



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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## A MOURNFUL VICTORY.

### There Are More Deaths Than Births in Chicago Every Week, by Official Count.

### An Incompetent Health Department and Grafting Drainage Channel the Cause of This Holocaust.

### Typhoid Fever Is Epidemic and Yet the Health Department Pronounces Lake Water Good.

### Everybody Knows that the Fraud Drainage Canal Carries Off but Very Little Sewage.

Between the Drainage Canal and the Chicago Health Department Chicago is the most unhealthy city in the world.

The Drainage Canal is a fraud and does not carry off one-twentieth of the sewage of the city which continues to contaminate the lake.

The Health Department is incompetent, and worse, when it reports the lake water as "good," or "usable" every day, as it is absolutely unfit to drink.

There were 526 deaths in Chicago last week and only 487 births.

When the deaths exceed the births in any city or in any country, the crack of doom has been sounded.

The death rate in Chicago per annum is over 15 for every 1,000 inhabitants, or over 1,500 for every 100,000, or over 30,000 for the whole population!

This is dreadful.

For a corroboration of these figures we simply append the report of the Health Department itself:

The weekly bulletin of the Health Department says: "At the close of last week the investigation of 67 out of the 123 fatal cases of typhoid fever reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics between July 1 and Aug. 24 had been completed by the Volunteer Medical Inspectors under the direction of Dr. John C. Neely, Assistant Chief Medical Inspector. Of these 67 11 were found to have been undoubtedly contracted outside of the city and two others were doubtful. This proportion agrees very closely with the results of previous investigations—to-wit, that about 18 per cent of the fatal cases of typhoid in Chicago are contracted elsewhere and are not due to local causes.

"Among the remaining 54 deaths referred to typhoid fever nine were clearly caused by other diseases, and, in the opinion of the investigators, six others were doubtful. Including these doubtful six, however, as among the typhoid deaths, the investigators attribute the following as causes of the disease: Bathing in the lake; 2; eating raw vegetables; 2; drinking untreated hydrant water; 37, and for the remaining 4 out of the total 45 cases no cause is assigned.

"Dr. Neely says: 'In this investigation particular attention was paid to the milk and ice supply. Three different milk dealers each furnished milk to two of the homes where deaths occurred, and one other to three of the homes. Ice was furnished to three families by two firms and to two families by another firm. So far as can be learned no connection can be established between the homes supplied with milk and ice by their firms.'

"For the first time since Jan. 1 no new case of smallpox was discovered last week, and there are but two cases remaining in the isolation hospital—four having been discharged during the week. Notwithstanding the alarm concerning scarlet fever and diphtheria in certain quarters, there are no new infected areas, and the preventive measures now being enforced are relied on to restrict further spread in the localities heretofore reported.

"No successful inoculations have yet been made in the experiment to test Professor Koch's recent pronouncement that bovine tuberculosis is not transmissible to mankind. The only culture of the bovine tubercle bacillus available in the city was so old as to prove inert, and a fresh culture is being made, with which, when ready, the test will be renewed. Six volunteer subjects are ready for the test."

A statement of mortality for the week ended Aug. 24, compared with the preceding week and with the corresponding week of 1900, death rates computed on United States census figures of population—viz., 1,698,575 for 1900, 1,785,025 for 1901:

Total deaths, all causes: Aug. 24, 1901, 526; Aug. 17, 1901, 507; Aug. 25, 1900, 406.

Death rate per annum per 1,000: Aug. 24, 1901, 15.57; Aug. 17, 1901, 15.01; Aug. 25, 1900, 14.31.

Births reported: Males, 240; females, 247; total, 487.

steadily growing worse all summer, the water in the north branch of the Chicago River is now in such frightful condition that marine men say there is serious danger of fire from the alleged water.

The spiles for six inches along the river bank are covered with a heavy black substance which looks like tar. At many points there is so much filth on the surface of the water that row-boats cannot force their way through.

When the steamer Phenix went up Wednesday the water was so thick that it would not run through the pipes to the boiler.

On board the Phenix was Capt. J. J. Hardon, managing owner.

"If a fireman should happen to shovel any live coals into the river," Capt. Hardon said, "I do not believe anything could save that region from a fire. A black tarry substance a half-foot thick lines the docks and is ready to be ignited by a spark. At one point I saw a man try to push out a rowboat to get some driftwood, but the boat struck fast in the filth and he could not budge it.

"In the past there have been some great stories about the condition of water in the south branch, but I never saw anything as bad as the north branch now is. Even in its worst days, before the opening of the drainage canal, the south branch was a bubbling brook compared with the north branch of to-day."

Tug captains said that the north branch, which was in a fair condition in early spring, has been slowly filling up with some refuse which looked to them as if it came from the gas works. They claim that within a week past there must have been a large addition to the refuse, for it suddenly got much thicker and spreads completely over the surface in many spots.

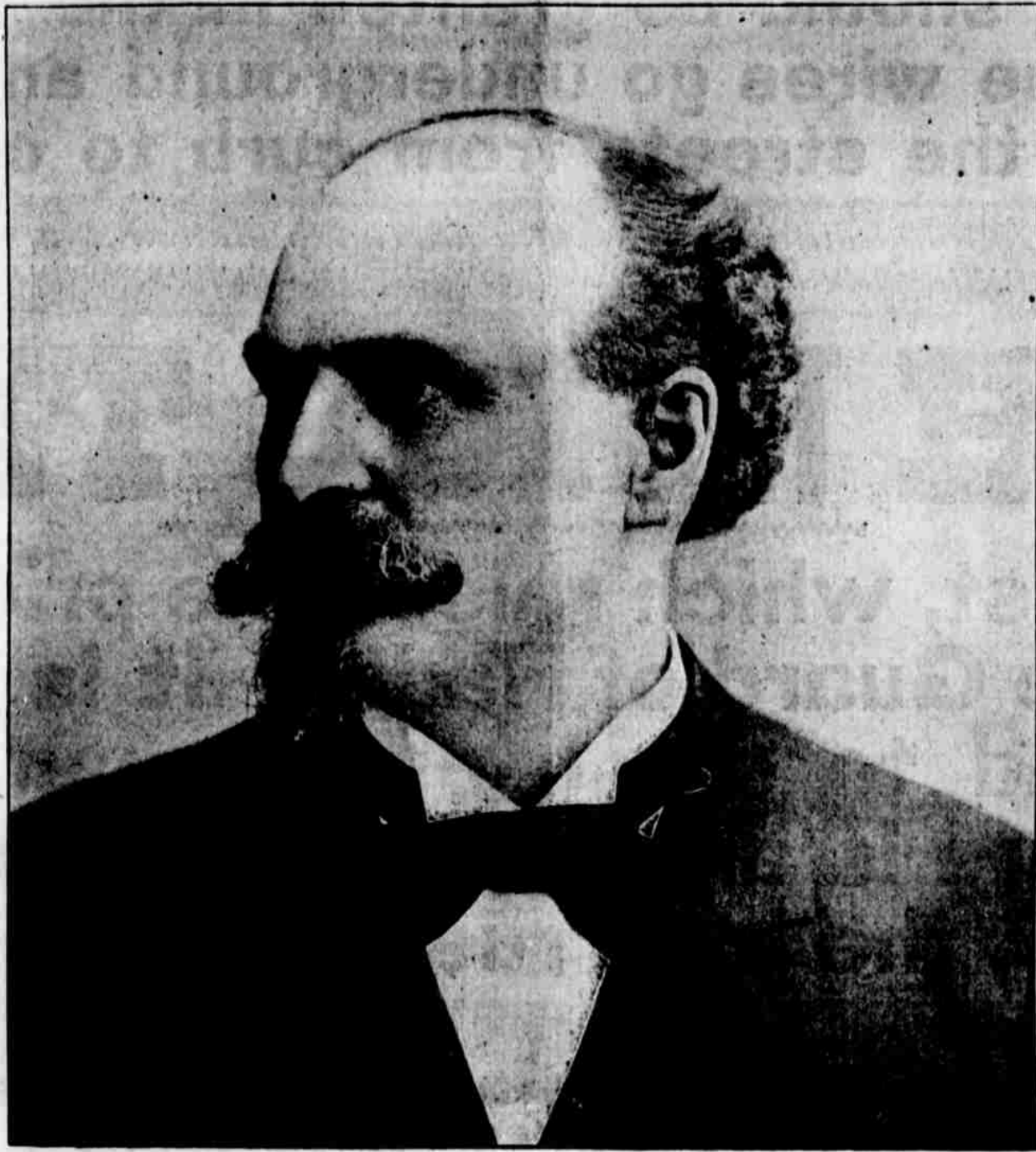
The Drainage Canal is responsible. The North Branch has not been drained since the "canal" was opened.

Within a few days there has been a great scare among the crews of steamers and tugs over working in the north branch on account of the dangers of explosions. None of them has any facilities for carrying fresh water on board, and they must use the water from the river in the boilers.

Two or three tug explosions in the south branch in past years, before the opening of the Drainage Canal, were due directly to using filthy water for steaming purposes.

Mayor Harrison is reported as having said that he was willing to accept the next United States Senatorship from Illinois, if it should be tendered to him by a Democratic Legislature.

A United States Senatorship from Illinois is an office of which any man on earth might well be proud, but it is doubtful if Mayor Harrison ever made such a statement positively, or, if having made it, he was wise in arriving at such a conclusion. It must not be forgotten that the Mayorship of Chicago is a high and exalted position, and that if political soothsayers are wise as the



HON. ZINA R. CARTER,

Whose Career as a Sanitary Trustee Has Always Been Upright and in Line with the Wishes of the People.

seers of Chaldea, there are higher things in store for Carter H. Harrison than a United States Senatorship. To accept such an office now would land him well on toward fifty if he should win it out, and place the higher office far away in the dim future. If he should accept the offer, make the fight and lose, it would give his political enemies an opportunity to say, "He has had enough favors." Better wait a while, Mr. Mayor.

The greatest outrage ever perpetrated upon the taxpaying citizens of Chicago is the Police and Fire pension fund.

It is also a great outrage on the rank and file of the police and fire departments.

The rank and file are underpaid—in fact our police and firemen are the poorest paid of any in the country. But their officers besides being well paid are given great salaries as pensions when they retire.

The idea of ex-Marshall Swenke drawing a salary of \$3,000 a year for life for doing nothing.

He received \$6,000 a year for twenty-two years for serving the public and if he did not save anything out of that it is no fault of the generous public's.

Why the people should have to support him at such an enormous salary for the rest of his life is past finding out.

The same is true of ex-Chief of Police Hubbard and of a great number of other high salaried men in the Police Department who have retired upon half-pay and who are drawing immense salaries for doing no service whatever.

No monarch in the world treats its pampered favorites as does the City of Chicago its high salaried policemen at the expense of the taxpayers.

We have never heard it denied that the Police Pension bill was run through the Legislature of Illinois by bribery of the most bare-faced and most unwholesome type.

It has fastened upon the people of Chicago a burden which is hard for them to bear.

If the business of a policeman is a legitimate one, why does not the man who enters upon this line of business for a livelihood take his chances like other business men?

Do we pension our grocers? Our insurance men? Our druggists? Our doctors? Our lawyers? Our engineers? Our laborers? Our clerks? Our dry goods men?

Why, then, should overpaid public officials be pensioned after twenty years of an easy life on a payroll?

It is all right enough to pension the poor firemen and policemen who risk their lives for small salaries, but the

big guns who never risk anything, and who are paid far beyond their merits, should not be pensioned at all.

Chicago is paying out \$200,000 a year to rich men like Swenke and Hubbard, and this leak should be stopped by an energetic and fervent appeal to the next Legislature.

Raise the salaries of the firemen and policemen and cut off the life pensions to their over-paid officers.

Raise the salaries of the firemen!

The policemen, stokers, hook and ladder men and drivers of the Chicago Fire Department are the poorest paid in the country. Too many pensions to rich ex-officers and too little pay for the hard-working men.

Our inefficient and incompetent Health Department must be in cahoots with the Drainage Canal grafters. It issues a "bulletin" daily, in which it denounces the drinking water as either "good" or "usable." What does the incompetent Health Department mean by "usable"?

Water for drinking can only be good or bad.

There is no half way station.

The Eagle, in common with a majority of its fellow-citizens, holds the incompetent Health Department responsible for the typhoid fever epidemic.

The Health Department report says that 18 per cent of the typhoid fever cases did not come from local causes! Where did they come from, then? Let us have the truth.

The confession that 82 per cent of the cases did arise from "local causes" is bad enough, anyway.

What does the Chicago Health Department get from the Drainage crowd for reporting the lake water "good" and "usable" when it isn't?

The genial and popular Thomas A. Smyth will have the backing of the West Side for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff.

P. McHugh, who has the respect of bench, bar and public will probably be one of the Democratic nominees for Judge next year.

Miles J. Devine would make an excellent County Judge.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to investigate the Civil Service Commission, for a change?

The Health Department might find a few plague spots if it investigated very

closely in the vicinity of Illinois street and La Salle avenue.

Lindblom, the "Terrible Swede," ought to be investigated next.

The Civil Service Commission will be investigated some day, and there will be some hot developments, too.

The Lindblom method of reform is causing considerable comment both inside and outside of the City Hall.

"Reformer" Bogle has not said very much about that city coal contract.

Mr. Edward M. Lahiff, the popular Secretary to Mayor Harrison, made a great success out of St. Jerome's fair. Mr. Lahiff generally succeeds in everything he undertakes.

The scholarly Donald L. Morrill will be one of the new Judges in all probability.

There is good judicial timber in Daniel J. McMahon. He is popular with everybody.

The question is often asked, What on earth did J. K. Prindiville ever do for the Democratic party to entitle him to a \$5,400 job as Police Magistrate at Harrison street?

If J. K. Prindiville, J. P., is entitled to \$5,400 a year as a police magistrate, there is no use in kicking about crime.

Joseph P. Junk is much talked of by Democrats for County Treasurer.

The Young Men's Republican Club of the Twenty-fifth Ward has been formed, with John W. Healy as Secretary.

Corporation Counsel Walker says: "There is no question as to the power of the City Council to compel the street railway companies to furnish a service on all lines to meet the demands of the public."

In the meanwhile, the members of the Drainage Gang are still grafting.

How quick the Health Department went to the assistance of the Ice Trust, didn't it?

Captain Wm. P. Black, Wm. Prentiss, Major E. B. Tolman, George Mills Rogers, John G. King, D. J. McMahon, Miles J. Devine, Donald L. Morrill and P. McHugh are all mentioned for Judicial honors.

## TIN CANS GET A FEAST.

### Hopkins Feeds the Weary Outcast Politicians Who Are Out of Their Old Jobs.

### And Who Have Been Tin-Canned for Uselessness by the Regular Party Leaders.

### An Ingenious and Practical Way of Reaching the Members of the Lobsters' Union.

### The Tilden Organization in This Way Receives Some Well-Filled Recruits Every Day.

Hopkins helps the starving! Every day the leader of the Tilden Democracy calls in the hungry and the jobless Democrats from the outlying woods and gives them to eat.

He feeds them all. The Knecker! The Kicker! The Bum! The Vag!

All these and more enjoy the bounty of the chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Mr. Hopkins is a fine entertainer and a most agreeable host.

The charm of his manner sheds its refugent rays over the political dining room on Monroe street, where he dispenses his charity.

The ex-Mayor is in sore straits just now in his attempt to break up the Cook County Democracy and he has to call to his aid every cast-off politician in the town.

He knows that the best way to reach these tin-canned gentlemen is through their stomachs, and he sends them polite invitations to dine with him.

Do they accept? Well, we should say that they did.

The majority consider themselves lucky to have a red hot for lunch and an open, free-hearted invitation to eat with an ex-Mayor at a fine restaurant is too good a thing to overlook.

The result is that the hard-working and indefatigable Hopkins has a half dozen of gentlemen with tin cans tied to them at lunch every day.

That is, there is a separate bunch of half a dozen lunching at his expense every day in the year.

These pink teas are models in the way of political roasts, which are served up to the guests alongside of the more substantial ones from the kitchen.

One day recently the bill of fare was as follows:

Drainage jobs on the half shell. Suckers, fried or baked. Soup, a la Jones. Roasts (Harrison and Burke) ad libitum.

Calves brains, a la Tilden. Veal stew, a la Congressman. Frappe, a la Civil Service. Frost cake, a la primaries. Lees, a la Jobs. Chestnuts, a la Hopkins.

Between bites of the delicious lunch Mayor Harrison, Robert E. Burke and the Regular organization are turned over until they are done brown.

The hungry guests are well fed, well content and well jollied, and are then sent forth into the wards to fight Harrison and Burke and to organize the "Tilden Democracy."

At these daily soirees Mr. Hopkins pours, assisted by the: Legner Lumps, Aleck Jones Caturday, Paased Ups.

No lobsters are served, out of regard for the feelings of the guests.

Now it is City Engineer Ericson who is upon the carpet before the Civil Service Commission on "charges." This seems to be the era of "charges." There is an epidemic of them just at present.

They are in the air, thick as mosquitoes at eventide in summer. They bite you when and where they please, and they bite promiscuously. It is erroneous to imagine that these "charges" are annoying but harmless. Like mosquito bites they are dangerous and sometimes deadly. They often carry with them the malarial poison of scandal and infamous libel which destroy the health and vigor of a stainless life by robbing it of its good name. Reputation, what a football art thou in these

degenerate days! Time was when men defended their good name with their lives. To-day they go before the Civil Service Commission for a coat of white paint to keep off the mosquito bites, and sometimes they don't get it.

Judging, however, by the number of "charges" now being investigated by the "Three Tailors of Tooley Street," there must be a most foul and deadly swamp of conspiracy and scandal in full play somewhere in this town, producing the microbe of "charges." It will be well for the good name of Chicago if this stagnant pool of scandal can be located and obliterated. A little of the petroleum of healthy public opinion will do the work.

En passant, Mr. Western Starr will be the attorney for the gentleman who has brought the charges against City Engineer Ericson.

By the way, who is this gentleman with the luminous and heavenly name—Western Starr?

From what solar system has he strayed, and has his course through the vastness of space been directed toward this town of Chicago by the "Very hand which molds a tear sphere" And guides the planets in their course?

The Eagle knows not. Suffice it to say that Western Starr is here. He first began to twinkle above the political horizon, when in Republican conventions he as a delegate from the Fourth Ward persistently plucked the metaphorical beard of one Martin B. Madden.

Messrs. Lindblom et al. have employed Western Starr, and, it is said, still continue to employ him as a marker of the papers of candidates for positions under the city administration whose lot it is to pass through the ordeal of civil service examination. Mr. Western Starr also "watches" proceedings, investigations, etc., on behalf of the Civic Federation, and he is now charged for the gentleman who brings charges against City Engineer Ericson. It is claimed in his behalf—of course, this is with an eye single to the per diem for marking papers under the Civil Service Commission—that Mr. Western Starr is a Democrat now. It was demonstrated by a daily newspaper reporter not long ago that Starr was unfit, being a bigoted and narrow-minded individual on certain points, to hold the position of a marker under the Civil Service Board, and Mayor Harrison, it is said, at that time ordered his discharge. But he is back again in his old job. It is hard, after all, to dislodge one of those fixed "Stars," no matter how eccentric their orbit may be.

These are the facts about Western Starr, who will handle the charges against City Engineer Ericson.

The conference of Government "weather prophets" at Milwaukee is one of the silliest things imaginable.

These fellows are not prophets. They never "forecast" anything. They are not scientists.

They never forecast a great storm and never know anything about one until after it occurs.

The St. Louis cyclone and the storm which swept away Galveston were neither of them seen by them.

They do not even keep a correct record of the temperature of a city, as they are usually perched on tall buildings away from the street level.

The Weather Bureau is a fraud and should be abolished.