator.  
Senator H. H. Thomas, who represents the North Side of the city of Chicago in the upper house of the State Legislature, will have to step down and out.  
The Constitution of the State of Illinois expressly provides that no one holding an office of trust or emolument under the Federal Government shall be entitled to sit in the General Assembly of Illinois.  
Inasmuch as Gen. H. H. Thomas, Senator from the Sixth District, is holding an important and paying job in the Postoffice, the Constitution reaches him.  
Steps are accordingly being taken to oblige the distinguished and clever gentleman to resign either one job or the other.  
Is the happy days to come, electricity will break up the present factory system and enable the home worker once more to compete on living terms with great aggregations of capital. Great steam engines will undoubtedly become generally the sources of power in large cities, and will send out the electric wire in every corner of the town, helping the sewing woman at her machine, the weaver at his pattern loom, the mechanic at his engine lathe, giving every house the mechanical aids needed in the kitchen, the laundry, the elevator, and at the same time giving light, and possibly heat, in liberal quantity and intensity.  
It is calculated that for \$5,000 Wordsworth's old home, "Dove Cottage," could be acquired and put in perfect order, and a vigorous effort has been made in England to procure subscriptions for this purpose. The committee lately organized propose to make of the place a permanent Wordsworth Memorial, managing and maintaining it in the manner carried out in the Shakespeare trust at Stratford.  
Those who have used Heister & Jung's Columbia brand underwear will find it the best in the market.