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WANT NO MORE DELAY.

The People Demand that the Traction Question Be Settled at Once, for Good.

Cheap Politicians Alone Seek Delay to Serve Their Own Selfish Interests.

The Ordinance Passed By the City Council Suits All Fair Minded Citizens.

Settle the Traction question!

That is the almost unanimous demand of the people of Chicago.

The ordinance just passed by the City Council meets with the approbation of all classes of citizens.

It provides for a splendid street car service in all sections of the city, something that has been the dream of everybody for years.

It provides for the retirement of everything obsolete in the traction line and the rehabilitation of all Chicago surface transportation to the satisfaction of every patron.

The wild-eyed, cloth-garbed anarchists and long-haired reformers who want a referendum upon everything except free lunch, are against this ordinance.

Of course they are. When the traction question is settled, as it will be, when this ordinance goes into effect, the occupation of the professional agitator will be gone, except as to throwing the pronged fork at the juicy red hot.

Mayor Dunne's opposition to this ordinance is ridiculous and indefensible. The Mayor demands that the companies for the present expend only one-half the amount of money which the city's own experts agree is needed to furnish Chicago first-class street car service. The demand was made before the local transportation committee in the Mayor's campaign to block the progress of action upon the proposed traction ordinances.

The plea that \$25,000,000, instead of the required \$50,000,000, be spent for the improvement and reconstruction of the traction lines followed one of the numerous flits between the Mayor and his special counsel, Walter L. Fisher, during a lively session of the committee recently.

It became clear that Attorney Fisher is unequivocally arrayed against Mayor Dunne's plan and that he will now continue to fight his plan openly and speak out against it.

"Why, most of this is a question of mental gymnastics and nothing more," said Attorney Fisher. "It is all a case of quibbling and misunderstanding."

President Mitten stated that he wished to conduct the street car enterprise in this city upon business principles for the benefit of the people, and that if it was necessary for the head of the street car lines to play politics he did not wish to retain his position.

There should be no delay in ratifying the action of the City Council in passing this good ordinance.

Delays are dangerous and the occurrence of a financial panic, which is not unlikely, might set the traction settlement back for years and leave Chicago worse off than ever.

Rich and poor alike demand a settlement.

Working people all over the city are circulating petitions against delay.

The Union League Club, the most representative organization of the business interests of Chicago, spoke with a clarion voice against delay on Tuesday night.

While no speeches accompanied the action of the Union League Club, the unanimous vote told a story of enthusiasm in behalf of quick work on the car measures. Ferdinand W. Peck introduced the resolutions and moved their adoption. There was a chorus of loud seconds, and Judge Charles S. Cutting, the new president, who was presiding at his first meeting, called for a vote. The "ayes" that followed resounded throughout the big building, and when the "nays" were called for none made response.

The full text of the resolutions follows:

Whereas, The unsettled conditions that now exist in local transportation affairs are producing a detrimental effect upon the upbuilding of the city and our local prosperity; and

Whereas, The comfort and convenience of our citizens demand a thorough street car system, divorced entirely from the influence of politics; and

Whereas, There are now before the City Council two ordinances recommended by the local transportation committee providing for rehabilitation and improvement of the present system; and

Whereas, It appears that public sentiment is for settlement and not for a referendum; be it

Resolved, That the Union League Club does hereby request the City Council of Chicago to adopt at the earliest date possible the said settlement ordinance without further delay, which a referendum would necessitate, in order that the whole city may profit by the immediate commencement of proposed improvements.

John M. Harlan talked at Belmont Hall, in Lake View, on the invitation of various real estate men, who asked him to give them in plain English the exact meaning of the pending settlement ordinance. He conducted an open meeting of queries and answers. Most of the questions dwelt upon the referendum and possible delay because of it.

Collin C. H. Fyffe opened the question box by demanding of Mr. Harlan if there were any valid reasons why the ordinance should not be submitted to the people at the coming election. Mr. Harlan said he knew of no reason. He said that in two mayoralty contests he had stood out flatly for the referendum principle and still clung to it. But he declared, there was another phase to the subject, explaining as follows:

"A certain lawyer—the member of a prominent firm of which all of you have heard—told me a few days ago that he went to New York to close a deal. This deal involved only a paltry three or four millions. Well, he went to one of the big bankers in Wall street and told him he wanted the money to float the enterprise. What did the banker tell him?"

"He said this: 'I will give you the money if you close the deal at once, but if you delay and postpone final action I will have nothing to do with it. I cannot, as a financial proposition, do anything else. Money matters are too varying and too mercurial.'"

"That banker put the present issue before you as it may be said actually to be. Bankers and financiers who make great investments must know just when the project is to be created. They must not be compelled to deal in mysterious and unknown future possibilities. If they are, they cannot finance the enterprise. So, I say from that standpoint, perhaps it would be considered wise for the people to close the traction deal at once and to waive, if you please, the wish for a referendum. It is a matter of expediency. And each citizen must settle it for himself on that basis."

Here a business man well down in front arose and asked:

"Mr. Harlan, how great a delay would a referendum cause, figuring that it would result favorably to the ordinance?"

"I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet," rejoined the lawyer, "but I should say at least two months, and how much longer I would not attempt to guess."

"But," insisted the questioner, "is it not true that the companies already have options on new cars and that these options will expire if the contracts are not clinched immediately?"

"I am so informed by the newspapers," answered Mr. Harlan. "I have no personal proof of it, but imagine that the companies would not make a flat declaration on such a matter at this time unless it were true. We also must remember that manufacturers are very busy now, and that orders necessarily are placed long in advance

of delivery. Therefore it would appear to me to be well within the range of probabilities that options such as you mention have been secured and will expire unless something definite is done."

There were no other questions.

The Scherzer "lift bridge" gang is blowing about State street bridge. The least said about State street bridge the better. It cost almost twice what it was originally supposed to cost and it is not "out of the woods" yet.

Capt. A. C. Anson should be nominated for City Treasurer.

Judge Theodore Brentano is receiving congratulations over his happy selection of John C. Fetzer as receiver of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank. The selection has reflected great credit upon the court and upon the far-seeing sagacity of Judge Brentano.

Settle the traction question quick!

Thousands of the friends of Alexander H. Revell, who strongly favor his nomination by the Republicans, have officially launched the Revell movement.

The showing made by the Revell forces caused a stir, and it was conceded that the Republican organization has on its hands a contest which may display all the virility of the Democratic rivalry.

The Revell movement was given its impetus by the "Business Men's Preliminary Club." Mr. Revell has not said he desired to be or is an active candidate for the nomination, but the men who are at the front of the club declared the list of practical business men who favored his nomination included more than 8,000 names, and that if his nomination could be secured there was no question of his election.

Chicago is not crying for more Scherzer lift bridges. Give some one else a chance.

The "three-headed" referendum is an insult to the intelligence of the people.

The nomination of Adrian C. Anson for City Treasurer on the Democratic ticket is the talk all over the city and at present the popular City Clerk is the strongest man in the field. Captain Anson has made one of the best City Clerks Chicago has ever had and he would make an excellent City Treasurer. He is a man of ability, with a clean and honest business and official record to his credit and is qualified in every way for the office of City Treasurer.

Popular with all classes of people, he would make a record breaking race if

of which Jews have been the victims and the alleged lack of police protection which enables the thieves to congregate in the ward. The club was organized to advance the interests of Jews regardless of party affiliations and to promote the welfare of citizens of the ward. A committee was named to wait upon Mayor Dunne and ask better protection.

Many people refuse to sign the Council's referendum petition because it doesn't bear the Union label.

Colonel John G. Neumeister is looked upon as the dark horse in the Democratic majority campaign. He is popular and able and would make a splendid mayor.

The Republican County Executive Committee has decided to hold the city convention on Friday, March 8, the latest day on which the convention can be held and leaving but twenty-five days for a campaign. One of the Republican leaders said the committee thought it would be a good idea to wait and see whom the Democrats nominated.

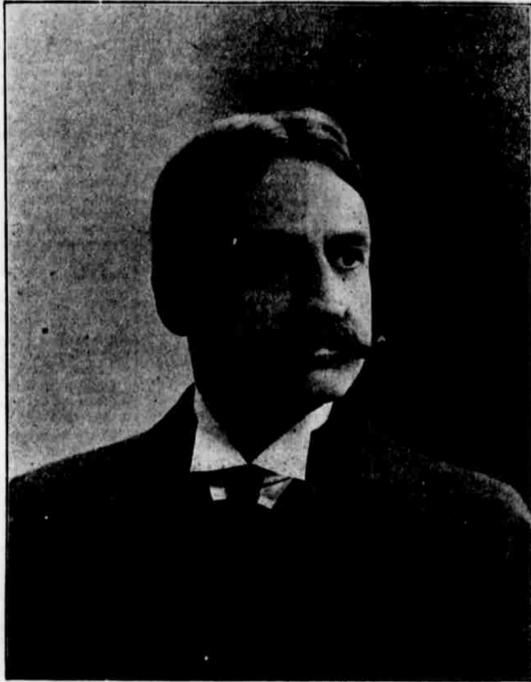
If Mayor Dunne is the Democratic candidate it is pretty well understood that Fred Busse will be the candidate for the Republican nomination. If Carter H. Harrison is the Democratic nominee Mr. Busse, who has gone South for a week, may not be a candidate, it is asserted. It also is asserted that Mr. Harrison will not be a candidate if Mr. Busse is named by the Republicans. There the matter stands. The Republican County and Sanitary District conventions will be held Feb. 23.

Captain Adrian C. Anson has made a brilliant record as City Clerk and he would make a fine City Treasurer.

Officers of the Iroquois Club for the coming year were elected Tuesday. Balloting began at noon and lasted until 6 o'clock. There was but one ticket in the field, this being as follows:

President—Edgar Bronson Tolman. Vice Presidents—James F. Bowers, Lewis H. Parker, Joseph Hanreddy, Charles F. Gunther, John P. McGoorty, Emanuel Mandel, Robert Somerville, Charles J. Vopicka and Martin J. Breen. Recording Secretary—Todd Lunsford. Corresponding Secretary—Robertson Palmer. Treasurer—Orva G. Williams.

Charles S. Cutting, the able and brilliant Judge of the Probate Court, was unanimously elected president of the Union League Club last Monday.



B. A. ECKHART,

The New Head of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission.

nominated and would be a tower of strength to the rest of the Democratic ticket.

Bernard A. Eckhart has been appointed a member of the State Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners by Governor Deneen. It is an excellent appointment and pleases everybody.

Mr. Eckhart stated that the probabilities are he will resign from the presidency of the West Park Commission as a result of the appointment to the railroad and warehouse commission.

The only reason for not keeping both positions that I know of is the excessive amount of work likely to devolve upon me. I have not received official notification of my appointment. I do not know when I will enter upon the duties of the new office. After the projects in connection with the West Park Board are in shape I shall, in all likelihood, resign. I do not expect to do so until arrangements for the appointment of my successor shall have been completed.

No more traction delay.

The City Council is to investigate the Boiler Inspector, Elevator Inspector and Smoke Inspector, according to aldermanic gossip.

Stand by the traction ordinance passed by the City Council if you want good street car service.

Election judges and clerks never get their pay inside of a year after they act. This is in the interest of loan sharks who thus have a chance to purchase the vouchers and make a good thing for themselves. The same course is pursued towards jurors. The finance committee of the county board ordered jurors' fees amounting to \$56,570.55 paid. The money has been paid by County Treasurer Thompson, and the committee went through the formality of passing on the pay roll so the Treasurer might be repaid. But most of the jurors have hypothecated their certificates with the sharks.

The Scherzer lift "cure" hasn't hurt the city very badly.

The Juvenile Court law which prohibits the police from arresting boys under the age of 16, is playing awful havoc with Jewish peddlers. The boys, with no fear of arrest, chase these poor men all over the city, stoning and otherwise assaulting them. At the initial meeting of the Sixteenth Ward Hebrew Political Club at Schoenhofen's Hall, Milwaukee and Ashland avenues, a resolution was adopted denouncing the assaults and robberies

WHALEN HURTS DUNNE.

City Administration Has Been Very Kind to the Fellows Who Sell Lumpy Jaw.

The Health Department Especially Lenient and Inspectors Have Often Been Shifted.

The Public Will Know the Truth About These Things Before Very Long.

The Beef Trust has killed Mayor Dunne.

The friendship shown by his administration for that awful organization has been noted by the people and it has settled the hash of the Mayor beyond any redemption.

It is now eighteen months ago since The Eagle commenced its work of exposing the corruption and villainess of the meat combination.

The Health Department inspectors under P. J. Murray were doing good work at that time and were tearing the lumpy-jaw industry to pieces.

One day in the fall of 1905 a delegation of lumpy-jaw dealers called at the Mayor's office and protested against official interference with their "business."

The next day the inspectors were withdrawn from the Stockyards and Mr. Murray and his men were laid off.

One of the leading members of the delegation was a cousin of a prominent health official. This man has boasted that he could do anything that he wanted to do with his relative and that the lumpy-jaw dealers need have no fear.

The prediction of the Health Department official's relative has proven to be a true one.

While a show of "inspection" has been kept up at the Yards, and some of the rottenest of the foodstuffs condemned every week, the trade in lumpy-jaw has grown bigger and bigger until it is greater to-day than ever.

Inspector Murray was taken out of the Yards and assigned to other work.

The Illinois State Board of Health issued a circular showing that it was the duty of the local authorities to prosecute the dealers in bad and diseased meat.

Yet nothing has been done. The Chicago Health Department issued a circular stating that the lumpy-jaw carcasses could be used and sold for food after the tumors, cancers and tubercles had been cut out.

And this sort of poison is being sold by the ton in Chicago for food every day.

No wonder we have an epidemic! Yet Mayor Dunne has sat supine through the whole of it and never raised a finger against the Beef Trust during his entire administration.

The Chicago Chronicle hit the nail on the head when it published the following:

"Modern medical science is concerned rather with the prevention than with the cure of disease, the excellent reason being that it is a great deal easier to keep people well than to cure them when they are taken ill. If the Chicago Health Department had proceeded upon this theory it is possible that it would not now be under the necessity of appealing for 150 additional inspectors with whom to fight the epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria which has now assumed menacing proportions. The Health Department seems never to know of anything threatening the public health until the newspapers call attention to it. If a subordinate functionary like 'Fish' Murray does happen upon some abuse or evil he is promptly ordered to keep his mouth shut."

The lumpy-jaw industry is thriving. So is scarlet fever, diphtheria and tuberculosis.

How would Health Commissioner Baker sound? Would that suit the Stockyards people? Or would it make any difference?

Since the railroads quit giving passes to the daily papers, the number of train wrecks has greatly increased. In other words the papers no longer suppress the wreck news.

If the Beef Trust was to quit advertising probably the public would hear something from the dairies about the lumpy-jaw, cancer and tuberculosis dished up to the people for food.

Give us a new Health Commissioner!

Captain A. C. Anson, the able and popular City Clerk, would make a winning candidate on the Democratic ticket for City Treasurer.

The City Council Monday night assumed the duty of seeing that gas bills are not swelled either by rapid meters or in other ways. A measure was passed providing for city testing of gas meters and quality of gas supplied. Under the provisions the tests are to be made in the presence of the man who pays the bills.

Alderman Wendling secured the adoption of resolutions calling for an aldermanic investigation of sanitary conditions in police stations.

Other action by the City Council: Referred measure from City Solicitor Grien for selling certain foods by weight instead of measure to committee.

Order passed calling for committee to act on securing basis for park improvement assessments.

Order passed to refuse contracts to paving concerns that are lax on guarantees, with the exception of the Barber Asphalt Company.

Referred measure on municipal iron foundry.

Referred question of raise in pay for laborers to Finance Committee.

Referred petition of firemen for more pay.

Referred offer on cleaning exterior of city hall.

George Duddleston would make a good Mayor in the opinion of many voters.

The traction ordinance is all right.

To save Cook County the expense of holding an election next November for the sole purpose of the election of one Superior Court Judge, Senator Campbell introduced a bill in the Senate and had it sent to second reading without reference providing that Judge Ben Smith's successor shall be elected on April 2, 1907. The bill was drawn by Watchful Willie, of the Chicago Election Board, and undoubtedly will be pushed through in time for the nomination for the spring election. It will upset the Democratic plans for city primaries unless the Democrats wish to allow a Republican to have this political place on the bench without contest. Under the law nominations must be made thirty-six days before the elections, and the Republicans have chosen Feb. 25 for primaries, that being the last day. The Democrats will have to revise their plans and have their primaries before the Republicans.

The rapidity with which this bill is being sent through serves to point to the fact that nothing is being done to extend the State primary law to city elections and make it applicable for the approaching nominations for Mayor. Gov. Deneen recommended this as an emergency measure, and everybody of any consequence in both houses immediately voiced their approval of the resolution. Since then nothing has been done. The bill was not even introduced, and the prospects of the emergency act providing for this extension being passed are extremely small.

Settle the traction question now.

No more delay on the traction question!

John M. Ewen's bulge is still there.