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## JUST NICE GRAFT

### Overtaxed Public Enjoys Great and Growing City Council Habit of Taking Expensive Trips at People's Expense

### Latest is a Trip to the Pacific Coast for Which the Gang Wants Only \$14,000

Having investigated the Eastern states and Atlantic coast at public expense the aldermen are now turning their eyes westward.

### PARK BOARD TO WIDEN MICHIGAN AVE.

Expenditure of \$200,000 for the widening of Michigan avenue between Pearson street and Oak street and for other street improvements, including the placing of a subway under Michigan avenue at Walton place, has been voted by the Lincoln park commissioners.

Michigan avenue will be widened from forty-five to seventy-five or seventy-eight feet at the place designated. Plans and specifications for the changes are ordered and bids will be accepted in a few days.

Other changes included in the improvement measure include the widening of Lake Shore drive, from Bellevue place to North avenue, and the widening of the drive to Grant's monument in Lincoln park.

The lighting system of the park will be changed by these improvements and several hundred trees will be moved.

### GOV. HARDING WARNS CONGRESS

Must Conserve Credit to Keep World Solvent, Says Reserve Board Head.

### TELLS OF EXPORT TRADE

In Readjustment of Business, the Country, Reserve Chief Says, is Generally Recognized as Having Passed the Crisis.

Washington, Feb. 17.—War-time expenditures and the profound modifications of the country's economic system make it imperative, Governor Harding informed congress in the annual report of the federal reserve board, that "the utmost care be taken to conserve our credit and preserve the basis of our prosperity," to avoid the extreme conditions prevailing in other countries.

"Upon the United States in a large measure," the governor declared, "the solvency and financial stability of many other countries depends. This fact greatly increases the responsibility which rests upon the American banking system and calls for the exercise of sound judgment and the strict observance of sound financial and economic principles."

In readjustment of business, the country, Governor Harding asserted, is generally recognized as having passed the crisis, and, in looking to the future, "a spirit of greater confidence prevails." As the year closed, he said, there were many indications that business generally was beginning

to adjust itself to new conditions and "was preparing to proceed on a sounder and saner business basis.

**Difficulties in European Trade.** "Because of the accumulation of foreign commodities, however, for which there is no market," Governor Harding continued, "countries which have been sending us their surplus products find they have nothing marketable with which to pay for their imports from us."

"We find ourselves, therefore," he maintained, "with a large export trade which is being paid for only in part by a great portion of the world, and this trade is fast approaching a point where it may be cut drastically to the most vital essentials unless the normal credit and buying power can be restored."

This restoration," he added, is only possible if American raw materials go forward steadily over an extended period against long-time credits. Food-stuffs, he said, should be promptly paid for, as they go into immediate consumption.

**U. S. Faces Problem.** "We are, therefore, brought face to face," Governor Harding continued, "with the problem of how we can best extend long-time credits to European countries in order to enable them to reconstruct their industries, and how we can extend credit to other countries in order to enable them also to make shipments to Europe which otherwise would be made to the United States and glut our domestic market."

**TWENTY-SECOND WARD ITALIANS FOR ALBERT**

Alderman Math Hibbeler is going to have a hard time in his fight for reelection in the 22nd ward. Arthur F. Albert will, in the opinion of good judges, defeat Hibbeler at the primary next Tuesday.

The south end of the ward is largely Italian and last Wednesday night Roman Hall was packed with over 250 prominent Italian-American voters who endorsed Albert's candidacy.

Michael Durso, the eloquent young lawyer, made the principal speech. The following committee of the Italian Fellowship Club of America has signed an address to the voters calling on them to vote for Albert for Alderman:

Nicholas R. Dispensa, Charles V. Pagano, Joseph Pecoraro, Michael Durso, Emil Francione, Charles S. Gulino, Joseph F. Pagano, Philip Nuccio.

**RE-ELECT J. DORNEY, ALDERMAN 24TH WARD THE MAN WHO CALLS ON THE PEOPLE**

Shall the office of alderman be made a stepping-stone to personal business, or shall the alderman look after the interests of the people and serve the taxpayers?

Alderman Dorney sacrificed his personal business to take care of the people of the 24th ward, and will continue to do so if reelected.

He is the Business Man of All the People. Alderman Dorney has been endorsed by the William Hale Thompson Republican Club of the 24th Ward.

**RE-ELECT ALD. M'DONOUGH**

The Municipal Voters' League, referring to the 5th Ward aldermanic contest, says: "Ald. Joseph B. McDonough is making his campaign in the 5th Ward on

his refusal to be owned by any city hall bosses. "His record rings true. Not one of the seventy aldermen has stood more firmly by his right to vote his own opinions on the council floor than has Ald. McDonough."

"When Ald. Louis B. Anderson of the 2nd Ward, demanded the passage

### ALD. POWERS GOOD RECORD

Alderman Powers of the 19th ward deserves re-election on his record. He has always voted on the side of the people and for the best interests of his constituents.

### ALDERMEN WANT SPECIAL BODY TO STUDY TRAFFIC

The council judiciary committee recommended creation of a special commission of five members, to serve two-year terms without pay by appointment of the mayor, to study traffic congestion.

### FINE REFORMS

The Number of Electors are Cut Down so That Public Interest Is Destroyed and Bond Issues are Easily Put Over.

Our busy reformers have settled things for the taxpayers. The reform insects secured the passage of a law automatically electing men as alder-

## JUDICIAL FIGHT

### June Election for Judges of the Circuit Court Has Aldermanic Battle Backed Off the Boards

### Thompson Committee Plans to Outrival Brundage-Deneen Control by Legislative Action Which Will Reverse Conditions

The judicial election next June is now attracting more attention than the aldermanic election. The Republican factors are getting ready for the fray and two full sets of Republican candidates will be in the field at the primary.

### OLSON LOSES JUDICIAL FIGHT TO RIGHEIMER

All doubt as to the legal right of County Judge Frank S. Righeimer to retain his office was removed Tuesday by the Illinois Supreme Court when it threw out the contest petition of Attorney Edward A. Olson.

The Supreme Court held "there is no provision for survival of the case after the death of one of the parties." It pointed out the ruling was made on this basis alone; that the merits of the evidence was not considered or necessary.

"It naturally removes the cloud from my title and is therefore a relief in a way," said Judge Righeimer.

The case originally involved the late County Judge Thomas Scully and Mr. Olson. The latter contended his defeat in 1918 was caused by fraud. Superior Court Judge Foell threw the case out. Mr. Olson appealed to the Supreme Court.

### SENATE PASSES TARIFF MEASURE

Fordney Emergency Bill With Temporary Duties on Farm Products O. K.'D.

### TO TAX SUGAR CENT A POUND

Senator Williams of Mississippi Charges Tariff Provisions on Sugar Are Such as to Make Any Industry Profitable.

Washington, Feb. 17.—After weeks of tedious debate the senate passed the Fordney emergency tariff bill imposing temporary duties on farm and live stock products. The vote on the passage was 43 to 30. The bill now goes back to the house for concurrence in the many amendments added by the senate. From there it will go to the President for his approval or disapproval.

Belief was expressed that President Wilson will veto the tariff bill. In fact during the earlier discussions of the bill Senator Underwood of Alabama expressed the opinion that the President would follow such a course.

Closing hours of the debate were marked by spirited exchanges. Senator Moses of New Hampshire was one who was particularly violent in his criticism of the measure. Declaring that it was "misshapen thing" and absolutely indefensible, he offered an amendment to substitute the old Payne-Aldrich tariffs for the entire bill. The amendment, however, was lost.

Senator Edge of New Jersey, another Republican, said the bill would never accomplish the purpose for which it was intended and that it would only result in increased living costs to the public without any substantial benefits to the farmer.

**Vote Peace Fund Quiz.** Over the protest of Democratic members, who charged it was a move to defame and malign President Wilson in the closing days of his administration, the house adopted by a vote of 211 to 79 a resolution calling upon the president for an itemized statement showing disbursements and al-

lotments of the \$150,000,000 war funds voted by congress.

Chairman Good of the appropriations committee, replying to Democratic attacks, declared no injustice to the president was intended, and that if any such construction was placed upon it the Democrats were responsible through attempting to create an impression that "there was something crooked in the money spending."

**Flays Tariff Bill.** Besides other heated attacks on the tariff measure, the debate was marked by a lengthy arraignment of the bill by Senator Williams, Democrat, of Mississippi, in which he indulged in a mixture of wit, sarcasm and sincere protest that for more than an hour held the individual attention of the seventy senators on the floor.

The Mississippi senator charged proponents of the emergency tariff with seeking to legislate money out of the pockets of the public into the pockets of those benefited by the bill. He declared that the tariff provisions on sugar were such as to make any industry profitable, and added: "I can raise bananas in New Jersey, if you will give a tariff on them, I'd sell them for a dollar a banana."

**Tax Sugar Cent a Pound.** The Smoot amendment would place the tariff at one cent a pound in addition to the present duty of the same amount.

The amendments adopted would provide rates as follows: Butter and butter substitutes, eight cents per pound; cheese and cheese substitutes, 23 per cent ad valorem; fresh milk, two cents per gallon, and cream five cents per gallon.

### WARNING

### ARREST THIS FRAUD

Complaint has reached this office that a person giving the name of Edward Reynolds has been calling up businessmen by telephone and solicits subscriptions for a "soldiers' relief fund," giving among others the name of the Chicago Eagle for reference. The Chicago Eagle knows of no such man as Edward Reynolds and is in no way interested or connected with any soldiers' or other "relief fund." People approached by such a person using the name of the Chicago Eagle in anyway should turn him over to the police.

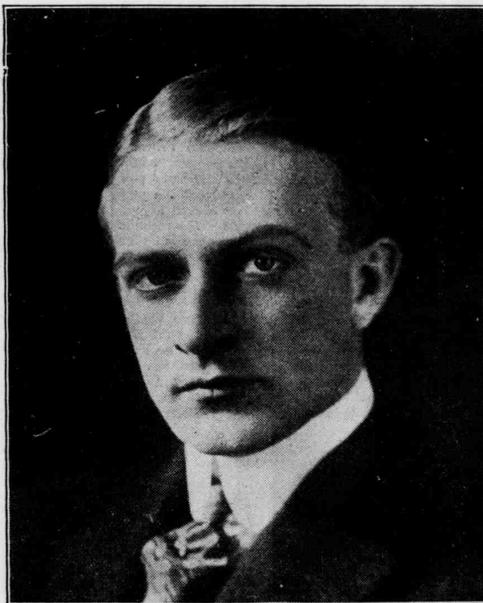
### LONG WAITS FOR PHONE CONNECTION

Many people are said to complain bitterly of the phone service. It is almost impossible to attract the attention of the operators at the main office at times. This often causes financial damage to patrons.

### SMITH A WINNER FOR CITY TREASURER

All Classes of Citizens are United in Backing Popular Alderman

Clayton F. Smith's candidacy for City Treasurer is proving a popular one with all classes of people. His splendid record in the City Council along with the fine record he made before as City Treasurer is well known and his election by a large majority is predicted by everybody.



EARLE H. REYNOLDS, President of the Peoples Trust & Savings Bank.

of the ordinance for the \$8,000,000 bond issue to pay running expenses. Ald. McDonough was one of the few who had the courage to vote no. Ald. Mulcahy, his opponent, was one of the many to vote yes.

"If the voters of the 5th Ward think the city has been wasteful with its money and should for once make an honest effort to live within its income and not pay out millions to build up a political machine, and especially if the 5th Ward wants its aldermen to be free to vote their own beliefs, they should work and vote for Ald. McDonough."

James R. Buckley, the efficient Chief Clerk of the personal property division of the county treasurers' office is an ideal public official. He has made a splendid record in every office he has held.

men who get the majority of the votes cast at a primary.

This does away with the necessity for another election and people lose interest, do not go to the polls and big bond issues go over without opposition.

Fine Reform!

### 200 MINUS AUTO TAGS PAY \$1,100 IN FINES

The drive on automobile owners who have not obtained 1921 state and city license tags brought a rush of applicants Wednesday. Two hundred paid \$1,100 in fines and costs in the speeders' court, where offenders were arraigned.

by virtue of the Supreme Court decision.

The Thompson organization is taking steps to outwit them.

A move to validate the election of Thompson ward and precinct committeemen last spring was made in the general assembly as a state administration measure.

A bill which would give the legislative O. K. to all ward and precinct committeemen elected last spring was transmitted from the governor's office and introduced in the senate by Senator Lantz, who comes from Republican State Chairman Smith's district.

Nomination of the Republican candidates for judge of the circuit court of Cook county to be elected next June and control of the G. O. P. party machinery of Chicago and Cook county are involved in the measure. The legislative action is a countermove to the quo warranto suit brought

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