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## PRIVATE SNAPS

### Chicago Voters Are Complaining About Growing Insolence and Swell Headedness of Office Holding Aristocrats.

### Information of an Interesting Character from the Public Offices and About Men in Public Life.

### General Gossip About Men and Doings in the Various Political Camps, and the Aspirants for Office and Honors.

### The Big Presidential Campaign and the Important Places to Be Filled Attract the Attention of the Voters of Illinois.

The overbearing insolence of some of the office holders in the City Hall and County Building calls attention to the fact that an Office Holding Aristocracy is rapidly growing into permanent control of our public affairs.

Among our officials there are some honorable exceptions—some men who feel that they are in office to serve the people.

But there are others—and their number is increasing—who imagine that the only thing the average citizen is good for is to vote.

Party allegiance is forgotten when they are sworn in and the jobs go to relatives, regardless of party or fitness.

The Office Holding Aristocracy has no use for the voter after he has used him.

Herbert Kaufman paid his respects to these fellows when he called attention to their treatment of the public in these words:

"You consider yourself an important person because your position occasionally permits you to annoy people. But so can a gnat, a rusty hinge, a rattling window and other minor bothers.

"Impudence is a smart-aleck's conception of impressiveness—a back-stairs notion of 'big folks' behavior. An upstart betrays himself by the manner he displays his authority.

"Those who aren't accustomed to the use of power invariably abuse it. Insolence is the snarl of the insignificant—'big head' evidence of a small one.

"You merely show up when you show off. We all know just about what your job pays and therefore how much intelligence it demands—so why bluff?

"Office boys, bell hops and cash girls may possibly mistake your impertinence as a manifestation of superiority, but the public recognizes the ass in the ill fitting lion's skin.

"Headquarters always hears the creak in the machine and soon locates the source of the trouble."

The voters of Chicago may be fools some of the time; they may be so supine part of the time that these Public Office Aristocrats look upon them as serfs.

But the voters of Chicago are not going to be fools all of the time. And when they wake up, some of these swell heads will hear from them.

### CLEAR THEM OUT

Democrats Have a Chance This Fall to Drop Some Office Holding Aristocrats and Put New Blood in Some County Offices.

The terms of some of the Office Holding Aristocrats expire next fall. The Democratic party can make a hit by refusing to renominate them. If the party does renominate them the people will make a hit that will

force some of these stiff to take a run home and stay there.

### JUDGE BROWN FOR SUPERIOR COURT

### The Great Jurist Talked of by Everybody for Burke Vacancy.

A powerful and well defined, if carefully organized, movement is afoot for the appointment of E. O. Brown, former Judge of the Circuit and Appellate court, to fill the vacancy left in the Superior court by the death of Judge Richard E. Burke. Telegrams to Gov. Dunne and Senator Lewis at the St. Louis convention urging the appointment announced the launching of the move and indicated that prominent figures of the legal and business spheres are standing behind the former judge. They feel that if he is named there can be little doubt of his selection by the Democratic party for the general election in November.

### FAMILY BOARDING HOUSES

### Two of the County Offices to Be Filled Next Fall Are Thus Described by Democratic Workers.

Democratic workers are complaining loudly that two of the county offices to be filled at the polls next fall are now used as storehouses for relatives of the incumbents.

### MUST DROP SWELL HEADS

### Democrats Must Retire Puffed-up County Officials Whose Terms Expire This Year If They Wish to Win Election.

The principal charge brought against two of the Democratic county officials whose terms expire next fall is that they are swell headed.

This is a bad year for swell heads. Party workers may be induced against their will to renominate them. But the voters will not re-elect them.

### THE CITY COUNCIL

### Work of the Aldermen at Their Last Regular Meeting.

The City Council on Monday night raised the salaries of Municipal Judges from \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year.

Comparatively few of the supporters of the ordinance for the increase talked in its favor. Alderman Kennedy said against it: "The street laborers asked a few weeks ago for a raise from \$2.25 a

day to \$2.75, and you tonight have granted a raise from \$2.25 to \$2.40. That is a 15 cent raise and yet no additional appropriation is made. Now you propose to grant a 50 per cent increase to the judges, or \$3,000 a year. It's an outrage. There's nothing just or square about it. Why not pay a living wage first?" "The plan is not equitable," said Alderman Merriam, "when there are so many demands upon the public treasury. The increase will not get

### CONNERY'S WONDERFUL SCHEME

Booming the Torrens Fad and Telling Voting Suckers of its Wonders for Three Months Prior to the Coming Primary at Which He Will Be Seeking Renomination, Causes Surprise that He Didn't Ask County to Spend \$5,000 of the Peoples' Money for This Purpose Before During Four Years He Has Been in Office.

The County Board has voted \$5,000 of the peoples' money to enable Recorder Joseph F. Connery to keep himself and Torrens before the public at public expense for the three months preceding the coming Democratic primary.

This is about the boldest piece of work the people have been started with for some time.

It shows that the gentleman sometimes referred to as Cemetery Joe, has a fight on his hands this time.

Four years ago the Republican party was split into two equal parts and a Democratic nomination was equal to an election.

This being the case, Connery, who had never been heard of in politics before, was yanked from his position as an improvement star in a grave yard company and tossed into an office that disposes of \$1,400,000 of the peoples' money in the matter of patronage.

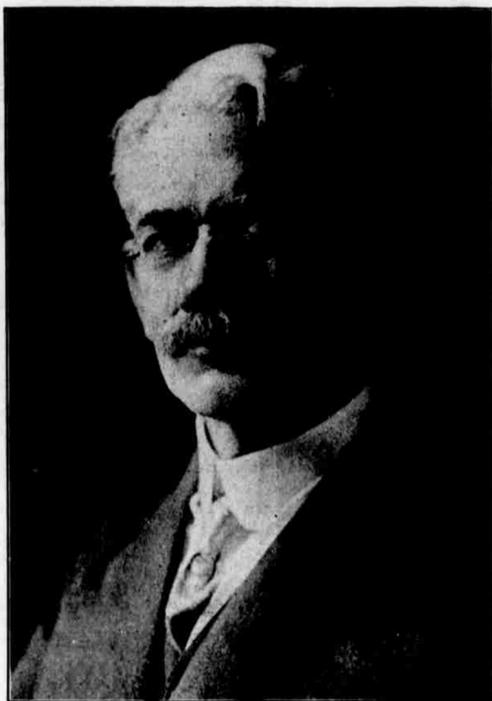
The way that this patronage has been handled will be shown up in the coming campaign.

So will the voting of \$5,000 of the taxpayers' money to advertise Connery's Torrens scheme.

### JOB HOLDERS UNION

### It Shuts Out Germans, Poles, Bohemians, and Other Big Voting Units, and Yet Expects Their Help.

There is not a German, Pole, Bohemian, Italian, Scandinavian,



EDMUND D. HULBERT.

President of the Merchants' Loan & Trust Company, the Oldest Bank in Chicago.

better men until you change the method of election."

He had passed an order directing the judiciary committee to prepare bills for the legislature providing for a merit plan in the selection of judges and the places of all employees of the court under civil service.

From the line-up it appears that the city administration was in favor of the increase.

Alderman DePriest also desired to have an appropriation made for increasing the aldermanic salaries. Alderman Cullerton objected and forced delay.

Hungarian, Russian, or any representative of any other big foreign nationality in Chicago's population among the three principal office holders who have big patronage jobs in the County Building and whose terms expire this year.

And yet the Democratic party calls itself cosmopolitan.

"Family first" appears to be its motto this year.

The Germans, Poles, Russians, Bohemians, Italians and others are needed at the polls to ratify the desires of the Job Holders' Union.

That is all.

## TORRENS BUNK

### Connery's Scheme Will Drive Hundreds of Honest Abstract Makers Out of Business If It Is Adopted.

### But Real Estate Men and Property Owners Regard Game With Just Suspicion and Won't Touch It.

### 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.

Joseph F. Connery, in The Eagle's opinion, has made a passable Recorder of Deeds.

But The Eagle, together with thousands of its fellow citizens, believes that Mr. Connery is making a great mistake in warring upon the private abstract business in Chicago.

The Chicago Eagle believes in competition in the abstract field as well as in every other field.

For that reason it is opposed to Government monopoly of any line of

ing the Democratic party any good by his advocacy of the Torrens fad.

Because, in the list of abstract makers whom he is trying to drive out of business are more good Democrats than he has working under him in the Recorder's office.

A register of the leading and veteran abstract makers employed by private capital in making abstracts in Chicago, discloses the names of many lifelong Democrats and highly respected citizens of Chicago who have devoted their political activities to promoting the interests of the Democratic party.

Among these sterling Democratic abstract makers we note the

- Nearys, Shortalls, O'Connors, McGillens, Joneses, Murphys, Grahams, Rileys, O'Mearas, Grimes, Nicholsons.

And others, every one of whom have rendered a life time of Democratic service.

These men with their connections make an army that would outnumber not only the Recorder's office, but most all of the other offices in the County Building.

"Modern Evolution," as the Torrens Faddists call it, may be all right, but Government should not be used to put honest trades and occupations out of existence.

There is an ample field in Chicago for both Outsiders and Recorders.

A monopoly in Government hands is even more dangerous than a monopoly in private hands.

### "CEMETERY JOE"

### Correspondent Says Present Recorder Is So Used to Dealing With Dead Ones That He Doesn't Appreciate Live Men.

To the Editor:

I see by the daily papers that Joe Connery, the Recorder, is doing his best to make property owners fall for the Torrens system. I have heard Mr. Connery alluded to as "Cemetery Joe" by some jocosse acquaintances, because at the time of his political discovery and election he held down a job in a cemetery organization doing cemetery business in Chicago. I do not know how popular Connery is with dead ones—he certainly has a few on his staff—but I know one set of live men who do not admire his methods, and among them is yours truly, DEMOCRATIC ABSTRACT MAKER.

### VOGELSANG WINS

### Popular Caterer Is Given Municipal Pier Food Contract.

The harbor board awarded the contract for supplying all foods, beverages, tobacco, confections, novelties, flowers and publications at the municipal pier to John Z. Vogelsang. The city is to receive 15 per cent

of the gross receipts, and in return supplies all the tables, chairs and electric lighting fixtures. No intoxicating liquors may be sold, and the concessionaire agrees at all times to furnish "the best quality of food, beverages and other vending articles, and to serve them satisfactorily." Uniformed employes, approved by the harbor board, also must be hired.

The contract was awarded to Mr. Vogelsang after he had made an informal bid at the invitation of the harbor board.

"The original bids were thrown out because the harbor board did not believe any of the bidders could handle the contract," said H. V. McGurran, secretary.

"John R. Thompson was the next highest bidder at 15 per cent, but would not come down, so Mr. Vogelsang was awarded the contract."

### DON'T PATRONIZE IT THEMSELVES

### Real Estate Men of Standing Oppose Torrens System—Search of Records Shows That Torrens Boosting Officials Don't Patronize It Themselves.

The great majority of real estate experts will not handle a piece of property registered under the Torrens system.

Neither it is said will some of the public officials who are urging other people to patronize this joke.

It is very noticeable that Cook County officials when transferring property of their own carefully avoid the Torrens system.

Apparently the main purpose of the Torrens boom is to increase the number of jobs on the public payroll.

All, of course, at the expense of the taxpayers.

### WHO GOT IT?

### The County Board Appropriated \$5,000 for Advertising the Torrens Fad and It Is Said that the \$5,000 Is All Spent. If This Is So, Who Got It?

The County Board appropriated \$5,000 to exploit the Torrens Fad in the daily papers. The Tribune, Herald, Examiner, News, Journal, American and Post received less than \$100 each. Suppose they received \$100 each, where is the other \$4,900?

The terms of seven Superior Court Judges expire in 1917. Three of them are Republicans; four are Democrats.

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