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DREDGING WINS

Roger Sullivan, Great Lakes' Favorite, Dredges Up Contract to Run for Senator as a Democrat.

News of the Political World Gathered During the Week from All Sources for Chicago Eagle Readers.

Gossip About Office Holders and Office Seekers and the Things that Are Going On in Official Life in Chicago.

News of the State, County, City and Sanitary District and Items of Interest About Men and Their Ambitions.

The Senatorial fight has just begun. The primary skirmish is over. Sullivan has been nominated by the Democrats. Sherman has been nominated by the Republicans. Robins has been nominated by the Progressives. The Sullivan people do not need any help; they are too strong as it is. The Sherman people will need all the help that they can get. The Robins people will welcome all Democrats not satisfied with Sullivan and all Republicans not satisfied with Sherman.

The Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company will have a chance to build islands in the lake with its dumpings for the newly rich public contractors' summer cottages, when Roger Rules the State.

The Great Lakes Dredging and Dock Company, owner of the great tug, Roger C. Sullivan, is not only building an outer harbor for Uncle Sam at Chicago, a contract amounting to a million dollars, but it also has a contract with the U. S. government to build a shore-arm from the government breakwater to protect the new city pier. A United States Senator interested in a company doing so much government work would not hurt its prospects a bit. The company does work all over the Great Lakes and about five years ago extended its field to the Atlantic ocean, where it has completed several large contracts for the United States government. Its Boston and Albany offices handle all the eastern work at present. Other branch offices are located at Duluth, Buffalo, Cleveland, Sault Ste Marie, Toledo and Milwaukee. Mr. Sullivan is reported to be financially interested in this prosperous concern, and several of his intimate friends are heavy owners in it. Its principal tow boat in Chicago is called after him.

Who or what is the common center of the Organized Appetite? Who is the beneficiary of the coin Dredged out of the public pockets, in fat public contracts? Who is the beneficiary of the contract graft piled out of rich men and rich corporations through the boys who tax people's patience by the manner in which they Review the field for graft?

Great times coming in Contractors' Row when Roger Rules the State.

Public contractors never felt better or the people of Chicago poorer. Graft is high and plenty. Food is higher. The political activity of the newly rich Contractors will start something going. Wait and see if it don't.

The Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company, in which Roger C. Sullivan is said to be a large owner, is one of the richest and most prosperous of the rich seekers and obtainers of fat public contracts. One of the many

big tugs that it owns and which smokes up in the Chicago river, is the ROGER C. SULLIVAN. When Roger is senator, the White House grounds ought to be Dredged and the Treasury Docked.

The time is rapidly approaching when this will be an unhealthy climate for the grafters on public spoils.

Taxes are up 25 per cent. This is due to the influence of fat organizations which fasten upon the poor taxpayers of Chicago the cost of fads that could be got along without and of "improvements" that future generations should pay for.

WATER TAX WASTE

Chicago People Aroused Over the Fact That They Don't Get the Full Benefit.

Water Fund is Robbed to Maintain Several Armies of Tax-Eaters in Good Jobs.

City officials who are interested in an "improved" water meter, which they wish to place in every home and every flat, are howling about "water waste" and the "insufficiency of revenue" from city water service, in order to get more coin and work a bigger graft from Easy Mark Chicagoans.

A careful study of city pay rolls proves that the shortage in water funds is due to the misuse of the fund to pay an army of job holders and for other things.

Here are a few facts showing the amount the offices named get annually out of the water fund, compared with the amount voted for them by the City Council out of the corporate fund:

- Corporation Counsel's Office: Gets from the water fund \$71,900. From the corporate fund \$20,000.
- City Attorney's Office: Entire expense of office, \$47,757 paid out of water fund.
- Department of Finance: Extra expense paid out of water fund, including not only interest on bonds but interest on all judgments, \$215,000; water fund also pays "miscellaneous accounts" of this department, \$718,000 annually.
- City Treasurer's Office: Water fund pays \$22,000 of expenses; corporate fund pays \$14,000.
- Bureau of City Hall: Water fund pays \$73,000 of expenses; corporate fund pays \$17,500.
- Bureau of Engineering: Water fund pays \$37,000; corporate fund pays \$29,000.
- Civil Service Commission: Water fund pays \$26,000; corporate fund pays \$22,000.
- Department of Supplies: Water fund pays \$17,000; corporate fund pays \$13,000.
- Board of Local Improvements: Water fund pays \$71,000; corporate fund pays \$69,000.
- Department of Public Works, Commissioners' Office: Water fund pays \$47,000; corporate fund pays \$60,000.
- Bureau of Maps and Plats: Wa-

ter fund pays \$32,000; corporate fund pays \$12,000.

The water fund, instead of being used to extend the water system and build more pumping works, appears to be open to others besides salary grabbers, judgment collectors and ambulance chasers. For instance, on page 475 of the last annual report of the Department of Public Works, we find that the Special Parks Commission grabbed \$10,000 from the water fund for "swimming pool, shelter buildings, dressing rooms and plantations at Washington Heights."

What fools the people of Chicago are!

The noble City Hall junketers are back from their free trip to Europe at the expense of Chicago taxpayers. They know as much about Europe now as they did before they started and will proceed to draw their back pay, which has been piling up during their absence.

Give us more trust officials to make and administer the laws! The people are crying for them.

The Trust loving American public is being well rewarded for its loyalty and devotion to Trust Magnates.

With the greatest crops that the country has ever known, and no way of shipping the product abroad, the American people are forced to pay more for bread, flour, cereals and everything else, simply to enrich the Trusts.

With an abundance of cattle, sheep and hogs, and no way of shipping them out of the country, the American people are obliged to pay exorbitant prices for meat or go without. Simply to enrich the Trusts.

The 48,000 railroad employes of Chicago are worth listening to in the matter of terminal electrification. They are all against it. Are the few cranks who favor electrification of railroads more important than these men, who spend \$4,000,000 a month in Chicago?

The Progressives have nominated a strong County ticket with a number of clean and able men on it. They have utterly repudiated the Wallace G. Clark outfit and have named three good men for Sanitary Trustees.

Walther Raster, one of the three candidates for Sanitary Trustee, is a civil engineer. Edwin W. Sedgwick, for Sanitary Trustee, is a mechanical engineer, and Andrew J. Martin, the third candidate, has been a manufacturing stationer for fifteen years. Sheriff—Fred S. Oliver, 25th Ward. County Treasurer—Charles S. Peterson, 25th Ward. County Judge—William Prentiss, 32nd Ward. Judge of Probate Court—Albert M. Kales, Winnetka. County Clerk—Charles F. Thoms, 15th Ward. Clerk of Probate Court—Edmund Szajkowski, Edison Park. Clerk of Criminal Court—Samuel Heller, 20th Ward. County Superintendent of Schools—William H. Hatch, Oak Park.

There must be millions in that gas shut-off scheme for somebody. It means panic and death to occupants of big buildings during a fire.

Board of Review—Towner K. Webster, Evanston. President of County Board—Alexander A. McCormick, 6th Ward. County Commissioners (from city)—Alexander A. McCormick, 6th Ward; Andrew M. Anderson, 32nd Ward; Louise DeKoven Bowen, 21st Ward; Mary E. McDowell, 29th Ward; Gerson B. Levi, 6th Ward; William R. Manierre, 21st Ward; Edward F. Kounovsky, 12th Ward; George C. Hall, 2nd Ward; Thomas Slemirski, 24th Ward; John McLachlan, 9th Ward. Sanitary Trustees—Walther Raster, 25th Ward; Edwin W. Sedgwick, 3rd Ward; Andrew J. Martin, 27th Ward.

When a Republican Trustee for the Sanitary District was discovered to hold an option on a big piece of land down in Pullman, that he was willing to let the Sanitary District buy, the Newspaper Trust never batted an eye or referred to the matter.

The honest Democratic chairman of the Sanitary District finance committee stopped this deal quick when he ascertained the facts.

But the Newspaper Trust never gave him credit for it.

The cement graft at the City Hall goes bravely on. There must be something in it for somebody.

If the Democratic Board of Trustees of the Sanitary District had been guilty of half of the shortcomings of its Republican predecessor, a special grand jury would have been called for to indict its members.

If, for instance, one of its members, as was alleged with a Republican predecessor, killed a poor boy with his automobile and the administratrix for the estate of the slain boy sued the trustee, and lawyers employed by the Sanitary District were used in defending a suit against the Automobile Owners' Trustee on public time, what a howl there would be.

How many city inspectors are receiving an allowance for every yard from contractors for reporting paving and other work well done?

The farmers get little from speculators. Most of them sold their crops in advance at small prices to Boards of Trade sharpers, who took a gambler's chance. The crop was good this year but the American public has to pay Board of Trade prices or starve.

The reckless selfishness of Democratic organization slatemakers in trying to dictate to the people as to who shall hold all of the offices has produced a feeling of soreness that is bound to grow.

A LINK OF GRAFT

The Ten Million Dollar Boulevard Link Will Only Benefit Hundreds of Joy Riders.

While it Will Put an Unnecessary Burden on Thousands of Small Taxpayers.

Taxing the many for the benefit of the few is an outrage. The "connecting link" between the North and South sides is to be paid for by thousands of poor North side taxpayers who will never receive any benefit from it. The principal beneficiaries of this link arrangement are an army of dead beats who own automobiles on monthly payment plan and who pay for nothing else.

Whether this tax on the people of the North Side from the river to the city limits, is constitutional or not, is a question for the courts to decide. The fact is that the people will have to pay for something the majority of them derive no benefit from whatsoever.

It adds an unnecessary burden to the already overburdened taxpayer.

The people of the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 25th Wards must pay for the joy-rider's triumph and if the taxpayers of the North Side have any spirit, they will vote against every officeholder or office-seeker who voted in favor of that boulevard link robbery. If automobile owning dead-beats want a double track high bridge boulevard link, they should borrow some more money from their friends and pay for one. But they will have to pay for nothing as usual. The industrious North Side taxpayer from the river to Howard avenue, a distance of eight miles, will have to pay for this "improvement," which benefits no one but joy-riding dead-beats.

The fact that the Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company will have to complete the United States harbor work at Chicago by October 1 should not put an extra strain on its powerful tug, the Roger C. Sullivan.

Remember your efficient alderman when your private mail box is filled with circulars of dentists, loan sharks and old clothes men. The alderman alone is responsible. He values the votes of the dentist, the shark and the

CAN ROGER WIN?

Out of 189,682 Democratic Voters in Cook County He Only Received 64,356 at Senatorial Primary.

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.

Roger C. Sullivan only received a majority of 27,310 over his opponents. In Cook County.

The vote stood:
Sullivan 64,356
Opponents 37,046

Sullivan's majority 27,310
Stringer polled 23,093; O'Hara, 6,192; Woods, 3,592; with 374 precincts missing.

Only 91,666 Democrats voted at the Senatorial primary out of 189,682 Democratic voters.

It is thought that Sullivan polled his full strength at the primary.

In other words, there is a Democratic majority in this county of 125,000 against him. Can he win it over? Figures don't lie. They speak for themselves.

Four, and possibly five, county conventions will be held by the different political groups Monday in accordance with the law. The fifth convention may come through a repetition of Democratic factional fights of two years ago, when the Harrison and Sullivan forces split and each held its own gathering and selected its own list of delegates to the state convention at Peoria.

Neither of the Democratic factions has issued a call for a convention and it is considered probable that none will be forthcoming until after the primary count makes known the result of the fights over ward and precinct committees in the city and outside of it.

The result may not be known before because of the complexity involved in tabulating the number of votes each committeeman will have in the convention. The law provides that a ward committeeman shall be given one vote for each precinct in his ward and an additional one for each fifty Democratic votes or major fraction thereof cast for Governor in 1912.

The only people who will benefit by the "boulevard link" are very high salaried City Hall tax eaters and dead-beat automobile owners. The poor taxpayer pays the freight.

Get ready to make the 'drys dry up by beating them at the polls.

If a Democratic Trustee used the legal staff, paid by the public to defend his law suits, the Trust Press would howl itself hoarse. But it's different when one of their fellows robs the taxpayers.

With the aid of the railroads and their smoke, Chicago has grown from nothing to be the fourth city in the world. Electrification will be a step backwards.

Chicago is the home of the tax dodger.

If the Democratic party falls down on the Initiative and Referendum, it will fall down on itself.

Remember your efficient alderman when your private mail box is filled with circulars of dentists, loan sharks and old clothes men. The alderman alone is responsible. He values the votes of the dentist, the shark and the

clothes man more than he does yours. If he didn't he would imitate New York and other civilized communities and pass an ordinance forbidding the misuse of private mail boxes under heavy penalty.

Chicago City officials are the highest paid in the world. One would think they would have the decency to save the taxpayers the expense of European junkets and pay for their picnics themselves.

The science of tax dodging is honored by the Trust Press and ignored by the officials who should get after the rich "dodgers" whose failure to pay personal tax keeps up the high rate on real estate taxes.

FOR SAFE BANKS

Legislators to Be Elected in November Should Give the People Better Banking Laws.

Too Many Wildcat Concerns Can Exist Under Present Statutes, as Failures Attest.

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 boomed 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.

FOR SAFE BANKS

When a political "organization" gets so strong, or thinks that it is so strong, that it does not need to take the public into its confidence, it is past redemption. This is especially true of an organization whose greatest achievement have been acts of treachery to friends and party; which has sold out city elections in order to further enrich a Grasping Aristocracy of public contractors; whose leaders are guided by men who have held big jobs under the enemy as a reward for the most brazen treason; whose camp followers deploy between the lines and forage, first on one side and then upon the other, and whose only civic monuments are rotten sewers, useless fire hydrants, convenient dredging and wealth.

Chicago will never stand for Blue Laws.

With no war and elevators and packing houses bursting with an abundance of grain and meat, the Wolves are putting the screws on the American people. For Heavens sake, what would happen if our country went to war?

An income tax law which exempts all big job holders from paying tax on salaries over \$3,000 and obliges all common people to pay on the same amounts, may be good graft, but it shows what a joke our form of government is. It is mighty poor Democracy.

Is the fact that the Commissioner of Public Works was a former employe of the traction interests the only reason for disregarding the ordinance requiring surface lines to sprinkle all streets on which they run from curb to curb?

The Boulevard Link for the benefit of Man Killers, is soon to be in condition to extract ten million dollars from North and South Side taxpayers. The Man Killer Union has completed its plans.

More common sense and less faddism is needed in public school's curriculum.

The "drys" are evidently not taxpayers or they would not be so willing to assume \$7,000,000 of taxes for the police, now paid by saloon licensees.