

HOFFMAN HAS PLAN TO CHECK CROOKS

Sheriff Candidate Urges Motor Squadron

Peter Hoffman, familiarly known as "Pete," has been coroner of Cook county for eighteen years. Knowing that he is making a bid to the voters of Cook county for election to the position of sheriff, the interviewer went to Chicago a day or two ago to look him up. We met him by chance in the hall on the second floor of the Briggs house.

"What can the Sheriff do for Cook county, Mr. Hoffman?"

"A sheriff is the chief peace officer of the county. It's his duty to use all possible measures to suppress crime of all kinds within his district.

Others Have Failed

"There are more people in Cook county, not even counting Chicago, than in the three next largest counties in Illinois. The sheriffs of this great county have failed to protect Cook county citizens properly against murder, theft, and other crimes. I don't know why."

"How is it that these jail-birds can murder and steal and get away with it?"

"Well, you see the Chicago police can't legally arrest a man outside of Chicago unless they have a warrant. The crooks are getting onto this fact. They're beginning to see that they can kill or rob a man out in the country somewhere and make an easy get-away. Of course if a big reward is offered things are a little different. That means that they'll be hunted down. So you see that crime is going to increase unless we close up on them; show them that we mean business."

"Got any ideas, any plans? What can you and will you do to stop this crime wave?"

"Install three or more Sheriff's police stations along state highways; court room in connection. Then if a fellow is arrested we can try his case immediately after he's arrested."

Flying Squadrons

"But how will you catch these bad eggs? They're a pretty speedy lot!"

"I'll have speedier motorcycle cops; faster automobiles. They'll

be ready on instant call night and day to go after these fellows." "Yes, but it's bad business to have motor cops rushing at breakneck speed along a crowded highway. Likely to kill themselves and innocent autoists. Papers every day tell us of some officer running ahead on into an auto or telegraph pole."

RINGER CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY POST

Realty Broker Leads Field For Treasurer's Job

Head-on collision between the Deneen and Brundage factions! Attorney-General Brundage is putting all his energy into gaining for Charles Ringer the nomination for county treasurer. The Brundage men had a big banquet at Hotel Morrison Friday night, March 10. It was a Ringer Dinner. When the guests left the banquet hall they carried away the picture of Charlie and Ed squaring off against each other in as pretty a pugilistic encounter as any professional fighters ever engaged in.

And now they're out to get the County Treasurership for Charles Ringer. If Ringer is elected the Brundage wing of the G. O. P. will stick a feather in its cap and be the Yankee Doodle Dandy of Cook County.

Next year Charles Ringer will be fifty years old. For the past twenty-five years he has been in the real estate business. And it's only fair to say that he has been remarkably successful. Perhaps his most notable deal was the sale of the Windsor Golf Club grounds as a site for the Greater Armour Institute.

Mr. Ringer has been very active in public welfare movements. He is largely responsible for the locating of a public bathing beach at Windsor Park and Cheltenham. It is due to his efforts mostly that 79th Street became a continuous east and west thoroughfare.

He co-operates actively in all beneficial community enterprises.

Roosevelt men—and Cook County is blessed with many who honor his memory by practicing his principles—will be interested to know that Mr. Ringer fought prominently on T. R.'s side in the campaign of 1912. He is today a progressive Republican.

Who received the largest plurality ever given to a candidate for a county office. Charles Ringer, when he was first elected to the Board of Assessors. This is proof of his ability as well as of his popularity.

He is today serving his second term as an assessor, a fact which his enemies are using against him. They say that if Ringer is elected county treasurer his place on the board will have to be filled by special election,

this special election costing the taxpayers \$200,000. But Ringer comes back by calling attention to the statute which provides that such a vacancy shall be filled by the board of review. No need for a special election.

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