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HOW THE CHI. SUBWAY SITUATION STANDS

Administration, Progressives and Socialists Seem to
Line Up Together—Interesting Points From
Geo. E. Hooker's Report.

For the first time the Socialists, Progressives and the administration forces seem to have lined up against an ordinance in the city council. They don't like the ordinance served up by the transportation committee which tells three engineers to go ahead and plan subways. But they are fighting it for widely different reasons.

Michael J. Flaherty, head of board of public works, wants to build the subway himself. He has not been opposed by the mayor. The Socialists want public ownership, and the Progressives don't want to see the water-logged stock of the "L" and traction

companies or Arnold recognized in the proposed ordinance.

Bion J. Arnold, now head of the board of supervising engineers, has pulled more than \$200,000 out of the city treasury in the past ten years. He has turned in many different reports on solving the transportation problem. The best was taken up by the City club and George E. Hooker, secretary of the club, enlarged on the plan and put out a book proving that Chicago could develop the best, quickest, safest, most economical and healthful method of transportation in the world by through-routing the steam railroads.

Here are extracts from the report, the most complete of its kind made: