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## BUSSE ENDS IT

### The Mayor Puts a Stop to the Grabbing of Streets by the Western Indiana Railroad.

### Over Ten Miles of Streets and Alleys Occupied by This Corporation Without Consent of the City.

### The City Will Now Go After the Concern for Compensation and Will Make It Vacate All Land It Trespasses On.

### Business Transacted by the City Council at Its Last Regular Meeting Included a Report from the Merriam Commission on Lighting.

Mayor Busse is not going to follow the example set by some of his predecessors and let railroad companies occupy city streets without even asking permission.

For some time, under his direction, a careful investigation has been going on into the rights of certain railroads upon public streets which they have been occupying.

On Monday night, a report on the subject affecting the Western Indiana was submitted to the City Council.

The following, taken from the report submitted, shows a list of the principal streets and alleys occupied by the company's tracks without authority from the City Council:

	Feet.
All of Custom House place, from 12th to 14th street	1,259
Alley between Polk and Taylor, Custom House and Plymouth place	800
Dearborn street, from 14th to 15th	715
Grove street, between 16th and 21st	2,243
Elevated switch track across alley near 23d street	375
Alleys between 23d place and 29th street	3,570
Canal street, between 49th and 53d streets	2,590
Butler street, from 51st to 55th streets	2,596
Wallace street, from 55th to 60th, east half	3,302
52d street, from Wallace east	700
52d place, east of right of way	700
45th court, from 28th to 31st	1,265
41st street, between Stewart avenue and Butler street	250
50th street, switch track across	300
51st street, between Wallace and Farnell	300
53d street, between Wallace and Vincennes road	500
57th street, switch track across	500
Ohio street, switch track	500
28th street, from 45th to 46th avenues	529
50th street, from 45th to 46th avenues	529
31st street, 45th to 46th avenues	529

There are dozens of other smaller stretches of streets and alleys also enumerated in the report, the total making something like ten miles of streets and alleys occupied either wholly or in part—and in most instances the company was not satisfied with occupying half the street, but took up the whole of it.

The Council also transacted the following business:  
Passed a resolution from Alderman Cullerton denouncing the State Tax Commission as neglectful of its duties and appointed a committee to confer with the commission.

Received the preliminary report of the Merriam Commission on the Bureau of Electricity.

Read a pamphlet petition from the police of Chicago asking for an increase in salary.

Passed an ordinance defining Class 4 of theaters and allowing them to use two sets of non-combustible scenery.

Referred to the Committee on Local Transportation a letter from William Penn Nixon setting forth his plan to build a subway under the auspices of

the Chicago Subway & Arcade Company.

Made a special order for Nov. 14 of the building ordinance, under the term of which the entire building code of the city is to be revised.

Passed an ordinance requiring railroad companies to keep milk at a temperature of 55 degrees in transit.

Passed a resolution by Alderman Foell diverting 22 per cent of the wheel tax of certain wards to pay the deficit in other wards that have exhausted their allowance.

Adjourned until Nov. 14.

City officials are jubilant over the fact that the finances of the city of Chicago will be augmented \$250,000 to \$300,000 a year as a result of the Supreme Court decision upholding the legality of the sub-sidewalk ordinance. Compensation ranging from \$10 to 10 cents a square foot will be collected under the ordinance from merchants using the space under sidewalks for mercantile business, storage or any other private purposes.

Incidentally this will mean that the city's sidewalk inspectors, the "soft-shoes" of whose jobs has been proverbial, will at last have real work to do. It will be their duty to enforce the ordinance under the direction of the bureau of compensation at the city hall and the city council's compensation committee.

The movement for collection of rentals by the city for use of sub-sidewalk space by merchants and others was begun in 1908, when Mayor Carter H. Harrison recommended the passage of an ordinance on the subject. Alderman Bernard W. Snow pressed the measure to passage. It was defeated in the courts, however. Under Mayor Edward F. Dunne's administration, a new ordinance, which eliminated the weak points of the first one, was adopted. Then the merchants of the downtown district took the matter into court on the claim that the property owners, not the city of the public, own the sub-sidewalk space in the streets.

If the city presses a claim for the arrears about \$2,000,000—about one-half the cost price of the new city hall—will be brought into the city treasury from this source in the near future. The city's representatives, including Assistant Corporation Counsel W. D. Barge, who had charge of the city's case, are not sure, however, just how far the court decision goes in regard to arrears and other phases of the controversy.

Vote for William L. O'Connell for County Treasurer.

The creation of a new branch of the judiciary in Cook County is advocated by Richard E. Burke, Democratic nominee for Judge of the Superior Court. Mr. Burke believes that a criminal bench should be created, doing away with the present system of Superior and Circuit Court judges, taking turns presiding over the courts on the North Side.

"In recent years, there has been much complaint that honest men, unable to give bonds, have been forced

to lie in jail a considerable length of time because they could not get trial in the criminal bench," said Mr. Burke. "This condition needs to be remedied and could be remedied by legislative provision for additional judges to have exclusive criminal jur-

their time and money to the science of government without compensation. Before the sites of the small parks and playgrounds dependent upon the \$1,000,000 bond issues asked by the west park commissioners are finally determined upon public hearings will be held.

This announcement was made yesterday as the result of activity on the part of the City Club's committee on parks, playgrounds, and baths, which has been in communication with the board and its attorney, Charles B. Pavlicek.

The City Club committee held that a "lack of any careful procedure or well considered report" had been shown by the park commissioners in the selection of the sites temporarily chosen.

Vote for O'Connell for Treasurer.

"All interest on public funds in the custody of the County Treasurer rightfully belongs to the public," said William L. O'Connell, Democratic candidate for County Treasurer.

"The Republican candidate has promised to return interest on funds, but he does not pledge himself to pay all interest. If the Republicans were sincere, they would have enacted a law making this obligatory. This I pledge myself to work for, and pending the enactment of such a law I will, if elected, return every cent of interest I receive on public funds."

Vote for Brundage for Superior Judge.

When will Chicago cease to be provincial? Every time a grand jury is drawn, the daily papers point with pride to the fact that some packer, banker or department store proprietor is a prominent member of it. Grand juries are supposed to be drawn from "the body of the people," but in Chicago, the jury commission appears to work overtime in selecting box holders at the opera for the job.

The time has arrived when the single tax advocates are diverting their

## HELPS THE CITY

### Moving the Commission Houses to West Side a Big Boom for That Large Division of Chicago.

### While It Will Greatly Improve Down Town Streets by Removing the Grocery, Market and Express Wagons.

### Bad Street Car Conditions Are Attracting Attention from Everybody Just Now and Reform Is Necessary in the Opinion of Citizens.

### The Three Grand Division System Into Which the Chicago Railways Company Has Divided Itself Is Causing Much Complaint All Over.

The whole city will be benefited by the removal of the South Water street commission houses to West Randolph street and the west side will get a boom that will help all around.

On Monday night, the council took a step looking to the removal of the

the downtown district, which, the city officials declare, is much needed.

Since January 1, 1910, 106 persons have been killed by the street cars in Chicago.

The roar that is going up over the division of authority in the Chicago Railways System, shows no sign of abating.

The people demand one central management for the whole thing.

Mayor Busse made his regular annual fall inspection of the traction lines Tuesday. He said:

"Much remains to be done in the rehabilitation of the street car lines; the dangerous grade crossings of the elevated must be abolished in Oak Park and several other improvements are necessary, but work is going on on all sides and the immense improvement which has been made in all parts of the city in recent years is assurance that it will be completed in a comparatively short time."

As County Treasurer, O'Connell will turn all of the interest on the public funds over to the people.

Edward J. Brundage will make a good judge. He is a just man.

O'Connell will make a good County Treasurer.

Vote for Thomas J. Webb for member of the Board of Review.

Vote for Frank A. Vogler for Sheriff.

O'Connell will make a good County Treasurer.

Vote for Thomas Taylor, Jr., for Superior Judge.

Vote for Dever for Superior Judge.

Vote for Clark for Superior Judge.

Vote for Cutting for Probate Judge.

William L. O'Connell has made a good clean fight for the office of County Treasurer, and his chances for success are excellent.

Charles Boeschstein, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and Roy O. West, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, almost exchanged felicitations the other day. It was not upon the state of politics in Illinois, but upon the subject of birthdays.

Mr. Boeschstein and Mr. West, as far apart as they are in politics, are right together in the matter of ages. They were born upon the same day of the month of the same year—October 27, 1868. Each was forty-two years old. Mr. West from the Republican headquarters in the Grand Pacific hotel, called up Mr. Boeschstein at Democratic headquarters in the Hotel La Salle, for the purpose

of exchanging congratulations, but he found Mr. Boeschstein had gone to Edwardsville to spend the day with his family.

"I just wished to tell him I hope we lick him in November," Mr. West said to Isaac B. Craig, who answered the telephone.

"I am sure he would like me to return the compliment," said Mr. Craig.

Vote for Hebel for Assessor.

Vote for Burke for Superior Judge.

Vote for McDonald for Superior Judge.

Vote for Brown for Judge of the Circuit Court.

Peter Bartsen, candidate for President of the Board of County Commissioners, declared that if the Democratic candidates were elected the abuses at Dunning and the County Hospital would be stopped.

Members of the fraternal order, the National Union, have taken off their coats and have gone to work in earnest in the interests of William L. O'Connell, Democratic candidate for county treasurer on the Harmony ticket. A William L. O'Connell Booster Club has been formed and every member of the club is actively engaged in furthering the candidacy and the campaign of Mr. O'Connell. Letters have been written to every member of the National Union in Cook County calling attention to the record made by Mr. O'Connell while commissioner of public works under Mayor Dunne, and asking for votes at the coming election. John Harper is chairman of the Booster Club's campaign committee.

The pickpockets union is reaping a harvest on the traction lines. The fact that the order prohibiting persons from standing on the back platform of cars, is ignored, helps the thieves very much.

Frank A. Vogler is an honest man and will make an honest sheriff.

Oscar Hebel has made a good honest record as Assessor. He deserves re-election.

A vote for O'Connell is a vote for a good man.

"By his administration of the Chicago Law Department, Edward J. Brundage has made an unequalled record for the number of cases disposed of, advantageous settlements and judgments favorable to the city's interests. The work of the City Law Department has been systematized and extended by him to adequately meet the requirements of the city government. Municipal progress and the growth of the city during the past four years created conditions which have necessitated most important work by its corporation counsel. The manner in which he has carried on



WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL, Democratic Candidate for County Treasurer.

isdiction. This legislation I will use my efforts to secure."

Vote for Frank A. Vogler for Sheriff.

Why not turn the city government and the park systems over to the City Club? It would save money for the tax-payers and do away with all the ridiculous excitement attending elections. The City Club is composed of good men who are willing to devote

summer homes in the parks to get nearer the stove. The annual campaign for the levying of taxes on land alone and letting everything else escape, has commenced. The price of long forks, designed principally for the easy lancing of red-hots, at free lunch counters, has advanced. The theories of government, now in vogue in New Zealand and Greenland, are again arousing the enthusiasm of the bomb-throwing community.

Vote for Vogler for sheriff.