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WANT FITZ FIRED

Growing Demand On the Mayor for the Appointment of Some One Else As Chief of Police

There is a general demand for the removal of Fitzmorris from the city payroll as Chief of Police.

Mr. Fitzmorris who "won his spurs" in public life as private secretary to former Mayor Harrison has not won much applause from the public in his present job.

Some people think that he is the poorest excuse Chicago has ever had at the head of its police department.

Haling some people into court for minor violation of Loop parking laws and permitting a fellow who comes downtown to play cards for money to park his car on a crowded street for hours at a time, is the least of the complaints heard against the police under Fitzmorris.

Many city officials are against Fitzmorris for other reasons.

They say he receives them coolly, makes them wait for days before he

gives them an audience, and then rejects their requests with as much force as if they were complete strangers.

Fitzmorris newspaper boosters say that Fitz has reduced crime, especially payroll robberies. This would be interesting if true, but as it is not true it is even more interesting.

One friendly reporter on the subject of the chief's unpopularity, writes: "The chief's principal opponents are committeemen and leaders who maintain they cannot win votes unless the police allow concessions, which strictly are violations of law. These, the chief's friends assert, he has refused to give."

This is pretty good. As this paragraph is written the writer has but to look out of the office window to see a pet auto which has been parked at the same curb for three hours and a half. Where does this law breaker get his concession?

IN THE CITY HALL

What the City Officials and Men of Affairs Are Doing for the Chicago Public

"There is space along loop curbs for 37,000 parked cars," said Maj. R. F. Kelker, city traffic expert, "and that space is filled all the time. Clear these streets and solve the greatest part of the problem."

"One-way streets will not work in Chicago with street cars operating as they are. Automatic signals will not work in the loop and will be found impractical on Michigan avenue unless the plan is co-ordinated with practical loop movements. Chicago's traffic problem is unlike any other. We can solve it only through direct co-operation of every city department and park board on a unified and practical plan."

Three veteran Aldermen will retire voluntarily before the new council of fifty takes office next April. They are Aldermen Michael Kenna of the First Ward, James B. Bowler of the old Nineteenth, and John Toman of the Thirty-fourth. All are stepping out in order not to have to run against their colleagues. Ald. Bowler, according to reports, will be appointed to a county office by President Cermak of the board of county commissioners, while Ald. Toman is slated for appointment to the board of election commissioners.

Two large pearls, carefully matched and ready for mounting, were presented to Detective Sergeant Fred Meyers of the Town Hall station. With the gems was a jeweler's certificate en-

titling the recipient to have them set in a horseshoe, symbolic of the Sergeant's career in the cavalry.

The gift bore the card of the Mounted Police association, the Ex-Cavalrymen's Police association and the North Shore Riding academy, and was tendered as a Christmas remembrance in appreciation of Sergt. Meyers' zealous work as a director in all three organizations.

Alderman John A. Richert is to be ditched in the February primary. He deserves the job at that because of his faithful work. Alderman Timothy J. Hogan will continue to represent the ward that he and Richert now represent.

The council finance committee, which began work on the municipal budget with a firm resolve to pass it by Jan. 15 "to keep it out of the mayoralty campaign," now has decided to delay action until late in February or early in March "to keep it out of the aldermanic campaign."

Headlines from the dailies: Dec. 19—Herald-Examiner: \$200,000 U. S. Mint Robbers Headed for Chicago. Dec. 19—Daily News: Policeman Slain Battling Bandits. Dec. 19—Journal: Watch Here for Mint Bandits; and so forth and so on. Can it be possible that the Crime Commission has quit working for Fitz?

COUNTY OFFICES

Items of Interest Concerning Men and Measures in the County Building

Frequent clashes between President Cermak and Republican members of the county board featured the meeting of the board yesterday. One of the heated battles was regarding the decision of the board to make an economy survey of county offices for the purpose of eliminating useless jobs. It was finally decided to employ J. L. Jacobs & Co. to make the survey, but President Cermak indicated he might veto the appoint-

ment after he discovered that the Republican members had previously caucused on the proposition.

The president was all ready with a message vetoing the reappointment of Hayden N. Bell, attorney for the board, but before he had a chance to submit it the commissioners re-considered their action regarding Bell and referred the matter to the finance committee. Joseph D. Salkeld, political editor of the Chicago Journal, was appointed a civil service commissioner in place of James M. Whalen, recently elected a trustee of the sanitary district. The place pays \$3,000 a year.

Patrick A. Nash is growing in popularity as a Democratic candidate for Mayor.

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EAGLETS

Can a judge be elected Mayor?

With the exception of Edward F. Dunne Chicago has always turned them down.

Carter H. Harrison Sr. beat a few of them—Judge Eugene Carey and Judge Sidney Smith among the number.

Carter H. Harrison Jr. beat Judge Elbridge Haney to a frazzle and the first time he was elected it was over a field of five, in which Judge Nathaniel C. Sears, the regular Republican candidate, ran third.

The daily papers are talking about some judges for mayor who hold their present jobs through favoritism and Bar Association and daily newspaper Bull Con.

The people would not think of them for anything but judgeships after giving them the real "once-over."

Too many fellows have been put on the bench simply because they were handy men for some political boss.

If the Tribune or Daily News were bent on hunting up reasons why some judges could not be elected mayor they could easily find them.

Another friendly newspaper writer says that Lundin is against Fitzmorris. As many anti-Lundin Republicans are against Fitz what keeps him on the job?

The rank and file of the police are reported to be disgusted with Fitzmorris as chief. Keeping an officer who was tendered a dinner for service rendered his fellow officers waiting outside the Chief's office at the City Hall until it was too late to be at the dinner, and transferring officers of a Policeman's Society for asking the Aldermen for a reasonable accommodation has not helped to make Fitz popular.

LOOP PETS HIT

Big Meeting of Business Men at Union League Shows Feeling on Conditions Under Fitzmorris Rule

The City Hall pet whose National Phaeton car has been a monument to poor police traffic service, is still parked nearly every afternoon on Washington street between La Salle and Wells streets.

Monday, December 11, it was parked at the southwest corner of Wells and Washington for four hours, within 25 feet of a traffic cop. Saturday, December 13, it was parked all the afternoon at the northwest corner of Wells and Washington street.

One prominent citizen said on Wednesday of this week "Why doesn't the Mayor fire Fitzmorris? The City Council appropriates money for a

of the parking laws in other parts of the loop. But this one we refer to because we are confronted with it nearly every day.

Police favoritism in the loop in the matter of Auto Parking is largely responsible for loop congestion and is becoming unbearable.

A great meeting of big business men to protest against conditions that exist under Fitzmorris was held at the Union League Club.

Alexander H. Revell, the great merchant, did not mince matters in talking of Loop conditions at this meeting.

We quote the following from the Chicago Tribune's account of the meeting:

Alexander H. Revell related his experiences with loop parking and declared that street storage must be stopped and parking spaces provided outside of the loop. He declared that politics and bribes to traffic policemen makes parking regulations now a failure.

"Influences reaching the mayor and city hall have blocked all our at-

tempts at relief of the loop congestion," he declared. "Millions are being lost annually by Chicago merchants and the fact that a few with influence can regulate this service to their own selfish gain."

Christopher Wiehe, president of the West Park board, urged better sign posting on all Chicago streets and explained the success of west park traffic improvements.

"Congestion is dangerous as well as wasteful," he declared. "But the most dangerous thing we have to face is the refusal of the post office department to compel the drivers of their mail trucks to obey traffic laws. Drivers of these trucks break every city ordinance, cause scores of accidents and refuse to observe a single rule."

W. M. Ellis was appointed chairman of the committee charged with the investigation of all plans for traffic reform and recommendation of improvements to city and park boards.

The committee includes Maj. Kelker, Lieut. John Martin of the traffic division, D. F. Kelly, E. T. Stevens, J. B. Cain, A. H. Revell and representatives of the Illinois Automobile club, Chicago Motor club, traction lines and other civic bodies.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Work of Illinois Lawmaking Body

Representative E. Church of Evanston is a "dry" candidate for Speaker of the House.

David E. Shanahan may be elected Speaker of the House as the result of a compromise between the warring Republican factions.

The General Assembly will open its first session a week from next Wednesday and the Brundage-McCormick-McKinley forces, following a conference at the Union League Club, claim they will be able to control the organization of the new state Senate and would organize it without regard to the wishes of the state administration.

Twenty-five of the forty-two Republican members of the new Senate have signed an agreement to stand together for control of the Republican caucus, according to Senator Clarence Buck of Monmouth, a down-state leader of the McCormick faction.

"We have twenty-five Republicans signed up for the organization of the Senate," he said. "As we need but twenty-two to control the caucus, counting Senator Marks, who makes the Republicans' total forty-two in the Senate, I don't see how we will have much difficulty in putting through our program."

Senator Otis Glenn of Murphysboro was selected as this group's candidate for chairman of the caucus, which will be held in Springfield on January 2.

Several candidates for president pro tem, are in the offing, following the report that Senator Jewell will not seek re-election to this post. Among those prominently mentioned are Senators Barr, Turnbaugh, Barbour and Essington.

James Paddock, for many years clerk of the Senate, will seek his old job, which was taken away from him two years ago by A. C. Murray. Mr. Murray also is understood to be seeking re-election.

Thaddeus B. Scouten, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate will be re-elected without opposition.

The unseating of MacPherson has aroused the Democrats who insist that what they term the "stealing" of the MacPherson seat is going to prove

a costly undertaking for the city hall crowd. If the Supreme court refuses to interfere, the Democrats declare they will carry their fight into the coming legislature which opens one week from next Wednesday.

Chicago Democrats in both houses plan to vote solidly against every piece of legislation the Lundin-Thompson machine or its Small administration annex want. They will ask the downstate democrats in the next legislature to join them in this resolve.

Charles Appel, father of Lila Lee, motion picture star, and manager of the North Ste Turner Hall, was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Chicago Public Library by Mayor Thompson. The council confirmed the action. Mr. Appel is 50 years of age, was born in Berlin and is a member of eighteen societies and organizations.

On motion of Morris Eller, ward committeeman, the 20th Ward Republican Club endorse Ernest Kunde of 2025 S. Halsted street for alderman. Mr. Kunde was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention and is an able and progressive citizen.

Many persons think that Chicago's crowning disgrace was the changing of the name of Colorado avenue—called after an American sovereign state—to Fifth Avenue. The other streets in the vicinity are called California, Francisco, Sacramento, etc.

Edwin A. Olson has been made U. S. attorney for Chicago.

Robbers and thieves from all over the country are said to be hurrying to Chicago. Here's a heading from Wednesday's Chicago Journal: Spring Valley Bandits Are Traced to Chicago.

Dixon C. Williams, the well known manufacturer, who is a Democratic orator with a national reputation, would make a good mayor of Chicago.

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WILLIAM WRIGLEY, JR.
Popular and Progressive Citizen, Who is Growing in Public Favor as a Candidate for Mayor.

The question of whether out of town judges shall continue to be paid out of marriage court funds has been reopened by the County Board of Commissioners coincidentally with the "1 cent" fine imposed upon William Dunn in connection with his suit to restrain Sheriff Peters from paying these salaries, it was learned yesterday. "We're going to have the situation ironed out," Commissioner Charles N. Goodnow said. "Sheriff Peters doesn't propose to be 'the goat' for constant attacks such as those of which he has been the object."

And incidentally they might look into the antecedents of the Jury Commission, the South Park Commission and some of the other things that do not come under the ordinary definition of perfumes.

There are many good judges now on the bench who would make good mayors.

But there are others who are and always were simply lazy lawyers who were always in politics for revenue only.

The Deneen Republicans have powerful and popular mayoralty timber in Isaac N. Powell.

Congressman A. J. Sabath was vindicated by Congress and the contest against his seat dismissed.

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chief of police. Why doesn't the Mayor appoint one?"

Irene Castle, the dancer and movie star and a chauffeur for a lady whose guest Mrs. Castle is, were haled into court because the car was parked for five minutes over time in front of the Sherman House.

At the same time the City Hall pet was parked all afternoon on Washington street. The mounted police have given this fellow "slip" after "slip" to appear in court. He boasts of his influence; pays no attention to the "slip" and threatens the police with loss of their jobs.

Fitzmorris has never backed his men up in this matter. Why?

We do not refer to other violations