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RINAKER LEADS

Popular Candidate for State's Attorney Is Far in Advance of the Field for Republican Nomination.

His Proven Fitness for a Great Public Trust Has Much Weight With Voters In This Battle.

The Primary Set for April Ninth Will Bring Out the Largest Nominating Vote in the History of Chicago Politics.

Every Position that Is to Be Filled Is Being Fought For With Vigor by Every Candidate in the Field.

There is no candidate in the field for any one of the many offices to be filled next fall who will poll more votes at the April primary than Lewis Rinaker.

Judge Rinaker is the type of man for whom the people are seeking at the present time.

Honest, courageous and efficient, his past services to the public have demonstrated his fitness for the office of State's Attorney.

The position of State's Attorney of Cook County is a big one, and Judge Rinaker will not belittle or cheapen it in any way.

He is well equipped by nature, by education and by experience for this important post, and his nomination is a foregone conclusion.

There has never been a political campaign in the history of Chicago politics when so much interest has been shown in a primary election as there is at the present time over the approaching balloting on April 9. Both parties are at fever heat, and a record-breaking vote is sure to be polled.

Abolish the Board of Local Improvements and save a million dollars a year for the taxpayers. The cost of street improvements and special assessments is far greater than it ever was before, and the creation of this costly department of the city government is to blame for it.

The unseemly scramble indulged in by many of the candidates for State's Attorney gives greater strength to the candidacy of Lewis Rinaker. He is one man who has maintained a dignified attitude from the start, as befits one seeking such an important position. He has not cheapened the office during his preliminary canvass. He will dignify it when elected.

The proposed bond issue of \$7,000,000 means slavery for thousands of poor people in Chicago who are struggling to pay for a little piece of real estate.

Confiscation of small property holdings is what the great increase in real estate taxation will amount to before long. The revenue this year is over 100 per cent in many instances and over 40 per cent in the great majority of cases.

Edward F. Dunne's name will appear last on the Democratic list of candidates for governor. But it will head the list when the votes are counted.

The daily newspapers which are advocating big bond issues and other methods of increasing taxes in Chicago are fond of saying that the tax rate in some other cities is much greater than it is in Chicago. Well, we have investigated that statement and have discovered that in cities to which it applies that rents are more than double what they are in this city. With the owners of small flat buildings and of homes taxed as they are now in Chicago, the tendency to higher rents will be unavoidable. Much of this trouble is due to non-taxpaying faddists who are encour-

aged by a portion of the daily press. The Board of Local Improvements is working overtime in favor of contractors and against the taxpayers in the matter of special assessments, but the vast increase of general taxes is due to the craze for fads and the reckless expenditure of public money.

A particularly mean and unfair fight is being made against Judge Dunne's candidacy for governor. It will react on the fellows who are making it.

For a man whom the daily press had announced was dead politically and a hopeless invalid physically, because he dared to denounce the subsidized section of it in a banquet speech, Robert M. LaFollette appears to be pretty much alive. He carried North Dakota on Tuesday and the next day it snowed.

Rinaker's phenomenal strength is regarded on all sides as irresistible. He will be nominated on April 9 by a great vote.

The Chicago Bureau of Public Efficiency deserves a vote of thanks for the good work it has done for Chicago. Its reports upon conditions in public offices and public utilities are of great value to every citizen and taxpayer.

Joseph Hruby of 1808 S. Center avenue appears on Secretary of State Rose's printed list of candidates for the general assembly from the Fifteenth district issued March 13. As John Hruby Jr. is not given in the official circular the name of this "promising statesman" is missed by people who are keeping track of him. People who are running for representative in that district declare that Joseph Hruby is the candidate as the Secretary of State in his circulars rarely makes a mistake in such matters and does not "shift the cut" to oblige anybody.

Fifteen thousand more votes have been added to Chicago's registry. The revised total, made public on Monday by the board of election commissioners, is 444,910, with an additional 2,995 in the town of Cicero. The largest previous total in Chicago, not including the town of Cicero, was 430,809, the record mark attained in the spring of 1910.

The figures given out are those reached after the names of those who moved during the last year and registered anew last Tuesday were stricken off the lists in their former polling places by the judges and clerks of the various precincts Saturday night. Out of the 115,000 persons who registered, 93,000 were those who had moved.

The county civil service commissioner last Monday chopped twenty-eight attendants of Dunning off the county pay roll. All have been working every day this month, but the commission refuses to approve of one dollar compensation for any of them. Whether they will be paid for February remains to be determined.

Col. James Hamilton Lewis is making a whirlwind campaign for United

States Senator. Everywhere he speaks he is greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences. He spoke at East St. Louis Tuesday night.

"The election of every Democratic Representative in Cook County and in the seven big counties of the state will in itself give the Democrats the Legislature," Mr. Lewis declared, "on

The trustees insisted that the Oak Park and Metropolitan bridges across the river should come down to make way for new structures if the river was to be widened. In that case patrons of the two elevated roads will have to walk across the river to and from the loop until the river is widened, unless the railroad compa-

ny for General Stephenson will give to the state a Democratic Legislature and will elect a Democratic Governor and state officers."

All factions in the Democratic party are uniting on Judge Dunne's candidacy for governor.

Dunne is a winner for governor on the Democratic ticket and don't you forget it.

Professor Edward W. Bemis who has for months been preparing a report on telephone rates in Chicago, but has delayed and delayed, said that the report would not be ready until some time in April. "We are waiting for an appraisal being made by the company itself," he said. "The company is spending more than \$75,000 making an appraisal of its property and I think it would be manifestly unfair to proceed without allowing this consideration."

Senator Cummings of Iowa, progressive Republican candidate for the presidential nomination, introduced a primary election bill which would make unlawful and prohibit both the Republican and Democratic national conventions in June. It provides for a national primary on July 8.

Dunne for governor is the battle cry of the Democratic rank and file.

The project of widening the Chicago river was discussed by trustees of the sanitary district and executive committees of the Chicago Association of Commerce. The trustees and the commercial body are seeking to formulate a brief for presentation to the Secretary of War, which will be satisfactory to both the sanitary district and the business interests of Chicago.

The Telephone Trust has commenced a bitter and an uncalled for attack on the Mayor and honest aldermen of the city of Chicago who are fighting for the people's rights against a heartless monopoly.

The Telephone Trust is opposed to the honest, capable and efficient service that Mr. J. Ogden Armour and his

to throw dirt upon honest men in the city government who oppose its domineering and extortionate methods.

The Illinois Tunnel Company has fully complied with the terms of its ordinance and yet the grafters union is not satisfied.

It wants the Illinois Tunnel Company which has expended over \$2,000,000 in instruments, wires and station equipment, to be forced to give up all of this to satisfy the Telephone Trust.

Any alderman who votes in favor of an increase of rates for the Telephone Monopoly will be beaten to a finish the next time he runs for office.

According to some accounts several men who are working for the monopoly and its franchise may not be residents of Chicago when the next election comes around.

The Telephone Monopoly is busy circulating "ugly rumors" about the Corporation Counsel, the Mayor and the honest aldermen who are standing up for the people's rights.

"Ugly rumors" is good. Aldermen who are anxious to learn the truth ought to inquire into the details of the passage of the telephone ordinance five years ago.

"Ugly rumors!" Well, there are some pretty ugly rumors going the rounds just now.

But the Mayor, Corporation Counsel and honest aldermen are not the ones affected by them.

A watchful eye is being kept on the situation by too many people to have it easily misunderstood.

A new report has been ordered on the books and accounts of the Telephone Trust.

When the aldermen get that report they ought to be in a position to lower rates.

If they raise them they will raise something hotter than this climate has been for the past few weeks.

All telephone patents should be confiscated by the government when they become the exclusive property of the Telephone Trust. The following from an editorial in the Chicago Daily News of July 17, 1911, hits the case exactly:

"In an argument before the national senate's interstate commerce committee, Senator Kenyon recently urged several modifications of the Sherman antitrust law. One of them provided that when any patent granted by the government is used to build up a trust or combination the patent shall be forfeited."

The Chicago Telephone Company, which is suffering so much from want of funds, according to certain city "experts" that it will have to raise telephone rates on the people in order to exist, paid 8 per cent in dividends last year.

Think of it! Eight per cent on twenty-seven million dollars!

This is the company that started with a capital stock of half a million and now has a capital stock of twenty-seven millions.

It pays 8 per cent annual dividend on twenty-seven millions and puts up a twenty-two story modern office building besides.

The people of Chicago are such colleagues are prepared to give to the city with their automatic service. The Telephone Trust has changed

'PHONE SLAVERY

The People of Chicago Pray for Deliverance from the Grasp of the Awful Bell Monopoly.

Chicagoans Forced to Pile Up the Profits of Three Different Corporations and Thus Boost Stock Dividends.

The Bell Monopoly Owns the Local Telephone Company and the Western Electrical Company and Makes One of Them Patronize the Other.

As the Bell Company Wants a Big Profit Itself It Is Easy to See Why Telephone Rates Are to Be Raised.

easy marks that the phone crowd want to get more out of them and asks for an increase of rates at the hands of the City Council.

And two "experts" agree that this "poor" company is losing money!

In 1911 the Chicago Telephone Company paid 8 per cent in quarterly dividends of 2 per cent March 31, 2 per cent, June 30; 2 per cent, September 30; 2 per cent, December 30, 1911.

Here is a nice little nest egg of \$2,160,000 divided up among the stockholders.

When to this is added the profits paid the "parent" Bell Telephone Company, the amount grabbed off the people of Chicago is simply enormous.

Instead of raising telephone rates, the City Council should lower them. People demand the penny telephone and lower charges all along the line.

From a learned "Expert's" reports to the City Council we learn that:

Telephone rates should be raised because the Bell Telephone Company owns the local telephone company.

Because the Western Electrical Company is also owned by the Bell Telephone Company.

Because the local telephone company is obliged to buy all of its equipment and necessities from the Western Electrical Company.

Because neither the Western Electrical Company or the local telephone company would have big enough profits to suit the Bell Telephone, which owns them, if Chicago people were not pressed for a little more coin and their telephone rates raised.

Because the local telephone company has increased its capital stock from the original \$500,000 to \$87,000,000 and \$5,000,000 more in bonds.

Because the stockholders would not get big enough dividends on this immense stock issue if the people of Chicago were not squeezed.

Therefore the telephone company has the nerve to ask the City Council to raise the rates on the people of Chicago.

The people of Chicago are to be used as sers by the telephone monopoly and the last drop is to be squeezed out of them.

In the meantime it would be well for the aldermen to inquire into the alleged relations, in the past, of certain city officials with the above electrical company, the twin of the local telephone company, both being owned by the Bell monopoly.

The telephone gang want the council to raise the rates on all phones. To abolish all flat phones and make everybody takes measured service. To put a nickel in every phone before connection is made.

Fire Marshal Seyferlich asserted that as practically one-half of the fire and police alarms are received by telephone, he did not favor the general installation of the "pay-in-advance" type of telephone instrument now being placed in various parts of the city by the telephone company.

The telephone company wants the public to pay high rates because of the improvements it has put in the service. If this kind of reasoning holds good, then Marshall Field & Co. and The Fair should charge higher prices for the goods because of the fine buildings and other improvements they have paid for. And on the same

the basis that the ordinary Democratic vote will be cast in addition. An increase of 7 per cent of the vote cast for Governor Densen over that cast

find a way of crossing under or above the river in a way not to interfere with the extension of its margins.

managers in Chicago and has decided



LEWIS RINAKER, Popular Republican Candidate for State's Attorney.