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The most noticeable thing about Democratic attacks upon the Republican state administration is that neither figures nor facts are cited in support of the accusations.

Just for fun now—can you name, offhand, three candidates on the Democratic state ticket? You can't? Do you think men who are not big enough to be known are big enough to fill the several offices of this big state?

William J. Bryan some time ago declared that Parker's candidacy would begin with a foot race and end with a rout. And as Bryan still says that he has nothing to "take back," this prophecy may be considered as still good.

As an afterthought, the Hopkins bunch are regretting that they did not nominate for governor a man who has a barrel. Had they done so, they might have been a little ahead of the game at its close, instead of serving as custodian of a lot of dead ones.

The Lincoln Times-Courier, Candidate Stringer's official organ, preaches that the rule of the majority should obtain in all things political. Has The Times-Courier the nerve to claim that Mr. Stringer was nominated by a majority—or has it forgotten that he was nominated by Hopkins and Quinn at the point of a bung-starter?

Every voter should remember that he must register if he would vote at the coming election. The registration every four years is made anew, and all the old lists are discarded. Let every one who is entitled to vote see to it that his name goes on the registering book, that he may thereby be able to perform one of the most important duties of an American citizen, the exercise of the right of suffrage.

Senator Fairbanks, in his speech at Chicago, added his urgent pleading for the election of a Republican congress. President Roosevelt was about as sure of election, he said, as any one well could be, but to give effect to his administration it must be supported by both branches of the national house. A Democratic majority in either branch would mean constant friction, and the business interests of the country would thereby be disturbed. He urged the voters of Chicago and of the other congressional districts of Illinois to send to Washington a delegation of congressmen who will sustain the president instead of antagonizing him.

The law abolishing contract labor in the Illinois state penitentiary, passed by the Republicans at a recent session of the general assembly, meets with the hearty approval of the labor organizations of the state. It gives promise, besides, of being of considerable advantage to many of the convicts themselves, inasmuch as manufacturers who formerly held contracts in the penitentiary are disposed to give employment outside to men who formerly worked for them in the prison. It is difficult for a man who has "done time" to get a job when his sentence is served out, and the openings which these manufacturers offer to such men will be to them a veritable god-send.

If Tom Taggart does not soon cease his repeated avowals that no friction exists at the national Democratic headquarters he will interest some one sufficiently to bring about an investigation as to what is the real source of trouble there.

If some Democrat were to advance some new principle of government or evolve some new policy of statesmanship instead of wasting his time planning renewed attacks upon Republican statecraft would he be granted respectful consideration by his own party?

Republicans in districts wherein state senators are elected this fall must not overlook the necessity of making that choice Republican. State senators named this time have a vote on the selection of a United States senator in 1907, and that choice, too, must be a Republican.

Larry Stringer et al. must find small comfort in the visit of National Chairman Taggart to this state. Chairman Taggart's declaration that the Illinois committee must "show the goods" before he opened his pursestrings left the state ticket in a bad way, in the matter of financial support.

Out of the 100 newspapers in Illinois published outside of the city limits more than 90 per cent. have declared in favor of the constitutional amendment, and almost every one has printed considerable matter relating to it during the campaign. With all this and the stump speakers in every county telling their audiences about it, it would seem that no voter in the state could plead ignorance as to the nature and purport of the amendment, or neglect to vote for it on that ground.

CHICAGO'S NEW CHARTER

Every voter, whether Democrat, Republican, Prohibition or what not, should vote for the amendment to grant a new charter to Chicago. She needs a new one, so she can fully legislate for herself in local matters, and have no one but herself to blame if mistakes are made, and cease taking up the time that the legislature should give to the business of the state. Don't forget this; vote for the new charter for Chicago. All parties favor it, and if you don't vote for it you vote against it.—Danville Commercial-News.

The Chicago charter amendment deserves the support of all the voters at the coming election. Chicago wants to discard its ignoble clothes and put on full man's attire.—Springfield Evening News.

Will county will vote on the adoption of the primary law this fall. La Salle county adopted this measure two years ago, and has not been able to hold a caucus or convention since which complied with the law. Will county should join in the scheme for a general state law. The present law is a failure outside of Cook county, where it furnishes the bosses jobs for 3,500 workers for an afternoon at $5 per.—Streator Free Press.

RIGHT VIEW OF THE AMENDMENT.

(G. H. Bates of Saybrook, in Bloomington Pantagraph.)

Some of our citizens are evidently under the impression that Chicago wants the voters of the state to vote in favor of granting it a new city charter. This, as you know, is a mistake. What the city wants, and is asking for, is a legislative enabling act by and through which it can inaugurate and maintain wiser and better, more just and more beneficial city government. I have given this question some consideration and I am confident that if we can grant the city this legislation, this agency and encouragement to better government, it will not only increase its prosperity, but will also increase the civic pride and raise higher the standard of its citizenship morally, socially and politically. Confer benefits of this character upon Chicago and we confer them upon the state; confer them upon Chicago and the state, and we confer them upon the country at large.

Therefore, let us all, irrespective of party, vote "Yes" on the "little ballot" on Nov. 8.

WHERE CHICAGO IS LACKING.

Constitutional Amendment Necessary.

Every inhabitant of New York, old and young, pays $3.24 every year for police service; every Bostonian, $2.96; every Philadelphian, $2.28; every St. Louisian, $2.81; every Chicagoan, $1.08. Yet Chicago has spread out over much more territory, actual and proportional, than any other city in the country, and should, therefore, employ more policemen than any other. Under the new charter which Chicago hopes to get if the pending constitutional amendment is adopted in November, as it will be if the voters throughout the state do their duty, it is expected that Chicago will change her governmental system so that she will be able to have better police protection, as well as improvements in many other respects without additional burdens of taxation. This will be through an improvement in her governmental system, the consolidation of taxing bodies, the abolition of the official fee system, and a reasonable extension of her bond limit.

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HOW TO VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT

It Must Not Be Confused with Any Other Question.

INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT

Judge of Election Will Hand You a Special Ballot with the Large One.

Put a X in Square Marked "Yes" Opposite Proposition Calling for the New Charter Amendment.

Voters at the coming election will be given by the election judges, in addition to the large ballot containing the official candidates, a special ballot containing several propositions which are to be voted upon. This consists of the constitutional amendment and two or three questions of public policy. The amendment was adopted by the last legislature and is submitted to the voters for their ratification or rejection, and is popularly known as the Chicago New Charter Amendment. It must have a majority of all the votes cast throughout Illinois in order to be ratified. It will probably be the first of the several propositions on the special ballot in all of the counties of the state and will appear in the following form:

Proposed Amendment to Constitution.	YES	NO	X
Amending Article IV of the Constitution by adding thereto Model Section 14, authorizing the General Assembly to provide by statute a charter or scheme of local self-government FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO.	VOTE YES		

How to Vote on the Amendment.

Every voter should vote on this proposed amendment one way or the other. It is advocated by leading men of all parties and all sections of the state as a measure that will benefit the whole state, although designed particularly for the relief of Chicago from her present governmental difficulties. In order to vote for the amendment the voter must mark a cross in the square adjoining that in which is printed the word "yes." Across marked in the square opposite the word "no" would be a vote against the proposition.

The amendment must not be confused with any other question on the ballot. It should not be neglected by any voter in any part of the state. No citizen of the state can claim that an amendment to the constitution for whatever purpose does not concern him. A question affecting the state constitution affects every voter. The constitution is made by the people and can be changed only by a majority of the whole people as expressed in the votes cast at the regular election.

Election judges are especially requested to inform themselves on the nature and object of this amendment so that they may be able satisfactorily to answer such questions about it as the voters may ask. Briefly stated, the amendment, if adopted, will enable the legislature to grant Chicago a large degree of home rule so that the city may remedy the governmental defects from which it has long suffered. It cannot harm any other part of the state, but by relieving the legislature of a great burden of work and making it free to devote more time to bills from other districts it will prove a measure of general economy and a benefit to the state at large.

The press, the pulpit, and the judges of the courts in all sections of the state are adding their voice to that of the leaders of all the political parties in urging all voters to mark their ballots for the measure by placing a cross opposite the word "YES" on this proposition.

The Polite Porter.

There is a large town on the Northern Counties railway which, it is said, boasts itself as possessing the most polite porters on the system. Everything is relative. Recently a lady having secured a porter at this station told him after her small luggage had been removed from the carriage to get the rest of it from the van.

He returned presently empty handed, with the observation: "Beg pardon, ma'am, but ye're a liar. There's nane o't in the van."

In the south a similar official would have said, "If it's in the world I'll get it for ye."—London Spectator.

Wifely Sympathy.

He—You are crying, darling. How is this? She—Because my friend, Frau Moller, has been presented by her husband with a valuable set of diamonds that must have cost 1,500 marks at the very least. He—And that is what makes you weep? She—Well, yes. I am sorry you will now have to spend such a lot of money when you can so ill afford it.—Berlin Journal.

All Up With Him.

"You had a high old time in Europe?"

"Yes," replied the returned tourist; "I had. I was done up at Monte Carlo, held up in the Apennines and laid up in Rome."

"Breaking of the Deadlock."

How the nomination of Charles S. Deneen for governor of Illinois came about is graphically described in a book just from the press, written by J. McCan Davis, of Springfield, entitled "The Breaking of the Deadlock." The book, a volume of 441 pages, with nearly 200 illustrations, gives in detail the history of the campaign of 1903-4 for the gubernatorial nomination and the complete story of the deadlocked state convention, which began May 12 and ended June 3 last. It is made clear that, notwithstanding the fierceness of the contest, the end of the convention found all of the defeated candidates ready to work earnestly for the election of the nominee.

Why the nomination should have been so eagerly sought is explained in one terse sentence found in a signed statement by "Uncle Joe" Cannon who presided over the convention: "All contestants believed in success at the election." Had there been any doubt on this point the most famous deadlock in American political history would have been impossible.

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Vassar college students are trying the experiment of having a presidential election, says a special dispatch from Poughkeepsie to the New York Times. They have all the machinery in operation according to the election laws, have appointed campaign committees, established headquarters and have a quota of spellbinders and ward workers out soliciting votes.

Miss Hazel Straight, '05, of Oswego is chairman of the Republican committee, and Miss Charlotte Warner, '05, of New York is chairman of the Democratic committee. The college has been divided into wards and subdivided into election districts, and over 900 students have registered.

Republican stump speakers, dressed as nearly like workingmen as skirts will allow, have been making some weird appeals for votes, and their Democratic sisters, not to be outdone, have organized a band and through music have endeavored to inject enthusiasm into the campaign.

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