

FRONTAGE REPEAL IS NEXT.

The State Senate Has Passed a Bill Wiping Out the Infamous Gas Consolidation.

The Fate of Jake Sharp, President of the Broadway Railroad, Through His Proxies,

Is Well Enough Remembered to Stir Up the Legislative Records of the Gas Trust.

The City Council Is Moving Against the Notorious Gas Trust with Great Vigor.

The Council Judiciary Committee Decides Upon a Red Hot and Very Interesting Report.

The history of the passage of the gas frontage bill is the history of a crime.

By the lavish use of money this scandalous measure was rushed through the General Assembly in 1895.

Peculiar as Governor Altgeld was, the actions of the corruptionists who were behind the infamous gas law were so bold and so open that the then Governor vetoed it in the following message:

State of Illinois, Executive Office, June 10, 1895.
To the Honorable, the Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith return, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 362, being "An act to amend section 1 of 'An act in relation to the consolidation of incorporated companies,' approved March 9, 1895."

This bill provides for the consolidation of any number of corporations or

good. The object of the raise will be to make money, of course, and make as much of it as possible.

"The people will have to stand it or go without gas."

"You don't suppose the Gas Trust spent \$250,000 to buy the Legislature for nothing, do you?"

"The Gas Trust is not a charitable organization."

"It paid out \$250,000 in bribe money to induce the last Legislature to make it a present of the consolidation and frontage measure."

"This measure gave the Gas Trust legal authority to consolidate the various companies into a big one, and to form a monopoly that would last forever."

"You don't suppose for a moment that the gas companies consolidated for the purpose of keeping down the price of gas, do you?"

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HON. CHARLES H. CRAWFORD.

The Able State Senator Who Gave Us Clean Primaries and Who Can Give the Springfield Grand Jury Some Tips on Gas Matters.

ganized for the same, or similar, general purposes. UNDER IT, ALL CORPORATIONS ENGAGED IN THE SAME GENERAL LINE OF BUSINESS CAN CONSOLIDATE, AND THUS LEGALLY FORM A MONOPOLY.

If this bill, or any existing law, made provision for adequately protecting the public in all such cases, then I would not hesitate to sign it, for it has been my desire to co-operate with the General Assembly as far as possible; BUT FOR THE STATE TO DELIBERATELY LEGALIZE MONOPOLY, AND MAKE ABSOLUTELY NO PROVISION FOR PROTECTING THE PEOPLE OF ILLINOIS FROM EXTORTIONS AND OPPRESSIONS, WOULD BE A CRIME.

JOHN P. ALTGELD,
Governor.

On motion of Senator Crawford, the consideration of the bill and of the veto message was made a special order for June 12 at 11 a. m., when action was again postponed until June 13, again until June 14, when after reading of the journal it was then postponed for one hour, then postponed until 4 p. m., when, on motion of Mr. Crawford, it was ordered to lie on the table.

It is a curious fact that the daily papers, which strained themselves abusing the Aldermen for receiving "bribes" which were never offered in connection with the street car ordinances, never have a word to say against the Gas Trust, which does not deny that it spent \$250,000 in buying the passage of the infamous frontage bill from the Legislature.

"The price of gas in Chicago will be advanced to \$3 per 1,000 feet on July 1, 1899," said a man close to the Gas Trust the other day.
"What is the object of the raise?" was asked him.
"What is the object? Well, that's

The people are crying for the repeal of the frontage act, Senator Case.

The Gas Trust apologist and chief whisperer and go-between, who is around the City Hall of late, served five years in the Ohio penitentiary for a tameless crime.



VOTERS OF CHICAGO!

Remember Gas Trust Akin, the Attorney-General of Illinois.

When Attorney Meagher was operating in Springfield he is said to have told a Senate Committee that the Legislature could regulate the price of gas after the Consolidation Bill was passed! Will Mr. Meagher inform an anxious public how it is that the Consolidation Bill can be weak in one particular and valid in all others? The only way to lower the price of gas is to give free competition. The repeal of the Frontage Law will give Chicago six new Gas Companies.

The Trust Press favors the Gas Trust and its infamous Frontage Law, but denounces the comparatively harmless Allen Law and all who voted for it.

The Gas Trust uses Chicago's streets and pays absolutely nothing for them. On the contrary, it charges the city \$1 per 1,000 feet for all the gas it uses, and the city pays the price!

When the People's Gas Company made gas out of coal it employed 700 men at good wages. It now makes gas out of oil and employs about 40 men in the new process.

Four gallons of oil cost 3-4 of a cent a gallon and make 1,000 feet of gas, which nets \$1 when sold to the people.

The Gas Trust shows the European noblemen, whose money it handles, that some things can be bought here cheaper than they can in Europe—Legislatures, for instance.

The Chicago managers of the Gas Trust are at the bottom of several other trusts that control the people's food supply. The Gas Trust will soon be able to starve the people or keep them in darkness, as it sees fit.

You know who your Senators and Representatives are, and if you are not sure whether they were bribe-takers or not, just ask some one.

Everybody knows the grafters, but the people have been too lenient with them.

The time has come for the people to strike bribery, and strike it hard. If it is not rebuked now your lives and your liberties will be sold before you know it!

The City Council of the City of Chicago, by a vote of 50 to 8, has passed resolutions asking the State Legislature to repeal the infamous Gas Frontage and Consolidation Laws. Will the Legislature hearken to the request and do its duty?

The people of Chicago appeal to the Legislature to repeal the infamous Consolidation and Frontage Bill and save them from a raise to \$3 per 1,000 feet for gas after July 1, 1899. The raise will surely come if the bill is not repealed! Will the Legislature stand by the suffering people?

The Hospitals, Orphan Asylums, Charitable Institutions (both public and private), and all Churches, Schools and Institutions of Learning are the especial prey of the Gas Trust. The Gas Trust has a perpetual monopoly, thanks to the infamous Consolidation and Frontage Bill it purchased at Springfield. Is there no remedy?

The Gas Trust robs the Soldiers' Widow. It robs the Orphan. It robs the Aged. It enjoys a perpetual monopoly as the result of bribery. Is there no recourse?

The Gas Trust has the impudence to ask the Legislature for a new law this year. The new law is even worse than the old. It hands the people of Chicago over to the Monopoly, body, soul and breeches. There are no "flaws" in it!