



"INDEPENDENT" IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE.

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ALTGELD WILL BE MAYOR.

The Great Leader of the Democracy of Illinois Is the Man for Chicago.

A General Demand from All Classes of People that He Lead the Hosts.

The Independent Voters of Chicago Would Be with Him Almost to a Man.

The Gang Council Would Not Have Things Its Own Way with Mayor Altgeld.

While the People Would Get Their Money's Worth of Schools, Police, and Fire Protection.

Governor Altgeld could be elected Mayor of Chicago by the largest majority ever given to a candidate for office in this city.

The condition of the finances of the municipality and the general demand for a man of his inflexible character for the Mayoral office are facts that are turning the eyes of Democrats and Republicans alike toward the present chief executive of Illinois, as the most available candidate for the mayoralty in the spring of 1897.

People will say that this is too early a date to talk about the mayoralty succession.

But they fail to remember that over fifty men are already in the field, with the regular Republican nomination, in Chicago, for offices to be filled at an election to be held nine months from now, and who will not take their seats if elected until over ten months from this time.

What, then, with these precedents in mind, can the objection be to talking over a candidate for Mayor twelve months before taking his seat?

Nay, what objection could there be for nominating a candidate for Mayor nine or ten months before his election? The plan is a good one, because in the case of Altgeld especially, the longer the candidate is in the field the better the people would learn to like him.

The objection that might be urged that another election would intervene between the nomination of the Mayoralty candidate and the election for a Mayor is too silly to be considered.

The Republicans did not allow any such idea to bother them when they nominated candidates this winter for next autumn's election.

The fact that the aldermanic and town elections intervened did not deter them.

Neither should it.

John P. Altgeld is too big a man to be Governor of Illinois.

The office is a petty one compared with the mayoralty of Chicago, because of its limited powers.

The Mayor of Chicago has one hundred fold more power than the Governor of Illinois.

The Governor is hampered by the Legislature, and is limited to a jurisdiction over a lot of petty boards.

The Mayor of Chicago is the ruler of two millions of people.

He has absolute control over the police and fire departments.

He regulates the city's finances.

He really controls the legislation by the City Council.

He has absolute power over the department of public health.

In fact, there is not a constitutional monarch in the world with one-half the power of the Mayor of Chicago.

There is no American city where the Mayor is the "whole thing" but Chicago.

All chiefs of departments are appointed by him and subject to his will. A mayor with an iron will and an inflexible determination to do right can control the City Council every time.

He can either control it or send some of its members to the penitentiary.

That Gov. Altgeld has the backbone, has been shown by his fearless conduct of the gubernatorial office.

The Democrats should name him for Mayor.

And thus naming him, they should

take him at his word and keep him out of the State fight this year.

This year's State battle will be a losing fight at best.

And the hurry-burry, anxiety and worry of another battle for the governorship would so weaken John P. Altgeld physically that he would be in no condition to assume the leadership in a campaign for the redemption of Chicago.

No one is urging him to reconsider his determination not to run for Governor except a lot of cheap State politicians, who fear that they may lose their jobs unless Democracy renominates its strongest man for Governor.

The cry is Altgeld for Mayor!

It is awakening a response upon all sides, and two hundred thousand votes will be polled in Chicago for that name for that office.

The independent vote of Chicago would be cast for Altgeld.

Here is what the Chicago Record, the most independent newspaper in the United States, and the leader of independent thought in Chicago, has to say upon the subject:

"The suggestion of Gov. Altgeld as the next Democratic candidate for Mayor, which occasionally is heard, is one which is quite among the probabilities of realization. The suggestion, it is believed, is not unpleasant to Gov. Altgeld himself. It seems to be taken for granted by those who venture an opinion on the subject that the Democrats cannot elect the Governor this fall. But, although the Republicans lately have carried the city of Chicago by large majorities, it is not so clear that they can maintain that majority against a strong opponent, and if Gov. Altgeld has strength anywhere it is in this city.

"A term in the Mayor's chair would give Gov. Altgeld a better opportunity to carry out his ideas of reform than he now has as chief executive of the State. The action of Gov. Altgeld which brought him the most unqualified approval was his veto of the gas trust bill and the street railway and elevated railway bills. As Mayor he would have far greater opportunities in this line. The field for reform work in municipal affairs is almost unlimited. But many good citizens would have grave doubts of the soundness of Gov. Altgeld's judgment on important civic matters.

"Many of Gov. Altgeld's friends think he could be elected Mayor. The opportunities for aggressive action which the position offers without doubt would be pleasing to the Governor. Any calculations concerning the mayoralty are incomplete, therefore, which leave him out of account."

The Eagle is investigating some queer stories concerning Fred E. Erickson, the present West Town Supervisor, who is running upon the Republican ticket for County Commissioner. One story that the Eagle has discovered to be true is the statement that Erickson refuses to pay any bills as West Town Supervisor, until they have been "O. K." by Mr. Edward J. Dwyer, the Deputy City Clerk. Mr. Dwyer is a good man, but what about Mr. Erickson's system of doing business?

Mr. Dwyer is not a West Town officer. Why should he "O. K." West



HON. JOHN P. ALTGELD, The Next Mayor of Chicago.

Town bills? Will Mr. Erickson, if elected County Commissioner, send would-be county contractors to any one for an "O. K."?

We pause for a reply.

Meanwhile The Eagle will pay some attention to Mr. Erickson during the campaign, as he is evidently one of the kind of men the people want to hear about this year.

Democrats are talking strongly of nominating August Lensen for West Town Collector.

Candidate for State Treasurer Roger C. Sullivan, Superior Court Clerk Griffin, and Hon. James McAndrews are at the Hot Springs.

The Republicans have a couple of sweet-scented candidates on their county commissioners' ticket. Alderman Ballard, who is one of them, strongly denounced an attempt in favor of 3-cent street car fare in the City Council, and West Town Supervisor Erickson, another one of them, has to have public business "O. K." by outsiders before he will consider it.

The Hon. Benjamin M. Mitchell, one of the most active members of the General Assembly a few years ago, is a candidate for Alderman on the Democratic side in the Thirteenth Ward.

Hon. Isadore Plotke stands an excellent chance of getting the Republican nomination for State Senator in the Sixth District. He is a strong man.

Republicans are talking of nominating ex-Ald. Frank C. Vierling for South Town Assessor this spring.

Roger C. Sullivan and John J. Brennan are said to be slated for delegates to the national convention from the Fifth District.

The Sullivan-Hopkins combination will not run Mr. Asay for Congress in the First District. The reason for this is that Mr. Asay does not live in the First District. He lives in the Third and may make the race there if Mr. McGann won't run.

The reappearance of "the latest political gossip" in the columns of our esteemed contemporary, the Daily News, would indicate that the Hon. Frank W. Tobin has returned from the Hot Springs, from which place, by the way, he wrote some very interesting letters.

Mr. Andrew J. Ryan, the popular lawyer, is being pushed by a number of his friends for the Democratic nomination of State's Attorney.

Frederick Reutz announces himself as an independent candidate for Alderman of the Thirteenth Ward.

Secretary Eastley, of the Civic Federation, received assurances from Secretary Chitt, of the Republican City Central Committee, that the Alderman-

ic primaries would be conducted properly as far as the committee's influence would go.

On the Democratic side in the Twenty-ninth Ward the candidates talked for were Alderman John F. Walsh, Frank Weldner, Dan Long, John McCarthy and Alphabetical Allen.

Ed Lahliff is dishing up great politics in the Times-Herald. That paper never was as newsy as it is now.

Democrats will hold their primaries under the primary law.

Lively times are expected in the Hyde Park town convention on Saturday.

Charles M. Robertson is a Republican candidate for Alderman in the Twenty-third Ward.

Supporters of W. D. Boyce for Congress met at Belmont Hall, Clark street and Belmont avenue, Thursday night.

Arthur Dixon is having trouble with the Republican club, of which he is president, in the Third Ward. He has been asked to resign.

William Mavor seems to have practically a clear field in his candidacy as Alderman of the Thirty-second Ward to succeed Ald. Mann.

David Littler, of Springfield, Senator Cullum's closest friend and ally, and "Dan" Ray, the Senator's private secretary, returned from Washington with very views of the Senator's chances for the Presidency.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the U. S. Grant Republican Club of the Thirteenth Ward, held at 834 West Lake street, the independent candidacy of Frederick Reutz, of 742 Austin avenue, for Alderman was endorsed.

West Town Republicans will nominate William Giffert for Assessor. Present taxation in the West Town, \$11 on the \$100, under Erickson regime.

The Hopkins-Sullivan combine have slated Mr. Hopkins for national committee man and delegate at large to the national convention.

A formidable citizens' movement is already under good headway in the Thirty-second Ward, having for its object the nomination of William Mavor for Alderman to succeed James R. Mann, the nominee for Congress. Mr. Mavor is president of the William Mavor Company, building contractors, and president of the Cottage Grove Building and Loan Association, which is a large and prosperous institution. He was the contractor of the Agriculture Building at the World's Fair and also of the Masonic Temple.

Some time ago twenty leading Republicans and a few independent citizens of the Thirty-second Ward held

a conference and decided to select a man to be pushed for the Aldermanic nomination who should be entirely independent of politics and a thoroughly representative business-man.

Mr. Mavor was the first choice of this committee, and only consented to accept the nomination after fully 150 men had affixed their names to a paper urging him to take such action.

As County Treasurer Kochersperger, Senator Crawford, A. W. Clancy and Alderman Keut are among his earnest supporters, it will be seen that machine and anti-machine politics cut little figure in this movement, and that Mr. Mavor is being pushed for the nomination by members of both the county and the city factions. The factional hatchet is completely buried so far as Mr. Mavor's case is concerned, and all his friends are sanguine of his nomination at the Aldermanic convention.

William Mavor has never held office; is about 50 years of age, and has lived in the ward between fifteen and twenty years. His residence is at 101 Oakwood boulevard. He is of Scotch descent, and has amassed a comfortable competency in the building contracting business, at the same time winning a reputation among all who know him for sturdy honesty and high personal character. Mr. Mavor is a member of the Congregational Church, and has been a consistent and earnest Republican and a hard worker for clean and upright politics.

The most laughable feature in the political calendar of late is the alleged withdrawal of one J. Merrian for the nomination of Governor of Illinois. The Rip Van Winkle of Tazewell County wishes to withdraw from a race he never was in for one minute. Well, this is rich. Probably he will now talk up his own candidacy for President. Of course, Tazewell County will be sold for him.

There is a strong movement on foot in the Second senatorial district to defeat Gustav Nohe, William Lorimer's candidate for Representative. Hon. J. L. Dudley has consented to run independent and petitions are being circulated in his behalf. It is said the Anti-Lorimer Club in the Tenth ward and a large element of Twelfth ward Republicans are working for him. Mr. Dudley, who represents the Second district now, was regarded as one of the most useful and intelligent members of the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. His friends throughout the district are legion, and he will prove a strong factor in the fight, and his prospects of being elected are excellent.

The Englewood Property Owners' Association have endorsed the candidacy of C. O. Smith for alderman of the Thirtieth ward. Mr. Smith is engaged in the real estate and loan business with an office in the Chamber of Commerce building. He had been chairman of the education committee of the 'live Federation of the Thirtieth ward.

NO GAS LIGHTS AND NO POLICE.

Such Is the Republican Platform in This Year of Higher Taxes than Ever.

Two-thirds of the Street Lamps of Chicago Are to Be Turned Out.

And as the Police Force Is to Be Reduced, Thuggery Will Now Rule.

Roger C. Sullivan Throws His Banner to the Breeze for the State Treasurership.

West Town Supervisor Erickson Has a Remarkable Way of Transacting the Public Business.

The gang Common Council has done its worst.

It has cut down the school appropriation two million dollars.

It has caused the discontinuance of two-thirds of our street lamps.

It has crippled the police force.

It has said "Hurrah!" to the thieves and sandbaggers.

"They can have the streets to themselves."

Imperative instructions were issued Wednesday by Mayor Swift to the members of his Cabinet that the expenses of their departments must not exceed the appropriations. Here are some of the things he ordered done at once:

"To all: Look over the schedule of allowances, find out how many employees have got to go, and notify these selected for discharge their services will be dispensed with on and after March 1.

"To Assistant Commissioner of Public Works John A. Moody: Get ready to begin repairing streets, fixing up bridges, and painting viaducts just as soon as the frost goes out of the ground.

"To Superintendent of Street and Alley Cleaning John C. W. Rhode: Prepare to begin a thorough, systematic cleaning of the streets and alleys just as soon as possible.

"To Superintendent of Police John J. Badenoch: Inform the people generally and the merchants in particular they must stop throwing litter into the streets. Order the police magistrates to discontinue the practice of suspending fines. Detail fourteen patrolmen to take the places of police court bailiffs cut-off.

"To Gas Inspector E. C. Westman: Shut off gas lamps and electric lights enough to run the department on \$305,000.

"To Commissioner of Health William R. Kerr: Do the very best you can on the limited allowance to maintain good sanitary conditions and prevent epidemics.

The heads of all bureaus were notified they must practice the strictest economy.

It was one of the busiest days Mayor Swift has had in a long time. The Council, he said, has placed a responsibility upon his shoulders, and he proposes to assume it. That responsibility compels him to conduct the affairs of this city for twelve months with a certain sum of money. Each department is given so much. It can have no more. Overdrafts are forbidden. No one can anticipate next year's income. As the Mayor must answer for every official under him he called on them Wednesday to do their duty.

"The question most difficult to solve," explained his Honor, "is that of street lighting. The appropriation is \$425,000, of which amount \$120,000 has already been expended. With the balance, \$305,000, it will be impossible to run anywhere near all the lamps and electric lights. So the only thing we can do is to cut off enough to bring the expense down. I don't know how the public will feel about it. Leaving the streets in darkness is almost as serious as shutting off the water supply."

Within the last eight months 4,000 lights of various kinds have been cut out. The number at present in use, not including electric lights, is: Gas lamps, 35,907; gasoline, 11,904; kero-

sene, 105. The Mayor thinks it will be necessary to dispense with from 13,000 to 15,000 of these. Much depends upon what terms can be made with the gas companies. He arranged with F. H. Winston for a meeting with the presidents of the various companies at 11 o'clock on Tuesday next, when, it is expected, a contract will be entered into.

His record is a good one and he will run on it.

Mr. Roger C. Sullivan, the late clerk of the Probate Court, is one of the popular young Democrats in Chicago. He is a sterling citizen and numbers his friends in Chicago by the thousands.

With the aid of a splendid force of efficient and courteous clerks the business of the office under Mr. Sullivan's able management was conducted during his term of office better than ever before, and the consequence is that Mr. Sullivan is held in high esteem by the multitude of people who have had business to transact in the office of the Clerk of the Probate Court.

Roger C. Sullivan, who is one of the brightest and most talented of the younger generation in the State, was born in Belvidere, Ill., Feb. 3, 1861. He was educated in the public schools at Belvidere and taught school in Boone County for several years. He then came to Chicago and for a long time held a responsible position with the West Chicago Street Railway Company. After having served his time with them in learning the trade of machinist, always industrious, Mr. Sullivan has forged to the front by dint of hard work, pluck and perseverance. He never shirked honest toil whereby he could earn an honest dollar, and he has by hard work amassed a competency, and to-day stands as an example of Chicago's successful and self-made business men. Under President Cleveland's first administration Mr. Sullivan was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue, and in 1889 was nominated for Probate Clerk. At that time he received a very flattering vote and was one of the three Democrats elected in Cook County at the time. Mr. Sullivan is one of the most loyal Democrats in the State, and his advice is always sought in the councils of his party. In the Thirtieth Ward, where Mr. Sullivan resides, he has been one of the most indefatigable laborers and thorough Democrats for the past fifteen years.

The leading Warwick of the Cook County Democracy, who are bent on putting up a winning ticket composed of good, clean candidates, have decided that Mr. Sullivan shall be the choice for the nomination of State Treasurer.

Mr. Sullivan will probably be nominated by acclamation in the convention, and the nomination will come as a well deserved promotion for services long and faithfully rendered to his party. As a candidate, Mr. Sullivan will command a large support outside of party lines, by reason of his steadfast integrity, general popularity and eminent ability.