



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS NEUTRAL IN NONE"

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ABOLISH THIS COURT.

The Juvenile Tribunal Is a Menace to the Peace of the City.

The Law Creating It Should Be Repealed; the Sooner the Better.

The Police Powerless to Arrest Offenders Between the Ages of Twelve and Sixteen.

It is the opinion of many citizens that the Juvenile Court should be abolished.

By many it is looked upon as a menace to the city of Chicago and the law creating it should be repealed.

The fact that it takes an able judge away from other duties that really demand his attention is one of the least of the objections against the further continuance of this tribunal.

The fact is that the Juvenile Court law is a protection thrown around wicked boys below the age of 16, and in this way it has demoralized and is demoralizing the youth of the city.

Boys between the ages of 12 and 16 are getting worse and worse every day in Chicago.

They laugh at the police, for the police have no authority to arrest them.

All boys under the age of 16 are wards of the Juvenile Court, and especially of the hermaphrodites and childless women who framed and who support the ridiculous law which created it.

Boys under the age of 16 may steal, riot, destroy, pillage, torment and ruin. They can assault, stab, attack, worry, harass, yes and even murder people and the police are powerless to interfere!

The victims or their friends will have to swear out warrants and take the offenders before the Juvenile Court. It alone has jurisdiction over them.

There are more human devils in Chicago between the ages of 12 and 16 than there are of all other ages combined.

The Juvenile Court law can be thanked for this fact.

And the hermaphrodites, childless women and dead beat clubmen who secured its passage can get what credit they can out of the fact.

There is hardly a vacant building, school house, factory, dwelling, church or store in Chicago that little devil of the ages named have not broken the windows in.

It is unsafe for the old and infirm to walk the streets without being stoned or tormented by them.

Women and girls are assaulted almost daily in all parts of the city, and young hoodlums are the ones who do the work.

Peddlers are followed from street to street and stoned and harassed beyond expression.

Retail grocers are afraid to leave fruits or vegetables outside their stores because these imps between the ages of 12 and 16 regard all such property as their own and the police are powerless to interfere.

And Jews!

The Jews are the especial marks of these hoodlums.

All over the city Jewish peddlers, rag and iron dealers, are chased by mobs of boys.

Fifty of them were chasing one poor Jewish peddler recently and a policeman was asked why the ruffians were not arrested.

"The police have no jurisdiction," he replied. "In order to arrest a boy under 16 now you have to get a warrant from the Juvenile Court, and the kid, thief, murderer or just plain rough, is turned over to a probation officer—some woman—to look after." That's all.

The Scalwags who rob the people of their hard-earned money by selling them stock in visionary and fraudulent schemes have free rein in Chicago to-day. The daily papers publish their ads and the police do not interfere.

It is pretty hard on Mayor Dunne to see the Aldermen who were elected with him on an I. M. O. tidal wave voting against him on the first great traction battle that has come up dur-

ing his administration. No matter how people may feel on the traction question, their contempt for some of these Aldermen is universal and the question asked everywhere is how much did they lose by it?

Theater passes and railroad passes have more effect upon the average member of the municipal or State Legislature than all the Troquois fires or railroad horrors that ever happened.

A special grand jury would possibly discover why so many of the I. M. O. aldermen elected with Dunne two years ago are for the traction company to-day.

The slate gotten up by the Harrison "managers" looks like the work of the ex-Mayor's enemies.

If the Democrats want to unite their party thoroughly, let them nominate James J. Gray for City Treasurer. That would be something like the thing.

The daily press appears to be pretty well satisfied. It isn't shouting "the streets belong to the people" as it was a few years ago.

Lincoln Park and the people of Chicago are to be congratulated upon the appointment by Governor Deneen of two such good men as Fred L. Wilk and Leo Austrian as Park Commissioners. Lincoln Park has been run for a long time by a lot of loping dodos and Half-On-Its-Face Warder of Cincinnati. It is time some Chicagoans were let into the secret.

The Scherzer Life Bridge Company is buying space in the dailies to assault the Engineer's department of the city government. This only proves that there are some departments of the city government that are on the side of the taxpayers and the people. That State street bridge is only an incident in this Scherzer lift bridge business.

Members of the Legislature who solicit passes from the Man-Killing Railroads should be held up to public scorn. At a meeting of executive representatives of at least twenty-five of the large Western railroad systems in Chicago Tuesday, it was agreed that so far as possible the provisions of the new rate law prohibiting the issuance of free transportation should be applied to state business.

This will abolish passes within boundaries of all states west of the Mississippi river regardless of the fact that in few of those states is there any anti-pass law. So far as Illinois was concerned the railroad representatives were in a tangle. Three roads in the state—Burlington, Northwestern and Milwaukee & St. Paul—have cut off passes to everybody, while the Illinois Central, Wabash and Chicago & Alton and others have declined to apply the interstate law to state business.

Efforts were made at Tuesday's meeting by officers of the Burlington. It is said to have the three opposing lines—Illinois Central, Alton and Wabash—join the ranks of the hidebound lines and cut off passes to all in the state including the legislators.

So far as legislators in this and other states are concerned it was agreed that free transportation should not be given them unless they specifically requested it. It is said that many members of the Legislature in Illinois have had no hesitancy in asking the Illinois Central, Alton and Wabash for "ann-

Half-On-Its-Face Warder should be removed as Superintendent of Lincoln Park. The Park has been running

down steadily since his incumbency commenced.

Tom N. Donnelly would make a good City Treasurer.

Who made John M. Ewen Consulting Engineer for the new court house? He has the bulge on the job and the new court house has a bulge on its side.

At the Majestic: "Well, one sure thing, this whole crowd will go to Heaven."

"No; they won't."

"Why not?"

"Too many of 'em."

"What's that got to do with it?"

"Lots. Only two human beings good enough to go to Heaven—George Washington and Judge Goring."

If there is going to be an investigation into the smoke inspection business, let it be deep enough to take in all concerned in it for several years back.

The City Council did the following business Tuesday night besides passing the traction grab:

An order was introduced by Alderman Conlon directing the Commissioner of Health to order the Pennsylvania Railway Company to put the Union Depot in a sanitary condition was passed. Alderman Conlon declared the depot to be in a filthy condition.

An order was passed directing the County Attorney to give an opinion to the committee on a new City Hall as to the rights of Cook county to the city hall site.

An order was passed directing that the elevated railroad companies be compelled to keep stations open, heated and lighted at all times.



JOHN O. FETZER, Financier, Business Man and Model Receiver.

John C. Fetzer will long be remembered by the poor apostrophes of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank for the honest, able and magnificent way in which he has conducted his receivership. When a bank that was looked upon as a hopeless wreck can be made to pay nearly 75 cents on the dollar, it speaks wonders for the man who managed things so well.

John M. Ewen had better explain why the walls of the new Court House are bulging or resign his job as a consulting engineer.

Failure of the statistical expert of the Manufacturers' Telephone Company to have his estimates ready for the inspection of Expert W. H. Jackson disturbed members of the Council Committee on Gas, Oil and Electric Light Tuesday, and several showed anger at the state of affairs.

Several members declared that it proved the falsity of the statement of the company, which had asserted that the committee was purposely delaying action on the settlement of the telephone franchise.

At the morning session of the committee, Mr. Jackson declared that the Manufacturers' expert had sought a delay of two weeks in which to complete the figures necessary to a report on the ordinance.

Chairman Young called attention to a petition sent out by the new company protesting against further delay in the consideration of the franchise. He said the committee had been accused of purposely delaying the question to defeat competition for the franchise.

"The Manufacturers' Telephone Company has endeavored to put the blame for the delay on us when they were responsible," he said. "It has been stated here several times that Expert Johnson was ready at any time to present his figures. Now he asks a delay of two weeks. I regard the statements in their petitions as insinuations against the members of this committee."

A motion of Alderman Moynihan that the Manufacturers' Company be instructed to submit their plans and figures at once was adopted, and the committee adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

Bernard A. Eckhart would make a good Mayor.

Plans to make councils of public school teachers an advisory adjunct to the Board of Education were endorsed at a mass meeting over which Miss Jane Addams presided in the board

rooms Tuesday night. "Our schools should be a democracy," declared Professor George H. Mead of the University of Chicago. "Teaching is a social process, not a mechanical art and in determining the methods employed in our schools the teachers should have a voice. This is a principle generally held by modern educators."

Miss Corn Lewis of the Principals' Association declared the old teachers' councils were not a success because they were not a part of the Board of Education.

Other speakers were: Professor James Tufts of the University of Chicago; Ella F. Young of the Normal School; Louie F. Kilburn, ex-president of the Teachers' Council; Edwin Miller of the Teachers' High School Club; Louis F. Post and Dr. Cornelia De Bey.

Joe Errant, for Superior Court Judge. Well, well, well!

One of the daily newspapers says that "the traction question is settled at last." Oh, it is, is it? Well, as long as the daily papers say so that does settle it.

E. H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation, is one of the self-made men of America.

Senator Albert J. Hopkins' speech in defense of Senator Smoot, of Utah, was one of the ablest and most brilliant orations ever delivered in the United States Senate. Senator Hopkins is one of the brainiest men in the senate and is a statesman through and through. His record reflects credit upon the great state he represents.

Copies of bills to be introduced into the State Legislature have been prepared by Coroner Peter Hoffman. The bills are aimed to correct several matters in connection with the handling of bodies by undertakers and the procedure of coroners' inquests.

"All the measures advocated" said Coroner Hoffman "were recommended by the Coroners' State Association at its recent convention at Springfield. They are designed to expedite the holding of inquests, to fix more securely the power of the coroner and to prevent any miscarriage of justice by an undertaker using poison in embalming bodies."

Does the Scherzer lift bridge industry want to ruin the city and the Sanitary District?

The crowding of people off elevated platforms and either killing or injuring them, still continues. Is the death or maiming of a human being a thing to be laughed at or is there no remedy to stop the overcrowding of platforms

LUMPY JAW FOR SALE.

Powerful Interests Insist Upon Its Being Placed Upon the Chicago Market.

City Council Committee on Health Will "Investigate" the Subject Some Time.

Alderman Dailey Deserves the Support of His Fellow-Aldermen in This Crusade.

One of the most notorious dealers in lumpy jaw cattle was present at the meeting of the City Council Committee on Health the other day to fight Alderman Dailey's ordinance prohibiting the sale of lumpy jaw beef in Chicago.

The howl that this notorious character made only shows the interest felt by the dealers in lumpy jaw meat by the men who sell it.

There must be big money in it. This man is said to have made a fortune through favors shown him at the Stockyards by members of the present city administration.

The committee acted in a somewhat peculiar manner after Alderman Dailey had offered to produce reputable witnesses to prove the truth of his statement that lumpy jaw meat is being sold for food in Chicago.

It appointed a subcommittee to "investigate" conditions at the Stockyards.

The Council may or may not do anything in this matter, but the public is thoroughly aroused and will "get" every man connected with this awful attack on the public health before it is through.

Live stock officials who are related to Health Department officials may fight the thing, but their reasons for doing so will be thoroughly exposed one of these days and their dealings in lumpy jaw meat shown to the public.

A stir was created in the Health Department Committee of the Council when Alderman James M. Dailey appeared in behalf of his ordinance to condemn and destroy lumpy-jawed and diseased cattle, sheep, swine and other animals.

"From the figures which I have collected with great effort I find that 90,000 pounds of this diseased meat is sold in Chicago annually, endangering the lives and health of the citizens," declared Alderman Dailey, who is engaged in the undertaking business. "I have physicians and other experts whom I want to bring here to corroborate this statement. The discussion of this ordinance should be thorough and conclusive. It will be opposed vigorously by certain powerful interests."

"If consideration of this ordinance means another investigation of Chicago's packing-houses we certainly will not have time for it today," declared Chairman Hoffman.

The ordinance was referred to a subcommittee, consisting of Alderman James B. Bowler, chairman; Alderman H. J. Stewart and William C. Hunt. The experts favoring the ordinance and the packers' representatives will be invited to meet the subcommittee at 10:30 o'clock, Jan. 23.

Every city in the country except Chicago protects itself against lumpy-jaw meat.

Lumpy-jaw is cancer, and that is certainly fine for food.

Let it be sold for food in Chicago and the men who sell it stop at nothing to force it on the people.

Government "inspection" is all rot. It only covers interstate commerce and has nothing to do with meat for Chicago or Illinois markets.

Chicago is the great dumping ground for lumpy-jawed or cancerous cattle.

Anyone bringing one of these animals into St. Louis is fined \$500 for each offense.

No city east of Chicago will permit a lumpy-jaw "critter" to enter it.

In Toronto, Canada, the whole carcass of a lumpy-jaw animal is burned up.

In Chicago the carcasses are cut out and the remainder of the tainted animal is sold for food.

Even Milwaukee is waking up on this subject, as witness the following: Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 14.—Milwaukee people are in a state of consternation today because this afternoon it was announced by the Health Department that several tons of beef from

diseased cattle is on the market here for sale at retail.

The department confessed its inability to stop the practice. The meat on sale was cut apart from the diseased portions of the cattle and the infected portions thrown away.

The city inspectors at the Union Stockyards condemned and destroyed 295,545 pounds of bad meat during the week ending January 12, 1907.

Alderman James M. Dailey has proven himself to be a true friend of the people. As a foe of the lumpy jaw trust and traction hypocrites he has the respect of all good citizens.

The vote on traction in the council Tuesday night shows the power of some things over the voice of the people.

The people will settle some of the aldermen before a great while.

The Democrats evidently intend to let the spring election go by default. There is no scramble at all for the mayoral nomination.

The Cook County Central Committee of the Socialist party has by resolution repudiated the stand taken by individual Socialists in instituting suits of mandamus to compel the Mayor to enforce the Sunday closing law against certain clubs and theaters, and requests the individuals in question to withdraw the suits.

Who got the most out of the "traction settlement?"

What Chicago needs is a good Vigilance Committee.

Representative R. W. McKinlay's bill forbidding candidates for office and members of political committees from receiving favors from express, telegraph and railroad companies and making imprisonment a penalty for disobedience, is a step in the right direction and it should be passed. But there is no chance of its passing.

Congressman Madden's deep water-way scheme is a good thing for Chicago.

A good earthquake may settle the traction question one of these days. They are having them all around us, and if the traction question doesn't pull one of them this way nothing else will.

Collection of Cook county's delinquent taxes probably will be made through the Circuit and Superior Courts this year instead of through the Municipal Courts, as had been anticipated. County Attorney Lewis has declared that the county will be unable to advance from \$40,000 to \$50,000 fees to the Municipal Courts and the upper courts will be called upon to do the work.

The situation arises over the fact that the Municipal Court rules insist upon the costs of \$6 in each suit being paid in advance. Last year, under the justice shop system, the county advanced but \$2 a case.

Fred Busse stands for honesty in public office and is an official who does things.

What a grand minstrel troupe the City Council would make.

Alderman Mathias J. Jacobs is one of the ablest and most popular men in the City Council.