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## ROB TAXPAYERS

### Number of City Employees Increase 6,000 in Five Years, Adding Eleven Million Dollars to Taxes.

### The Battle for Delegates, Committeeships and Other Big Plums Taking Up Attention of Local Statesmen.

### The April Primary Will Cut a Big Figure in the Coming Election Throughout the State of Illinois.

### Factions in Both the Big Parties Are Making a Hard Fight for the Control of the Managing Committees.

The number of tax eaters on the city payroll increased 5,991 in five years and the cost to the taxpayers increased nearly eleven millions of dollars.

In 1910-11, the last year of the Busse administration, the figures were:  
Number of employees on city pay rolls, 23,210.  
Amount of city pay rolls, \$24,555,496.

In 1914-15, the last year of the Harrison administration, the figures were:  
Number of employees on city pay rolls, 29,201.  
Amount of city pay rolls, \$35,173,535.  
Increase in number of city employees in five years, 5,991.  
Increase in five years in cost to taxpayers by increase in pay rolls, \$10,618,039.

No wonder taxes are high.

### BLAME THE "REFORMERS"

The Fad Leaders and Sob Sisters Constantly Suggesting New Methods of Robbing Taxpayers.

The law ought to be amended so that professional reformers could be jailed without trial every time they discovered a new fad.

Professional reformers are behind the robbery of the taxpayers of Chicago.

Taxes were never so high as they are now and are still going up.

Reformers are still socking to Chicago to pluck the industrious people and to fill high salaried but unnecessary jobs created for them.

Public Welfare!  
Public morals!!!  
Civil service!!!

What extortion and robbery of taxpayers is committed in those names. Jobs for women reformers.  
Jobs for male reformers.  
Jobs for professional reformers.

And the Chicago taxpayer pays the freight.

The City Council is full of useless men. It is a useless body. It does no good and is responsible for the creating of costly jobs to gratify fads.

It is time the people woke up and called a halt on this saturnalia of extravagance.

Ten million dollars a year could be saved to the city by the abolition of useless jobs.

### WOULD ABOLISH THIS FAD

Alderman Geiger Tries to Get Council to Abolish Public Welfare Department.

It is reported that while a woman was being carried on the public welfare bureau pay roll at a salary of \$80 a month, she also was employed as

stenographer for an insurance company, according to documentary proof.

At a meeting of the City Council finance committee Ald. Ellis Geiger attempted to have the department of public welfare abolished.

Ald. Geiger introduced with his resolution a proposed ordinance repealing the measure creating the welfare department and transferring the employment bureau to the health department.

The Fad Aldermen refused to listen to the proposition.

### TAXED TO DEATH

People of Chicago Taxed to the Limit to Provide Places for Reformers.

Giving women salaries of \$5,000 a year to preside over fad departments; paying women superintendents \$3,000 a year to assist them; paying female stenographers \$150 per month while capable men and heads of families are tramping the streets looking for work, is part of the net result of the work of "reformers" in the City Council for the past five years. The other net result and the one that hurts the most, is the increase of the number of employees and the increase of the money coming from the people and spent on salaries for city employees, from twenty-four millions to over thirty-five millions.

### MORE WASTE OF MONEY

People Owning Vacant Land Outside the City After Taxpayers This Time.

Plans for an outer park belt in Cook county were discussed at an informal conference of citizens and forest reserve commissioners in the office of President Peter Reinberg of the county board. The plans provide for \$2,000,000 to purchase and reserve the natural forests in the county.

"Natural forests" is good. "Natural mall" would be better.

### LUNDIN AND HARRISON

Brundage Shows How They Were to Split the Judicial Ticket Between Them.

Edward J. Brundage in Chicago Evening Post: "So far as the naming of the judicial ticket elected last June is concerned, I think Lundin's plan, which the mayor finally adopted after he had directed a Republican ticket in a conference with Charles Barrett, Homer Galpin and Charles A. Williams, at Peoria, would have been suicidal to the Republican party.

The cold proposition advanced by Fred Lundin was to divide the ticket with the Carter Harrison Democrats. When mention was made of the six new judges, Lundin suggested they be divided equally. I told Lundin then that the placing of these men upon the bench by agreement of three or four political leaders was contrary

### NOT WORTH 30 CENTS

It Costs \$30,000 Each to Elect Aldermen in Chicago.

It costs the taxpayers of Chicago \$30,000 for each and every alderman elected. The primaries, judges and clerks of election, polling places, etc., etc., and the holding of two elections for each job—primary and regular—big part of the expense.

### THOMPSON SKINS FOES

Beats Buck in the Thirty-Third, Ray in the Thirteenth and Stern in the Third.

Mayor Thompson gave most of his foes an awful thrashing on Tuesday. He beat Buck's man, Webb, in the Thirty-third ward by an immense majority; retired Stern in the Third, and walloped Ray in the Thirteenth. The friends of Ald. Nance had to spend a pile of money to win out in the Sixth. And another battle like the one Kimball won in the Seventh would prove fatal to the kickers. Deducting the Harrison vote from Thompson's total last spring for mayor, and the 85,000 votes his friends got at the primary last Tuesday was a big majority of the Republican vote.

### HELLO COIN FOR CITY

Chicago Telephone Company Pays Almost a Quarter of Million Dollars Into Chicago's Treasury.

A check for \$246,475.79, representing 3 per cent of the business done by the Chicago Telephone Company for the six months ending December 31, 1915, was paid over to the city by the telephone company this week. This represents the largest business ever done by the telephone company. The

## DUNNE RAN WELL

### Enemies of the Governor, in Circulating a Falsehood, Only Call Attention to Figures and Truth.

### Gossip About the Work of Public Officials and Others in Various Departments of Public Life.

### Public Men and Public Conditions as They Are Seen by the People in the Light of Their Performances.

### General Information of a Public and Political Nature From All Parts of the State and All Parties In It.

Some of the enemies of Governor Dunne are circulating false reports to the effect that President Wilson "would like to have a stronger man than Dunne" on the ticket with him in Illinois this year.

We advise people who are told this yarn to look up the figures for 1912. They show who the strong man is and

Dunne's plurality in the state, 124,651. Enough said.

### REPUBLICANS OPEN UP

Big Campaign in Illinois Will Commence at Princeton March 9.

Illinois Republicans are getting set for big doings at Princeton on March 9, when the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois holds its annual convention.

The celebration of John Ericsson day, which terminates the proceedings, promises to attract to Princeton substantially all the recognized Republican leaders of the state. In Presidential years the Ericsson day banquet has been the real opening of the state Republican campaign in Illinois.

Senator Sherman is to be the chief speaker and the guest of honor. Former Gov. Charles S. Deneen, Col. Frank O. Lowden, Mayor William Hale Thompson, National Committeeman Roy O. West, Edward J. Brundage and Henry R. Rathbone are to be the speakers at the "love-feast," if such it may be termed. On the program of the banquet itself the speakers are Senator Sherman, C. A. Trimble and A. N. Osterholm.

### KERN IN THE RACE

Files His Petition as Democratic Candidate for Delegate-at-Large.

Fred. J. Kern of Belleville filed with Secretary of State Stevenson a petition to have his name placed on the Democratic ballot as a delegate-at-large to the national convention from Illinois. He expressed a preference for Woodrow Wilson for President. Kern is chairman of the state board of administration.

### JOB FOR FAVORITES

The Impression Is Gaining Ground That the Civil Service Law Furnishes Them.

People who view the increase of the city pay rolls with alarm are wondering if any favorites are furnished with pet answers and tips about poetical effusions to help increase the cost to taxpayers and to defeat honest people who try civil service examinations.

### NO MORE EXTRA JUDGES

The U. S. Attorney General Does Not Favor Lewis's Proposition.

Attorney General Gregory will not recommend two extra Federal judges for Chicago, as urged by Senator Lewis. He will approve legislation by Congress authorizing the Attorney General to assign one additional Federal judge to Chicago from some other

Federal circuit to help out when the Chicago District Court calendar becomes crowded. The Attorney General does not want to increase the expense of the judiciary to the expense involved in the creation of two new judgeships.

### HOYNE GREET'S CLASS

State's Attorney Addresses Reunion Banquet of Northwestern Law Class.

State's Attorney Hoyne addressed the first annual reunion and banquet of the class of 1915 of Northwestern University Law School in the City Club Wednesday evening. His subject was "Vice Conditions in Chicago—Their Cure." Other speakers at the banquet, which was under the supervision of Attorney Walter W. L. Meyer and Malcolm McNeill, included Judges Charles M. Foell and John Stelk. The faculty of the law school were the guests of the class of 1915.

### HARRISON'S OLD GUARD

Coughlin, Kenna, Powers, Bowler and Cermak Join Sullivan.

Harrison has lost many of his trusted leaders in this fight. Coughlin and Kenna, the First ward aldermen, who gave him the nomination for mayor last time, overcoming the majority against him in the city outside the First ward; who changed defeat to victory in 1911 are with Sullivan this time. John Powers and James Bowler, ever faithful to Harrison with their Nineteenth ward following are with Sullivan now. Thomas A. Fitzgerald, the millionaire coal merchant, who was foremost among the Harrison leaders, is with Sullivan now. Cermak, who was a Wet blanket to the hopes of Harrison's enemies in the past, is with Sullivan now. And so it goes. Harrison still has

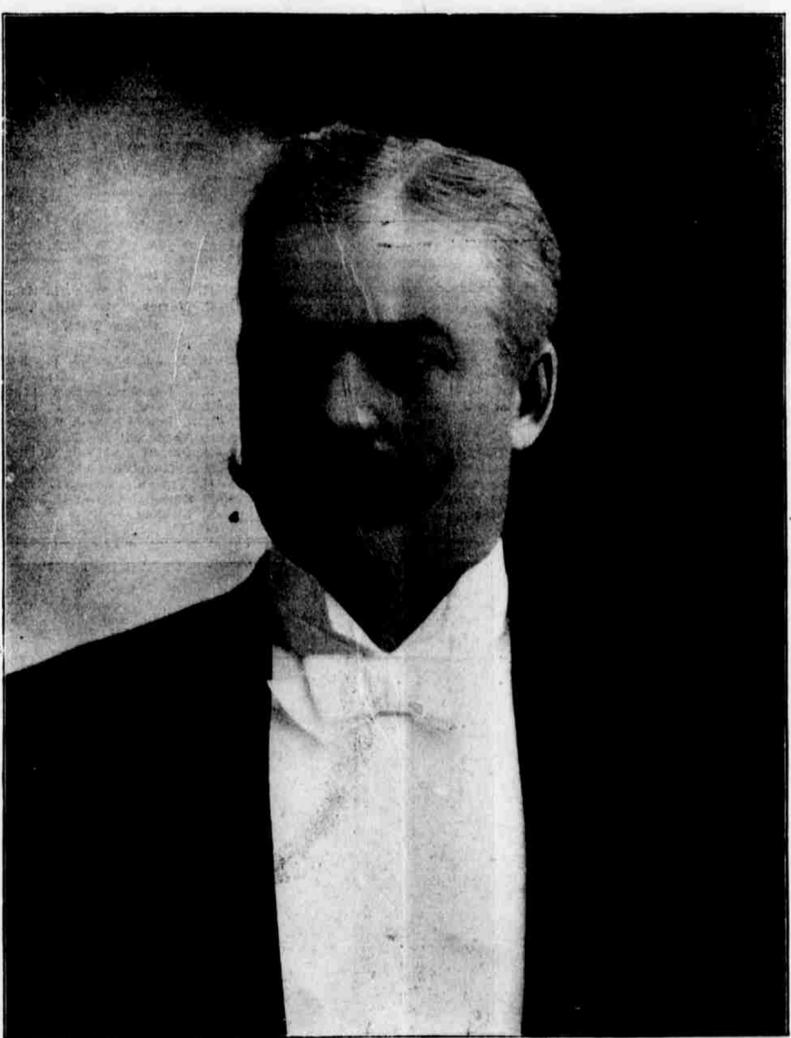
Sabath,  
Lutzenkirchen, and  
Mike Zimmer.

His supporters only expect to carry eight wards out of the thirty-five.

### ELECT CITY CLERK

Chicago Will Elect a City Clerk in April, 1917.

Republicans and Democrats will have a chance to elect a city clerk in April, 1917. Each party should, and probably will name a capable man for the position. It is an important office, and a man in touch with public affairs should be chosen at the next election.



WASHINGTON PORTER, Well Known Capitalist and Public Spirited Citizen.

one, you (meaning me) take one, and Thompson the other, and then give the Carter Harrison fellows three."

The payment for the same period in the preceding year was \$225,187.92, and for the six months ending June 30, 1915, was \$236,630.24.

Chicago needs a new City Hall. The new one will probably be built in Union Park on the West Side.

Governor Dunne's good administration has strengthened him with the people. Here are the official figures for the 1912 election.

Wilson's vote in Illinois..... 405,048  
Dunne's vote for Governor.... 443,120  
Wilson's plurality in the state. 18,570

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