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## CONNERY PLACES

### Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single family.

The threats made by members of the Connery gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs.

The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago.

Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions, Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connery's.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around, Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things.

"State Street Store" Blocki as you may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki.

Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your ballots.

Good stories of city contracts and of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or nomination under the Busse BUSINESS administration.

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will attest.

But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connerys are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard of defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was great.

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweitzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of balking at an over-diet of Connery and the noble Francis D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweitzer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connerys are not asking for much.

It is reported that Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Connery will not seek Republican nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present

efficient Democratic incumbent of that office.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will seek a renomination for Recorder of Deeds.

Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D., job as Inspector for Attorney General Lucy.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery, uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review, until next year.

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T., Joseph F., Francis D., and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more offices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first—the rest nowhere.

## JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

Information Gleaned from a Circular Distributed in the 28th Ward at the Last Primary.

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during the late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public pay roll, Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$30,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,500—\$6,240.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

The circular winds up with this statement:

"Other Connerys are holding office besides those mentioned above."

The above circular circulated by 28th Ward Democrats at a recent primary election only gives the relatives of Francis D. Connery, who is a brother of Reviewer Blocki's partner, John T. Connery; State Attorney General's Investigator Michael M. Connery; Recorder of Deeds Joseph F. Connery; an uncle of Reviewer Blocki's Assistant, William J. Connery; a brother of Henry Connery, State Bank Examiner.

If all of the office-holding relatives of all of the other Connerys outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

The parking of autos on both sides of Sheridan Drive in the vicinity of Balmoral avenue causes much criticism of the Lincoln Park board for permitting it.

Inducing people to buy property because of its proximity to Lake Michigan and then fencing them off from the enjoyment of the lake is one of the many complaints justly made by Edgewater people against a gang of exploiters.

Building fences to keep the common herd off the Lake Front is not favored by Edgewater residents.

## CONNERY TAXES

### Items About Them; Gleaned from Printed Personal Property Assessments; Also, the Taxes Levied on Labor Unions.

The public is naturally anxious to know what personal property taxes its office holders pay. So much has been said about the number of Connerys holding public office in Chicago that many inquiries have been made as to what personal property assessments are laid against these patriotic persons by the Board of Assessors.

The printed lists of personal property assessments for 1916 show the following facts:

Joseph F. Connery, Recorder of Deeds, at a salary of \$9,000 a year; also said to be secretary of a grave yard company, salary not learned, and real estate dealer at 134 South La Salle street. House, 2028 West Washington boulevard.

Assessment on printed list for District 34, West Town, \$400.

Official salary, \$36,000 for four years. Assessed on \$400.

Joseph F. Connery, Recorder of Deeds, at \$9,000 per year; secretary of the Graceland Cemetery Improvement Association and real estate dealer, is not listed on the assessors' printed list for district 16, South Town, at his office, 134 South La Salle street.

Henry T. Connery, Bank Examiner, House, 2028 West Washington boulevard.

No assessment.

C. A. Connery, teacher. House, 2028 West Washington boulevard.

No assessment.

William J. Connery, clerk Board of Review. House, 2933 West Washington boulevard.

No assessment.

Michael M. Connery, Examiner and Investigator for Attorney General. House, 6234 Winthrop avenue.

No assessment.

M. F. Connery, Chief Clerk, 120 County building. House, 6234 Winthrop avenue.

No assessment.

Francis D. Connery, Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago, at \$6,000 per year. House, 2702 North Washenaw avenue.

No assessment on printed list for that district.

## EDGEWATER IN ARMS

Residents of Edgewater in the vicinity of Balmoral avenue are up in arms over the disposition on the part of certain persons to fence them off from the beach of Lake Michigan in front of their homes.

The using of Sheridan Road as a garage for automobiles is causing much indignation.

## WANTS THEM SHOWN UP

To the Editor:

At a little gathering of half a dozen members of the Chicago Bar the other day the unanimous wish was expressed that some of the tax-dodging public officials and others who boast of their wealth, enjoy big incomes, draw large salaries, hold big investments, live high, drive costly automobiles and put on style could be brought into court either as plaintiffs or defendants in either criminal or civil actions so that the truth could be extracted from them on the stand about their personal property holdings.

If they would not tell the truth under oath on the witness stand in a court of record they could be punished for perjury.

Let us get at the truth about these fellows.

## THIRTY YEARS A LAWYER.

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Building fences to keep the common herd off the Lake Front is not favored by Edgewater residents.

## FORGOT GERMANS

### Democratic Connery Committee Nominates Big County Ticket Without a German Name—Say Germans Have No Chance.

So-called Democrats have nominated a ticket without a German by birth or descent on it.

A Connery is on it of course, for one of the best jobs.

Not a man on the ticket had an American grandfather, the only outgoing county official who had an American grandfather, County Surveyor George C. Waterman, was not renominated.

No Germans were wanted. Some of the leaders were interviewed by The Tribune with the following results:

Ross C. Hall, representing the country towns, said:

"Our ticket will be unbeatable in November after we have slated a few Poles for the Municipal court. The city hall forces have put up a ticket of Swedes and Germans. We've named a ticket of Irish and Poles. How can we lose?"

There isn't a single German on the entire Sullivan slate, the talk among the slatemakers being that no Ger-

man had a chance in Cook County this fall.

The full slate named follows:

Recorder—Joseph F. Connery.

Circuit Court Clerk—John W. Rainey.

Superior Court Clerk—James C. Gavin.

Coroner—James B. Bowler.

Assessor (six year term)—Martin J. O'Brien.

Assessor (to fill vacancy)—Joseph Cepak.

Board of Review—Thos. J. Webb.

County Surveyor—William P. Fee-

ner.

President Sanitary District—Thomas M. Sullivan.

Sanitary Trustees—Joseph Rush-

kevicz and James A. Long.

State's Attorney—Maciay Hoyno.

Superior Court Judge (to fill vacancy)—Joseph Sabath.

Circuit Judge (to fill vacancy)—Jacob H. Hopkins.

"We will nominate Hoyno and cut the guts out of him at the polls like we did in 1912," said one leader.

## POOR VOTE GETTERS

Although the Connerys Hold Many Public Jobs They Are Not Strong at the Ballot Box.

At the Democratic primary for Recorder of Deeds in 1912 the result was:

Joseph F. Connery.....56,343

His opponents.....64,493

So Connery was a minority nominee.

At the same primary John W. Rainey ran for the nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court, the office held by Connery's Republican nephew-in-law, Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr. Result of the primary:

John W. Rainey.....71,695

All opponents.....44,666

Rainey's majority over all.....27,029

At the same primary in 1915 John T. Connery's partner in the coal business, Blocki, was a candidate for the nomination for Board of Review. The result:

Blocki, Connery's partner.....39,415

His opponents.....37,253

So Blocki, Connery's partner, was in a minority of 47,838 votes. One of his opponents, Charles J. Vopicka, came near defeating Blocki, Connery's partner, receiving 38,989 votes to Blocki, Connery's partner's 39,415.

In 1913, Francis D. Connery was a candidate at the Democratic primary for the nomination for City Clerk. Francis D. Connery.....42,187

His Democratic opponents.....51,460

So Connery was very much of a minority candidate.

## DEMOCRATIC WORKERS SORE

### Discontent Among Democratic Workers Is Increasing Over the Tendency of Democratic Bosses to Give the Best Jobs to Members of One Family.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review.

They have known right along that this "ol' ol' private secretary was a Connery.

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigates matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that an Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office was a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District

of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery.

They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook County are noneycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year, whose office contains several Connerys, is a Connery.

## CONNERY ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 1916

STATE OFFICES.  
State Auditor.  
Election November 7, 1916.

Auditor of Public Accounts.  
State Auditor's Office.  
Bank Examiner—Henry T. Connery.  
Election November 7, 1916.

SANITARY DISTRICT OF CHICAGO.  
President of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Trustees of the Sanitary District.  
Election November 7, 1916.  
Sanitary District of Chicago.  
Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago—

Francis D. Connery.  
Election November 7, 1916, for Trustees who choose Comptroller.

COUNTY OFFICES.  
Recorder of Deeds.  
Election November 7, 1916.  
Recorder of Deeds—Joseph F. Connery.

Election November 7, 1916.  
Several members of the Connery family on Recorder's payroll.  
Election November 7, 1916.  
Board of Review.

Election November 7, 1916.  
Clerk for Board of Review—William J. Connery.  
Election November 7, 1916.

## LAKE SHORE FENCED IN

### Edgewater Residents Said to Be up in Arms Over Alleged Exclusion Tactics by a Hotel.

People with a "Pull" are alleged to have fenced in about 400 feet of the Lake Michigan beach, including the shore end of Balmoral avenue.

There is said to be much indignation over this matter and a big fight is brewing.

The Edgewater shore line is attracting attention in other quarters.

Who gets the use of the lake shore line in front of the Saddle and Cycle Club?

Members of the Boys' Brotherhood Republic took up the fight for use of the club's hitherto undisputed privilege to the shore by enlisting the aid of the State Rivers and Harbors Commission, and Mayor Thompson. The boys asked the city and state to uphold the old sailors' law, which permits untrammelled use of the beach line.

## NOT A JOB HOLDER

### And Being a German Into the Bargain, Staats Zeitung Editor Is Soaked for Taxes.

The \$225,000 personal property tax assessment against Horace L. Brand, editor of the Illinois Staats-Zeitung, was reduced to \$10,500 by the board of review.

The assessment against Mr. Brand was on his household goods in his home at 533 Wellington avenue. The board of assessors had valued them at \$150,000 and had added a 50 per cent penalty for failing to file a schedule.

Since when did hotels get the right to shut the public off from the lake shore? This question is frequently asked in Edgewater.

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