

of the board of election commissioners next Monday morning at the hour indicated.

Merriam Favors Publicity.
"I am glad that proper publicity has at last been given to the question of campaign expenditures," said Mr. Merriam in comment. "There is no doubt that if this movement had been taken in previous campaigns, the city of Chicago would have been a decided gainer. The public is entitled to know from what sources campaign funds are drawn, whether reputable or disreputable."

"Slush funds obtained from assessments of officers, tributes to illegal resorts, or from privilege seeking public service corporations, or other special interests ought to be shown up and will be if the proposed method is fairly and honestly followed."

"Unfortunately the contributions to candidates' campaign funds made by those who hold public positions and are ordered to do the bidding, regardless of their individual inclinations, cannot be covered in such statements. If such sources could be measured accurately, the figures would be staggering in their proportions."

"Nothing but the strict enforcement of civil service provisions against undue political activity on the part of public employees can reach this situation."

Bill Is Before Legislature.
A bill intended to cover the situation has been introduced by Senator W. Clyde Jones of Chicago, and to this pending measure are looking those who advocate remedial legislation. Although, it was pointed out during the day, the primary Feb. 28 present an evident need for such a law, no one is sanguine that it could be enacted in time to affect campaign expenditures or contributions, or otherwise regulate the ante-primary campaign. Before the election on April 4, however, there are about six weeks.

It was admitted on all hands that the proposed law could not be retroactive. However, there is seen the great gain that candidates will be obliged to make public, under oath and with penalties provided for false statements, an itemized list of their receipts and disbursements. Thereafter, for every subsequent primary and election, expenses and contributions will be limited. And the poor candidate will dare to aspire to public office, since the rich man who owns a "barrel" will run the risk of a term in jail.

Republicans Pledge Statements.
As to the second proposition, in the form of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE's suggestion, that all candidates, in the absence of a mandatory statute, sign affidavits of the form published, with schedules showing both campaign disbursements and receipts, there was unanimity among the Republicans, all five pledging themselves to give such sworn statements tomorrow and also next Saturday. None of the three Democratic candidates, however, would pledge himself to sign such an affidavit, their excuses being varied. Mr. Dunne, nevertheless, gave out a statement of his expenses and receipts to date.

Attorney Iken at once started gathering the data for the preliminary sworn statement to be issued for Aid Merriam tomorrow afternoon. As the Merriam campaign has been in progress for two months, which compares with the one week's campaigning of his rivals, Smulski and Thompson, the task was found difficult, and work on it will be necessary today.

"I am in favor of the whole publicity proposition," said John F. Smulski, after talking with Gov. Deneen by phone, who was at the Union League club. "Just as I answered 'yes' to each of the three questions put to me yesterday and as published in THE TRIBUNE today, so now I am glad to go on record in favor, first, of the proposed joint request that the legislature enact a corrupt practices act with an emergency clause, and secondly, I agree to sign an affidavit next Monday and another next Saturday itemizing my campaign expenses and contributions."

Thompson Promises List.
John R. Thompson, who on Friday was the only Republican candidate that did not answer affirmatively the questions as to whether he would make public statements of his campaign receipts and disbursements on specific dates prior to the primaries, did so during the day. Here are his replies to THE TRIBUNE's three questions:

My answer to question No. 1. I will.
My answer to question No. 2. I will.
My answer to question No. 3. I will.
He also agreed to the two new supplementary propositions—a joint request by majority candidates for immediate enactment of a corrupt practices act and also the sworn statements, which he promised for tomorrow and next Saturday.

This last promise was given subsequently to a formal statement in which he said he would make public a statement of his campaign receipts and disbursements "after the primary is over."

Harrison Asks Time.
Mr. Harrison said he had not read carefully the affidavit form in THE TRIBUNE.

"I cannot say whether I can sign it or not," he said, "and I haven't time to look into the matter today. Just as soon as I can I am going to make a complete written statement as to my position concerning the receiving and disbursing of money, and I haven't a particle of objection to tell and will tell how every dollar of my campaign fund is spent, but I can't make public the names of the men who contribute to it without their consent."

"What is my position as to the enactment now of a corrupt practices act by the legislature? You bet, I will favor such an act and favor the making of it retroactive to take in every act of the campaign from its inception. I want to see such a measure passed at once."

Graham Refuses to Sign.
Mr. Graham took the position that he could not sign the affidavit proposed because it would include the naming of contributors to his campaign fund.

"While only myself and personal friends have contributed to my fund, there are many who would not like their names made public," he said.

"The passage of a corrupt practices act with an emergency clause attached, which would make the proposed law effective during the present campaign, meets with my hearty approval, and I will gladly join in any movement which will secure its adoption by the legislature."

"I am heartily in favor of turning on the light in this campaign, for I am certain it will result in aiding my candidacy."

Report on Cusack Billboards.
The managers of Mr. Graham's campaign during the day issued a supplementary report on billboard advertising expenditures in an-

THE MILLENNIUM IN SIGHT: EVERY CANDIDATE PROMISES EVERYTHING

The following is a summary of the campaign promises made by the different candidates for the mayoralty in their platforms, speeches, and letters to THE TRIBUNE. The number of ditto marks in this summary is extraordinary, which shows that on most of the so-called "issues" of the campaign most of the candidates are promising precisely the same thing.

But it isn't what a candidate says before election that is important. It is what he does afterwards.

So the question before the voter is, which candidate is most apt to keep his pre-election promises?

To solve that question the voter must look behind the words of the candidate to his personality, his record, and his support.

If the candidates will throw open their campaign books to the public they will do more to enable the public to make a wise choice among them than they could by niagaras of ink, square miles of billboards, and an entire atmosphere superheated oratorically.

WHO'S PUTTING UP?

Candidate.	Will you make a detailed sworn statement as to receipts, obligations and promises of money of your campaign fund?	Administration.	Playgrounds, Bathing Beaches, Small Parks.	Harbors.	Gradual electrification of steam railroads.	Sunday Saloons.	Gas Rates.	Other Public Utilities.	General.	My Public Record.
Merriam	Yes.	No compromise with graft. Absolute honesty. High efficiency. Clean streets. Police out of politics. Schools well conducted. High pressure system.	More of them.	Public outer harbor.		Candidate distinctly implies yes.	Lowest which courts will sustain. Reasonable profits must be allowed.	Standing bureau of public utilities should be created. Public utility corporations must stay out of politics.	If I became mayor I would put findings of Merriam commission into effect. There are no strings on me and will be none.	10 year study municipal finance. Originated and chairman of Merriam commission. Alderman one term. Secretary harbor commission.
Murray	Has made affidavit he is the only subscriber to his own fund.		Mr. Murray has not issued a platform; promises a square deal for all; and that as he has treated his help well, so he will treat the city well when elected.							
Scully	Has made affidavit he is the only subscriber to his own fund.		Same as Merriam.	Private outer harbor.	This question demands solution.	Same as Merriam.	70 cents.	Should be sensibly and equitably regulated.	I have an expert technical knowledge of the engineering problems which confront the city.	Two terms in city council.
Smulski	Yes.			Public outer harbor.			Lowest price consistent with efficiency and reasonable return on actual investment.	Same as Merriam.	My pledges are limited to those which I believe I can honestly fulfill.	Three terms in council. City attorney, reducing average cost of damage suit to city from \$1,000 to \$250. As state treasurer returned \$175,000 interest money to public treasury without legal obligation. President West Park Board.
Thompson	Says he is financing his own campaign.				Yes.			To be regulated by city. Prices low as consistently possible.	Daily removal and disposal of garbage in brickwell crematory.	As county treasurer returned \$500,000 interest money to public without legal obligation.
Dunne	Has made a statement.						Should be lower.	Should be treated vigorously but fairly.	My two competitors (Harrison and Sullivan) have proved against each other that they betrayed and defeated the Democratic mayoralty ticket four years ago.	Judge two terms. Mayor one term. Reduced gas from \$1 to 85 cents. Made water rates 7 cents per 1,000 gallons for great and little users alike. Subsidized compensation. Had city represented before Board of Review. Laid 99 year bog. Started loop traffic regulation. Left \$4,000,000 in treasury, there is \$1,000,000 deficit now.
Graham	Dodges.			Mr. Graham has consistently avoided answering this question.			As reasonably low as a thorough council investigation shall determine.	Public utility companies are but public servants. Lower rates when warranted by investigation.	I am an experienced business man and will give a business administration.	I have familiarized myself with practically every department in the city government.
Harrison	Dodges.		(Candidate claims credit for starting this movement.)	Public outer harbor.			70 cents Maximum.	Public ownership of public utilities at the earliest possible date.	Breakup of the present politico-business monopoly in coal. Direct labor on city work.	Four terms Mayor. Broke up Yerkes' traction conspiracy. Lowered water rates twice. Put city on solid financial basis. Took schools and fire department out of politics. Brought about track elevation.

swer to the editorial query in THE TRIBUNE yesterday morning asking, "What about the signs on boards and walls printed by the Cusack company?"

"We should have included the Cusack company contract in our first report," said Daniel Sullivan, head of the publicity bureau, "but it was overlooked. We are only too glad to submit the Cusack agreement to THE TRIBUNE."

Mr. Sullivan then handed out the following copy of a letter containing the offer of the committee and the acceptance of the company:

"Thos. Cusack Company, Out-Door Advertisers, Fifteenth and Throop streets, Chicago, Ill.—Gentlemen: You are hereby ordered to paint and maintain fourteen illuminated bulletins and four regular bulletins for a period of time from date of completion up to and including Feb. 28, 1911.

"You are to paint a sign at each of the following locations, after designs submitted to and approved by us.

Specifies the Locations.
"A sign is to be painted at each of the following locations, with the sizes of same set opposite:

ILLUMINATED BULLETINS.

Locations.	Feet.
Southeast corner Jackson boulevard and Plymouth place.	21
6317 South Park avenue.	32
Michigan avenue and Park row.	25
3545 Indiana avenue, "L."	25
170 East Van Buren street, "loop."	25
1206 Wabash avenue.	25
Blue Island avenue and Twelfth street.	25
Chicago and Milwaukee avenues and May street.	25
Center avenue station, Metropolitan "L."	48
Marshallfield avenue station, Metropolitan "L."	48
Clark street and North avenue.	25
Chicago and Milwaukee avenues and May street.	25
Franklin and Michigan station, Northwestern "L."	42
280 East Michigan street.	60
Total.	430

REGULAR BULLETINS.	
Thirty-first street station I. C. R. R.	50
Oakwood station I. C. R. R.	23
Fifty-third street station I. C. R. R.	25
Fifty-third street station I. C. R. R.	25
Total.	123

The illuminated bulletins are to be lighted every night during the contract period from dusk until midnight.

For the above service we hereby agree to pay you on the completion of the painting and installation of the signs the sum of \$2,850.

Accepted: THOMAS CUSACK COMPANY, GEORGE L. JOHNSON, General Sales Manager.

Meantime a question of veracity arose between the managers of the Graham campaign committee and the La Salle hotel management. The hotel people asserted in the afternoon that the report given out by the campaign committee to the effect that the quarters in the hotel were given rent free to Mr. Graham was untrue.

Dunne Opposes Sworn Affidavits.
Mr. Dunne said there was no reason why he could not sign the affidavit form printed in THE TRIBUNE, but he declared he was opposed to doing so because any conscientious candidate could make an untruthful affidavit.

"My ideas are embraced in a statement sent out from my headquarters this afternoon," he said, "and that is the plan I favor rather than the signed and sworn affidavits."

The statement follows:

"Judge Dunne is not willing that the examination of campaign accounts shall be confined to mere ex parte statements by interested managers. He thinks that such a method will fall in bringing out the facts rather than the voters of Chicago are entitled to know. Judge Dunne, therefore, appeals to the officers of the Municipal Voters' league to appoint an accountant, who will be directly responsible to the league, to audit the books of the several mayoralty campaigns, Republican and Democratic."

In addition to his formal statement, Mr. Dunne said:

"I am heartily in favor of the immediate passage of a corrupt practices act."

Dunne Issues Expense Statement.
Candidate Dunne, through E. H. Roche, treasurer of his campaign committee, in addition to the above statement also made what he declares is a complete statement of all monies collected and expended during his campaign.

The statement, however, is not presented in affidavit form, as suggested by THE TRIBUNE.

Dunne lieutenants pointed out that their billboard posting expenses were at a much higher rate than the same character of work as given out by the Graham committee. The full statement as issued by Mr. Roche follows:

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE CAMPAIGN FUND OF EDWARD F. DUNNE, PALMER HOUSE HEADQUARTERS:

Edward F. Dunne	\$1,000
E. H. Roche	1,000
William O'Connell	1,000
Charles J. Vopicki	1,000
J. J. Bradley	700
John G. Ritchie	500
M. R. Kelly	500
H. J. Fitzgerald	500
C. W. Leonard	500
Barney Kelly	500
James F. Molloy	500
James G. Trainer	500
Raymond Robins	500
Dr. C. J. Whalen	200
M. J. Dwyer	100
David Rosenheim	100
Philip Angsten	100
Clarence N. Goodwin	100

C. J. Boyd	100
William E. Dever	100
James Quan	100
C. J. Joyce	100
M. Murphy	100
John Boylston	50
Carl Ladner	50
Sola B. Dunne	50
E. N. Zollne	50
Thomas Burns	50
H. Van Metren	25
M. McHugh	25
Thomas Burns	25
Thomas J. Coghlan	25
A. P. Caning	25
B. Kleininger	25
A. G. Moore	25
S. S. Gregory	25
J. Labosky	25
T. J. O'Byrne & Co.	25
M. J. Dillon	20
Miscellaneous donations from \$1 to \$20	513
Total.	\$8,983

DISBURSEMENTS FOR EDWARD F. DUNNE CAMPAIGN TO FEB. 17, 1911:	
Cash paid for printing.	\$1,232.33
Cash paid for halls.	754.00
Cash paid for lithograph.	200.00
Cash paid for automobiles.	60.00
Cash paid to Palmer House company.	618.70
Cash paid for cigars.	214.60
Cash paid for furnishings for headquarters.	85.00
Cash paid for banners.	135.75
Cash paid for music.	163.00
Cash paid for postage.	754.00
Cash paid for headquarters expense.	320.93
Cash paid for clerk hire.	708.00
Cash paid for sundry expenses.	142.50
Cash paid for donations.	85.00
Total.	\$6,036.33

LIABILITIES.	
For fireworks.	\$ 30.00
For singing and music.	270.00
For buttons.	30.00
For badges.	120.00
For 1,000 8 sheet posters.	600.00
For advertising.	500.00
For auto hire.	300.00
For Palmer house.	250.00
For banner lithographs.	500.00
For halls.	500.00
Total.	\$3,770.00

Balance	\$1,217.07
Total subscriptions.	\$8,783.00
Total disbursements.	\$6,036.33
Total liabilities.	\$3,770.00
Total.	\$1,217.07

"I think I have shown my good faith in making public the complete account of receipts and expenditures," concluded Mr. Dunne in commenting on his financial statement, "and I stand ready to allow every figure to be audited. Let the other candidates say what they will do now."

ARMOUR & CO. PLAN CHANGED.
All Its Packing Plants in United States to Be Operated Hereafter Under Firm's Name.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18.—The business of all the Armour packing plants in the United States is to be conducted uniformly in the name of Armour & Co. This, according to Charles W. Armour, head of the Armour interests in Kansas City, is the only reason the permission was asked at Jefferson City yesterday to retire the license of the Armour Packing company of Kansas City to do business in the state of Missouri.

DON'T WEAKEN NEAR SUCCESS CAMPAIGN LEADER FAR AWAY

Guard Against Slump in "Tribune's" \$21,000 Contest.

H. A. Stillwell, Head of Thompson Committee, in Europe.

SUCH CHANCES ARE RARE. STANDS BY HIS RECORD.

Fatal Idleness Robs You of Work Already Done to Win Prize.

Candidate Recalls Way He Has Kept Pledges to Voters.

BY MARY ISABEL BRUSH.
Sometimes when things are proposed to you, you have a curious feeling that the same proposition will be made again. You think opportunity will knock twice at your door.

But the offers will be rare in which you can earn \$2,400 by working so little—so little time, so little effort—even if the opportunity offered in THE TRIBUNE contest does seem as if it would come again.

Do Not Slump Now.
If you do not pay most careful attention to your work now and fortify yourself against any inclination to "slump," contending that you can make it up in this contest or another, you will regret.

It never is a good economic move to let your efforts waste, and there are the weeks back of you and the votes won that will count either for a great deal or for less than nothing, according to the amount of intelligent effort you make at this time.

These days may not be so interesting and so stimulating for work as those at the beginning and at the end, but they are so much more important in their bearing on the ultimate results.

All Have Felt Weakness.
All who have accomplished anything in this life have realized this weakness, this tendency to give way in the middle of an accomplishment, and they have fortified themselves against it.

The task before you is more than justified by the reward you will receive. Twenty-one thousand dollars will be distributed among 250 people, and 29 of the prizes are for sums of more than \$300, some being for more than \$1,000.

And there are less than fifty days in which you will have to make the effort to win them, with all the other days stretching ahead of you in which to enjoy the reward. After all, the effort merely consists in asking your friends day by day to subscribe for THE TRIBUNE for one year. You have learned before this how readily they comply with your request.

Killed by Falling Lumber.
John Panken, a Hungarian laborer, was killed yesterday while working in the lumber yard of the Chicago Store and Office Furniture company, 708 South Clinton street. His skull was crushed by a pile of falling lumber.

Railroad Builder Dies.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 18.—Jeremiah W. Boynton, a street and steam railroad builder in Michigan and Ohio, died today of apoplexy. He was 75 years old.

Kills Brother by Accident.
Brazzaville, Ill., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Walter Luth, aged 14, was accidentally shot here today by his brother, Oscar, aged 12. Their sister, when she was 14, was burned to death as the result of schoolmate's prank.

SUMMONS MANY IN FRAUD INQUIRY

Election Board Calls Every Affidavit Signer Who Is Subject of Complaint.

CITES 750 IMMEDIATELY.

New Move in First Ward Mixup; Judge Owens Sends a Notary Public to Jail.

Inquiry into affidavits of registration was thrown wide open yesterday by the board of election commissioners when a formal ruling was made that signers of all affidavits should be cited in before the board where complaints were made charging fraud.

This ruling, which threatens to swamp the board with work until primary day, no sooner was made than citations were issued for 750 affidavit signers in the First ward at the request of adherents of Andrew J. Graham.

Calls It "Injustice."
Attorney William L. Martin, counsel for State Senator Frank Brady, made a strong talk against the "injustice" of calling in the 750 First ward affidavit makers.

"I am here as a representative of those men," he told the board. "They have been attacked by nine men, plainly political workers for a mayoralty candidate who fears he cannot get their votes. I class an action that would force these 750 men to answer these irresponsibilities as nothing short of an outrage. If there is any inquiry into this matter it should begin with these nine objectors to the affidavits."

Despite the impassioned objections of the attorney representing the Harrison-Kenna-Coughlin First ward organization, the board ruled against him and ordered that all complaints against affidavits be investigated. The board also decided to start out with the first precinct of the First ward tomorrow morning.

Notary Public Goes to Jail.
While the election board was wrestling with one angle of the registration frauds County Judge Owens was engaged on another which ended for the day when he sent John J. Ryan, a notary public, to jail for sixty days on a contempt charge and ordered Benjamin B. Webster, 2328 Wabash avenue, held on a perjury charge.

Ryan's arrest followed an alleged attempt on his part to "fix" Frank Brady, 2325 Wabash avenue, one of the men who testified against the notary.

Davis had testified and Ryan's case had closed when Attorney Mitchell of the election commissioners' office announced that Davis wished to take the stand again.

"Has any one taken an interest in you since you testified?" Judge Owens asked Davis.

"Yes," was the answer. "Mr. Ryan and another gentleman of the name of Gannon."

"Told to Stand Pat."
"What did Ryan say?"
"He told me to 'stand pat,' that they would not do anything to me. He told me to swear that I had appeared before him and swore to the affidavit."

Judge Owens immediately ordered Ryan arrested and then sentenced him.

Judge Richard Burke in the Superior court, late in the afternoon, released Ryan on a writ of habeas corpus. The writ was made returnable next Tuesday and Ryan's bond fixed at \$5,000. Webster gave bond of \$3,000, the amount fixed by Judge Owens, and was released in the evening.

The case of Charles C. Boyesen, an undertaker and notary of 2333 Cottage Grove avenue, was heard and taken under advisement by Judge Owens, and the cases of several other notaries were continued to 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Dismisses Stenson Petition.
Judge Windes in the Circuit court decided he had no jurisdiction in election matters, and dismissed the petition of Edward J. Stenson, praying for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Owens to grant a change of venue in the contest over the position of Democratic state central committee from the First congressional district.

Stenson was defeated at the September primary election, and later filed a contest against Robert Redfield, the winner, on the ground that many illegal votes had been cast. The investigation before former County Judge Rinaker resulted in the holding of John Mullen to the grand jury for "repeating" in the First ward.

PAYS LAST RAILROAD BONDS AFTER 39 YEARS' LITIGATION.

Town of Amboy Wipes Out Old Indebtedness of \$10,000 at a Cost of \$300,000.

Dixon, Ill., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—After thirty-nine years of litigation, citizens of Amboy are rejoicing over the payment of the last of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad bonds.

The tax was voted on April 5, 1872, and consisted of 200 bonds of \$500 each, due in ten years at 10 per cent interest. The taxpayers believed Amboy would be a terminal of a division of the company, where shops and a roundhouse would be built, but this did not prove to be the case.

When the first installment became due the taxpayers rebelled, but were beaten eventually in the courts. The total cost of the original \$10,000 indebtedness was \$300,000.

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