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HARDING LOOMS

Popular City Comptroller Talked of to Succeed Thompson as Mayor—Boom Latter for U. S. Senator

Harding Considered the Strongest Man in the City Hall Combine to Make at Mayoralty Election

George F. Harding, the popular city comptroller, is the man most talked of to succeed Mayor Thompson when the latter's term expires.

THOMPSON MEN WIN

Judge De Young Upholds Their Committee.

Republican ward committeemen elected last spring, all except one of whom are members of the Thompson city hall organization, laid plans to nominate Republican candidates for Circuit Judge at the June judicial election, following the decision of Circuit Judge De Young in their favor.

Meanwhile Frederick A. Brown, appointed a special assistant for the litigation by Attorney General Brundage, prepared to ask the aid of the state Supreme Court to halt the nomination move by the Thompson committeemen. He planned to ask immediate hearing on an appeal from Judge De Young's decision.

"I hope to get a decision in the April term of the Supreme Court," he declared, "so that all doubt as to the judicial nominations will be cleared up in time to govern the June election. The promptness with which Judge De Young decided the case is pleasing to me for that reason."

HARDING FAVORS EMERGENCY ACT

Conflict of Opinion Arises Between President and Republican Leaders.

IS QUESTION OF PRECEDENCE

Executive in Favor of Leaving Permanent Tariff Legislation Until Last at the Special Session of Congress Next Month.

Washington, March 17.—A serious conflict of opinion between President Harding and Republican leaders of congress over whether tariff or tax legislation shall have precedence at the special session next month has developed, it is said.

It was reported here, that the President, in sympathy with the agricultural industry, is strongly in favor of providing an emergency tariff while the permanent tariff bill is being enacted.

He has proposed, it was learned, the revision of the old Payne-Aldrich schedules to meet the requirements of the present situation as a temporary measure. When that is disposed of, he would have the revenue bill taken up next, leaving the permanent tariff act until last.

The majority of the leaders of the bill, especially the members of the senate finance committee and the house ways and means committee, are just as strongly opposed to this plan as the President is for it. Their program contemplates the complete abandonment of the emergency tariff pro-

posal and they want to give the permanent tariff priority over the tax bills on the legislative calendar.

Want to Save Time. They argue that it will take nearly as long to pass a temporary tariff bill as a permanent one, and that time will be saved by discarding the emergency plan and taking up the permanent measure at once. The wisdom of President Harding's plan, to restore the Payne-Aldrich duties is also doubted.

Many contend that the idea is neither feasible nor practicable, as the Payne-Aldrich schedules can never be made applicable to the present situation, for which, they declare, an entirely new bill must be drafted. A sharp division exists on this point, but both factions agree that the revision of the old schedules as suggested by the President will consume as much time as the writing of a permanent bill would take.

The ideas of the senate and house leaders on the legislative program were laid before the President by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, chairman of the senate finance committee, and Representative Fordney of Michigan, chairman of the house ways and means committee.

The President, it was learned, withheld his consent to the plan for the abandonment of the emergency tariff, although he approved the proposed anti-dumping act and the change in the method of imposing import duties. His insistence on a temporary tariff, it was revealed, is due to the strong pressure coming from the farmers, who claim that nothing else short of an immediate tariff will save them from complete ruin.

The position of the President was strengthened when a delegation of western senators and representatives called at the White House to urge an embargo on wool to shut off the imports from Australia and New Zealand which are depressing the American market. The President gave the delegation a sympathetic hearing, and informed them that he would ask Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to work out a solution of the problem.

Emergency Measure Hopeless. In their desire for harmony, legislative leaders would be willing to accept the President's plan, but their experiences with the emergency tariff at the last session have convinced them, with a few exceptions, that it would be a waste of time to introduce a similar measure in the coming session. It is virtually hopeless, they declare, to think that a temporary bill confined solely to principal agricultural products can be put through, because of the varied interests represented in the senate who insist that protection for them is just as essential.

Senator Penrose said that with a "disciplined" majority behind it, an emergency tariff bill might be put through as the President wishes, but that he doubted if various senators could be induced to submerge their demands for a tariff on other commodities until a permanent measure is drafted. A decision in the controversy is expected sometime this week.

DEMOCRATS WATCH REPUBLICAN FIGHT

The battle in the courts between the rival Republican committees is being watched with great interest by the Democratic leaders. In the Republican mixup the old committee is pretty evenly divided between the factions and the new committee is completely controlled by the City Hall or Thompson-Lundin followers. The Democrats will have to reorganize also if the Supreme Court decides that the new committee is in power. When the Supreme Court last fall knocked out the primary law the Democrats restored the old committee to power that put back James M. Daley as chairman and ousted Tony

PASS THIS ORDINANCE

Auto Signal to Indicate Turn Is Planned by City.

Elimination of many automobile accidents is the aim of an ordinance being considered by the city council committee on local transportation. It provides that all motor vehicles, except motorcycles, while operating on the streets within the city, shall display a signal, clearly visible at all hours of the day and night for a distance of 200 feet when viewed from the rear, which shall indicate the driver's intention to turn to the left, turn to the right, or to stop.

It shall be permissible that this may be accomplished, in the case of open vehicles, by extending the driver's left arm horizontally to indicate "a left-hand turn," extending the right arm horizontally to indicate "a right-hand turn," or extending either arm vertically overhead to indicate "stop."

In the case of closed vehicles, or open vehicles with the top up, these signals shall be accomplished by means of a device separate or in combination with the usual red tail light, mounted at the rear of the vehicle and operated a mechanically or electrically in a positive manner, from the driver's position, displaying pointers, letters, words, lights or any other sufficiently clear and intelligible means.

The ordinance provides that a board of motor vehicle headlight inspection charged with the duty of examining

JUDGES PICKED

Most Important Election this Year will be Choosing of Nineteen Judges of the Circuit Court

Management and Patronage of South Park System Depends upon Result of this Big Judicial Battle

The Judicial election is less than three months off. It will occur in June and is by far the most important election of the year. It is surprising how little interest the people of Chicago take in this great event that will decide the com-

Frank D. Ayers, assistant attorney for the school board.

In the Superior Court, Judge Theodore Brentano, the only judge whose term expires this summer, is slated for renomination, according to City Hall lawyers who are framing the Thompson judicial slate.

CITY OPENS ALIEN CLASSES

English and American Customs Will Be Taught Foreigners.

Classes for foreigners to learn English and American customs will be conducted by the city in community and social centers, according to announcement by Assistant Superintendent of Schools Hogge.

It is planned to hold classes two nights a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Schools will be established in twenty-five community centers this week, and other schools will be added soon.

Persons desiring to enroll in the schools have been asked to communicate with Assistant Superintendent Hogge.

TO INVESTIGATE RAIL SITUATION

Charges of Extravagance, Inefficiency and Dishonesty in Management Made.

CONGRESS TO GET AT FACTS

Senator Cummins, Who Will Have Charge of the Probe, Says There Is Something Wrong—Public Entitled to the Facts.

Washington, March 17.—Reports of extravagance, inefficiency and dishonesty in the management of the railroads since their return to private ownership last March, will be thoroughly sifted in the senate investigation of the railroad situation which will be begun shortly after the new congress convene next month.

This announcement was made by Senator Cummins of Iowa who will introduce the resolution to authorize the inquiry. Senator Cummins is chairman of the interstate commerce committee of the senate which will conduct the investigation and is co-author of the Esch-Cummins transportation act under which the roads were turned back to private control.

While the committee will look into the railway labor situation and hear the case of the brotherhood heads, it will only be as a corollary subject, Senator Cummins said. The main purpose of the investigation, he asserted, will be to ascertain why in the 12 months of private control the roads have been able to earn only a net operating income of \$10,000,000, which represents about one-fifteenth per cent of their property value, and \$900,000,000 less than they were expected to earn under the transportation act.

Public Entitled to Facts. "We propose to learn," Senator Cummins said, "why it is that with the increases in freight rates of 35 per cent the railroads have been able to earn only a negligible amount. The public is entitled to know how this has come about and if there is any truth in the reports that this condition is due to mismanagement, dishonesty and extravagance."

The senator declared that, if any of these charges are borne out by the investigation, the committee would at once lay the facts before the interstate commerce commission, which, he

is, is empowered to take whatever corrective measures are necessary.

Outside the reports, of mismanagement, two principal reasons have been advanced for the failure of the roads to show favorable earnings under the freight increases, Senator Cummins said. These, he declared, are the general falling off in traffic and the excessive cost of operation. Three hundred thousand freight cars, one-seventh of the total equipment of the roads, are now idle, the Senator asserted.

To remedy the situation, it is plain, Senator Cummins said, that a reduction in the cost of operation and maintenance must be effected. Of this reduction, he asserted, labor must bear its proportionate part in the decrease of wages. He expresses the opinion, however, that in the final adjustment the skilled railway men will receive as much as they do now and that the scaling down would come among the new and inexperienced workers.

No Raise in Rates. Senator Cummins said that in his estimation the present problem is the result of the attempt to standardize wages and reclassify the railway workers during federal control. In this standardization and reclassification, he declared, there was no proper differentiation made between skilled and unskilled labor.

"The whole affair was badly adjusted," Senator Cummins said. "When the readjustment that must come is effected, I believe that the men who do the real work and most of the work will get as much as they do now, and still there will be a big saving."

The senator asserted that it was absurd to think that it will be necessary to give the roads another increase in rates to meet the situation. "The rates are so high now they can" possibly be raised again," he said.

RE-ELECT GOOD JUDGES

Regardless of politics, the judges of the Circuit Court, tried and trusted, who have shown themselves worthy in long years of service, should be re-elected. This includes such men as

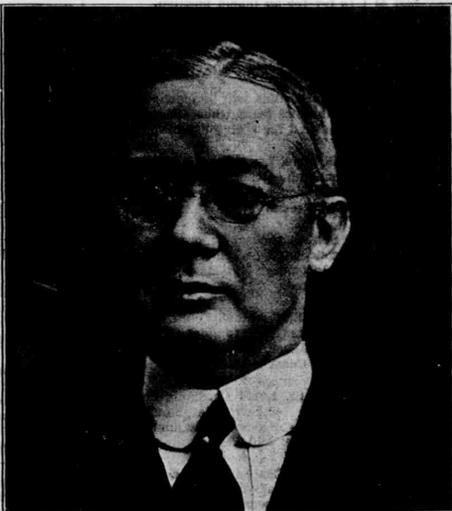
- Judge Kickham Scanlan, Judge George Kersten, Judge Thomas G. Windes, Judge Frank Johnston, Jr., and Judge Donald L. Morrill of the Circuit Court, and last but not least, Judge Theodore Brentano of the Superior court.

FRED UPHAM NOW AN ELK

Among fifty new members initiated into the Elks Thursday night were Fred Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, and Charles Pez, of the United States Shipping Board.

Mr. Upham declared that he decided "to wear the antlers," so that he could call President Harding "Brother Bill." Mr. Harding is a charter member of the Marion, Ohio, lodge.

Exalted Ruler William J. Sinek addressed the meeting, explaining Elkdom, and extended to the new members the welcome of 800,000 Elks in over 1,500 cities of the United States.



JOHN A. McCORMICK, Well-Known Banker and Public-Spirited Citizen.

been ousted. Henry Stuckart was made chairman of the new committee and will replace Daley if the Supreme Court decides that the new committee is the regular one.

CITY HALL NOT SURE

City Hall leaders are said to be doubtful as to whether the Supreme Court will sustain the new Republican managing committee which they control. They are said to be fighting hard to win over doubtful members of the old committee in order to control that body if the Supreme Court decides against them.

John P. Gibbons is much talked of for the nomination for president of the County Board next year.

such signal devices, as may be submitted for test, and in case a device is found acceptable, shall issue a certificate of approval to the applicant wherein shall be contained the name of the applicant, a definite description of the device and a statement that it complies with the ordinance.

Manufacturers, retailers, jobbers or wholesalers shall be privileged to affix upon such device a tag showing it has been examined and passed by the inspection board.

It shall be unlawful for any person to attach to any signaling device any spurious, fictitious or counterfeit tag, or any tag issued by the inspection board to any person other than himself, or for any signaling device other than that for which such tag is issued.

Any person violating the provisions of the ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$50 for each offense.

plexion of the Circuit Court for the coming six years.

Nineteen judges are to be elected. As the Circuit Court judges appoint the South Park Commissioners, the great patronage of the South Park system is at stake.

The City Hall forces are making great preparations to control and win this election.

Nine Republican judges of the Circuit Court are slated for retirement if the Thompson-Lundin forces win their fight for control of the Republican judiciary convention.

Already a dozen names are being mentioned for the nine places now occupied by judges whom the City Hall leaders plan to keep off the ticket. Among those boosted for the Circuit bench are Assistant Corporation Counsel James W. Breen, Charles E. Peace, and Eugene H. Dupee, Municipal Judge John Richardson, Edward S. Day, and

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