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HOW IS IT, OWEN?

Is the Man Paid by Oklahoma to Represent It in the Senate Hired to Stir Up Trouble in Illinois?

Record Made by the Morgan County Know Nothings Against Men with "Foreign" Names, Regardless of Party, Opens Our Eyes.

Owen of Oklahoma and Owen of Morgan County May Be the Same Kind of Ducks for All We Know,

Although Owen of Oklahoma Says that He Is Opposed to All Monopolies and Owen of Morgan County Wants Phone Monopoly.

What does this man Owen who is a United States Senator from Oklahoma do to earn his salary as a senator?

This question comes naturally to Illinoisans, because Owen's principal occupation seems to be his interference in matters which concern Illinois alone.

Every time we read of him he is making a speech somewhere in Illinois against Roger C. Sullivan's candidacy for Senator. In an interview after making a speech in a West Side church Sunday night he is quoted as saying that the Senators at Washington had not yet taken the Illinois Senatorship matter up.

Well what do you think of that? The people of Illinois cannot elect a Senator until the matter is passed upon by a lot of men who are not residents of the state and who are paid to represent the interests of some other state.

Prohibition Billy Bryan is not so much to blame because he formerly lived in the prohibition and Know Nothing County of Morgan in Illinois and had as his pals men named after Know Nothing and other narrow people generally.

We have referred to Bryan's Morgan county pals elsewhere in this issue of The Eagle.

Owen Thompson of Morgan county is now called by some, Telephone Owney, on account of the very unpopular opinion he rendered the other day as a Utility Man in denying the right of telephone competition in Illinois and thus upholding the Telephone Trust Monopoly now grinding the people of the state. His record both as to candidates and measures will be closely watched.

The two Owens, Owen of Oklahoma and Owen Thompson of Morgan county are two fine ducks to keep track of. The Chicago Eagle will keep track of them and its fifty thousand readers will be enlightened as to their movements.

They are certainly star performers as reformers.

But while Busy Body Owen of Oklahoma like Morgan County Owen Thompson, is said to be opposed to Chicago candidates for office, the Oklahoma pay roll hero does not appear to agree with Telephone Monopoly Thompson on the Monopoly question. Sunday evening, Senator Owen spoke before the West Side Sunday Night Club in the Third Presbyterian church, Ashland boulevard and Ogden avenue.

"When we have popular government we can remove the great monopolies," he said. "We want to enthrone the conscience and the intelligence of men and women," he said. "It is your duty to elect those who will really represent you in the courts, the House and the Senate. The direct election of Senators is the only means by which your interests and the interests of the state and nation will be upheld."

If that isn't a knock at Telephone Owen of Illinois, we don't know what a knock is.

There is something very peculiar about the Bill Bryan alliance in Illinois. Judging from the official records of elections held in their stronghold, Morgan county, in the past, Americans whose ancestors did not come over in the Mayflower are taboed down there no matter what politics they profess.

Telephone Owney Thompson's county, Morgan, in which Jacksonville is

located, has always given it to Chicagoans—in the neck. That is, Chicagoans whose names are not carved on Plymouth Rock.

This is the county where the Democratic bosses are—Telephone Owen Thompson and Millard Fillmore Dunlap, who was called after the Know Nothing candidate for President in 1856.

Governor Dunne in 1912 was only given 286 votes for Governor at the primary out of 2,230 Democratic votes cast. The vote stood: Caldwell, 1,283; Alechuler, 588; Dunne, 286; Dickson, 73. At the regular election Dunne only received 3,254 votes against 3,993 cast for Old Boy Bryan, a Thompson-Dunlap pet, in 1908, four years before.

But talking about the narrow prejudice of the Owen Thompson-Millard Fillmore Dunlap county of Morgan, the vote for State Treasurer in 1906 takes the cake. The Republican candidate was John F. Smulski, a highly respected American of Polish ancestry. The Democratic candidate was Piotrowski, an American of Polish ancestry.

How do you suppose this Bill Bryan-Owen Thompson-Millard Fillmore Dunlap county voted at this election, in November, 1906? Here is the answer:

Smulski, Republican, 1,636; Piotrowski, Democrat, 1,999; Allin, Prohibitionist, 4,132.

The Know Nothing gang down there preferred the Prohibitionist to honest Chicago men whose nationality and ancestry they did not like.

The closer you look at this Bryan gang in Illinois, the smaller they look. Morgan was Bryan's old "home county" in Illinois, before he "flew the coop." Thompson and Dunlap are his Illinois pals.

Sullivan is gaining in strength every day. The Sherman House banquet hall was filled on Tuesday night with German-Americans of all parties and of all factions of the Democratic party. The banquet was announced to be "in honor of Roger C. Sullivan, tendered by some of his German friends." William G. Legner was toastmaster, and among the speakers were William H. Rehm, Alex. Reichmann, president of the Iroquois Club, and John S. Hummer.

The candidate for the Democratic nomination for senator was the only man present not of German birth or parentage.

"Why am I a candidate for senator?" asked Mr. Sullivan in opening his address. "For years I framed my life with the idea that I never would aspire to public office. During that time I took an interest in politics. I did so because I believe it the duty of every citizen to do so. The tendency of the government is more and more to affect the life of the citizen, and it is the duty of the men of the nation to see that their business affairs are not placed in the hands of the idle rich and the idle poor, the men who are in political life what the quack doctors are in their profession, who advertise cures for all human ills—for a financial consideration."

"Now we have a man in the white house who above all things is a man of accomplishments. In the first year of his administration he has done more than any of the men who preceded him did in their entire terms. He is a man whose promises are good.

President Wilson promised to revise the tariff and revise it downward. The same promise was made by his immediate predecessor. It was made by the man who preceded his predecessor. We know how their promises were kept and how President Wilson's was kept.

"The president today possesses the confidence of the American people, irrespective of parties, because he says what he believes and he believes what he says.

"With such a man in the white

above reproach. My reputation may have suffered in the days that have gone by, but I know what my character is and I am willing that the full light of day should beat upon it. I will tell you that I know that no man can truthfully say that Roger C. Sullivan was ever guilty of a dishonorable act."

The Phone Service has become noticeably insolent of late. We wonder whether this is because the people have been sold out and phone competition destroyed?

Vote against the 4-year terms for Aldermen.

Most of the proposed bond issues deserve to be defeated this spring.

To give an Alderman a 4-year term means an abdication of the voters' rights which they can exercise every two years now.

The Monopoly Club, which is the friend of the Telephone Trust and the foe of phone competition and low prices, is in luck. The Monopoly Club is otherwise known as the Illinois Utilities Commission. The financial condition of the State Utilities Commission is considerably improved as a result of the conclusion reached by state officials that the unexpended balance in the treasury of the now defunct railroad and warehouse commission can be taken over and used by the Utilities Commission. The balance is about \$40,000, and will give the new commission approximately \$100,000 with which to carry on its work for the first year. It will be necessary for the next Legislature to make an increased appropriation to the new commission, as the present appropriation just covers the salaries of the members.

The City Council Monday night by a unanimous vote requested the Board of Election Commissioners not to include the initial subway proposition on the April ballot.

This action was taken on a resolution offered by Alderman Captain following a report that the board proposed to print the proposition.

The Captain's resolution, as approved, reminds the Election Commissioners that the Local Transportation committee of the Council failed to agree on the necessary enabling ordi-

PHONE SLAVES

Aldermen Will Give Away Phone Equipment Belonging to the People to Help Phone Trust Tighten Its Grip.

The Fight for United States Senator, State and County Treasurer and for Mayor Fully Under Way.

Gossip from Individuals and Parties About Men in the Race and What They Are Doing for Their Country.

Items of Interest About People in Public Life and the Ambitions of Both Them and the Men Behind Them.

Chicago Aldermen propose to rob the people of this city of 83 miles of underground tunnels, not to mention cars and other equipments. They propose to rob the people of Chicago in addition of a five million dollar up to date automatic telephone system.

When the City Council years ago gave the Illinois Telephone and Tunnel Company a franchise, it did so

all of this valuable property to the Phone Trust.

This is a crime. How much were the Aldermen paid for committing this crime?

A big civic organization aided by a reputable detective agency has been at work for some time on a matter that is likely to engage the attention of the Grand Jury at no distant date.

Can a man who has registered and voted in Chicago under an assumed name for years escape punishment for perjury and for illegal voting?

If not, the penitentiary yawns for a number of fellows who are alleged to have been guilty of these crimes year after year for a long time.

The deed, if committed, was deliberate, with intent to deceive and the public records will show the facts clear enough for any grand or petit jury. For an honest man desiring to change his name for an honest motive would obtain legal authority to do so, before voting under an alias and swearing to it.

One of the suspects is at present an employe of the Sheriff's office.

Another one is a brother of the person above described and conducts a questionable "informers bureau," under an alias, by means of which he coaxes money out of suckers for alleged views as to men and things furnished to order.

While one of these alleged offenders was holding an official position in a Democratic county organization, the brother with the alias, was around knocking Democratic organizations and Democratic workers and leaders, and telling the suckers who paid him for it, how little he knew about people engaged in legitimate and well established lines of business. But with this kind of graft the public has little to do. It is when men violate election laws, that should be sacred, that the people demand justice.

When Mr. Zimmer was elected Sheriff, for some inscrutable reason, never known to many Democrats, he appointed this twopenny ne embalmner, who is jocularly known as "The Tape-worm" around the Court House, to a good place.

Between the "informers bureau" and the Sheriff's office, this delectable couple cover much territory to the advantage of themselves and their schemes, both under assumed names.

A prominent criminal lawyer to whom the question as to the right of these two ducks to vote under assumed names, was referred, said:

"If a man is born in Germany with the family surname of Kaiser, or Herzog, he cannot come to the United States and vote and do business lawfully under the assumed name of Emperor or Duke. He could not claim the right of translation because Kaiser or Herzog are surnames in this case and not titles. He must go into court and have his name changed to Emperor or Duke legally. If persons born abroad were permitted to translate the name they bore in the fatherland to what they thought it meant in English, there would be a nice mix-up. Laws would be defied; family ties could not be traced and the proper identification of the person would be lost. It would be contrary to public policy and to the laws of nations. If the informers' bureau man or his brother, the Sheriff's employe have been voting and holding

office under assumed names, they can be punished for illegal voting and sent to the penitentiary for perjury. There have been several convictions in cases of this kind and conviction would surely follow indictment. The appointments of men to office under assumed names, are void. Their conviction for illegal voting under the assumed name and perjury would surely follow their indictments and an appeal for change of name at this late date would not save them from punishment for felonies committed."

Kaiser is German for Emperor; Herzog is German for Duke; Koenig is German for King, and Graf is German for Count, indicating rank.

The lawyer might have added, while talking of names that might be construed into a title, that a man who was born with the surname of Koenig or Graf would have no right to take the title of King or Count in this country, and use it as a name to vote and hold office and do business under, without asking permission of the courts. Such a man would certainly have no right to register under the name of King or Count if his lawful surname was Koenig or Graf.

Candidates for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator were called upon Sunday by the Cook County Democracy to declare that they would support the nominee of the party selected at the direct primaries.

Those who refused to subscribe to the pledge to support the party nominee were requested to withdraw from the party at this time instead of waiting until after the primaries.

Independent candidates for Alderman in the various wards have been busy all week circulating their petitions.

It usually is a difficult task getting enough signatures for an independent petition, although this year it is somewhat easier because of the fact that women can sign the documents. An independent petition must contain 5 per cent of the total number of votes cast at the last election in the ward. No person who voted at the recent primary can sign an independent petition. This means that canvassers are forced to check off the names of persons who are eligible to sign and visit them at their homes to get their signatures.

The number of signatures required in the various wards follows:

Ward	Ward	Ward
1.....312	13.....514	25.....547
2.....394	14.....422	26.....527
3.....415	15.....494	27.....513
4.....290	16.....256	28.....456
5.....372	17.....219	29.....385
6.....421	18.....490	30.....304
7.....531	19.....212	31.....482
8.....342	20.....210	32.....544
9.....369	21.....403	33.....534
10.....259	22.....283	34.....507
11.....307	23.....499	35.....482
12.....384	24.....308	

Besides petitions in circulation for about twenty independent candidates in as many wards, there is a petition in circulation in each ward for a Prohibition candidate, the Prohibitionists not having polled enough votes at elections to remain a primary party under the law.

Local Option is a cowardly subterfuge of the Prohibitionists.



THOMAS A. SMYTH. Popular President of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

house it is recognized more and more that the truth is the most important thing in politics today. So with the hour at hand when the truth is to prevail as it never prevailed before, with a direct primary and a direct election of United Senators—a true expression of the people's will—I have chosen to become a candidate for United States senator.

"I do so because I have the confidence that I have been faithful to everything I have undertaken; because I believe that my character is

nance, which the proposal specifically states must be passed by the Council before its submission.

Mr. Captain spoke briefly in support of the resolution. He said it would be unfair to print the initial proposition on the ballot in view of the Council's failure to pass an ordinance and asserted a vote under such circumstances would not be representative.

Telephone service is getting worse.

with the express understanding, written in the ordinance, that in case of the consolidation or absorption of the Tunnel and Telephone Company, all any other telephone company, all of the property including tunnels, telephones, etc., etc., would revert to and become the property of the City of Chicago.

Now the Aldermen are going to give