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TO BETTER TRACTION SERVICE.

The city officials are holding several cards which they will play should the surface companies refuse to get together and give the public the benefit of unified operation.

It is known that the Chicago City Railway Company is ready to enter the deal, but opposition is expected from the Chicago Railway Company.

It is the intention of Alderman Block, should the present merger negotiations fail, to have the board of supervising engineers work out a system of through routes that will send through three-fourths of the cars that now loop back in the downtown district.

John C. Werdell, the popular Twenty-second ward Democratic leader, is in line for election to the County Board.

THOSE WATER METERS.

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.

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.

In James Hamilton Lewis Illinois had a representative in the United States Senate that she can always point to with pride.

Thirty-third warders can be proud of Alderman Irwin R. Hazen. He is one of the best and hardest working members of the City Council.

Judge Harry P. Dolan is making the fine record to the Municipal Court bench that every one of his friends knew he would make.

Alderman William J. Healy is making an excellent record in the City Council. The Eighteenth ward can be proud of him.

The Local Industries Committee considered an ordinance last Tuesday to vacate streets and alleys in the district bounded by 59th and 75th streets and 40th and 48th avenues for the purpose of a terminal yard to be used by the Belt Railway of Chicago.

Representatives of the railroad explained that this was the first step in establishing a comprehensive terminal freight yard which would eliminate the handling of through freight in the downtown district.

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EDITORIAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

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

Schools, Fire, Police and Civil Service in respect to the pending examinations for detective sergeants. The police reorganization ordinance directs that the examinations be prepared by the commission in conjunction with the Civil Service Committee of the Council.

Albert J. Hopkins' big host of friends in Illinois are predicting his election by the people to succeed United States Senator Sherman. Now that the people will have the right to elect the Senators themselves, former Senator Hopkins' chances look bright.

C. Helmer Johnson is being talked of by many of his big army of friends for Congress. Mr. Johnson is one of the ablest lawyers and most popular men in Chicago.

The County Commissioners and the committee of expert investigators appointed by President McCormick made a tour of the buildings of the new County Hospital on Tuesday. The investigation resulted from charges that the brick work was bad and that the building would fall.

After consideration of the difficulties that must be overcome by the city in acquiring the site for a new garbage reduction plant at South 46th avenue and the Drainage canal the City Council finance committee at its meeting Monday again ordered the Commissioner of Public Works to advertise for bids for the plant.

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These other members of the department were given honorable mention for bravery. These are: John T. Moynihan, lieutenant of hook and ladder company No. 1; winner of the medal in 1911.

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delegation of fifty men and women, who protested against the construction of a switch track across 45th avenue between 13th and 14th streets. The committee deferred action.

P. J. Hamler, the popular and well-known boiler manufacturer, is talked of for Sheriff by many Democrats.

Stephen A. Malato is making a splendid record as Assistant State's Attorney. He is a man of high character, able and forceful. He would make a fine Judge.

That more than fifty hospitals in Chicago are non-fireproof, and that in case of serious fire they would prove to be veritable deathtraps to the helpless patients, were statements made by E. F. Kelling, chief of the Bureau of Annual Inspection, in a letter to Building Commissioner Ericsson.

Mr. Kelling recommended an amendatory ordinance abolishing all non-fireproof hospitals, and Mr. Ericsson said that he would confer with Mayor Harrison upon the matter immediately upon the latter's return from Springfield. It has been pointed out to the commissioner that many of the institutions affected are conducted charitably, and that action against these would be unjust.

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Taxpayers are not looking with any relish upon the efforts of certain reformers to have legislation passed that will raise taxes. They are carrying a pretty heavy load as it is without adding any excess baggage.

Walter E. Schmidt, the popular former County Assessor, is being strongly talked of by Republicans for County Treasurer. A better man could not be had for that position. As a public official Mr. Schmidt proved himself to be at all times an honest and faithful servant of the people.

No man in Illinois stands higher in the estimation of the people than former United States Senator Albert J. Hopkins.

The strike breakers sent to Boston from Chicago by the Phone Trust are back here pulling for the high rate telephone ordinance. The Boston strike failed on account of the pets of Chicago aldermen arriving there in such force.

The next big fight commences right away. Petitions for all the big county offices to be filled next year must be filed within nine months. This includes congressmen, legislators, sheriff, county treasurer, county clerk, Probate, County and other judges, and clerks of their courts.

Charles S. Thornton, the well known attorney who made one of the best Corporation Counsels Chicago ever had, would make a splendid Federal Judge.

Judge John K. Prindiville is making a splendid record on the Municipal Court bench. He is an able, broad-minded and just judge.

Jobs for jobless is a great Democratic battle cry until the election is won. Then the new job holders shake their friends.

The city should take possession of the Chicago Railways lines and give the public good service.

Judge Charles M. Walker is mentioned by many for appointment to a seat on the Federal bench. President Wilson couldn't make a better selection.

Both as a judge and a citizen John R. Caverly is liked by everybody who knows him.

John J. Coburn would make an able and fearless District Attorney for Northern Illinois.

North Siders demand better elevated service.

Phone Trust Aldermen oppose the initiative and referendum. Do you blame them?

North Side elevated service is a joke.

George K. Schmidt, the well known and well liked former County Commissioner and Alderman, is talked of by many for County Treasurer.

Chicago gives to its people the poorest water service of any city in the world for the money they pay for it. With an exhaustless body of fresh water at her door Chicago is constantly talking about installing water meters in every flat and in every home to stop "waste." This is in the face of the fact that the enormous surplus in the water fund is constantly being appropriated to meet other expenses of the city government instead of being used to extend and build up the water system. Water meters in every flat in Chicago would bring on a pestilence in this big city in a short time.

The fellows who are shouting for water meters are grafters.

Every man who talks of water meters or water waste in the homes of Chicago should be charged as a public enemy.

The people cannot have too much water.

To limit its use means pestilence and disease.

New York goes 168 miles for fresh water and the great aqueduct which carries it to her people cost over \$500,000,000. It is one of the marvels of modern times and ranks alongside of the Panama Canal as one of the wonders of the world.

Liverpool, England, is supplied with fresh water by an aqueduct which brings a supply from Wales and yet there is no talk of "waste" over there. Other European cities go even farther for their supply of water.

But Chicago, with an abundance at hand, is always howling about "waste." Who is behind this water meter graft anyway?

An enormous sum was diverted from the water fund this winter to supply the wants of other city departments as you can learn from the recom-

mendations of the finance committee to the city council in the printed council reports.

If the water fund was properly used, a pumping station could be built at the lake end of every section line in the city.

If this was done you would hear no more about "water waste" and the necessity for meters in every house.

Brother Bemis has a queer way of figuring things. The "Expert" apparently sympathizes with the poor Phone Trust, because his recommendation if adopted will keep the public from getting any money back when their guarantee fund is more than exceeded by the nickels in the slot.

The expert said that where advantage is taken of the price of calls in addition to the guarantee of one call a day, the subscriber must give up the right to a refund of cash paid when his coin box receipts fall below the guarantee one month and go above it the following month. He computed the total effect of this reduction as \$73,000, although he qualified by saying a less number of subscribers than he figured might accede to the nickel first condition.

Cyril R. Jandus, the popular lawyer and former State Senator, is being mentioned by many Democrats for Sheriff in 1914.

Frank H. Novak, the popular attorney, has always been an active worker for the success of the Democratic party at the polls. His friends will not stop until they place him where he belongs, on the bench.

John C. Paul, the well-known business man and North Side Democrat, is strongly talked of for member of the Board of Review.

CITY OFFICES-NEW CITY HALL.

City Architect. Tenth floor, South end. Board of Election Commissioners. Third floor, South end. Charles H. Kellerman. Anthony Casarock. Howard S. Taylor. William H. Stuart, chief clerk. Charles E. 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, 2d 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.

Beller 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. 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, 2d floor, North end. Special park commission, 10th floor, North end.

City Electrician. Sixth floor, Center. City Mail. Superintendent, 2d floor, North end. Chief janitor, 2d floor, North end. City Sealer. Vault floor, South end. City Statistician. Tenth floor, North end. 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 Council. Fifth floor, South end. Bureau of Engineering (City Engineer). Fourth floor, North end. Department of Electricity. Sixth floor, Center.

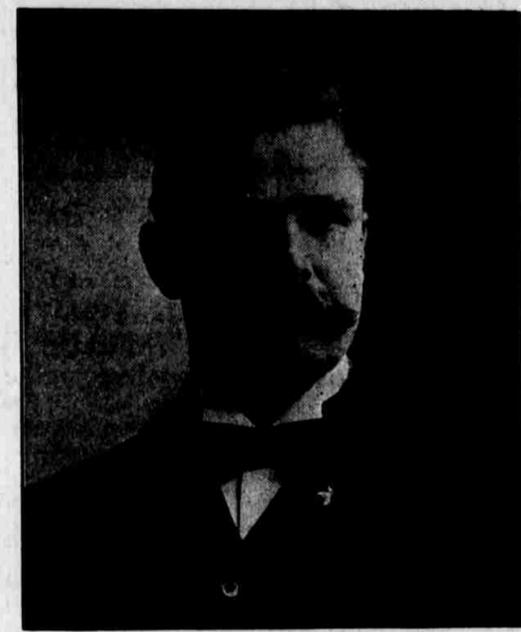
Finance Committee. Second floor, North end. Fire Department. Fire marshal, 1st floor, North end. Fire alarm telegraph, 6th floor, Center. Firemen's pension fund, secretary of board of trustees (city clerk), 1st floor, South end.

Bureau of Gas Inspection. Vault floor, South end. Inspector of Cills. 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.



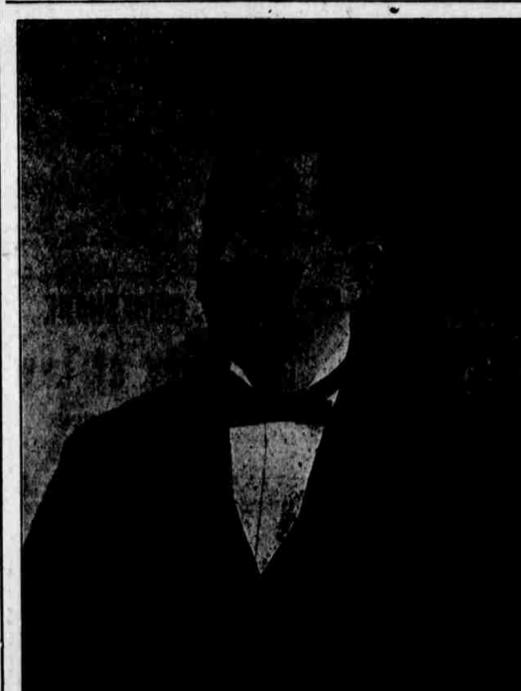
ELBRIDGE HANEY. Prominent Lawyer and Citizen.

Department of Law. Corporation counsel, 5th floor, South end. City attorney, 6th floor, North end. Prosecuting attorney, 6th floor, North end. Special assessment attorney, 2d floor, South end. Local Transportation Committee. Third floor, North end. Local Transportation (Traction Department). Third floor, North end. sion, 10:30 o'clock; health, 2 o'clock; local transportation, 2 o'clock; track elevation, 2:30 o'clock. Thursday—Gas, oil and electric light, 2 o'clock; license, 2:30 o'clock; water, 2:30 o'clock. Friday—Compensation, 11 o'clock; judiciary, 2 o'clock; finance, 2 o'clock; bathing beaches, 2:30 o'clock. Chairman Block of the local transportation committee named the following subcommittees: Street Car Service Complaint-



FRED L. WILK. Vice President Union Trust Company.

Bureau of Maps and Plans. Fourth floor, North end. Mayor's Office. Fifth floor, Center. Municipal Court—New City Hall. Courtrooms, 5th, 9th and 11th floors. Meeting hours for City Council committees are as follows: Monday—Streets and alleys, 2 o'clock; buildings, 2:30 o'clock. Tuesday—Schools and police, 11 o'clock; harbors, wharves and bridges, 2 o'clock; local industries, 2 o'clock. Wednesday—Special park commis-



CHARLES J. VOPICKA. Popular Chicagoan, Talked of for Minister to Bulgaria, Serbia and Roumania.