

proposal, endorsed by three to one of the intelligent electorate, of the Initiative and Referendum. Whoever affords the "jackpotters" a plausible excuse for dodging this question makes himself one of them in effect, though his intentions be as white as falling snow.

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### Mayor Dunne's Candidacy.

All that is discriminating and fair in the Democratic party of Chicago will welcome ex-Mayor Dunne's announcement of his candidacy for Mayor of Chicago at the Democratic primaries. His defeat four years ago was due to treachery and false counting in the slum sections of his own party, the result of which—the election of the fragrant Busse—has been a shame to Chicago from the hour of Busse's flippant taking the oath of office to the present.

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There was at that time good municipal work for Dunne to do in connection with the traction question; but this was settled with his defeat, and settled for the worst. The Plunderbund owns Chicago traction now, and will continue to own it no matter who becomes mayor. But the city needs a mayor like Dunne for general administration. He is a clean and honest man personally; Big Business has no grip upon him and can get none; his Democracy is democratic; and in one or more of these respects his prospective adversaries fall short of the mark.

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One of them, several times mayor, left office with an official record O. K.'d jointly by the hinkey-dinks and Big Business; and four years ago he committed the unpardonable political sin of running at the primaries yet "skipping" the campaign and election when the better man got the nomination. The other is an agent of the Interests and always theirs to command. Between Harrison, Graham and Dunne, the citizen who rejects Dunne identifies himself with the worst Democratic elements in the political life of Chicago.

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### Municipal Amusement in Milwaukee.

A municipal dance is one of the innovations of the Socialist administration in Milwaukee. Mayor Seidel presided over the festivities. He was assisted by the head resident of the University Settlement, the director of physical culture in the public schools, 100 young men from the Y. M. C. A., 50 young women from the Y. W. C. A., and the rector of a local Episcopal church. The admission fee was 20 cents, refreshments were

served at moderate prices, dress suits were left at home, all classes were there, everybody was introduced to everybody else, no one was allowed to be a wall flower, there was an exhibition of European folk dances, the guests danced with no lack of partners, the affair broke up just before Sunday came in, and it was throughout the democratic play-time of a socialistic city. Mayor Seidel expressed the hope in a little speech that the city might regularly conduct these municipal dancing parties to prevent her youth from seeking dance halls where intoxicants are sold and vice holds sway.

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### What's the Difference?

The Washington authorities—President Taft is mayor of Washington—prevent Emma Goldman from lecturing in that city. This is in defiance of the law, but what's the difference? Warren, the publisher of the Appeal to Reason, is sentenced to imprisonment for sending through the mails an open advertisement offering a reward for the kidnapping and return to his State for trial of a Republican politician indicted for murder, just as workingmen in Colorado were kidnapped with the approval of the United States Supreme Court. The postal law in Warren's case, constantly violated by bankers, etc., with impunity, is enforced only against this publisher of a Socialist paper; but what's the difference? A labor procession in Los Angeles is forbidden unless the ordinary labor union inscriptions on the banners are effaced, while a plutocratic gang is hard at work trying to indict law-abiding workingmen for perpetrating a "dynamite outrage" which was in fact caused by an accidental explosion of gas; but what's the difference? In the name of law, plutocracy tramples upon the law; in the name of free speech, free speech is forbidden; in the name of equal rights, the principle of equal rights is being destroyed. But what's the difference? Now it is a Goldman, a Socialist, a labor unionist, that guardians of the law assail in defiance of the law; soon these aggressions will go higher up. But what's the difference? The difference! Read Carlyle's "French Revolution" if you wish to know. Society has its diseases, which sometimes become violent in spite of palliatives and heroic treatment.

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### CHAMP CLARK FOR SPEAKER.

Immediately upon the authentic announcement that Champ Clark would be the Democratic candidate for Speaker of the next House, Henry George, Jr., Congressman-elect from New York (pp. 1092,