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OVER \$500,000 LOST!

Republican Officeholders Gobble Up That Amount of the People's Tax Money.

The Legislature Should Investigate the Sheriff, the County Clerk, County Treasurer and Others.

For the Purpose of Ascertaining Whether There Is Any Way to Stop This Leak.

Over 260 State, County and Federal Employees Manned the Different Republican Headquarters in the Late Campaign, and the People Paid For Them.

Several Republican members of the Legislature have been talking lately about having a committee appointed to make a sweeping investigation of some Cook County offices.

First and foremost, they are after Phil Knopf, the County Clerk, whose pay rolls are said to be of the most remarkable character.

It is charged that Knopf runs a regular marriage bureau in his office, and that he carries a man on his pay roll who marries people in his office just after they get a license.

This man, it is alleged, divides the fees with Knopf.

It is also alleged that county employees who are hard up are obliged to borrow money from a person named Matthieson, and that the assignments of salaries given to this Matthieson are cashed by the County Comptroller and put in the pay envelopes of employees by the same party in lieu of their monthly salaries.

It is also alleged that the County Comptroller gets a regular and a fat take-off from this loan shark business.

It is also alleged that the County Clerk is in the habit of reducing taxes for certain persons having a "pull."

It is also alleged that the tax extension department is not run as it ought to be run.

These and a few other charges will be embodied in the resolution, which will undoubtedly pass the Legislature with a whoop.

Next to the County Clerk comes the Sheriff with his dieting bill.

This has long been a source of scandal to the taxpayers of Cook County. The Sheriff is said to have an annual take-off of \$20,000 from the dieting bill alone.

Next in order comes the County Treasurer, who gobbles up \$50,000 in interest on the public money every year.

This makes \$200,000 in four years. Every cent of this belongs to the taxpayers and is interest drawn upon their hard-earned money which they pay into the treasury for public purposes.

Some of the Democratic legislators have discovered that 264 clerks, carried on the pay rolls of the State and county governments and paid out of the public taxes, manned the different Republican headquarters during the late campaign.

They have also discovered that the Lincoln Park police were entirely withdrawn from the park on two occasions, in order that they might participate in Republican parades.

The demand of certain Republican daily newspapers for a legislative investigation of city matters has spurred on the declaration of many members of the Legislature to demand an investigation of the Sheriff, the County Clerk and the County Treasurer.

The extension of Washington boulevard, from Michigan avenue on the east to the Desplaines River on the west, is now under consideration by the members of the West Park Board. According to present plans, the South Park Commissioners, the City Council

and the Trustees from the various West Side towns will be asked to co-operate with the West Park Board in bringing about an agitation for the extension.

Commissioner Graham of the West Park Board brought the proposition up Tuesday at a meeting of the Commissioners. He offered a resolution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote, providing that steps to this end be taken. Commissioners Graham, Blount and Pavlick were appointed on the committee by President Suddard to act for the West Park Board. The resolution provides that similar committees be named by the South Park Commissioners, the City Council, the Trustees of the town of Cicero, the villages of Austin, Oak Park, Maplewood, River Forest, Harlem and the abutting property owners.

Commissioner Graham's resolution contemplates the removal of the street car tracks on Washington street from the tunnel to State street, the construction of a new loop in the downtown district, and the erection of a big double bridge over the river. He says that he is confident the traction company will surrender its tracks along Washington street, and believes that the trolley system will supplant the cable in the downtown district.

According to Mr. Graham's plans, the present downtown loop is to be extended to Randolph street. The West Side cars are to be run over the Madison street bridge, down to State street, and thence north to Randolph street and over the Randolph street bridge. In presenting the resolution Commissioner Graham said that the present time is most auspicious for the consideration of the proposed improvement, as the City Council is about to take up ordinances affecting the traction companies.

Washington boulevard now extends from Halsted street west to 52d avenue, a distance of five and one-half miles. The extension contemplated will almost double the length of the boulevard. From 52d avenue to the Des Plaines River is close to five miles. Over this territory the park commissioners have no jurisdiction.

The territory between 52d and Austin avenues is under the jurisdiction of the city government, and it would be necessary for the commissioners to have this turned over to them for boulevard purposes.

The towns to the west of Austin avenue would be compelled to seek legislative action at Springfield before the trustees would have authority to co-operate in the scheme.

"The people on the West Side are ready for this improvement," said Commissioner Graham. "All they want is some one to start it. I am confident that the street car companies will be willing to surrender certain tracks east of the river if this matter is agitated when they are looking for extension of their franchises."

"I think the day of the cable has passed, and that it will not be long before we will have an electric loop. We have the trolley on Clark street now and on other streets in the downtown district. I think an electric loop would be a convenience to all the people."

Jackson boulevard is congested at present, and we need another boulevard connection on the West Side.

John M. Ronch, president of the Chicago Union Traction Company, said last night that he had not heard of the cable as it is today.

"We have only the right to operate the cable as it is today," said he. "Of course, if the people of the West Side want some other system and we can give it to them we will gladly do so. There have been no negotiations about franchises. As to the matter of an electric loop, it would be a question whether one loop would be sufficient. Crossing bridges is a different proposition from running through a tunnel. However, this is a matter I would have to look into before giving a decided opinion. We are operating our lines for the benefit of the public and will deal fairly with any proposition that is presented to us."

Joseph Donnersberger, president of the South Park Board, does not look with favor on the plan.

"The business streets are congested now," said he, "and if we make another boulevard east of the river it will only make matters worse. I do not think the proposition is worth considering. We have trouble now in keeping traffic off Jackson boulevard."

Mr. Outhouse, who mismanaged Dick Yates' campaign in Cook County so terribly, is slated for the position of Adjutant General. God help the National Guard!

The Republican newspapers are very bitter against Robert E. Burke for outgeneraling their chosen leaders at the late election.

The people are for Carter Harrison and Home Rule.

The Weber gang is still in business.

The city should follow up the Dave Weber, Sam Kanter contempt case to the bitter end.

When loan sharks can sell police lieutenantcies it is time to abolish the civil service law.

"Big" Todd, who was Jake Kern's right hand man in the State Attorney's office, is slated for Drainage Board attorney.

The failure of "distinguished jurists" on the bench to materially influence the vote in Mr. Crafts' district enforces the often repeated lesson that judges should keep out of politics. In this case the interference of the judges and of Altgeld had humiliating results. Out of 21,000 votes in the district, of whom 7,000 are Democrats, the bolting Dem-

ocratic candidate with this support was voted for by 830 citizens.

A political judiciary is monstrous in our system of government. It brings the administration of justice into popular contempt. It is worse when judges elected by the votes of a party go out of their way to bolt its candidates. They invoke defeat for the party by which they were elected.

They need not be surprised if they should be asked in the future to take a dose of their own medicine. They have made a record which may arise against them!

Why don't the police arrest the so-called medical concerns who distribute obscene literature in the residence districts? There is an ordinance against this sort of thing. Why is it not enforced?

The people of the Eleventh Ward should return honest George Duddleston to the City Council. There is much talk of nominating him for City Treasurer.

How the Republicans would like to break up the present efficient Democratic organization!

Lorimer wants Johnnie Harlan for Mayor. Johnnie, get your gun!

The Weber gang must be driven out of the public buildings.

Investigate the County Treasurer's interest account!

Investigate the County Clerk's office!

Investigate the Sheriff's dieting bills!

The Republicans spent \$148,362 in Cook County this fall, and the Democrats \$45,000.

Many friends of the popular and able detective, Thomas J. Ryan, of East Chicago Avenue Station, are talking of him for Captain of Police. He would make a good Inspector, and, perhaps, may land the job.

Hon. John P. Hopkins will be the next Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

W. O. La Monte and John A. Barnes are the ducks to be attached to the Judiciary of Cook County.

City water pipe investigators in the Stock Yards found a four-inch pipe uncharted, running to the building line of Swift & Co.'s boiler and engine rooms. A six-inch connection on the Center avenue main, uncharted, led toward one of the plants of Nelson Mor-

ris & Co. The workmen discovered also a four-inch pipe and a one-inch pipe, both said to be illicit, which they traced to one of the buildings of Swift & Co. City diggers at the Stock Yards now number about 150. Superintendent Nourse said that the investigation will be pushed.

The people to the Potters: Give us a rest!

Norobbery in the Potter house for two days. What is the matter?

The Civic Federation will now tackle the labor question with a lot of professional reformers at the crank.

The Potter gang are again before the public. They ought to practice on their stories before giving them out, so that they will not conflict.

Lead pencils should not be permitted in the marking of ballots. They were generally used last election day in Chicago. Ink is the only marking material that should be permitted.

The Democrats are beginning to talk about their candidate for Speaker of the House. The various candidates include Denis E. Sullivan, Francis Sullivan and James H. Farrell of Chicago, J. B. Wilson of Waukegan, W. F. Warder of Marion, James Gray of Decatur, and William Bowles of Joliet. Clayton E. Crafts of Cook County is also mentioned, but says he is not a candidate.

The nomination carries with it the nominal leadership of the minority on the floor and the selection of the minority members on the various committees, but it is not being actively contested, as the general feeling is that whoever may be nominally the minority leader Clayton E. Crafts will be really the man in charge when disputes arise.

Democratic members of the lower house have commenced to warm up on the question of minority leader. Among the candidates for that position already heard of are F. J. Sullivan and Captain J. H. Farrell of Chicago, James P. Wilson of Waukegan, James M. Gray of Decatur, W. A. Bowles of Joliet, Thomas Tipton of Olney, and William H. Warder of Marion.

John B. Inman, of Springfield, manager of the Western Union telegraph office at that point, is an aggressive candidate for Adjutant General of the State militia forces. Mr. Inman is an old soldier and is now Department Commander of the G. A. R.

Jas. H. Padlock, of Springfield, and John A. Reeve, of Decatur, have announced candidacies for their old positions, respectively Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House.



HON. ANDREW J. GRAHAM.

The Well Known Banker and West Park Commissioner, Who Wants Washington Street Boulevardeed.

YATES HAS MANY JOBS.

The Governor-Elect Has an Immense Number of Places to Give Away.

A Large Number of Applicants Are After Them and Many Present Incumbents Will Go.

A List of the Principal Fat Things in the Gift of His Imperial Giblets.

Intense Longing on the Part of the Old Gang to Prevent Any Aggression on the Part of the New One.

So far Dick Yates has made but two promises.

Mr. Outhouse will be Adjutant General.

Old Man McKinney of Alton will be chairman of the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.

There are a host of applicants for jobs.

When Dick left for California Tuesday night he had received 6,341 petitions for jobs.

He said that he would not take up the matter of appointments except in a few places until after the inauguration.

County Clerk Phil Knopf is said to be backing "Jim Monaghan, his deputy comptroller, for the position of Insurance Commissioner."

The rumor lacks confirmation, as people cannot see how Knopf can part with the Tenth Ward boss just now.

The Insurance superintendency is one of the best of the jobs. The salary is \$3,500 per year only, but the fees bring up the yearly sum to many thousands of dollars. It is popularly supposed.

Other jobs for Dick to give away are:

Adjutant General, salary \$3,000 per annum.

Curator and State Geologist, salary \$2,500 per annum.

State Grain Inspector, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Railroad and warehouse commission, three members, salary \$3,500 per annum, secretary \$2,500.

Superintendent of the Southern Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Superintendent of the Western Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,000 per annum.

Superintendent of Asylum for Insane Criminals, salary \$2,100 per annum.

Superintendent of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, salary \$3,000 per annum.

Superintendent of the Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, salary \$1,500 per annum.

Superintendent of the State Soldiers' Orphans' home, salary \$2,400 per annum.

Superintendent of the Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children, salary \$2,400.

Superintendent and secretary of the Illinois State Reformatory, salary \$4,000.

Warden of Illinois State penitentiary, salary \$4,000.

Warden of Southern Illinois penitentiary, salary \$3,600.

Secretary of commissioners of labor, salary \$2,500.

Live stock commission, three members, \$5 per diem; secretary of commission, \$1,800 per annum; State veterinarian, \$3,000 per annum.

Three State humane agents, salary \$1,500 per annum; chief factory inspector, \$1,500 per annum.

State board of dental examiners, five members, pay \$5 per diem for actual time.

State board of examiners of architects, five members, pay \$5 per diem for actual time.

State board of pardons, three members, salary \$2,000 per annum.

Illinois canal commission, three members, \$5 per diem.

Commission on claims, three members, \$15 per diem each.

State board examiners of horseshoers, five members, \$5 per diem each for actual time.

Secretary of State Board of Health, salary \$3,000 per annum.

Secretary Lincoln Park Board, \$2,500.

Secretary West Park Board, salary \$2,500 per annum.

Superintendent of institution for education of the blind, salary \$1,800 per annum.

Superintendent of Central Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Superintendent of Eastern Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Superintendent of the Northern Hospital for the Insane, salary \$3,500 per annum.

Seven inspectors of coal mines, salary \$1,800 per annum.

In addition to insurance department, fees swell the returns from many of the foregoing offices. There are other fat offices which are supported entirely by fees. Then, too, besides the offices named there are hundreds of smaller ones, such as park policemen, assistant factory inspectors, clerks and guards, nurses, and physicians, in the many State institutions.

Ald. Minwogan's plan for the payment of city employees twice a month will be signed by Mayor Harrison. The Mayor considers the ordinance will be the means of shutting out the loan sharks from the City Hall, Civil Service Commissioner Ella is in favor of the scheme, but President Lindblom thinks it will entail too much labor on the civil service department. The scheme will be adopted, however, because the Mayor has sanctioned it. The payment once a month is said to have driven many city employees into the hands of the loan sharks.

John A. Reeve, of Decatur, who was Clerk of the House under several Republican Legislatures, was at the Great Northern Hotel on Tuesday interviewing the members-elect on his chances for election by the Republican House caucus this year. Thus far Mr. Reeve seems to have no opposition. James H. Padlock is a candidate for appointment as Secretary of the Senate, and he appears to be unopposed. He is in favor of both combinations, and will probably be Secretary of the Senate no matter which side wins in the organization fight. Thomas Spellman, of Chicago, is a candidate for re-election as clerkkeeper of the House, and will probably land the place. Mrs. Jackson, of Salem, has no active opposition for postmistress of the House, which position she held in the last two legislatures.

Mr. Delavan B. Cole, the well-known lawyer, is the new attorney for the Board of West Park Commissioners.