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CABAL IS HARD HIT.

Clique of Political Ingrates Which Rules the Local Democratic Organization Receives Severe Jolt.

The Judges of the Superior and Circuit Courts Resent and Repudiate All Dictation.

City Office Holders Will Not Be Permitted to Run the Cook County Judiciary.

Patronage of the Bench Will Be Distributed Regardless of Demands of Payroll Patriots.

Last Week's Incidents Significant of Coming Events—Beginning of End of Clique Domination.

Events which have recently occurred within the ranks of the local Democratic organization have demonstrated that the brief reign of the clique and the cabal in that organization is about at an end.

When, within the short space of a year and a half ago, individual egotism, reinforced by unbounded selfish ambition and organized ingratitude, undertook to mold the whole policy of the party in Chicago and Cook County to the accomplishment of the ends of this extraordinary alliance, there were high hopes among those who composed it that the Democracy would be bent to the purpose, as a reed to the wind. The Eagle, however, being a consistent believer in the old doctrine of Lincoln, "You cannot fool all the people all the time," held from the start that the league of ingratitude and bumptious selfishness would soon be overturned and thrust from the power which it had so arrogantly assumed.

Judging from recent indications that time is already at hand. It looks like the beginning of the end. During the week just past the Circuit and Superior Court Judges promptly and decidedly resented and repudiated attempted interference with the affairs of the courts by the payroll brigade.

The Democratic Judges recognize that the payroll brigade and its representatives on the Democratic Central Committee are not the Democratic party, and no doubt realize that whenever the voters of that party get a chance they will depose the payroll brigade from authority and office. They also very evidently realize that with-out the votes of the entire Democratic party in Cook County they could not have been elected last month. Hence the well-merited rebuke to the Ingrates' Union. It will undoubtedly be repeated should any further attempts be made to interfere with the duties and prerogatives of the Judiciary in the matter of the patronage and appointments at their disposal in the courts, the South Park system or any place else. The final rebuke will come later when the people will get rid of the cabal that now so impudently pose as the entire Democratic party and try to dictate to the great old Democracy of the County of Cook.

How many of the sidewalk inspectors stand in with A. Graft?

The latest line of activity entered upon by the police is an investigation of the clubs where liquid refreshments are served out to the members in such fashion as to create a suspicion that buffet privileges should be paid for. If these clubs are handled properly (and the police, by the way, have always been pretty handy about the handling of clubs), it should result in a substantial increase in the city's revenue.

Building Commissioner Williams is after the skyscrapers. There is a strong suspicion that some of these buildings are being run in violation of the ordinances governing the maintenance of elevators and elevator shafts. The public can rest assured that the present competent and alert building commissioner will see to it that the laws are obeyed.

Theodore C. Mayer, for years assistant secretary in the Mayor's office, has

been recommended for justice of the peace by the Judges of the Circuit and Superior Courts. There is no doubt that the appointment will be confirmed by the Governor, in which case Mr. Mayer will almost certainly be named as the successor of Justice Koster in the Chicago avenue police court. The appointment will give general satisfaction, as Mr. Mayer has all the qualifications to fill the position acceptably.

Another of those mysterious hulls in the traction controversy seems to have set in. Of course, this means more delay. Meantime the "strap hanging" public is crying out, "How long, oh! Lord, how long."

No other city in the world would stand for Washington Park race track for a moment.

Judge Murray F. Tuley has been once again complimented by his associates of the bench in being unanimously chosen to serve as chancellor and chief justice. This time the term is "as long as he desires to serve."

A. Graft is a good name for a street department contractor.

It has been given out semi-officially that "the reform wave" has driven the disreputables of the South Side "levee" from their haunts on Wabash avenue and 22d street, and that now a new "levee" is being formed by these same disreputables on Cottage Grove avenue, from 33d to 39th streets. This does not seem to be much of a reform after all. Certainly the law-abiding residents of the neighborhood of the new "levee" will hardly think much of it.

Efforts to belittle State's Attorney Deneen either by certain county officials or in the press will not avail. The people know Mr. Deneen; he has rendered them good and faithful service and they have confidence in him.

If the Washington Park race track is violating the law, why don't you get after it, Mr. Harrison?

A little over \$1,000,000 is the sum at which eight of the big packing houses have been assessed for personal property by the County Board of Assessors. These figures would certainly indicate that the board is doing its duty by the people without fear or favor.

Aldermen Werno and Minwegan have gone down into their own pockets to pay the wages of waiters at Oakdale avenue bathing beach, the city having no fund wherewith to defray this expense. This is not the first time these two Aldermen have shown their public spirit.

Does anyone in the street department stand in with A. Graft & Co.?

It would appear that it is easier to frame and pass a pure milk ordinance than to carry it out.

Chief of Police O'Neill does not believe in making fish of one class of

people and flesh of another when executing the laws and ordinances of the city. He now proposes to apply the midnight closing ordinances to the downtown clubs as well as to the saloons.

As predicted by The Eagle some time ago, the much talked of attempt to oust from office four of the best known members of the Democratic County Central Committee resulted in an ignominious fizzle on Tuesday last. When it comes down to a real stand-up fight the Ingrates' Union is usually found in full retreat.

Did you ever see a sidewalk with A. Graft on it? If you do, mark it well.

State's Attorney Deneen's gubernatorial campaign continues to grow and expand in Cook County. Mr. Deneen's political friends are not letting any grass grow under their feet.

Jobs in the South Park system will not be distributed through the payroll brigade nor any organization in the Democratic party of which it is in control. The action of the Judiciary in regard to the Jury Commission puts an end to all doubt in regard to that matter.

Members of the City Council franchise sub-committee put in a great deal of time during the week working on the proposed City Railway ordinance, which will now be reported at an early date. Much of the progress made is due to the indefatigable labors of Colonel E. R. Bliss, general counsel of the road.

The records of some of the managers of the Washington Park race track are faster than some of the "records" they are manufacturing out there.

It looks as if county bonds are no longer regarded as a desirable investment by financiers. The \$200,000 worth of building bonds for which bids were advertised practically went a-begging for buyers the other day. What's the matter with poor old Cook County, anyway?

One of the most ridiculous tendencies in our municipal governments of late is that of turning over to a special committee or commission every public measure that comes up. A case in point occurred at the last Council meeting when a couple of Aldermen bowed for the reference of the pneumatic tube ordinance to a special commission. The demand was promptly and properly refused, and the two special pleaders for a special commission squelched. The floor of the Council chamber in open meeting of the entire

body is the proper place for the discussion and analysis of all measures of public importance. We already have too many special committees, commissions and bureaus in the municipal service. If we had fewer of them there would be more work done.

Men who would vote for a Standard Washed Coal contract on the County Board evidently like washed goods.

A movement has just been started toward forming a federation of local improvement clubs, with a view to bringing about an improvement of conditions in every ward. Sixteen organizations have joined. One of the speakers at a recent meeting of the federation said: "The time has arrived when the taxpayers must band themselves together to demand what they need, instead of being obliged to remove their hats and supplicate officeholders in the City Hall." The time has indeed arrived (and passed away) when the taxpayers might have relieved themselves of the conditions they complained of without "banding together" at all, but by simply going to the polls and doing their duty as intelligent citizens who could think for themselves. They won't have another chance for nearly two years.

A. Graft & Co. is a good name for a man to conjure by in the City Hall, isn't it?

Plans are under way for the devising of a new system for calling common law cases in the courts. It is proposed to abolish the system of individual calls and to substitute a common calendar containing 200 cases daily. This, it is hoped, will greatly facilitate the work of the courts and help clear off the load of belated litigation now cumbering them.

We suppose the County Board is looking for a standard whitewashed coal company.

That was a caustic and well deserved shift of sarcasm which Judge Thomas A. Moran leveled at the Municipal Voters' League the other day when he reminded one of its officers that "the pledge as to franchises which it undertook to exact from aldermanic candidates was of small importance as compared with the oath of office which the Aldermen took on assuming office." The laws of the State and the municipality are sufficient to safeguard the interests of the people when administered by good and honest officials. The people at the polls are the proper judges of the latter.

Probably the County Board is afraid to take any other coal than washed coal.

Justice T. D. Hurley deserves the thanks of the public for his excellent work in breaking up the gang of young rowdies who have for sometime annoyed people at the downtown terminals of the Clark street car lines. Fist fights, crap shooting and other forms of rowdiness made the place a terror, especially for women and children.

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Had the Democratic County Central Committee not decided that discretion was the better part of valor and adjourned in a hurry on Monday last it would have had more than one unpleasant proposition to grapple with. Among other things the following resolution would have been sprung, and would have made a very awkward subject to handle:

Whereas, The Democratic Judicial convention of this county, recently held, enunciated the principle of divorcing the Judiciary from politics by resolution unanimously adopted thereat:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee—to the end that the Democratic Circuit Judges recently elected may feel perfectly free and independent in making all appointments—that said Judges be not expected to consult with this committee or any member thereof as to what individual shall or shall not receive any such appointment.

Judge Tuley, during the past week, took occasion, in passing upon one phase of the discussion between the Civil Service Commission and the Health Department, to administer a stinging rebuke to the absurd pretensions of the so-called merit board. His Honor said plainly that while it was within the province of the board to investigate individual violations of the law, it was certainly outside it for that body to undertake the conduct of whole departments and to dictate the management of them. "In the latter case," said the venerable jurist, "the commission would be virtually setting itself up as the city government." The Eagle has maintained for years that the city Civil Service Commission has been acting right along outside its authority and assuming powers to which it had no shadow of title. We are glad to find our position confirmed by the great chancellor. Perhaps the rap on the knuckles administered by Judge Tuley may have a salutary effect upon the gentlemen of the "merit system."

Hon. Olaf Severson's reappointment as police magistrate to the West Chicago avenue police court was a just recognition of faithful, conscientious and satisfactory services in the past.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

The People Demand a Full Investigation of Padded City Payrolls---No Whitewash Goes.

Exposure in the Third Ward May Be the Precursor of Similar Ones Elsewhere.

Evidence of Frauds Has Been Submitted to State's Attorney Deneen by Aggrieved Citizens.

Grand Jury Will Be Called On to Act If Further Promised Disclosures Materialize.

Ward Pets Enjoy Big Graft While Citizens Wade in Garbage and Filthy Streets.

The public is awaiting patiently the outcome of the inquiry into the Third Ward payroll affair. It is also watching closely the progress of this inquiry, for the people will not be satisfied in this case with either a whitewash or an evasion.

There is an abiding conviction among a large section of the public that the Third Ward pay-rolls are not the only ones that might be scrutinized with profit.

In view of the conditions now prevailing in this city, the disclosures in connection with the Third Ward investigation is certainly sufficient to set property-owners and taxpayers thinking.

Here we are without streets being paved, without sidewalks, without street cleaning, with ten wards denied any service in the line of garbage removal, our water supply polluted because of the non-completion of the intercepting sewers, with our fire department crippled, and all because of "lack of funds."

"No money."

That is the excuse given for the present condition of no municipal government in this city.

Under such conditions the Third Ward pay-roll exposures are startling to say the least.

Padded payrolls have been brought to light by a commission of business men that has been trying to learn how \$30,500 could have been spent since Jan. 1 in cleaning the streets of the Third Ward and still leave the streets in such a condition of filth as to be almost impassable.

The alleged fraud so far as it has been unearthed lies in the payrolls for teamsters for garbage removal and street cleaning. The names of fictitious persons were found there and a general system of "padding" is said to have been in vogue.

The evidence has been submitted to State's Attorney Deneen by President J. H. Fitch, of the organization, Rev. William W. Wilson of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Patrick D. Tyrrell and Louis E. Hensburg, members of the investigating committee. After several conferences in which all the testimony and proof was submitted, the State prosecutor pronounced it sufficient on which to base indictments.

The unearthing of the queer doings in the Third Ward is said to be only a precursor of disclosures that will embrace nearly every ward in the city. The association has secured the services of a great detective in the person of ex-Sergeant Patrick D. Tyrrell, and if the investigation does not result in bringing the payroll paddlers to punishment it will not be for want of good detective work.

It is high time for the taxpayers to take some action toward protecting the public funds. Aldermen from other wards are preparing to fall in line with the South Side property-owners, and it seems not unlikely that the investigation will embrace the entire city.

When the proper time arrives the grand jury will be called upon to act, and it is to be hoped that body will do so thoroughly and fearlessly.

Fears of a fiasco such as the municipal coal proposition proved to be is the reason assigned by Mayor Harrison for vetoing the municipal ice ordi-

nance. And yet this is the official who has been making perennial political capital for himself out of gallery plays and buncombe about municipal ownership of street railroads and indeed all public utilities. Consistency, thou art a jewel!

No Cook County jury deserves any credit for anything while the Washington Park race track is permitted to run wide open.

There must be no interference with the Judiciary or the running of the courts by the payroll brigade. The people can stand a good deal, but they will not stand for that.

People who have done business with A. Graft & Co. are commencing to find out who he is.

It is no wonder there are no funds in the city treasury to pay for a supply of ice for the suffering poor. If city funds were to be devoted to such purposes how could such pay rolls as that of the Third Ward be maintained?

Records are not the only things that are broken every day at Washington Park.

Will the blatherskites who are talking about municipal ownership of the street railways of Chicago pause to consider that this week there will be no garbage removal in ten wards because the city has no funds with which to defray the expense of this service?

Do A. Graft and Company do much business with the city of Chicago.

We notice just a faint piping note indicating a possible resurrection of the water meter scheme in the City Hall. Somebody has given out a little interview about waste of water through leakage, etc., and adds that the installation of a meter system would save all this. The Eagle squelched the water meter plan when it was being given a brass band touting. It will give the penny whistle boost a similar dose should it be kept up.

The School Board has decided upon the erection of twelve new schools in the congested districts, where there has been but half accommodation for the children. The cost will be \$1,000,000.

The daily press slobbers over the Grand Jury for its good work on the "levee," but the same Grand Jury overlooked the thieves at Washington Park.

Judge Tutill has been selected to preside over the Juvenile Court for another year. This is a wise selection, for Judge Tutill has won universal approval as incumbent of this responsible office in the past.

A. Graft's proper place is on a sidewalk.

In the Circuit Court Judges will sit during the summer vacation as follows: Tuley, July 20-26; Tutill, July