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SOME REASONS WHY W. H. THOMPSON WAS ELECTED MAYOR OF CHICAGO

And Why He Is Under Obligations to Nobody but the
People—The Religious, German and Other Issues
—Some Tactical Mistakes of the Campaign.

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After every great battle there are victors and vanquished, joy and sorrow, elation and disappointment—and many good people in both armies. It isn't worth while to dwell much on the selfish fortunes of individuals, but there is interest in the probable effect on the entire community.

Wm. Hale Thompson goes into the office of mayor of Chicago about as free as it is possible for a man who runs for office to be. That is, he is free to serve the public, without being hampered too much by obligation to a machine, a party or any boss or set of bosses. He was nominated over the active protest of his party machine or organization; and he was elected in spite of the active opposition of almost the entire loop press and the combined public utilities, State street stores, big banking interests and loop property interests generally.

He owes nothing to Peoples' Gas, Commonwealth Edison, Chicago Telephone or the street railway interests.

He is under no obligation to any newspaper owner or boss, for the result would have been the same if every newspaper in Chicago had actively opposed him.

The people took the bit in their teeth, did their own thinking and their