

EDITORIAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

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

In 1881. They have had thirteen children, of whom nine are still living. His past record is a guarantee for the future.

WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL.

William L. O'Connell, who managed and directed the campaign of Edward F. Dunne for governor, has proven himself to be one of the ablest political leaders that Illinois has ever possessed. By his tact and clear headed judgment he kept the candidacy of Judge Dunne free from many pitfalls and dangers that menaced it. The woods were full of hidden enemies. Secret political assassins in his own party were using the knife and advising others to use it. But O'Connell paid no heed to them, and carried on the battle without stirring up the least friction or fomenting any strife. He showed his greatness by paying no attention to the threats of traitors or the whisperings of skulking foes. On the contrary, he carried the banner of Edward F. Dunne aloft, as if no danger hidden or otherwise, threatened it, and carried it to triumphant victory on election day.

The Democratic party and the State of Illinois owe a big debt of gratitude to William L. O'Connell.

EAGLETS.

Compensation for the passageway underneath Washington street recommended for Marshall Field & Co., was fixed by the compensation committee at \$5,000. This is for an 80-foot passageway underneath Washington street, midway between Holden court and Wabash avenue, and for a tunnel adjacent to Holden court. The company's representatives went before the committee and made that offer, which was accepted.

Alderman Victor J. Schaeffer, of the Twenty-second ward, is proving himself to be an able, energetic and wide-awake public official.

In Alderman Frank W. Bowersdorf the people of the Eleventh ward have an honest and able representative in the City Council.

Candidates for city treasurer will be now making their appearance.

Alderman J. E. Clancy, of the Fourteenth ward, is making a clean, able and conscientious record in the City Council.

Claims amounting to \$27,892.65 were presented to the Council finance committee by the Noel Construction Company for difficulties encountered in the construction of the City Hall, and one of the items was for \$2,284.60 for building permits. Attorney George W. Miller explained that when the Noel Company received the contract to build the City Hall it went ahead without the formality of obtaining a building permit. This led the building commissioner to actually halt the work until the permit was obtained, and the delay and the permit cost the Noel Company the amount it seeks to recover from the city.

The big army of friends of Alderman Frank McDonald, of the Thirtieth ward, are pleased at the fine record he is making in the City Council.

Aldermen who retire next April: 1st ward—Michael Kenna, Dem. 2nd ward—George F. Harding, Rep. 3rd ward—A. R. Tearney, Dem. 4th ward—Joseph F. Ryan, Dem. 5th ward—P. J. Carr, Dem. 6th ward—Theodore K. Long, Rep. 8th ward—John R. Emerson, Dem. 9th ward—Chas. E. Reading, Dem. 10th ward—Frank Klaus, Dem. 11th ward—E. F. Cullerton, Dem. 12th ward—W. F. Schultz, Dem. 13th ward—T. J. Ahern, Dem. 14th ward—J. H. Lawley, Rep. 15th ward—Henry Utpatel, Rep. 16th ward—Stanly H. Kunz, Dem. 17th ward—Lewis D. Sitts, Rep. 18th ward—John Brennan, Dem. 19th ward—J. P. Stewart, Rep. 20th ward—John Powers, Dem. 21st ward—D. J. Egan, Dem. 22nd ward—Ellis Geiger, Dem. 23rd ward—V. J. Schaeffer, Dem. 24th ward—Jacob A. Hey, Rep. 25th ward—August Krumholz, Dem. 26th ward—Henry D. Capitain, Rep. 27th ward—W. F. Lipps, Rep. 28th ward—J. N. Hyldahl, Dem. 29th ward—H. E. Littler, Rep. 30th ward—F. B. Janovsky, Dem. 31st ward—Michael McInerney, Dem. 32nd ward—J. A. Kearns, Rep. 33rd ward—H. P. Bergen, Dem. 34th ward—Irwin R. Hazen, Rep. 35th ward—W. F. Ryan, Dem.

Telephone expert number two has handed in his report and has surprised nobody by the conclusions which he draws.

The fact that the report was not presented until the public mind was taken up with a great presidential election, is not an argument in favor of the report or its recommendations. The report itself is a long drawn out white about the dreadful trials and tribulations of the noble telephone company.

The great "expert" who has been getting \$50 a day of the people's money to find out something for them, appears to think that eight per cent per annum of a dividend on twenty-seven million dollars is not enough for the telephone stockholders.

The patrons of the telephone monopoly appear to have been lost in the shuffle.

Who cares for the people anyway? This is the question that one cannot help asking after reading this report. The aldermen have a chance to

lower telephone rates for the next five years.

Will they do it? The aldermen have a chance to knock out the "nickel first" device. Will they do it? The aldermen have a chance to check the ravages of the telephone trust in Chicago. Will they do it?

Alderman George Pretzel, of the Twenty-sixth ward, is one of the most active and popular members of the City Council.

The Second ward has an able and energetic representative in the City Council in Alderman Hugh Norris.

Following are the officers of the United States Brewers' Association: Jacob Ruppert, Jr., president, 1639 Third avenue, New York City.

William Hamm, first vice-president, Minnehaha and Greenbriar avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Edward A. Schmidt, second vice-president, 127 Edward street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Gustave Pabst, third vice-president, 917 Chestnut street, Milwaukee, Wis.

Anton C. G. Hupfel, 229 East 38th street, New York City.

Hugh F. Fox, secretary, 109 East 15th street, New York City.

Trustees: Edward Ruhl, Boston, Mass.; Herman Straub, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Rudolf Brand, Chicago, Ill.; Albert Curry, Washington, D. C.;

Charles Wiedeman, Newport, Ky.; Rudolph J. Schaefer, New York City; Julius Liebmann, Brooklyn, N. Y.;

August W. Woelken, Philadelphia, Pa.; Percy Andrade, Chicago, Ill.;

Anthony Schreiber, Buffalo, N. Y.;

August Fitter, Duluth, Minn.;

Joseph Uhllein, Milwaukee, Wis.;

Adam Mueller, Portland, Ore.;

Julius Stroh, Detroit, Mich.;

William J. Lemp, St. Louis, Mo.;

Frank Fehl, Louisville, Ky.;

G. L. Becker, Ogden, Utah.;

S. B. Fleming, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Chairmen of committees: John Gardner, vigilance committee, Philadelphia, Pa.;

A. G. Hupfel, Jr., publication committee, New York City;

Louis B. Schram, labor committee, Brooklyn, N. Y.;

James R. Nicholson, advisory committee, Boston, Mass.;

E. A. Faust, crop improvement committee, St. Louis, Mo.;

C. W. Feigen-span, committee on transportation and rates, Newark, N. J.;

August Goebel, Jr., membership committee, Detroit, Mich.;

Robert Crain, counsel, Baltimore, Md.

Following are the United States Malsters' Association officers: B. F. Hales, president, Chicago, Ill.;

Frederick Vullmah, vice-president, Chicago, Ill.;

C. E. Romer, treasurer, Kenosha, Wis.;

R. W. Caldwell, secretary, 1104 Farwell Trust Bldg., Chicago.

Following are the United States Brewmasters' Association officers and trustees:

Wm. Carthaus, president, St. Louis.

Carl Faller, first vice-president, Cleveland, O.

John Eisenbeis, second vice-president, Chicago.

Marcus Maegerlein, secretary, Chicago.

Fritz Schoeller, treasurer, Chicago.

Trustees: Jacob Andrae, Cincinnati;

Otto Rosenbush, Detroit;

Hartwig Harders, Milwaukee;

Geo. W. Sells, Elizabeth, N. J.;

Wm. Hipp, Philadelphia;

Louis Ritschel, Philadelphia;

Otto Doer, Louisville, Ky.;

Gottfried Widmer, New York;

John Biesinger, Pittsburgh;

Chas. Wieland, Pittsburgh;

Carl Wanke, Baltimore;

Geo. Zimmerman, Cleveland;

John A. Kayan, New York;

Max Hoeft, Albany, N. Y.;

Aug. W. Bramm, Buffalo, N. Y.

Alderman John Toman, of the Thirtieth ward, is daily adding to his popularity by his good record in the City Council.

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 for the carrying on of their business, sufficient to cover the amount of their deposits, and sound and substantial enough to thoroughly protect their depositors.

There can be no question as to the right and the justice of the city to exercise such power under a properly constructed charter provision. If the city has the right to regulate plumbers, to regulate engineers, to regulate the electrical business, to regulate pawnbrokers and the scores of other business enterprises and industries over which it exercises unquestioned supervising powers, it certainly has a perfect right to regulate the banking business, which is of far more importance than anything in the line of business in the city, because upon the legitimate and honest business methods of these

institutions depends the welfare of the entire city in its business and commercial life, while methods of a contrary kind indulged in by small, irresponsible speculative concerns only results in failures that involve injuriously the interests of the entire community. How often have we seen it that the failure of one of these little banks, started upon insecure and irresponsible foundations, and hooded by fraudulent and false representations, have dragged down to ruin hundreds of good, hard-working, thrifty and deserving citizens. The licenses issued by the examining board, which, of course, should be composed of responsible citizens and able financiers, should be of a character that would be absolutely prohibitive of all schemes and projects for the establishment of phony concerns of this kind.

This would be welcomed by all sound and responsible banking houses, whether private or national.

Alderman John Czeka is pleasing the citizens of the Sixteenth ward by the fine record he is making in the City Council.

The proposed extension of the terms of office of aldermen and other city officials to four years should be beaten in the legislature. The object is to remove these officials as far from the people as possible.

If the Recall was part of the Constitution, it would not make much difference how long an official's term was. They could be recalled at any time. Until the Recall is adopted, the shorter the term of office the better for the people.

The Telephone Trust is the most grinding of the many trusts that exist in the United States.

It snuffs out competition by the power of its money and the people are like so many serfs to be used at its own beck and call.

The rising tide of indignation will never subside until the whole Telephone Trust and its aides and abettors are punished.

Alderman John H. Helwig's fine record in the City Council is a credit to himself and the people of the Seventh ward who elected him.

On page 31 of the annual report of the Bell Telephone system for 1912 we find the following ingenious statement excusing the raising of rates:

"Wherever these rates have been increased it has been done by and with the consent of the subscribers to the exchanges, and with the direct authority or acquiescence of the public authorities."

This is certainly good. It would be a safe guess to say that the "consent of the subscribers" was never asked but that rates were raised "with the direct authority or acquiescence of the public authorities."

Are the public authorities of the city of Chicago going to acquiesce in a raise of telephone rates?

Alderman Bradshaw, of the Thirtieth ward, is making the excellent record in the City Council that every one of his friends predicted he would make.

It is about time that the state of Illinois came to the rescue of the people and passed a law prohibiting the misuse of the name bank.

As matters stand at present, anyone with money enough to hire and equip a store can paint the name bank on the front windows and solicit and receive deposits without let or hindrance.

Every year hundreds of people lose their savings through the failure or collapse of one or more of these wildcat institutions.

Legitimate banks which are in themselves a guarantee of security, are passed by by thousands of simple and gullible people who are charmed by the advertisements and cunning allurement of men who never did any legitimate banking and who never intended to do any.

The Chicago Eagle has often referred to this matter before and it again urges upon the legislature and upon men who are seeking seats in the general assembly, the necessity for passing a law protecting legitimate banks and prohibiting illegitimate ones.

Alderman Joseph A. Swift, of the Thirtieth ward, is showing by his good record in the City Council that he is the right man in the right place.

CITY OFFICES—NEW CITY HALL.

City Architect. Tenth floor, South end.

Board of Election Commissioners. Third floor, South end.

Charles H. Kellerman, Anthony Czarnacki, Howard S. Taylor, William H. Stuart, chief clerk, Charles H. Mitchell, attorney.

Board of Examiners. Motor vehicle operators, 10th floor, North end.

Moving picture operators, 10th floor, North end.

Plumbers, 10th floor, North end. Stationary engineers, 10th floor, North end.

Board of Inspectors of public vehicles, 3d floor, North end.

Board of Local Improvements. General offices, 2d floor, South end. Public hearing rooms, 1st floor, North end.

Law department, 2d floor, South end.

Boiler inspection. Sixth floor, South end.

Building Department. Seventh floor, North end.

Bridge Division. Fourth floor, North end.

Business Agent. Vault floor, North end.

City Attorney. Sixth floor, North end.

City Clerk. City Clerk. First floor, South end.

City Collector. First floor, South end.

City Comptroller. General office, 5th floor, North end. Auditor, 5th floor, North end.

Paymaster, 5th floor, North end. Real estate agent, 5th floor, North end.

City Council. Council chamber, 2d floor, North end.

General committee-rooms, 2d floor, North end.

Committee on finance, 2d floor, North end.

Committee on local transportation, 3d floor.

Special park commission, 10th floor, North end.

City Electrician. Sixth floor, Center.

City Hall. Superintendent, 3d floor, North end. Chief janitor, 3d floor, North end.

City Sealer. Vault floor, South end.

City Statistician. Tenth floor, Center.

City Treasurer. Second floor, Center.

Civil Service Commission. General offices, 6th floor, South end. Examining-room, 10th floor, Center.

Bureau of Compensation. Vault floor, South end.

Corporation Counsel. Fifth floor, South end.

Bureau of Engineering (City Engineer). Fourth floor, North end.

Department of Electricity. Sixth floor, Center.

Finance Committee. Second floor, North end.

Fire Department. Fire marshal, 1st floor, North end. Fire alarm telegraph, 6th floor, Center.

Firemen's pension fund, secretary of board of trustees (city clerk), 1st floor, South end.

Bureau of Gas Inspection. Vault floor, South end.

Inspector of Oils. Tenth floor, South end.

Harbor Division. Fourth floor, North end.

Department of Health. Commissioner of health, 7th floor. Bureau of food inspection, 7th floor. Bureau of sanitary inspection, 7th floor.

Bureau of contagious diseases, 7th floor.

Bureau of vital statistics, 7th floor.

Department of Law. Corporation counsel, 5th floor, South end.

City attorney, 6th floor, North end. Prosecuting attorney, 6th floor, North end.

Special assessment attorney, 3d floor, South end.

Local Transportation Committee. Third floor, North end.

Local Transportation (Traction Department). Third floor, North end.

Bureau of Maps and Plans. Fourth floor, North end.

Mayor's Office. Fifth floor, North end.

Mayor's Office. Fifth floor, Center.

Municipal Court—New City Hall. Courtrooms, 8th, 9th and 11th floors.

Citizens of the Twentieth ward are proud of the able and clean record being made in the City Council by their alderman, Hugo L. Pitte.

We take the following from page 24 of the "Report on the Causes of Municipal Corruption in San Francisco as disclosed by the investigations of the Oliver grand jury and the prosecution of certain persons for bribery and other offenses against the state," made by a committee appointed by the mayor of that city and published by order of the board of supervisors, city and county of San Francisco, January 5, 1910:

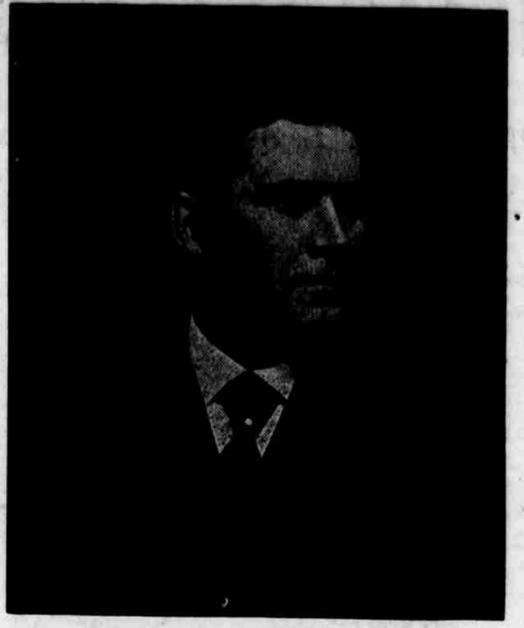
"The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company bribed the Supervisors to prevent the Home Telephone Company or any other organization from obtaining a telephone franchise in San Francisco. No attack of any kind on the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was threatened by the Supervisors, and the sole purpose of the crime was to maintain a profit which might be cut by the competition of business rivals. The Supervisors were paid in all over \$50,000. The managing committee of the board of directors of the company swore before the Grand Jury that they did not know how the funds were procured for the bribery."

This report was signed by William Kent, formerly a well known alderman and reformer of Chicago and six other members of the committee appointed by the mayor of San Francisco, Oct. 12, 1908.

Alderman Melville G. Holding, of the Thirty-second ward, is a conservative, able and hard-working public official.

The people demand cheaper telephones.

Meeting hours for City Council committees are as follows: Monday—Streets and alleys, 2 o'clock; buildings, 3:30 o'clock. Tuesday—Schools and police, 11 o'clock; harbors, wharves and bridges, 2 o'clock; local industries, 2 o'clock. Wednesday—Special park commission, 10:30 o'clock; health, 2 o'clock.



WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL, Able and Hard-working Campaign Manager for Edward F. Dunne.

local transportation, 2 o'clock; track elevation, 3:30 o'clock. Thursday—Gas, oil and electric light, 2 o'clock; license, 3:30 o'clock; water, 3:30 o'clock. Friday—Compensation, 11 o'clock; judiciary, 2 o'clock; finance, 2 o'clock; bathing beaches, 3:30 o'clock. Chairman Block of the local transportation committee named the following subcommittees: Street Car Service Complaint—

the Elevated Road's Valuation Commission—Block, Richert, Lipps, Long.

The enormous dividends paid to its stockholders by the Telephone Trust are wrung from the pockets of the people by excessive telephone charges.

Telephone rates must be reduced and in time they will be.

The fact that one city council will barter away the people's rights is no



JOSEPH C. BLAHA, Re-Elected to the Legislature.

Northwest Side—Twigg, Hyldahl, Clancy, North Side—Capitain, Lipps, Southwest Side—Schultz, Donahoe, Stewart, South Side—Fisher, Bergen, Carr.

Committee on Wilmette Extension of the Northwestern Elevated Railroad—Block, Twigg, Schultz, Fisher, Capitain.

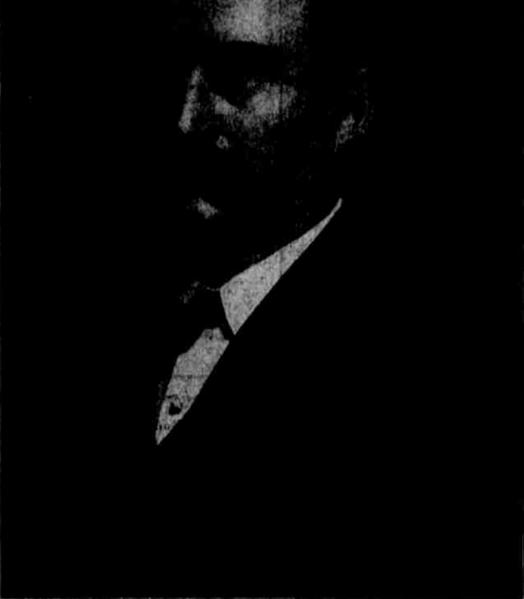
Through Routes—Block, Lipps, Healy.

Committee to Keep in Touch With

reason why succeeding councils should do the same.

The fight for cheaper telephone service will go on until it is won.

The proposition to elect aldermen for four years is a bad one. Good aldermen can be re-elected every two years. While four years is too long to wait to get a crack at a man who betrays the people's interests.



PETER M. HOFFMAN, Re-elected Coroner.