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SHORTEN BILL

Democratic Organization of Cook County Against Any Plan to Lengthen Term of Mayor of Chicago

Big Pressure Brought On Con Con Body to Knock Out Scheme to Stretch Out Mayor's Term

The provision in the new Constitution which would automatically extend Mayor Thompson's term from the spring to the fall of 1923 is being fought hard by the Democrats.

FRAUDS AND DEAD BEATS AND THE BUSINESS WORLD

The city is full of confidence men doing business as builders, loan sharks, stock dealers, etc.

"Neither men nor women buy luxuries as they did during the war and in the after-the-war flurry."

Street cleaning is to be done by autos if the city is satisfied with a "test" program with 66 trailers and 8 trucks bought for the purpose.

The City Council did not act very courteously on Monday when Mayor Thompson appointed Dr. John Dill Robertson, former city health commissioner, to fill one of the three existing vacancies on the Board of Education.

Bathhouse John, alderman from the First Ward favors Fatty Arbuckle films in Chicago.

No smoking allowed by steamboats around Chicago. This does not abolish smoking aboard of them by passengers.

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TEACHERS DEMAND INVESTIGATION BY STATE'S ATTORNEY

The Chicago Teachers Federation has addressed a letter to the state's attorney as follows: "The Hon. Robert E. Crowe, State's Attorney of Cook County—Dear Sir. The following resolution adopted unanimously by the Chicago Teachers' federation at its meeting Saturday, June 10, 1922, is herewith transmitted in accordance with instructions contained therein:

Recorder of Deeds Joseph F. Haas had a fine report for last month, showing a big increase for the month of May over the corresponding period of last year.

Notwithstanding a tough and notorious school board there has been an increase of nearly 15 per cent in the number of graduates this year from both the elementary and high schools according to Peter A. Mortenson, superintendent of schools.

The Forest Preserve Commission has reappointed Chief Attorney John D. Weiner, Chief Forester Ransom Kennicott, Controller Joseph L. Gill, Chief Engineer Emmett J. Flavin, Secretary William J. Gornley, Treasurer Oscar F. Mayer, Henry P. Krausz, as chief of the real estate department, and more than 150 other employees, at the same salaries they received for last year.

CARLSON MAKING A GOOD RECORD, WILL INSTALL 15,000 NEW LIGHTS

George E. Carlson, the new Commissioner of Gas and Electricity, is making a fine record in the brief time he has been in office.

At present the city has 1,134 miles of unlighted streets, 1,378 lighted by electricity and 376 lighted by gas and gasoline lamps.

Engineers are making rapid strides in preparing specifications and data necessary for an advertisement for bids, Mr. Carlson said.

Commissioner Carlson asserted that although upwards of a hundred delegations have called on him demanding changes in his original plan of distributing the new lamps, few have been made.

Mayor Thompson says he wants a new school board with a clean slate. He is not going to get all the resignations he asks for.

SCHOOL BOARD DOES ONE GOOD ACT

The Board of Education voted salary increases to 10,000 teachers and principals of Chicago schools, totaling \$4,250,000 annually, at its meeting on Wednesday.

The Illinois Bell Telephone officials will adopt the automatic system in 1923, it is announced.

LOOP LAW LOOSE

Traffic Police Service in Down Town Chicago the Poorest of Any Big City in the World

Pedestrians Permitted to Block Passage of Vehicles And Pet Parkers to Roost All Day Long

Many pedestrians imagine that the streets belong to them at all times. They do not.

The cure for this would be to load up patrol wagons with all pedestrians who violate the traffic laws and give them good fines first and jail sentences afterwards.

We do not know whether many of the traffic cops take bribes for letting favored parties park in the loop as long as they wish to.

We were glad to see the Chicago Tribune take up this subject the other day and tell the truth about the powerful influence of the coin of the realm on loop parking.

A Tribune observer, struggling slowly through the loop and being consistently reprimanded every time he attempted to pull in to the curb and stop, decided to experiment with the free and equal parking laws of Chicago about 3 p. m.

"You can't," began an uniformed doorman, hurrying toward the car. "That's enough," broke in the parker, extending a half dollar and easing the car back.

"In fifty minutes—twenty overtime—the experimenter returned. "Have any trouble about the parking time?" he asked the starter.

"The next stop was made on the east side of state street about midway between Madison and Washington.

"All right," returned that worthy, pocketing the tip, "we can usually get by, but there's a hard boiled cop on this trick now. I used to be able to fix it for a cigar or a quarter.

Chicago's police force in the loop is the poorest traffic squad in the world—taking it as a whole.

Some of them defy the motors to drive through at the proper time.

This would help loop traffic amazingly.

The following Chicago members are on the publicity committee which will direct the fight for the adoption of the new Constitution: David Shanahan, Charles H. Hammill, William Ganschow, E. H. Morris, Martin J. O'Brien, Abel Davis and Oscar Wolf, all of Chicago.

More cops will be in clover soon because the purchase of fourteen new motor patrols, requested by the police department, was authorized.

RESIGNED SCHOOL OFFICIALS ENTERTAIN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

President Edwin S. Davis and Vice-President Albert H. Severinhaus of the board, who have presented resignations to Mayor Thompson, but are still acting in their official capacities, were the hosts of nearly a score of board of education employees at their summer homes at Fox Lake on Sunday.

Department heads were in a majority. The guests left the entertainment in good humor.

SAYS SCHOOL BOARD MEN CAN WITHDRAW RESIGNATIONS

An attorney familiar with board of education procedure and the law expressed the off-hand opinion today that those trustees who presented their resignations to the mayor may legally withdraw them as two women members have done.

The attorney gave as his belief that Dr. Sadie B. Adair and Mrs. Pauline Struwing were within their rights when they asked that their resignations be withdrawn.

Having heard over 6,500 suits in two



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its acts or actions," his associates added.

Among other things, when it is appointed, the new Board of Education will be asked to authorize construction of twenty new schools at an estimated cost of \$37,000,000 and also that building operations be started as soon as possible, according to Peter A. Mortenson, superintendent of schools.

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