



"INDEPENDENT IN ALL THINGS. NEUTRAL IN NONE."

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## THEIR CRY IS GRAFT!

**Tilden Calves Select as Their Campaign Chairman a Man Who Believes in Division.**

**He Used to Share the Fees of the City Sealer's Office Under Cregier.**

**He Recently Got a Big City Coal Contract in the Name of Another,**

**Because It Would Not Look Well to the Tilden Calves if He Didn't.**

The well-known coal man who has been made Chairman of the "Campaign Committee of the Tilden League" is a man who believes in dividing.

He believed in dividing to such an extent that he divided the fees of the City Sealer's office under the Cregier administration.

That is, another man had the name of being City Sealer, while this eminent reformer, who did not appear on the surface, got half of the fees.

This same reformer and Chairman of the Campaign Committee of the Tilden Calves, got a big city coal contract the other day in a very slick way.

It would not have done for him to have bid for the contract in his own name.

Oh, no!

That would have frightened the calf away into its and made the leading grafters in the society very jealous.

So what did the Chairman of the Calves do?

He just procured the services of a West Side Democratic Committeeman and had him make the bid in his own name.

He did so and got the contract.

All the West Side Committeeman had to do after getting the contract was to turn it over to the Tilden League.

This gave the Tilden League a chance to yell, more loudly than ever, that all contracts at the City Hall are procured by unfair means.

Chapter second has been added to the history of the so-called Tilden Democracy, and it is an interesting one truly.

The Executive Committee of this precious organization has been announced, and its membership only helps to prove the character of the movement, and the objects and aims of the men back of it.

The Tilden Democracy is a roost and a refuge for every scoundrel, back number and renegade of the Democratic party of Cook County.

It is also the abiding place of the choicest of the hoodlum gang who have devoured out of the public finances of Chicago and Cook County during the past eight or ten years.

Upon the roster of this Executive Committee can be found men who represent the Contractors' Graft Association which has fattened for years on drainage canal finances and other public plunder, through which they have enriched themselves at the expense of the taxpayers.

Upon the Executive Committee of the Tilden Democracy can be found representatives of the men who have eaten up thirty-five millions of dollars of the people's money building a drainage ditch that does not drain, and who are responsible to-day for the daily bulletins from the health department warning the public against using the city's water supply.

There are representatives, too, of the worst hoodlum schemes that ever disgraced the city of Chicago, including the notorious Drainage deal, the history of which makes decent people hold their noses. Among this precious gang are to be found certain officials who, while possessing no intrinsic political strength of their own, are supposed to represent certain other officials and Democratic leaders who are men of strength in the party and can deliver the goods.

These latter, however, had better look to themselves. They should not forget that no politician has ever yet proven himself greater than his party, and that the strongest leader loses ground from the moment he attempts to play false

with his regular party organization and attempts to set himself up in opposition to it.

Judging from the make-up of the committee, however, it is evident that, with one or two exceptions, it is composed of scoundrels and inconsequential.

The regular Democratic organization of this city and county has little to fear from the Tilden Democracy.

The party was never better organized in its history than at present.

Robert E. Burke, the greatest and most capable leader the Democracy of Cook County has ever had, has it well in control, and in every ward and precinct has under his command able, faithful leaders, who know when, where and how to act, and who know that eternal vigilance is the price of victory.

Upon his banners the sunlight of success is still streaming, and will continue to shine, no matter what clouds may be raised upon the political horizon by renegades, dupes, tricksters and petty conspirators.

These latter need not think that because their names do not figure prominently in the organization of the little cabal known as the Tilden Democracy that the public does not know who they are. Everybody knows who "Eddie" Novak represents, and most people acquainted with Democratic politics will give a shrewd guess as to who Coroner Traeger stands for.

And so it goes all along the line. These men might as well bear the brand of their bosses on their foreheads, and the very names of these bosses are sufficient to overwhelm in disgrace all the Tilden Democracies or any other organization of the kind that could be established from now until doomsday.

Most of them have been cast out of the regular organization for their own good, and when the proper time arrives the balance of the traitorous gang will be relegated to outer darkness where they belong.

The persecution of Capt. Luke Collier, or, rather, the attempted intimidation of that official, is still in process of execution, but the scheme is falling flat.

It has practically dropped to the ground of its own weight, and in a day or two nothing more will be heard of it.

The fine Italian hand of a former Democratic leader, but one who, becoming recent to his party in its hour of need has been discarded in contempt, can be seen in the effort to besmirch Collier.

It is not so much to ruin or destroy Collier as it is to undermine the administration of Mayor Harrison and to weaken public confidence in him that this particular effort is now being made by the arch grafter and schemer and his co-conspirators.

And yet, strangely enough, persons who have been and are beneficiaries of the Carter Harrison administration are permitting themselves to be used as tools in furthering this infernal conspiracy.

If the public can be awakened, and it will be if plain facts plainly stated can do it, to the true inwardness of the damnable attack upon Capt. Collier it would blast the men who are back of it and all who have hand, act or part in it.

It is indeed a sad commentary upon the methods of latter day political leaders that in order to strike at a party rival men will so utterly without con-

science or instinct of manhood as to try to do it by attempting to destroy the reputation of others.

Not only that, but to even upset and demoralize one of the most important branches of the public service.

The Eagle knows and can name the men who are engaged in this scoundrelly piece of work. It will name them if necessary when the right time comes.

They are men whose names are synonyms for graft and for public and private corruption.

They are men who have held public office in this city and who, in doing so, have brought disgrace upon the party which they misrepresented.

They are men who have fattened and grown rich and opulent upon the fruits of public plunder and the proceeds of office prostituted to the ends of mercenary greed and private gain.

This precious gang, who have been the recipients of the favors and honors of the Democratic party, basely betrayed it for a mess of pottage at a crucial period of its history, and who, having helped to drag it down in disgrace, now have the supreme audacity to attempt to regain control of it once again.

This they are evidently trying to accomplish by throwing all the mud possible upon the administration of the real leader of the Democracy of the West, and the only man fitted by training, by nature, and by his record as a fearless, aggressive and capable man to carry the Democratic banner to success at all times and upon all occasions—the Hon. Carter H. Harrison.

The precious plot of the ingrates, backed up by the little coterie of contemptible hoodlums who at present burrow in the City Hall, will miscarry.

Capt. Collier is not built of the material that can be either bluffed or intimidated.

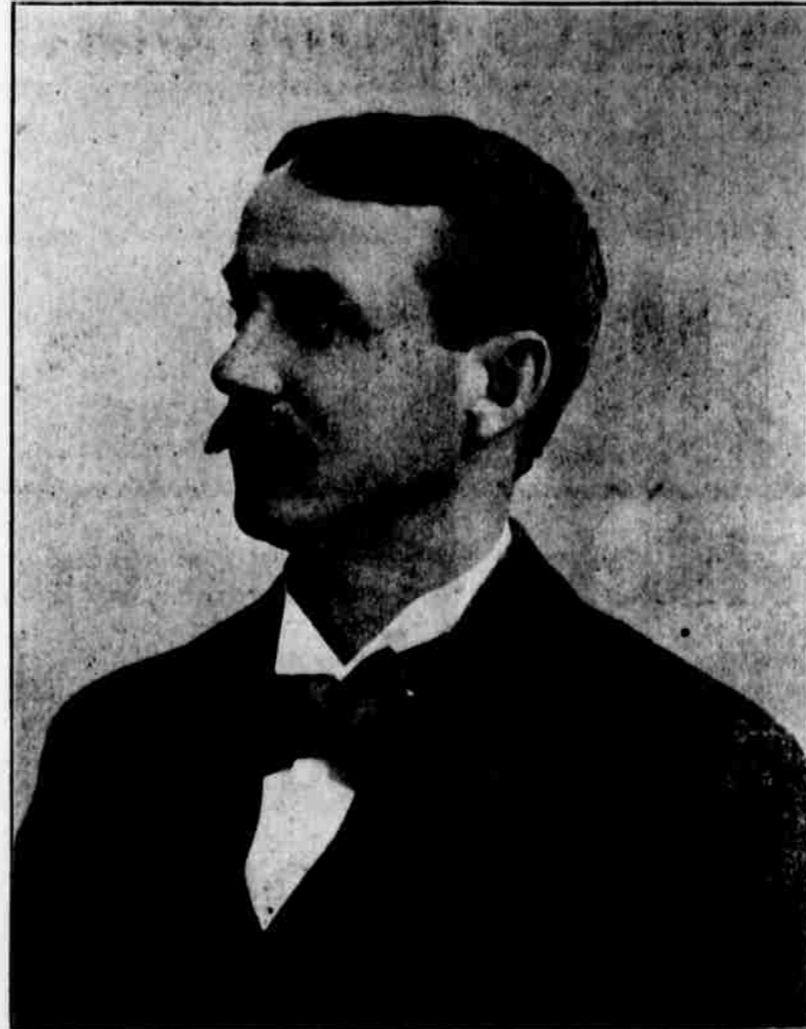
His record as a public official will stand the searchlight of investigation, and that is more than can be said of the schemers who are trying to strike it.

It is E. Burke and Carter H. Harrison over the shoulders of Collier.

The ridiculous and laughable charges by which it is sought to put disgrace upon Collier only go to show the fact that the man's record is unassailable, while at the same time disclosing the animus of those who are behind the scenes and guiding the attack.

If any real malfeasance or misconduct in office could be traced to Collier's door it would be done and done to the bitter end, but here after a number of years at the head of an office that in other years and under other administrations was notoriously a very cesspool of corruption, the only charge that can be trumped up against Capt. Collier is some wretched rubbish about ten dollars' worth of mileage.

The people of Chicago are not to be misled and they will not be fooled by a tremendous howl and a great outcry and clatter with neither specific charge nor even probable foundation.



**MR. HEATON OWSLEY,**  
Strongly Talked Of for Congress in the North Side District.

Capt. Collier is surrounded in the office of which he is the head by a gang of the lowest liars and petty thieves in Chicago.

The detective department under Collier has been efficient and has been wonderfully improved both in personnel and in the quality of its work, but there remains in its ranks a few of the reptiles of other days, whose performances made of the Chicago city department something that respectable citizens shuddered at the mention of.

The slimy creatures are the personal enemies of Capt. Collier.

They have been held down by the iron hand of the commander for some years past, but they are crawling from their hiding places now, and in the hissing whispers of corruption against Collier can be heard the echoes of their hate.

The con men, thieves and fences for stolen goods of the detective department are now in high glee because they believe the hour for the destruction of Collier and the decent element of the bureau is at hand. They are working in collusion with the men on the outside who are after bigger game.

They are also working hand in hand with the "Graters Association" of the City Hall. The thieves and thugs of the bureau are moving heaven and earth to find scandals in connection with Collier, and they have been unable to unearth anything that the public considers worthy of notice thus far.

They have told all they know against Captain Collier, and to his credit it may be said that it all amounts to nothing.

The head of the detective bureau will go so far as to say that he will be maintained and supported in it by the city administration, of which he has for so long proven himself a worthy and a capable part.

Meanwhile the clique, the political cabal that is now so industriously engaged in making use of the whole incident to weaken the confidence of the public in Mayor Harrison will fall most miserably.

They have shot their bolt too soon, and the public will have ample opportunity to fully learn of and thoroughly understand their game in time to defeat it.

It will be the duty and the pleasure of The Chicago Eagle to inform the people of this city of every detail of this infernal plot and to give facts, names and circumstances when the right time comes.

In the meantime, the Board of Civil Service Commissioners, not being on trial themselves, will make the police examination as spectacular as possible.

Chicago has too many small parks. Those already established are all fallow and are simply rallying places for tough gangs of youngsters and breed-

ing places for vice. They are a positive injury to any neighborhood in which they are established, rendering them uninhabitable from the noise and danger from the young rowdies they attract.

If the city has any cash to spare on parks, let it give that money to the great parks, which are orderly and well policed.

Mr. Charles W. Peters, the able and courteous chief clerk under Sheriff Magerstadt, is said to be slated for the Republican nomination for Sheriff.

The small parks, like all other emanations from our out-of-ball reformers, are a failure.

A great crowd will greet William J. Bryan at Sunnyside Park Sept. 14, where he speaks at the picnic of the Carter H. Harrison League.

The police investigation is a cheap affair. It is caused by the envy and whisperings of disappointed politicians and grafting ex-police.

How long will the notorious La Monte be able to hang on to his job in Judge Tutill's court?

Mayor Harrison ought to put a more popular man in place of Prindiville at the Armory police court.

One of the funniest things on the tapis is the joke about making a judge out of J. K. Prindiville, J. P.

Justice John Richardson will make a good Congressman. He is a man of ability and sense.

The new garbage ordinance should be enforced fairly and honestly. It is an outrage on decency to make some of the people obey the law and then to permit others to violate it.

How many more lives will have to be sacrificed to the greed of the street and steam railroads before the City Council makes up its mind to put an end once and forever to the horrible net work of grade crossings that disgrace our city and annually murder scores of our citizens?

The millionaire tax dodgers are still crowding the office of the Board of Review protesting against their taxes and weeping over their alleged poverty. It is one of the sights that make one half ashamed of his city and indeed of his kind. To do the members of the board justice, however, it can be said that these sniveling hypocrites and perjurers get small comfort for their pains.

Some of the policemen sent around by the Superintendent of Streets have been very particular to see that some of the people complied with the new garbage ordinance. Some of the other people have been permitted to deposit their garbage in wooden receptacles, and collection from these is made regularly in defiance of the law. This won't do, Mr. Doherty!

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Everywhere that an electric light line is planted the trees on the street are cut down by the linemen. This should be stopped.

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## VERY VEALY ADVICE.

**The Poor Tilden Calves Are Told by the Single Term West Side Congressman**

**To Floor Their Party If They Can and to Watch All Democratic Employees.**

**If Any of the Men Whom the Democratic Voters Have Given Jobs To**

**Should Aid Their Party in Any Way, Charges Are to Be Preferred Against Them.**

Congressman Vealy and the rest of the leaders of the Tilden Calves, who have issued a deft and a mandate which outblants anything in the calf line we have ever heard of.

This mandate notifies the men who hold jobs in the City Hall by the grace of the Democratic voters of Chicago that if they help the party in any way they are liable to be prosecuted.

If they buy tickets to a Democratic picnic, if they pay dues to a Democratic society, if they join a Democratic organization:

If they help the party which put them in office:

They are to be prosecuted, persecuted and placed under the ban of the "Tilden League," as the Calves call it.

Congressman Vealy forgets that he himself was elected to office by Democratic votes, and is most likely to be even more forgetful of this fact in the future, when the people forget him.

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been done systematically, and the trees are carefully protected. Much of the beauty of the United States capital is due to this feature. Paris spends \$30,000 a year in caring for shade trees and setting out new ones, and the expenditure is universally approved by citizens. One public-spirited society in New York planted 4,000 shade trees last year.

William J. Bryan at Sunnyside Park Sept. 14.

The Ice Trust gang should be punished to the full extent of the law.

The Consumers' Company, too! Well, well! The sanctimonious puritans!

One thing the police investigation will bring out: the number of traitors and informers in the public employ.

The milk wagon nuisance is becoming unendurable. These wagons should not be permitted to start on their delivery tours until 5 o'clock in the morning.

By the way, how many milk wagons deliver pure milk?

The milk wagon nuisance should be stopped. It is the custom in Chicago (but in no other city in the land) for the milk wagons to start on their delivery rounds at 2:30 o'clock in the morning. Milk wagons as a rule are rickety vehicles, and when they are filled with tin cans, they are about as noisy as can be imagined. The result is that they wake the healthy people and torment the sick of Chicago at a time of night when people should be guaranteed some rest. No wonder that Chicago! The people who are obliged to live here, have only themselves to blame, because it is they and no one else who are responsible for sending a lot of dolls and mutton heads to the City Council.

The alleged Chicago Health Department should be abolished. It is a fraud.

Our alleged Health Department, which swells the hopes of our Drainage Gang by declaring that the lake water is fit to drink one minute and the next minute comes out through its acting commissioner and says "the lake water causes typhoid fever" should receive the attention of the Grand Jury.

The Chicago Health Department enforces no laws and is an imposition on the public.

Typhoid fever is epidemic in Chicago. Flush the sewers!

The acting Commissioner of Health says that it is "only the small guerrilla dealers who sell impure ice." How is it that the officers of the Knickerbocker Ice Company are being prosecuted by the State, then?

State Senator William U. Riley is not making the record that his friends thought he would make. People are surprised at him, to say the least.

Flush the sewers.