

THE WEEK'S GOSSIP

Personal Mention is Heard Around Town About Men Who Are Prominent in Public Affairs.

Talk That is Doing the Rounds as to the Doings of Leading People.

The people demand cheaper telephones.

The Telephone Trust is still doing business. Its dividends are increasing every year. The charges to the public are not decreasing.

That the Trust is a combine in restraint of trade is evident to many from its attempt in Chicago to put its automatic competitor out of business.

Following are the names of the successful state candidates and of the successful candidates in Cook County:

GOVERNOR. EDWARD F. DUNNE.....Democrat LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. BARRATT O'HARA.....Democrat

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The Chicago Telephone Company charges a much lower rental for its lines in suburban towns than it does in the city. Yet the officers of the corporation have the gall to say that all of the big gain in its service reported at the annual meeting this year came from the country. This, of course, is a reason for raising the rates. The following from the Chicago Daily News shows how the phone people bank on the reports of the city "experts":

"Slight gains in revenues were reported to the stockholders of the Chicago Telephone Company at the annual meeting, although there was a falling off in the profits in the city of Chicago itself. This loss was due, according to President Bernard E. Sunny's report, to the constantly increasing number of 'nickel a day' telephones, the revenue on which averages \$22.70 per annum as against a cost of operation, he said, of \$28.64, as fixed by one city expert, and \$25.28 as fixed by another city expert. The percentage of nickel telephones in Chicago increased 36 per cent in 1908 and 42 per cent in 1911. The com-

pany reports increased earnings in the suburban division, which offset the losses in Chicago." The Telephone Trust doesn't want much from the City Council. It only wants the phone rates raised a trifle. They are not high enough at present to swell the dividends of the local and the parent company. It only wants permission to install pay-in-advance slot machines all over the city, because people are not losing enough nickels already. It wants the people to bear more of its earning expenses than they do now. It wants them to deposit a nickel before they can get police or fire protection on an emergency call. It wants the city to give it free rein to carry out its designs on the public. It wants a great deal more. What aldermen will sell out their constituents to help this monopoly?

Telephone rates are entirely too high in Chicago. The Aldermen have a chance to lower them. Will they do it?

Aldermen may rest assured of one thing and that is that the Automatic telephone operated by the Chicago Tunnel Company is far more popular than the Trust phone.

The figures of the Bell Company are misleading as to the number of telephones. While their count of phones is no doubt correct, it is misleading because most people think that this refers to subscribers. As a matter of fact, the number of telephones is less than 100,000 district subscribers, and that includes their lines in suburban territory.

They have been thirty-six years getting 100,000 subscribers, while the Chicago Tunnel Company have gotten 25,000 subscribers in less than two years.

This shows that the public is with the new Automatic Company.

We take the following from page 24 of the "Report on the Causes of Municipal Corruption in San Francisco as disclosed by the investigations of the Oliver grand jury and the prosecution of certain persons for bribery and other offenses against the state," made by a committee appointed by the mayor of that city and published by order of the board of supervisors, city and county of San Francisco, January 5, 1910:

"The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company bribed the Supervisors to prevent the Home Telephone Company or any other organization from obtaining a telephone franchise in San Francisco. No attack of any kind on the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company was threatened by the Supervisors, and the sole purpose of the crime was to maintain a profit which might be cut by the competition of business rivals. The Supervisors were paid in all over \$50,000. The managing committee of the board of directors of the company swore before the Grand Jury that they did not know how the funds were procured for the bribery."

This report was signed by William Kent, formerly a well known alderman and reformer of Chicago and six other members of the committee appointed by the mayor of San Francisco, Oct. 12, 1908.

People who have been helping the telephone company to pay eight per cent stock dividends and to erect twenty story buildings want telephone rates reduced.

Chicago people demand a reduction of telephone rates.

Telephone competition is what the people want.

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