

## SEELY MAKES GOOD AT DIFFICULT JOB

Lake County people who admire public officials who fill their offices ably and take pride in having every detail of their work done thoroughly and well will be gratified to learn that Ray Seely is candidate for re-election to the office of County Surveyor.

In any county the job is no "snap" and in a county like Lake in which so many public improvements must be under way constantly together with the vast amount of other work which falls to this important office, the task calls for the best man available. His services are now being used to the best advantage with the rank of Captain of Engineers and now holds the commission in the U. S. Reserve.

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Seely's life has been filled with hard work and earnest endeavor. He was born near Guthrie Center, in Guthrie Co., Iowa, May 10, 1878. He attended the public schools of Guthrie Co., and Des Moines, Iowa. He then entered Highland Park college at Des Moines, but was permitted to spend only two years there as the death of his father forced him to leave college and assist in the support of his mother.

His first job was as messenger boy in a local freight office. Not content with the job as he found it, he spent his spare moments studying shorthand and typewriting. He became the local freight agent's stenographer and showed much skill that he successfully held down the job for the trainmaster and division superintendent. It required his higher education, studying the college subjects nights specializing in civil engineering and land surveying.

While in employed in the office of the railroad superintendent he finished his course and showed such ability in his line that he was transferred to the office of the chief engineer. This work brought him a wealth of experience in preliminary surveys for railroads, estimates for construction of same and the actual experience in construction. He began branching out into other lines and was soon handling municipal work such as large sewer systems, paving and city planning. Later he had entire charge of the construction work for the Indiana Harbor R.R., when built between Indiana Harbor and Dunes Park and he also laid the

first tracks for the Gary Steel mills.

Mr. Seely was deputy county surveyor of Lake County in 1905 and 1909 and in the following year was elected as surveyor. In the time he has held the office he has always tried to run it to the best interest of the taxpayers. He believes the people will show their approval of his work at the primaries and the election polls next fall. During the war when trained engineers were needed by Uncle Sam, Seely enlisted and was assigned to an outfit of sappers. He was discharged in December, 1918, with the rank of Captain of Engineers and now holds the commission in the U. S. Reserve.

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## COMMONER TAKES FIELD FOR NOMINATION

(BULLETIN)

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—"I am not a candidate," William Jennings Bryan told the International News Service upon his arrival here today from the South.

"I do not desire the nomination," he explained, "and do not expect any conditions to arise which will present the subject in the light of a duty, and in no other light would I be willing to consider it."

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WASHINGTON, March 17.—William Jennings Bryan arrived here today, en route for the San Francisco convention via New York, Boston, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, Los Angeles and points between.

The Commoner's arrival coincided with the final spasms of the treaty wrangle in the Senate and before nightfall his friends predicted he will have flung the whole weight of his influence into the balance for ratification on the best terms possible, in direct opposition to the wishes of President Wilson, Senator Hitchcock and other leaders of the Democratic party.

Bryan is scheduled to speak in New York on Friday night at a dinner tendered him by his followers there. In a way this dinner will mark the beginning of his campaign for the Democratic nomination. But St. Patrick's Day in Washington finds him at locked horns with the administration, vehemently opposing what he denounces as the "farce" of a campaign based on the treaty of Versailles.

Bryan's chances of swinging enough Democratic senators his way to bring about the treaty's ratification is con-

sidered by both Democrats and Republicans here as the most farcical of Senator Hitchcock, whom Bryan is destined to meet again in Nebraska, in a bitter fight for a place in that state's delegation to the Democratic convention, has behind him 22 Democrats, who, it is believed, will not be budged an inch even by the commoner's eloquence, and with them, it is claimed, are sufficient "irreconcilables" to prevent the passage of the same as amended by the Lodge reservations.

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Mr. Seely is candidate for re-election to the office of County Surveyor.

He leaves one son, Attorney Gerald Gillett of Hammond, and a sister, Mrs. Minnie Miller, of Chesterton.

A public funeral will be held Thursday. The cortege will start from the Emmerling undertaking parlors at 1:30 o'clock and proceed to the Presbyterian church where the service will be held. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. The body will be in state at the Emmerling chapel and may be viewed by friends until the time of the funeral. Pall bearers at the funeral will be V. S. Reiter, W. J. McAleer, Lawrence Cox, J. K. Stinson, George Sheerer, L. D. Bomberger.

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