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**COUNCIL STAGES SCRAP
OVER "PULL" JOBS**

**Aldermen by Narrow Vote Retain Power to Land Jobs
For "Constits" With Big Corporations—Merriam
and Kennedy Make Warm Fight.**

Can an alderman take a job for one of his friends from a street car company, the gas company, the telephone company

And then later turn around and kick and slam that company when something is up in the city council—can he?

On this question the new city council was split by a vote of 35 to 33 last night. The high point of excitement of the first meeting presided over by Mayor Thompson was reached in debate on this. Ald. Merriam started it by a motion to amend the rules with this:

"No member of this council shall solicit, either for himself or for any other person, employment with any railroad or public service corporation operating in the city of Chicago."

"You can't take favors from a corporation with one hand and regulate their rates with the other hand," said Merriam. "You are called to vote on ordinances which determine rates. You decide on corporation deals of millions of dollars. There may be aldermen so honest they can take jobs from these corporations and then vote against those same corporations when ordinances are up. But I believe it is safer for the city to have the same rule as the state utilities commission, whose members are forbidden to so ask for jobs for friends with any utility."

"I don't care what kind of a resolution you pass of this nature," replied Ald. Sitts. "I will go on writing letters to public service corporations asking for positions for poor, unfortunate men of my ward who want