



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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TO BLACKEN THE CITY.

Every Effort Being Made by Schemers to Injure Mayor Harrison's Name,

But They Fail to Make Any Impression Upon the Good People Who Elected Him.

Grafters, Killers, Boodlers, Bums, Sleuths, Sharks, Barkers and Barnacles Unable to Prove Him Wrong.

If the Republicans think that they have made any political capital by blackening the fair name of Chicago in ridiculous grand jury investigations, they will find out their mistake in the spring.

When a Cook County Grand Jury gets so far away from evidence that it has to ask for detectives to find some, it shows the people the kind of partisanship that is behind it.

There isn't a disappointed "graft" in Chicago who is not down on Mayor Harrison.

There is not a past or present member of the "order of killers" in Chicago who is not against Mayor Harrison.

There is not a county boodler at work looting the treasury who is not anxious to have the Grand Jury turn its attention to the City Hall, so that he may loot in peace.

There is not a political bum in Chicago who is not yelling for a special Grand Jury to smother the Mayor.

There is not an ex-sleuth, discharged for blackmailing, or otherwise, who is not "agitating" against the City Hall and promising wonders for grand jury investigation.

There is not a mangy loan shark who is not down on the City Hall to-day.

County Building loan sharks laugh in their sleeves at their City Hall brethren. The City Hall sharks have lost their jobs, but the county loan sharks are reveling in wealth and prosperity.

There is not a professional "barker" in the city who has been suppressed by the police who is not red-hot for a continuance of grand jury investigations.

Every barnacle who hates progressive government is against Mayor Harrison.

The fact that an administration is Democratic does not necessarily imply that it is crooked. Yet when the daily papers are filled with accusations against Republican officials and Republican contractors, the time of the Grand Jury is taken up exclusively with rumors about Democrats.

The Republican politicians who fear Mayor Harrison's strength have adopted a cowardly way of trying to injure him by calling grand jury after grand jury to agitate silly and baseless charges against him.

If the Grand Jury knows anything about the alleged City Hall crookedness why does it not indict some one?

The Grand Jury might save the taxpayers a million or so by investigating the record of the last Republican County Board.

It is strange that the Grand Jury has never thought of asking why loan sharks do not pay taxes.

The Republican bosses who "take the coin" for keeping the loan sharks off

the tax lists are the boys who are doing most of the "barking" at the City Hall.

If you have a grievance against the Mayor, call for a special Grand Jury. The people will pay the bill.

The poor taxpayers have to settle for all this Grand Jury nonsense. But, then, as it is in line with Republican reform, it is all right.

By the way, why is it that none of the Judges have called for a Grand Jury to investigate Cook County contracts and the amount of boodling done in connection therewith?

The only thing the Republican "reformers" have demonstrated is that they want a Puritan for Mayor.

The Sheriff's dieting bill would make a fine subject for special Grand Jury investigation, wouldn't it?

How would a special Grand Jury look if it happened to get hold of the County Clerk's pay rolls for several years past?

Will the Grand Jury nominate a full ticket or will it merely name a Republican candidate for Mayor?

Honest business men have to pay their taxes. Loan sharks escape scott free. Perhaps a special Grand Jury could find out why this is, but one will not be selected, because some Republican politicians might be hurt.

The Grand Jury ought to be instructed to nominate a Republican candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

No special Grand Jury has been called to investigate the Republican County Commissioners who raised their own salaries. Oh, no! That might hurt some of the bosses and save something for the taxpayers.

With the entire judicial machinery of the county behind it, the December Grand Jury has not been able to discover anything wrong at the City Hall.

Now that the Grand Jury has failed to discover anything wrong at the City Hall it should not neglect the opportunity to dive deep into county contracts, County Comptrollers, County Clerks and County Commissioners.

People are getting sick and tired of seeing their hard-earned money spent by one political party in an effort to besmirch another by means of grand juries.

The Grand Jury says that crime is dominant in Chicago, but that it must have detectives to find it. It must be pretty hard to find them.

It would be a fine idea for the County Board to appropriate money to investigate the City Hall, when it needs investigating itself.

The Grand Jury, after it settles the Mayorality, should not forget that there are other city officers to be elected.

Senator William B. Mason will make



HON. ERNST HUMMEL, Probable Democratic Candidate for City Treasurer.

political mice meat out of the Senatorial aspirations of Charles G. Dawes. People forget that the influence of a national administration in its second term is not nearly as potent as it was during its first four years of office.

Why not turn the United States Senatorial question over to the Grand Jury?

The manner in which Mr. Austrian has handled the Dreyer case shows him to be a lawyer of exceptional ability and talents.

In the meantime Mayor Harrison is looking after the city's interests as usual.

Of course the people will ratify the choice of the Grand Jury for Mayor.

Hon. Ernst Hummel will be the Democratic candidate for City Treasurer next spring. When elected before he ran ahead of every man on the ticket. He also made a magnificent record. Mr. Hummel's name is expected to bring the city ticket thousands of votes.

Wm. Loeffler will not be a candidate for office next spring.

Charles Gates Dawes has made an early announcement of his desire to be United States Senator from Illinois.

Congressman R. R. Hill is a real live candidate to succeed Cullom in the United States Senate.

The fears of residents in Division street that the line of new cars which has been put in service in Division street was to be taken off soon were allayed by an announcement made by Alderman Bos. The Alderman and Alderman Belluss called on President Roach, of the Union Traction Company, and asked that the large new cars be retained. President Roach said that the wishes of the people should be respected and the new cars retained.

We agree with an exchange that the history of the Coroner's office in Cook County is so full of arguments for the abolishment of the office of Coroner, so replete with proofs of its utter uselessness and impotency, that it seems incredible that the taxpayers have tolerated the costly farce for so many years.

But the people are waking up to the farcical character of the Coroner's inquests and the evils and abuses that have grown up in the selection of juries and rendering of verdicts. The testimony elicited in a Coroner's investigation long ago ceased to have any value in court, and hence the office is no longer a protection to the poorer classes against the neglect of employ-

ers and corporations, neither is it any aid to the prosecuting machinery of the county in fixing responsibility for crime. The average Coroner's jury in Chicago is composed of ignorant, unprincipled men, who make a business of getting on juries, and who are easily approached by corporations seeking to evade responsibility or by those who have an interest in covering up a crime. In addition to the evils of the jury system, the methods resorted to by the undertakers and coroners to control the disposition of bodies are disgraceful and revolting to the public sense of decency.

Recent developments in connection with Coroner's investigations in this county have practically solidified public sentiment in favor of a plan proposed by county officials to abolish the office of Coroner and have the city police and Health Department investigate suspicious deaths or fatalities resulting from accident where foul play or carelessness is suspected. In the smaller cities and towns of the State the most feasible plan would be to turn such investigations over directly to the county prosecuting attorney, who will take the testimony of two or three witnesses, to be used in case the Grand Jury should decide that the circumstances warranted further inquiry. In Chicago, however, the most practicable plan would be to place such investigations entirely under the control of the Health Department, which would conduct them at slight expense to the county, and its findings would have some standing in court.

The State of Massachusetts found the Coroner to be a useless and costly functionary, and it accordingly abolished the office sixteen years ago. Under the new system suspicious deaths are investigated by the Health Department in each town, and the people have never regretted the change.

Judges of the Cook County Superior and Circuit Courts and Masters in Chancery do not believe there is likely to be any strong movement looking to doing away with Masters in Chancery and the election of additional judges to perform their work. It is admitted there are occasional abuses growing out of this system of practice, but it is declared there are ready means of correcting them in the hands of the judges. The practicability of the proposed innovation is questioned on all sides.

"Of course, it is a question of public policy whether there shall be twice the number of the present judges, for this is what will be required, probably, and the cost of this class of litigation shall be borne by the general public instead of the litigants, as at present," said Judge Chetlain. "There are undoubtedly occasional abuses under this system. Thus I have heard that some masters have been in the habit of soliciting business among the lawyers, and that some have even promised to

divide their fees with those lawyers who bring them business. Nothing like this should be tolerated, for men who would enter into such agreements can hardly be trusted to render a just decision. But as a general proposition there are comparatively few abuses, and for these the judges are largely responsible, for they have ample remedy in their hands, as they are the ones to determine what the master's compensation shall be, as well as his findings."

The esteemed Tribune is seemingly very inconsistent. It wants Mayor Harrison beaten in the spring and the Lorimer machine enthroned in the City Hall.

Yet its news columns do not tempt the citizens by their exposition of what the Lorimer machine will do with the City Hall.

On Thursday the Tribune published an article on its front page, showing that notorious toughs, hold-up men and murderers were employed on Lorimer park payrolls; that Corbett, the hold-up man who was killed by the police, was on the Lorimer payroll, and that these men were employed in digging Lorimer post holes before the last election.

The Tribune has also done good work in showing up Republican county contractors.

People wonder why, in the face of these facts, the Tribune wishes to oust Mayor Harrison, against whom nothing can be said, and replace him with a tool of the Lorimer machine which will fill the City Hall payrolls with hold-up men.

Gamblers have a better thing in Chicago now than they had when faro and keno ran wide open. The betting odds on winter "races" sent free of charge into every home, by the dailies, is a great snap for the gamblers.

The daily newspaper brings the temptation to gamble into every home in the shape of its "sporting" page, with "odds" and "form" on the so-called race tracks.

Every "race track" in the vicinity of Chicago is a gambling house pure and simple, and but for the daily newspapers and their "sporting" pages they would be out of existence from lack of patronage.

Judge Gibbons ought to run for Mayor himself. The people wouldn't do a thing to him!

The charge of "kidnapping" made against City Sealer James A. Quinn by "Windy" Jenkins was utterly disproved before Judge Tuley, and the case against the respected city official dismissed by the Court without going to the jury.

FOR DEMOCRATS ONLY.

Grand Juries Appear to Be Drawn to Hit One Political Party Only.

No Attention Is Ever Called to the Misdeeds of Republican Barnacles or Boodlers.

A Feeling that Some County Abuses Need Investigation Is Growing Much Stronger Every Day.

Every special grand jury called in Chicago for years has been called to investigate Democrats. Republicans who have stolen themselves rich never are bothered in this way.

If the Grand Jury is not a partisan body brought together for the purpose of bothering Democrats and helping Republicans, people are wondering why some of the following allegations are not investigated:

1. That the County Comptroller's office is used as a collection agency by Loan Sharks.
2. That the looting of county institutions by Republican contractors has been notorious for some time.
3. That because certain Republican bosses are interested in certain contracts that the robbery of the taxpayers by these contractors has been overlooked.
4. That certain county officials, members of the County Board, and others are and have been directly interested in contracts with the county, passed on by themselves.
5. That it is alleged by several witnesses that one of the County Comptroller's deputies declared openly in Reidy's saloon on Ogden avenue that he made over \$10,000 above his salary annually from other directions.
6. That the public press has repeatedly called attention to the fact that the county institutions have been furnished with fraudulent supplies by Republican county contractors and that the people have been robbed of hundreds of thousands of dollars in this manner.
7. That the chairman of the Finance Committee of the new County Board is on the bond given by the County Treasurer as County Collector, and that the County Collector retains an interest on deposits thousands of dollars which should be paid over to the public for the benefit of the taxpayers.
8. The payment of \$40,000 per year to the Sheriff for "dieting" bills.
9. The learned Judge did not call attention to the rumors which were current about the facts attendant on the renting of Republican County Commissioner Morris Rosenfeld's building to the county, at a big rental for the use of the County Board of Assessors and the County Board of Review.
10. The learned Judge had probably not heard of the report that certain officials in the County Civil Service were themselves engaged in the work of loaning money to county employees.
11. The learned Judge did not call attention to the fact that the building rented by the county at a high figure from Morris Rosenfeld, its owner, and the chairman of the Finance Committee of the County Board for the use of the Board of Review and County Assessors, was, and is, used by the Republican County Committee as a headquarters. The rent is paid by the taxpayers.

horn gamblers and prize fighters. The truth is that they make more vagrants than any other cause. No wonder Inspector Shea calls attention to the fact that none of the anti-Harrison dailies ever has a word to say about that notorious scandal, the Washington Park race track. No wonder the Inspector asks:

"Why does the policeman get knocked because cheap dives are open, when nothing is said about the swell driving park?"

"Now, about Green street, I'll tell you the straight of it. I moved the bad houses out of there, and they spread all over Washington and Randolph streets, and became an awful nuisance. Then I let them go back. Those women there are not the kind to steal, and there was no money in it for the police force when they went back. It was the best way to handle them, that's all."

"Why doesn't the grand jury indict the newspaper editors because they print the entries and the names of horses and odds for the races every day? If the newspapers left that stuff out there would be no betting on races in California and outside points."

"Why don't the jury try to find out who owns the land and buildings where there are pool rooms and disreputable houses and indict the owners? There are judges and bankers and lawyers among the people they would catch that way. That's why."

"Why don't they indict every saloon-keeper in the city for keeping open Sunday? Because the big hotels and restaurants would be hurt. That's why."

"They are just jumping on the policeman because he is always the underdog. They think anybody can ensnare the policeman."

Speaking of the Grand Jury's references to him, Inspector Shea said: "I am acting entirely upon orders from Mayor Harrison or Chief Kipley, and if they want the West Side 'closed' as it is put, let them say so and I will obey. The Grand Jury has no authority to dictate to me and I am surprised that the members even asked Judge Gibbons what to do. The grand jury seems to have misinterpreted my meaning. I did not tell that body I would close poker games and saloons at midnight if they ordered me to do so. What have they got to do with it? They are to indict if there is sufficient evidence to prove that the law has been violated in some way and by some body. When that is done their authority ends."

"All this hue and cry about Chief Kipley and Mayor Harrison sounds like a burlesque. Why don't they indict if there is so much evidence at hand? If they can't get sufficient evidence to indict from the witnesses they have already had before them then they might as well adjourn and save the county any further expense. It was said they wanted Chief Kipley and that he had run away because the grand jury was in session. What rot! About the only evidence they have against the chief is that he rode home on a 'bobster train' in order to escape a few reporters. Now he is here and has volunteered to go before the honorable body and answer any and all questions put to him. Do they want him?"

"In the first place he would not be compelled to answer one question put to him. He could tell them that he had been informed by his attorneys that in so much as he was the one under investigation and that the Grand