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WATER METER GRAFT.

The water meter graft is bobbing its head up again.

It is proposed to tax every lot in Chicago from \$200 to \$500 for water meters, besides the great expense it will entail upon all users of water.

Chicago has an immense water fund. If part of it was devoted to wards building pumping stations at the lake end of every section line in Chicago there would be no water famine anywhere.

It is astonishing what men the water meter people can influence to their way of thinking.

Some men who ought to know better are talking for water meters.

More than that the "high pressure" scheme is up again.

According to some advocates it will only cost thirty or forty millions of dollars to install meters and a "high pressure" system. The poor will have to pay the cost.

With half this sum additional pumping stations could be built which would more than supply the demand.

A well known engineer who was advocating "high pressure" and water meters said the other day, according to daily papers, that one of the chief troubles in Chicago was the very high consumption of water, which averaged about 2,000 gallons per capita daily, caused largely by waste and underground leakage from broken connections.

As a remedy for waste he recommended water meters. The test of the water pressure made in the loop shows an insufficient pressure, but he said that the city was installing a large number of water mains, none under eight inches, and these would materially improve the pressure.

The health of the city demands plenty of water for everybody.

The installation of meters would limit the consumption of water and raise the price of living on the poor.

Higher rates would have to be charged in the residence districts and tenants would have to pay the water rates after the landlords had paid an exorbitant rate for installing water meters.

This form of graft is particularly objectionable to Chicago people. They will not stand for it.

It hits everybody and it is unnecessary.

EAGLETS.

Congressman Lynden Evans will be reelected by a record-breaking plurality. The voters of the Ninth District are proud of him.

Friends of Congressman Thomas Gallagher predict a handsome vote for him in the Eighth District.

Arthur W. Fulton looks like a sure winner for Congress in the Sixth District. His fine record in the city council is well known to the voters and he is deservedly popular with all classes.

Fred W. Blocki's candidacy for member of the Board of Review is daily growing in strength and every indication points to his election. He enjoys the happy faculty of making friends and keeping them and no candidate before the people enjoys a more widespread popularity.

The one man who is entitled to fill that vacancy in the United States Senate from Illinois is Albert J. Hopkins. The vast majority of the Republicans are with him.

Joseph F. Connery is the right man to elect County Recorder.

Spencer Ward's candidacy for Chief Justice of the Municipal Court should appeal to all good citizens. Mr. Ward has been for years one of Chicago's leading and most successful lawyers. He has always taken an active part in movements that have had for their object the betterment of the city. He

EDITORIAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Pungent Paragraphs on Live Topics, with Some Comment on the Leading Men of the Day.

has been at all times a public spirited citizen. In filling the position of Chief Justice of the Municipal Court the people must select a man big enough for the position, a man who realizes the importance of the position and one who will be able to improve the Municipal Court system. They must also select a man of liberal views, a man who is fully conversant with conditions as they really are in a great cosmopolitan city like Chicago. An able, wide-awake, forceful and liberal man like Spencer Ward would serve in the office with credit to all.

All indications point to the election of Andrew Donovan for Congress in the First District by a big plurality. He has the Democratic voters with him to a man and he will receive a big vote from the Republicans. Mr. Donovan is qualified in every way to sit in the National House of Representatives and he will serve the people there with honor. He is a lawyer with a splendid record to his credit and is able and forceful.

Stephen A. Malato's honest and able record during the time he served in the Illinois Legislature commends his candidacy for Municipal Judge to every good citizen.

Clerk of the Superior Court Charles W. Vail has made a grand record and he deserves a reelection.

Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., has shown himself to be as Clerk of the Circuit Court an honest, able and energetic public official. He will be reelected.

James S. Hopkins, the highly respected lawyer and Master-in-Chancery, is being talked of by his friends for a seat on the bench.

The candidacy of Andrew Donovan for Congress in the First District is daily growing stronger. He enjoys a widespread popularity throughout the district and he will receive the solid Democratic vote along with thousands of Republicans and Independent voters.

In choosing a man for the important position of County Assessor great care should be taken by the voters in selecting the right man. The position is one that demands the services of a man familiar with the tax system of Cook County and who understands throughout the working of it. Charles Krutkoff, Republican nominee for County Assessor, has been for years chief clerk of the board. His record there has been unusually good. It entitles him to a place on the board of assessors.

James M. Dalley is a winner for Sanitary Trustee. He has a clean and able record to his credit and is deservedly popular.

Both as a public spirited citizen and as a financier, Albert G. Wheeler stands high in the estimation of all Chicagoans.

Joseph S. LaBuy should be elected Judge of the Municipal Court. Some more new blood is needed on that bench and Mr. LaBuy is the kind of a man who will administer affairs there the way the people want them.

Robert E. Wilson will be reelected to the Legislature in the Sixth District by a handsome plurality. His clean

and fearless record along with his winning personality has won for him the support of every honest Democrat in the district.

Judge Edward Osgood Brown can at all times point to his long record on the bench and as a lawyer and citizen

bench has made a better impression in the eyes of the people than Judge John R. Caverly. He is the right man in the right place.

Illinois Democrats are proud of Col. James Hamilton Lewis. His splendid loyalty at all times to the party, has made a friend for him of every member of the party, from Cairo to Waukegan, and every one of them is working hard for his election as United States Senator.

Both as an official and as a citizen County Judge John E. Owens is liked and respected by all who come in contact with him.

Stephen A. Malato should be elected Municipal Judge. He is the type of man needed on the bench. Able, straightforward and fearless, he will

prove a worthy judge. Mr. Malato's record as a lawyer, a public official and a citizen is a clean and honorable one. As a member of the Illinois Legislature he proved himself to be a faithful and able representative of the people. The Municipal Voters' League says of him: "Member of Legislature, 1899-1901, where his record was good. His colleagues of that day say he was intelligent and of right purpose." Mr. Malato's splendid success as a lawyer well fits him for a seat on the bench. He has always taken an active part in public affairs and is a lifelong Democrat. He has been a leader of the party in his ward and district and enjoys the confidence of the rank and file. Two years ago he stumped Cook county for the Democratic ticket, making in all forty-six speeches. He always tendered his services free of charge. During the Bryan campaign he managed the Italian department and spoke all over the county. He never received or never asked for any compensation for his work.

Fred W. Blocki deserves your vote for member of the Board of Review.

Spencer Ward will be the next Chief Justice of the Municipal Court bench.

Vote for Lynden Evans for Congress in the Ninth District and be with the winner.

All indications point to the election of Robert E. Wilson to the legislature in the sixth district by an overwhelming plurality. He is popular with all classes throughout the district and is a born campaigner. His grand victory at the primaries, where he received the highest vote cast for the Democratic candidates for the legislature, gained for him a new army of friends. He made a straightforward campaign for the re-nomination and the Democratic voters showed their admiration of him by giving him the highest vote. His candidacy is entitled to the vote of every good citizen in the sixth district.

Benjamin M. Mitchell will receive his usual big plurality for election to the legislature in the Twenty-first district. Only this year it will be bigger.

For County Recorder the Democrats nominated in Joseph F. Connery a man fitted in every way for the position. He should be elected.

Joseph C. Blaha will be triumphantly re-elected to the legislature in the Nineteenth district. He has the hearty support of every good citizen.

Arthur W. Fulton's candidacy for Congress in the sixth district is daily gaining strength. His splendid record in the city council as alderman from the thirteenth ward, along with his successful career as a lawyer, is known to the voters in the district. His grand victory at the primaries after his single-handed campaign won for him thousands of new friends and his election is predicted on all sides. He will prove a worthy representative of the people down at Washington.

Fred Blocki will make an ideal member of the Board of Review. We notice that the big tax dodgers are all against him, but the small taxpayers and common people are with him to a man.

Harry L. Shaver deserves to be re-elected to the legislature in the Thirty-first district. He has during his first term proven his worth to the people. His record shows him to be an aggressive, able and honest public official.

Lynden Evans will receive an enormous plurality for re-election to Congress in the Ninth district. The Democratic voters are with him to a man and he will receive half the Republican vote.

Joseph S. LaBuy will make a splendid Judge of the Municipal Court. His candidacy deserves the support of all good citizens.

One of the best public officials in Cook County is County Assessor Walter E. Schmidt. His re-election is desired by all good citizens.

Joseph S. LaBuy should be elected Municipal Judge. He has a splendid record to his credit as a lawyer and he will make an upright and conscientious judge. Mr. LaBuy was born on a farm near Fox Lake, Wis., in 1878, and was educated in the schools at Fox Lake and at Beaver Dam and Milwaukee. Graduating from the Chicago Kent College of Law, he was admitted to the bar in 1902, and his law practice has been a success from the start. He maintains a suite of offices at 167 North Clark street in the Ashland Block Annex. Mr. LaBuy is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and is secretary of the Lawyers' Association of Illinois. He has always taken an active part in politics and from his first vote been a staunch Democrat. He could always be found working hard for the success of the party. The Democratic voter made a good choice in the selection of Joseph S. LaBuy for nomination for Municipal Judge and his election next November will not be regretted.

Charles Krutkoff, Republican candidate for member of the board of county assessors, deserves to be elected. He is at present chief clerk of the

board and his record there has been a very excellent one. He is acquainted in every way with the workings of the tax system and his election next November will place on the board of assessors one of the best qualified men ever on it. Mr. Krutkoff has been employed in the office of the board of assessors since the present assessment law went into effect in 1899. Has made steady advance since that time from a minor position to that of chief clerk of the board. His continuous employment and advancement during the several administrations of the assessor's office conclusively shows his ability. Mr. Krutkoff was born in Chicago, November 1, 1871. Was educated in the public schools of Chicago. Has lived in the South Town of Chicago all his life—40 years—and in the same neighborhood. He is married and the father of a family of two children. Mr. Krutkoff would serve the taxpayers ably, honestly and fearlessly as member of the board of assessors.

John J. McLaughlin will receive an overwhelming plurality for re-election to the Legislature in the Nineteenth District. The voters are with him to a man.

Both as a judge and as a citizen, John R. Caverly is liked and respected by all who know him.

Edward A. Dicker has made good as Judge of the Municipal Court and he is entitled to a re-election.

Elect Spencer Ward Chief Justice of the Municipal Court.

John E. Maloney, Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, was born in Chicago and has lived all his life here. Energetic, able and popular, he is a splendid type of the successful Chicagoan. It is men like him who know Chicago and Cook County and who have its interests at heart that are needed in public office and his election to the County Board next November is urged. Mr. Maloney was born on August 15, 1876, and has been in the undertaking business for the past fifteen years, at the present time

owning three establishments. He has always taken an active part in the interests of the Democratic party and comes from an old Democratic family. He belongs to many fraternal societies, being a State District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus and also Grand Knight of the LaFayette Council of that order. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, Ancient Order of Hibernians, North American Union, Catholic Order of Foresters, Irish Fellowship Club and the Amphion Singing Club.

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Walter E. Schmidt deserves to be re-elected County Assessor. His record in the board has proven him to be an honest, painstaking and hard-working public official.

Joseph F. Connery deserves to be elected County Recorder. He is qualified in every way for the office and his election will give the people a public official that they will be proud of. Mr. Connery is the kind of a man the people need in public office. He is a man of ability and force of character. He has had an extensive experience in dealings in abstracts and records in connection with real estate and legal matters, which fact makes him especially well fitted for the position of County Recorder of Deeds. Mr. Connery has a splendid record to his credit both as a business man and a citizen. He received the following recommendation from the Municipal Voters' League in its report of April 1, 1909:

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thus saving the city the heavy royalty of about \$20,000.00 usually paid for plans and supervision. The great intercepting sewer along Lake Michigan from 39th street to 71st street was also built under his supervision, and was successfully completed. This was the first great improvement undertaken by the city by direct or day labor, and at its completion had not only saved the city thousands of dollars under the lowest bidder, but there were no law suits nor claims for extras.

Before completing his second term as commissioner of public works he was nominated for the position of city treasurer, and was elected to that office by a large majority at the same time Judge Dunne was elected mayor. When he became city treasurer, the city was receiving only 1 1/2 per cent interest, but before the expiration of his term he had advanced the rate to 3 per cent, which was a greater rate of interest than the city had ever received. During the period that he was city treasurer the police, fire and other departments were always paid promptly, and on one occasion it was necessary for him to personally borrow about \$800,000.00 from the banks to pay the police and firemen before Christmas, as there was no money in the city treasury available for that purpose.

At the end of his term he turned over to the city of Chicago \$234,110.39 net, as interest after all office expenses and his own compensation had been deducted, thus earning for the citizens of Chicago over \$100,000.00 more than had ever been earned during the term of a former city treasurer. He is now actively engaged in the management of John Blocki and son, manufacturers of perfumes, and the Brennan Construction company, general contractors.

He is a member of Cook County Democracy, Chicago Athletic club, Illinois Athletic club, Germania Maennerchor, Chicago Schubert Verein, Iroquois club, Rotary club, Illinois Country club, South Chicago Country club, Glen Oak Country club, Builders' club and Chicago Association of Commerce. He is also an enthusiastic baseball fan, being treasurer of the Rogers Park Baseball and Amusement association, one of the principal semi-pro baseball parks in Chicago.

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