



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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One of Chicago's Most Respected and Useful Citizens Puts Harrison in the Stocks.

William P. Rend Describes the Yellow Kid as a Weak and Incompetent Mayor.

Blame for Present Reign of Lawlessness Laid at the Door of City's Executive.

Political Tomfoolery, Is Mr. Rend's Caustic Characterization of "Hizzonor's" Campaign and Administration Policies.

Harrison Meantime Was on a Hunting Trip to Oklahoma—One Way to Answer Criticism.

Never in the history of any municipality has its chief executive been metaphorically pilloried as Mayor Harrison has been by one of Chicago's most respected citizens and a man whose very name has been an honor to the business world of Chicago—Mr. William P. Rend.

Mr. Rend, millionaire coal mine owner and industrial business man of Chicago, at a recent meeting of the Citizens' Committee for the suppression of crime, laid the blame for the present reign of lawlessness at the door of Mayor Harrison. In a caustic speech Mr. Rend said the Mayor's "political tomfoolery" was responsible for the present evils.

"The crime conditions in Chicago are worse than in any other city on the face of the globe," said Mr. Rend. "I am ashamed to acknowledge it, but I am here to make a statement of the case. There is less security for life or property here than you will find in any other city. The city of London, which has three times our population, has not more than a third as many burglaries and murders as Chicago.

"It is a deplorable and shameful condition of affairs. I would cut off my right hand rather than mix politics with the affairs of this committee. But let us hold up to public execration the men who are responsible for the prevailing conditions.

"We are not safe anywhere. Midnight robbers are apt to enter our homes at any time. A number of people are responsible for not doing the duty that those who elected them are duty that those to perform. The Mayor ought to be here. It seems that his time is occupied in buying trinkets for the holidays. Meanwhile the dead are prevented from peaceful burial by human jackals and hyenas and murder is rampant.

"That Mayor Harrison is responsible for this condition of affairs goes without saying. He is a weak Mayor. Once in a great while he does his duty, but he does it spasmodically when he ought to be doing it all the time. And while he is doing nothing the city is held up as a spectacle of public shame. The Mayor can stamp out crime if he wants to, and yet nothing has been done and he says he cannot do anything more. He is unworthy of the position he occupies.

"Some of his appointees—the police justices—have contributed to the reign of crime, and a thorough investigation of them and their system should be made.

"There are doubtless, also, shortcomings in the office of the prosecuting attorney which are little short of compounding a felony."

This strong statement by one of our most respected citizens will not fall innoxious. It will be remembered by the people, and, many people believe, it marks the beginning of the end of the reign of Harrisonism in Chicago.

It is now announced by inference that President Roosevelt will have no opposition for the Republican nomination for President. It may be a little too early as yet to wish Mr. Roosevelt a Happy New Year.

It is calmly announced that the potential "three p's" are now after the police department—"the pulp, press and people." The police, in this case,

will probably form a very small lower case p. One of the important p's most likely to suffer is that which the police are organized to preserve.

Efforts to find material upon which to level abuse against Governor Yates are becoming amusing nowadays. At first they were painful on account of their laboriousness.

Everybody of any sense decries the maudlin sympathy which at Christmas or any other time of the year turns the county jail into a pleasure resort.

It is now said that the graft plague has invaded the precincts of the county jail. A jail guard is said to have been bribed to let somebody out at Christmas. It is certain that any irregularity that may have occurred in the official management of the county jail has been without the knowledge of Jailer Whitman, than whom Cook County has never had a more competent or faithful official.

Bridewell pardons from the Mayor's office, it is said, will come in for some severe investigation at the hands of the Council investigating committee. This should be unnecessary on the part of such a body as the famous investigating committee, inasmuch as all are members of the Council, and the Mayor's list of pardons are read at each succeeding Council meeting.

A well-known attorney, it is said, intends to ask for an investigation of the lawlessness carried on in the name of union labor. It is not said, but of course the implication goes, that graft may be involved in this investigation too. If this wholesale and retail investigation of graft goes on, there may soon be nothing left for the city authorities to do.

A superintendent of transportation, an engineer and a clerical force are the latest recommendations of Alderman Mayor, of the Council Finance Committee. The trend all the time under the present administration is to the establishment of bureaus and of fat sinecure jobs in connection therewith. Meantime the city was unable to pay only half the December salaries on Christmas eve to its ordinary employees. Those who work hardest for lowest wages are entitled to least consideration under Harrisonism at the City Hall.

It now turns out, according to the second latest statistics produced before the Council Committee on Transportation that the city of Glasgow has been a financial loser through municipal ownership of its street railways. These were offered by Mr. Slason Thompson. Since his able address Mr. Clarence Darrow has adduced figures and alleged facts to the contrary. And yet it is said figures cannot lie. Well, in our opinion a great deal depends upon who offers them.

There is said to be a scarcity of hangers at the Bridewell. This will not scare the inmates.

Those who feel like attacking the penitentiary parole system should



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pause before they act. A system is not always to blame for the faults of those who administer it.

Chief O'Neill still "holds the fort" at police headquarters. But Hoyt King and the Citizens' Association cries, "We are coming."

Under all the circumstances, the Mueller law, at the beginning of the new year, should be glad that it is alive. Nothing, however, can seriously affect it until the next Legislature is in session and the accompanying municipal campaign is in full swing.

It would seem from the present outlook that Hearst has no show in Cook County. The whole Democratic County Central Committee is against him. Secretary Lahiff, who controls everything there in the name of Mayor Harrison, is working openly against him, as witness the following paragraph which appeared in one of the dailies the other day:

"Secretary Edward M. Lahiff of the Democratic County Committee and other members of Mayor Harrison's cabinet are endeavoring to make the appearance of Congressman J. B. Williams, of Carmel, at a Democratic gathering in Joliet on Jackson's Day the occasion for booning the Illinois Congressman for the Presidential nomination. Secretary Lahiff is promoting the scheme in Chicago and is endeavoring to get the Democrats of Joliet to take it up."

Public School Superintendent Cooley says that one of the urgent demands of the public school system to-day is an increase in the number of male teachers in the grades. If this is a genuine demand and a real need, the School Board will have to spend less for options for sites and more for teachers' salaries.

A man who stole \$12,000 from his employers confessed one day last week, acknowledged his guilt, and said he lost his money to a gambling concern. And yet the city officials pretend to be engaged in suppressing gambling in Chicago. If this is to be taken as an illustration of the effectiveness of the administration in its alleged endeavor to suppress other forms of lawlessness in this city, then the public may know what to expect.

Fire Chief Musham has effectually extinguished the blaze of unionism in the fire department. The chief didn't have to send out a 4-11 alarm to do it, either. The fire was put out by the following order, which will be embodied in the general order for the new year:

"Whereas, It is necessary for the

efficiency of this department that all its members give to it an undivided allegiance; therefore, no member of this department shall be a member of any organization which requires of its members any obligation the effect of whose purpose is to require such member, in any matter pertaining to his duties as a member of this department, to obey the orders of such organization, or of any representative thereof."

Chief Musham, fortunately for both the fire department and the public, knows his business.

The Jackson Trust and Savings Bank is starting out well and gives promise of great success for the new year. Under its able and energetic president, Mr. William H. Eagan, the new financial concern will be well managed.

State Senator Lawrence B. Stringer of Lincoln, Ill., is the first man mentioned so far for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Illinois. Mr. Stringer was the leader of the minority in the Senate during the last session.

Preparations for war by Japan and Russia seem, among other things, to show to the world what the great Chicago packing industries, and the resources of the United States really are. Immense orders have come to Chicago for meat supplies for the armies of both countries.

The new year's first Republican convention has been called. It will be for the Twelfth Congressional District and will be held on Feb. 4 at Ottawa, Ill. Candidates for Congress and the National Equalization, delegates to the national convention and the presidential electoral college will be named.

Mention of the name of L. T. Hoy for the appointment of government appraiser to succeed General H. H. Thomas has not with general commendation among local Republican leaders.

When a police officer is fined ten days' pay by the so-called merit board for raiding a gambling joint, what can the public expect from civil service in Chicago?

There will be something doing in Twenty-first aldermanic politics in the forthcoming spring campaign.

Now for the aldermanic campaign. It will make an interesting curtain raiser in Chicago for the big performance later on.

It is announced that Cook County is going to establish a training school for

its own nurses. Of course this is the outcome of the combined wisdom of President Foreman, of the County Board, and some one of his advisory committees. When it comes to fads and fancies the "advisory" county administration takes the cake.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Chronicle, in discussing the term conviction, says compulsion is one-half of it and condemnation is three-fourths of it, and both, it seems, are to be used by the city authorities in the matter of acquisition of public utilities. Our contemporary is usually remarkable for its pure and vigorous English, but we fear it is a little off in mathematics.

For years the daily papers of Chicago have been in the habit of talking about the "leader of the City Council." Sometimes it has been this Alderman and sometimes that, but just where this vague and indeed stupid appellation originated nobody can tell, for there is no such thing as a leader of the City Council. Members of the City Council are not led. Some may be driven and some induced. Most of them have minds of their own.

"Either the inefficiency or insufficiency of the police force is largely responsible for the conditions now prevailing," is the way the citizens' committee for the suppression of crime puts it. The Eagle thinks the committee has missed the mark. The trouble with the police force is mismanagement.

The snow is now seven inches deep and frozen hard, but the small parks commission, like the brook, goes on forever.

In its address to the people of Chicago the citizens' committee on the suppression of crime said among other things: "In view of the present unsatisfactory condition of our city it is the obvious duty of the press, secular and religious, of all ministers of the gospel, of all teachers, preachers and professors, of all employers and employees, parents, heads of associations, officers and members of clubs, labor unions and other societies, to impress upon those over whom they have any influence the great importance of standing firm for principles of peace, order, liberty and good government." We notice that the Mayor and the city administration are not mentioned, but then—what's the use?

The law-abiding public is unanimous in opposition to the action of the Board of Education in throwing open the school buildings for the use of socialists and others in the discussion of "municipal ownership" and other fads.

ANARCHY IS MAYOR.

One of the Great Problems Which Confront Chicago at Threshold of New Year.

Twelve Months Hence the Solution Will Be in the Hands of the Voters.

They Must Name, Afterward Elect, a City Administration Representative of All the People.

Anarchy, with All the Dreadful Misery It Implies, Will Disappear When Harrisonism Goes.

Grafting, with a Respectable City Government, Will Become a Thing of the Past.

Thinking citizens are daily discussing in public and in private the problem of how to stop crime in Chicago.

Most of them have arrived at the conclusion that the most effective, if not the readiest solution, is to change the city administration.

Unfortunately this cannot be done until a year from next spring, but measures can be taken for that permanent remedy—eradication of Harrisonism—while we go along through 1904 taking temporary measures for the public weal.

One temporary measure for this end that positively asserts itself to the average citizen is the protection during the ensuing year of both the police and the fire departments from attacks from the outside by mischievous intermeddlers and interference from within by the agents of so-called labor unionism.

Upon the police force, unhampered by Harrisonism and anarchy, must depend the hopes of the citizens of Chicago for preservation of the peace during the fourth year of the new century. This force is now undergoing the trial of a demoralizing attack from the agents of Harrisonism.

Upon the fire department, under the leadership of the gallant and experienced Musham, the people of Chicago must depend for protection of life and property during the year 1904. This department and its leader are now being attacked by the forces of Harrisonism.

The people, however, are patient, and will bide their time. In the meantime they will do the best they can to stem the tide of crime now flowing so freely during the present city administration.

Judge George Kersten is making a splendid record on the Circuit Court bench. Members of the bar and his friends in general are proud of him. He is proving himself an able and just jurist and a sound lawyer.

Adams County is to be the scene of the campaign work of the supporters of Governor Yates in the near future. It looks as if the Governor will have little trouble getting delegates from Adams.

It is announced that Henry G. Foreman will have some formidable opponents for the Republican nomination for President of the County Board. Anyone of those whose names have been mentioned can defeat Mr. Foreman.

Bryan has started for home. Look out for high winds.

As has been foretold in these columns time and again the Police Trial Board, which, as at present constituted, is nothing more nor less than the Civil Service Commission, with a fifth wheel added, is helping to rapidly demoralize the disorganization and demoralization of the police department. Here is what Chief O'Neill says about it:

"I am willing to go on record, from what I have actually seen, as saying that the members of the Police Trial Board have in all cases acted honestly and conscientiously. Their training, however, has been the technical one of lawyers who can see only one point to

the exclusion of the surrounding circumstances, and naturally this is a drawback."

What about the investigation of the condition of the theaters? The public has no more knowledge now than it had before the trouble with the graft committee whether all these buildings are fireproof or not. But the able and conscientious Building Commissioner can be relied upon to do his duty under all circumstances.

If the police court system is to be "probed" it is to be hoped that the probe will be used with due consideration for men of honor and ability who hold positions on the magisterial bench. One of our contemporaries, in dealing with this subject, says:

"The sub-committee appointed for this purpose, however, proposes to conduct a special investigation of the records of criminal and police courts which is apt to yield some information that has not heretofore been available. The most glaring abuse, by which hundreds of criminals are said to evade punishment every year, is the granting of continuances and changes of venue on slight protests until lawyers and complainants, disgusted with the delays, fail to appear and the cases are lost by default."

Now it may be that in some of our police courts such abuses have obtained, but if there is to be a probe it should be first directed against the system. Next the investigation should deal with individuals upon their personal merits and do justice to those who are a credit to the system, and The Eagle is glad to be able to say there are several such magistrates in Chicago.

Scouring pans and peeling potatoes is a useful occupation for any man or woman. There is nothing dishonorable about it even for a Chicago Alderman.

We notice that our esteemed contemporary, the Examiner, keeps flying to the breeze its time-tattered banner with the motto, "Five Years of Municipal Ownership of Street Railways in Liverpool," although the burden of the legend is based only upon figures.

Secret service has a disagreeable sound to it, and while in the hands of the organized authorities in this and other countries it has been effective in bringing about the detection and punishment of crime and criminals, in the hands of others it might easily become a means of oppression and terror. The less secrecy there is about the fight on crime in Chicago the more effective it will be.

Citizens of the highest standing are enlisted in the crusade against crime in Chicago. Many of the men who backed the world's fair with cash are coming forward with money and brains to aid in putting an end to the reign of terror which has come up under present conditions and during the various terms of the present city administration.

Of course Mayor Harrison is away at this particular juncture. He is away hunting in Oklahoma; he would be annoyed or perturbed if he should remain there indefinitely. The