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## ALDERMEN WHO GO OUT

### Expiration of Terms of Thirty-five of Them Causes Interest to Center on Spring Election.

### Most Every One of Them Is a Candidate for Renomination and Re-election,

### And a Good, Stiff Fight Is Expected in Every Ward, with a Few Exceptions.

### Party Leaders Commencing to Line Up Candidates for City Treasurer and City Clerk.

### Only a Few Weeks Now and the Campaign Will Be On in Full Blast.

Now that the fall election is over with, attention is being turned to next spring when thirty-five Aldermen, a City Treasurer and a City Clerk will be elected.

Nearly every one of the thirty-five retiring city fathers is a red-hot candidate for re-election, and that there will be plenty of interest in the campaign goes without saying.

As the new primary law brings the nominations right to the people, there will be plenty of aspirants in both parties in each ward, and most every one of the retiring councilmen will face a good stiff fight.

By the first of January a good line can be had on the different candidates, as the new primary law will force the many aspirants to get out early into the arena.

Of the thirty-five Aldermen who go out next April, twenty are Republicans and fifteen Democrats.

This being an off year the party organizations will concentrate their efforts in increasing their representation in the City Council, and the primary fight in each ward will be watched with interest.

The fight for City Treasurer will be an interesting one. John E. Truener, present occupant of the office, being a Democrat, the party will do all in its power to retain a Democrat in the office and thus keep what little patronage it has left.

Ernest Hummel, Charles F. Gunther, Adam Ortselien and Charles J. Vopicka are strongly talked of for the nomination by the Democrats.

James A. Hogan is the most prominent man mentioned by the Republicans for the office.

The fight for City Clerk promises to be a good one, as the number of candidates for that important office is extremely large.

City Clerk John R. McCabe, by his splendid record, has made himself a popular favorite for the Republican nomination.

The thirty-five Aldermen whose terms expire next April are as follows:

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| 1. Michael Kenna          | Dem. |
| 2. George F. Harding, Jr. | Rep. |
| 3. Milton J. Foreman      | Rep. |
| 4. John W. McNeal         | Dem. |
| 5. Alexander J. Burke     | Rep. |
| 6. Lynn H. Young          | Rep. |
| 7. Frank I. Bennett       | Rep. |
| 8. P. H. Moynihan         | Rep. |
| 9. D. J. Egan             | Dem. |
| 10. Thomas F. Scully      | Dem. |
| 11. Edward F. Cullerton   | Dem. |
| 12. Michael Zimmer        | Dem. |
| 13. Arthur W. Fulton      | Rep. |
| 14. James H. Lawley       | Rep. |
| 15. Herman F. Krueger     | Dem. |
| 16. Stanley H. Kuns       | Dem. |
| 17. Lewis D. Sitts        | Rep. |
| 18. John J. Brennan       | Dem. |
| 19. John Fowers           | Dem. |
| 20. John P. Stewart       | Rep. |
| 21. Francis W. Taylor     | Rep. |
| 22. Arthur Josett         | Rep. |
| 23. Jacob A. Hey          | Rep. |
| 24. Albert Hahne          | Rep. |
| 25. Winfield P. Dunn      | Rep. |
| 26. William F. Lipps      | Rep. |
| 27. Henry J. Siewert      | Rep. |
| 28. Francis D. Conery     | Dem. |
| 29. John Downey           | Dem. |
| 30. Michael McInerney     | Dem. |
| 31. Patrick J. O'Connell  | Dem. |

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| 32. Albert J. Fisher | Rep. |
| 33. William C. Hunt  | Rep. |
| 34. Joseph F. Kohout | Dem. |
| 35. Frank L. Race    | Rep. |

On account of Jos. Z. Uhlir's election as Municipal Judge there will be two Aldermen to be elected in the Twelfth ward next April.

Following the attack of the Loop Protective Association on the elevated structure, with its rattle and noise, and its unsightly appearance, the city administration is preparing to take up the fight for better service. Mayor Busse is in favor of abolishing the loop entirely, although admitting that such a step is impossible until the proposed subway shall have been built. He believes the elevated trains should be put in the subway, leaving the street cars to occupy the surface as they do now.

Alderman Milton J. Foreman, chairman of the committee on local transportation, believes that conditions on the loop may be relieved greatly by each elevated road having adequate terminal facilities, and he is to try to have that brought about at once.

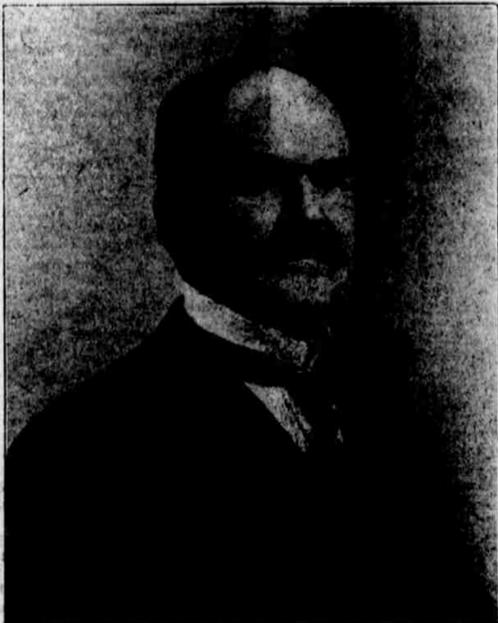
The South Side Elevated Railroad Company made application to the commissioner of public works for a permit to increase the size of the platforms at the Congress street stub terminal.

And now for the spring elections.

Two ordinances regulating the establishment of additional theaters in Chicago were recommended to the council for passage by the judiciary committee Tuesday afternoon. The first one, introduced by Alderman Dunn of the Twenty-fifth ward, requires the consent of a majority of the frontage in any block where two-thirds of the houses in the block are used exclusively for residence purposes to obtain the permit. Alderman Downey introduced the other ordinance, which forbids the location of a theater or place of amusement within 200 feet of a church or school.

The committee also recommended an ordinance requested by Superintendent of Streets Doherty, fixing the annual license for laying cement walks at \$25 for each gang at work instead of for each company.

Hearty indorsement of the wheel-tax ordinance and its method of expenditure for street repairs is given by the Wide Tire Association, representing the leading teaming interests of Chicago, in a letter received by Mayor Busse. The burden of the tax falls heavier on the members of this organization than on any other class of citizens, both on account of the number of vehicles which they own and the fact that they are of the type which pay the maximum rates under the ordinance. The indorsement of the ordinance was this resolution introduced by Major H. B. Maxwell: "Resolved, That the Chicago Wide Tire Association in fourth annual session assembled hereby extends its thanks to Mayor Fred A. Busse and the city council for their patient and considerate attention to the contentions of this association and the enactment



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of the most scientific and intelligent wide-tire law in existence and for the consistent and proper expenditure of the remuneration derived from the wagon-tax law."

The communication inclosing the resolution is signed by J. W. Ferrand, president of the organization, and E. E. Hooper, secretary, and stamped with the body's official seal.

Governor Deneen's plurality over Adlai E. Stevenson was 10,852, according to the latest figures compiled at the statehouse at Springfield.

More work to improve transportation facilities and fewer reports was demanded of the street car companies Wednesday by the local transportation committee. A long report from the board of supervising engineers was read, setting forth in detail the physical obstructions which caused the abandonment of through route No. 24 on Halsted street.

Alderman Finn demanded that the Chicago Railways Company be required to furnish a statement to the next meeting, showing when it intends to make certain improvements.

The Chicago and Southern Traction Company came in for a severe scoring because of the condition of the tracks on South Chicago avenue between 70th and 81st streets.

The speakership contest promises to be interesting in many ways.

Automobile owners who have failed to pay their wheel taxes will be arrested Monday, according to the plan of City Collector Mayerstadt. There are about 1,500 delinquents, and he asserted he will cause the arrest of half a dozen or more of the offenders as "horrible examples." He has asserted several times heretofore that he would arrest the delinquents, but to date none has been taken into custody. Arrests are also planned for the owners of other vehicles, but the list of delinquents has not been completed. It is estimated that there are 30,000 who have not paid the vehicle license fee.

Mayor Busse Tuesday approved a project for codifying and revising the entire building code of the city.

Preliminary plans have been worked out by Building Commissioner Campbell, with the assistance of architects, engineers, contractors and representatives of labor unions, and public hearings are to be instituted as soon as arrangements can be made for them.

The use of concrete and vast strides made in structural iron work are among the factors which have made the former code an out of date affair, and have revolutionized former theories of loads and stresses. Sanitary precautions, which will be outlined by Health

Commissioner Evans, also will enter into the new code.

Senator Albert J. Hopkins, backed by the hearty endorsement of the people of Illinois, will be re-elected by the Legislature on the first ballot.

Relief for pedestrians from the dust clouds in the downtown district will be sought through an amendment to the city code which will be asked by Superintendent of Streets Doherty. At present sprinkling must be discontinued Nov. 1. The city council will be urged to change the code so as to leave the matter to the discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works. Forty new flushers for sprinkling and cleaning the streets also will be asked in the new budget.

With official figures from only three counties missing, the returns at the Secretary of State's office indicate that the proposition to issue \$20,000,000 in bonds for the construction of a deep water way won by a majority of approximately 105,000 of the total vote cast.

As President of the West Park Board, John F. Smulski is as usual serving the people well. One has only to look at Mr. Smulski's record as State Treasurer, City Attorney and as Alderman to see that when he starts out to perform a duty the interests of the people are always uppermost in his mind.

Alderman Frank D. Conery has announced his candidacy for re-election and the citizens of the Twenty-eighth Ward should see that he is re-nominated and re-elected. There is not a better man in the City Council than Alderman Conery and the best interests of Chicago demand his retention in the office.

Andrew J. Ryan, the able and popular lawyer and former City Attorney, would do honor to any office within the gift of the people.

A stringent State law is needed to regulate the establishment of banks. There are too many wild-cat financial schemes now in existence in Chicago.

Not wishing to compete with the big banks, irresponsible people are starting up small banks in the outlying districts of Chicago, from time to time. This practice has had disastrous results upon the business and financial interests of the entire city. Many hundred small business men and traders have been ruined by this class of institutions.

This nefarious practice should be stopped and the only way to stop it is by municipal legislation.

A provision ought to be made in the city charter authorizing the city under its police power to regulate the establishment of banks and creating in pursuance of this work a board for the examination of all proposed new banking concerns. Such a board should be given ample power to examine into the financial standing of the promoters of these institutions, and none should be allowed to be licensed unless such as could show assets ample sufficient to cover the amount of their deposits, and sound and substantial enough to thoroughly protect their depositors.

## WANT NO TUNNEL DELAY

### City Council Asks Report of Work in Washington and La Salle Street Bores.

### North and West Side Aldermen Urge that Work Be Rushed to Completion.

### Commission Appointed a Year Ago to Select Suitable Phone Meters Asked to Report.

### Alderman Cullerton Sends Request for an Ordinance to Deaden Noise on Elevated Roads.

### Aldermen Foreman and Brennan Appointed by Mayor to Help Postal Officials Select Postoffice Site.

The City Council was in one of its inquisitive moods Monday night and as a consequence a resolution was adopted demanding at its next meeting a report from the board of supervising engineers on the steps which have been taken toward reconstruction of the La Salle and Washington street tunnels, and expressed it to be the sense of the council that these tunnels be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible, for the betterment of the traction service.

The situation was brought to the council's attention by resolutions introduced by Aldermen Foell, Taylor, Clettenberg and Josett, who asked that the LaSalle street tunnel be rushed to completion. Alderman Krueger, speaking for the West Side, urged that the Washington street tunnel was of as much importance, and moved as an amendment that the Washington street tunnel be included in the resolutions. This was accepted by Alderman Foell, spokesman for the North Side contingent, and the joint resolutions were passed.

The resolutions set forth, that because of the pressing public demand for the reconstruction of the tunnels, in order to relieve the congestion in the loop district from the North and West Side surface line cars, the board of supervising engineers should report at the next meeting on the tunnel reconstruction plans. Alderman Foreman announced that he had received communications from the board stating that the plans for the tunnel work would be ready within a few days.

The council ordered the local transportation committee, at the instance of Alderman Cullerton, to submit an ordinance requiring the deadening of the noise on all elevated roads where they are in close proximity to schools or churches. The order recited that various experts had declared the plan feasible.

"Men who know say it can be done," said Alderman Cullerton. "The newspapers have been urging it for years, and it is opportune that we would do more than pass resolutions and listen to the reports of experts. The work in schools is seriously interfered with and church services are often interrupted by rumbling trains."

The commission appointed a year ago to select a suitable meter for measured service of the Chicago Telephone Company was ordered by the council to report "without delay." Chairman Pringle of the committee on gas, oil and electric light, presented the order. He asserted that the telephone ordinance has been in effect more than a year and that there is no apparent intention on the part of the company to install these meters.

"It was claimed when the ordinance was passed that this meter provision is important," said the chairman. "If it is, the people desire to have the benefits of a meter at once. I have received many inquiries why they have not been installed." The commission is composed of Alderman Bennett, Commissioner Hanberg and Corporation Counsel Brundage. Alderman Bennett explained that a number of meetings had been held and a dozen meters had been examined, but no decision had been reached.

Robert E. Burke, city oil inspector under Mayor Harrison between 1897

and 1901, presented a claim for \$46,422.22 in fees which he asserted he paid the city under duress. In his claim Monday night Mr. Burke represented that he paid \$83,227.03 in fees to the city, but waived claim to \$36,804.81.

The claim was referred to the finance committee. Mr. Burke attended the meeting in person to look after his interests. Edward M. Cummings and John A. Pioneer, two other oil inspectors since the time of Mr. Burke, have presented their claims, which aggregate \$28,000. It is their contention that under an ordinance requiring them to accept a salary instead of fees, they paid over fees to which they are entitled under the State law, which has been held valid by the supreme court.

Acting upon a request from Postmaster Campbell that he appoint two Aldermen to aid postoffice officials in selecting a site for the new West Side postoffice, Mayor Busse selected Aldermen Foreman and John J. Brennan. These, with the mayor, will meet with a committee composed of delegates from the Commercial Club, Association of Commerce, Union League Club, Federation of Labor, real estate board, West Park Commission, Industrial Club, General James E. Stuart, postal inspector; Captain E. J. West, superintendent of the railway mail service; Postmaster Campbell and other officials and endeavor to agree upon a site to be suggested to the acting secretary of the treasury.

An order introduced by Alderman Brennan, directing the commissioner of public works to report as soon as possible on steps taken to reconstruct the Washington street bridge was passed.

Commissioner Hanberg was given permission to place the bond of the contractor on the city hall at not less than one-third of the amount of the contract.

Aldermen Fulton and Evans had referred to the committee on the bride-well a plan to provide other employment for the prisoners than making chairs and other articles which are placed on the market in competition with free labor. A factory in the Thirtieth ward has been compelled to quit making chairs because the bride-well can make them cheaper. Brick manufacture, garbage cremation and additional stone crushing was suggested in place of the chairmaking.

An order for an ordinance to license electrical workers and another order for an ordinance to provide for inspection of meters of electric current were referred to the committee on gas, oil and electric light.

Alderman Brittan had referred to the committee on state legislation an order for a bill to be presented to the next legislature prohibiting the hearing of divorce cases, except in the case of bigamy, within one year after the bill is filed.

Alderman Thomson presented an ordinance, which was referred to the license committee, prohibiting the distribution of intoxicants to homes in any way by which minors can get hold of them. This is inspired by a recent distribution of whisky samples in Ravenswood.

An ordinance was passed authorizing the issuance of \$100,000 more in bonds to pay for permanent improvements.