

LATEST POLITICAL NEWS.

The Candidates Are Lining Up and the People Can Take Their Own Choice.

Interesting Gossip from All the Camps About Prominent Citizens Talked Of for Honors.

General Charles H. Aldrich has the pole in Evanston as a candidate for United States Senator.

George Mills Rogers is the right kind of a lawyer to nominate and elect Judge of the Circuit Court.

Mr. C. H. Geist, of Blue Island, is a strong candidate for Sheriff of Cook County.

P. McHugh should be nominated and elected Judge.

Hon. John Richardson would prove a crackjack member of Congress.

Joseph P. Junk, the popular South Halsted street brewer, is one of the strongest Democrats in Cook County.

Democrats want John R. Roney, of 700 West 47th street, to run for Clerk of the Probate Court.

The West Side is pretty solid for Hon. Thomas A. Smyth for County Treasurer.

Col. Francis A. Riddle would prove a strong judicial candidate.

Jacob F. Rehm is a strong Republican candidate for County Clerk.

The North Side will back up Hon. Wm. Eisfeldt, the popular Alderman, for almost any office he may aspire to.

The Equalizers will soon grow active at Springfield. The railway lobby is on deck.

Hon. Emery B. Moore would prove a good Mayor of Chicago, or a good Governor of Illinois.

Congressman George P. Foster is dear to the hearts of the people.

Hon. Wm. F. Mahoney is sure to make a good record in Congress. He is also strongly urged to run for County Treasurer of Cook County next year.

Judge George S. Foster would sound well.

Mr. Joseph E. Flanagan, the well-known business man and popular member of the Board of Cook County Commissioners, is urged to enter the lists as a Democratic candidate for County Clerk next year.

Fire Chief Musham is making a splendid record in his capacity as head of the Chicago fire department. He handled two of the most dangerous fires last week that ever visited this city and handled them ably and well.

Indeed at one of the fires Chief Musham was painfully, but fortunately, not seriously injured. The assertion has been made in certain quarters that Chief Musham in the conduct of his department has been largely influenced by political considerations.

Nothing further from the truth could be said. Chief Musham is a fireman from the ground up and his ambition is to make of the Chicago fire department the greatest organization of its kind in the world, and not a political machine. Those who know Chief Musham best know that he has never been a dabbler in politics.

Chief Musham has started in to break up the coterie of family friends, cousins and personal pets which have ruled the roost so long in the fire department of Chicago.

It is to be sincerely hoped he will keep up the good work and push it to the limit. The nepotism of Denis J. Swenick's administration was the bane of the department. Family friends and relations of Denis filled all the good berths both inside and outside the City Hall and when there were not enough to go around, soft snags were created for the boys.

Some of these individuals were not only surprised, but indignant at being informed when Chief Musham took hold that they must do some work for the high salaries they drew. They undertook to bluff the sturdy new chief, but Musham called them down, and when they persisted in their contumacy they were incontinently bounced. This is as it should be.

Chief Musham should be encouraged instead of attacked and misrepresented for breaking up the system of favoritism that has so long proved the one curse of the Chicago fire department. The public will not be hoodwinked or deceived by anything that may be as-

serted in the daily press, but will uphold Chief Musham in the course he is pursuing. Well done, Chief. Keep the good work up.

We are now gravely informed by the Civil Service Commission that no lawyers will be allowed to appear before that body in cases coming up before it for trial.

Two of the "three tailors of Tinsley street" who comprise this august body say they cannot permit themselves to be guided by lawyers in arriving at their conclusions. They say they cannot waste their precious time in trying cases according to law.

This does not surprise those who have followed the course of the administration of civil service law in Chicago.

It has been, so far as this journal has been able to observe, nothing more nor less than an expensive nuisance.

It has done nothing to improve the service, it has produced endless confusion, broken down wholesome party

using efforts to dissuade other men from taking their places. It does not take a lawyer to see that to issue any such order of court is to do a clearly unconstitutional act. Men cannot be deprived of their rights as citizens by injunction. They cannot be prevented by process of law from using moral suasion as a legitimate means to a legitimate end.

It may be objected that the strikers have assaulted and cruelly beaten those who sought to fill their places. Well, what if they have? There are the usual police laws for dealing with such cases. There are the police courts, where such violations of law and order can be adequately punished. It is a sad commentary upon the police powers of the community if it comes to a pass where the constitution has to be strained and the courts of law prostituted to subserve special purposes, in order that the peace be maintained upon our streets and highways. The Eagle does not think that such special and arbitrary proceedings are or ever will be called for in this country.

Andrew J. Ryan on Monday resigned the City Attorneyship, to which he was re-elected last April, and Mayor Harrison sent the name of John E. Owens, first assistant prosecuting attorney to the City Council, as his successor. The reason given by Mr. Ryan for his resignation is that he has made business arrangements which will prevent his longer continuance in the office.

Mr. Ryan is the first man in the history of Chicago to be twice elected City Attorney. His successor, with the exception of Roy O. West, is the youngest man to hold the office. Speaking of the reasons for his resignation, Mr. Ryan said:

"I determined on the spot some time ago and communicated my decision to the Mayor. It was agreed, however, that no announcement would be made of it until the Council met, so that the name of my successor could at once be sent to that body for confirmation, and



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spirit and activity, and landed in office smug would-be reformers, who are only too glad to drop their tools of reform when opportunity offered and hasten to batten at the public crib.

One department has undoubtedly been utterly demoralized by the interference and stupid exercise of function of the Civil Service Commission, namely the police department.

Endless scandals and interminable confusion and turmoil have been caused by this interference, and it seems as if this sort of thing is going to be kept up.

And now we are told that lawyers will not be allowed to plead for their clients before this body. It takes up too much time forsooth, to carry on their proceedings in the manner and forms prescribed by law.

The Eagle has had time to look into the provisions of the statute bearing upon this phase of the question, but it has some doubts as to whether the Civil Service Commission has any right under the law to constitute itself a tribunal for hearing charges and imposing penalties against city employees or any one else. It is a question whether the Civil Service Commission is not merely a clerical body, whose duties and functions are limited to merely examining and passing upon candidates for positions.

It would be well if some of the police officials now being harassed and badgered by this commission would look into this question and give the three individuals in question a definition of the law on the subject whether they like it or not.

The legal controversy now going on in Judge Kohlsaat's court as to the right of the federal or any other court to interfere in strikes between employers and employees is one filled with the gravest considerations for the public. Government by injunction was one of the things attacked in the National Democratic platform of 1896, and it was attacked none too strongly. In times of excitement, sorrow and wrath like those we are now passing through the rights and liberties of the people cannot be too closely safeguarded. There is always a disposition to rush into extremes, and in this matter of court injunctions it is very easy to encroach upon the constitutional rights of the citizen.

Judge Kohlsaat is asked to issue an injunction restraining certain working men employed by a big local manufact-

the Mayor also be relieved of the many applications for the place which would be sure to pour in on him.

"My reason for resigning is that I have been offered the place of attorney for a certain corporation which will not only pay me better salary than the \$5,000 I get as City Attorney, but also give me time to look after my private practice."

The Eagle has received, with the compliments of Representative Carl Mueller, a copy of the National Critterion, a new Chicago magazine. It is handsomely printed, well edited and nicely gotten up, and deserves success.

The City Council on Monday took action in memory of William McKinley, both by receiving a proposition to name a park in his honor and ordering a special memorial meeting for Wednesday of next week. It also ordered the appointment of a committee of five to prepare a memorial to Congress asking for the passage of laws by that body which shall restrain and punish anarchy in the future.

The proposition to name a park for Mr. McKinley was advanced by Alderman Race and was adopted by the Council to the extent of ordering the appointment by the Mayor of a special committee to consider either the site advocated by the alderman, or some other, and report to the Council.

Alderman Race said that as other parks had been named after illustrious Presidents, he thought it fitting that similar tribute be paid McKinley. The site he recommended is a tract of 175 acres, bounded by Central and Austin avenues, Harrison and Adams streets, known as Warren Park, midway between and on a line with Garfield Park and the proposed park along the Desplaines River.

Mr. Spencer Ward, the well-known lawyer in the Unity Building, is strongly backed for the Democratic nomination for Judge of the Circuit Court next year. Mr. Ward is liked by both bench and bar, and he would certainly grace the bench.

The Tilden Democracy has not been heard from for some time.

Many county committeemen from the North, South and West Sides are booming the candidacy of Hon. Joseph J. Duffy for County Treasurer on the

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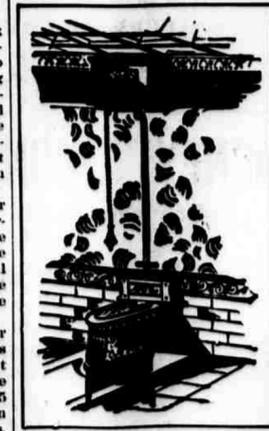
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