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 hbors good. One person I have to make good; myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying
that $I$ have to make him happy if I may.
-R. L. Stevenson

## THE CONSTITUTION OR THE MAJORITY

 ity elected Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson to the o There was then and there and still is some doubt as whether or not Mr. Emmerson was really eligible to be thuselected. Note this word "eligible". That is the crux of the elected.

The Constitution of the State of Illinois adopted in 1870, under which this state is now governed, states as fol
lows: "Sec. 5. * * * Neither the Governor, Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor, Auditor of Public Accounts, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction nor Attorney-General ING THE PERIOD FOR WHICH HE SHALL HAVE BEEN ELECTED.'

What does that Section of the Constitution mean? an office enumerated in this section cannot HOLD another office at the same time or it may mean that a person hold-
ing any of these offices is during his term not QUALIFIED TO BE ELECTED to some other office.

This brings us back to the words "not eligible." Le us see how Webster's Dictionary defines "eligible". The
definition is "capable of being, or fit to be, chosen; legally qualified."

The men who framed the Constitution of 1870 very carefully considered the intent and meaning of all words
incorporated in that document. It was thoroughly discussed. Every section, every paragraph, every word was given
careful consideration.

## The record of that con be gathered therefrom.

The minutes show a very profuse discussion relative to this very matter. Efforts were made to substitute the
words "shall not hold" in place of the word "eligible." But this did not express the sentiment of the convention and
such change was not made. The intent of the convention is plainly shown from
these proceedings and discussions to have been that any person holding any of the offices enumerated in Section 5 shall not be barred from ruming for re-election to such of-
fice-but-that he shall be barred from running for any fice-but-that he shall be barred from running for any
other office, during his term; in other words, that he shall be "ineligible" or not qualified to be elected to any othe be "in
office.
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The proceedings of the constitutional convention con delegates, that it would be contrary to sound public policy State or any other of the state offices, to use such offic and its prestige, to elevate himself by election to a higher state office.
Here now arises a question for the people of the grea Commonwealth of Illinois: which is the greater-the Con
stitution of the State or the will of the majority that elect ed L. L. Emmerson to the office of Governor? Mr . Emmerson was at time of election and is a this time holding the office of Secretary of State. His in 1st.

This question can be decided in a lawful way, throug court procedure. The Supreme Court, the state's highes
tribunal ought to be given tha task of passing on this mat ter and disposing of it for all time to come. to have any suspicion regarding that election remove not in aecorday or hindrance. If, however, his election i trary to the Constitution under which

The Constitution is more important in a case like this than the will of the majority. It is the document from
which emanate all of the powers exercised by our state of ficials. Statutes and laws must be constitutional-that i, they must conform to the provisions

The right of a man to hold the office of Chief Execu tive of this state, must be above challenge. It must be
strictly in accordance with the specifications laid down i the Constitution.

Ilinois is entitled to know whether Louis L. Emmer son can lawfully hold and exercise the duties of the offic of Governor, or whether a mistake has been made and he al provision and intent, he did not possess the qualifica ions which made him a lawful candidate for the office.

We hope and trust that immediate action will be taken o secure a decision in this matter.

We contend that the Constitution is not greater than
he will of a majority of the people of Illinois because the
people of Illinois can change their Constitution.
But we further contend, that until such change made, in due form prescribed by law, the Constitution, an
ll of its provisions, interpreted by the intent of the const tutional convention that framed it, must be lived

## SOME SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

Since opening up the matter of securing better streets
last week's issue various comment has been heard and
will give you some of the samples.
test against paying anything to improve the dirt street "These folks living on dirt streets did not help us pay for
our paving, why should be be asked to pull them out of the our pa
mud."
From another source comes this comment: "We folks highways out in the country in good condition, with the re sult that the farmers have good roads while we wallow in

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Kicks like these will not provide the solution
ould be a benefit for the is confident that better streets eople who do live on paved streets would benefit, as they se the side streets, perhaps more than they realize. He uggests that an oil program be worked out and that th cost of
ment.

Another suggestion is that Sullivan proceed with the oo-long delayed sewering program, which would take care
ftorm water, provide drainage and thus help keep the treets in shape. This plan would be financed by specia
ssessment.

Still another suggestion is that what Sullivan needs i n efficient street department and it is suggested that thi an be secired without spending much more than is no hat the first step is to get rid of the city team, which un der present conditions is an expensive luxury, the upkeep
of which takes a big portion of the small sum available for reet and alley purposes.
A further development of this plan is to have street furnish tractor.
The Progress plan is a "man power" plan. We feel wat with the limited funds available and with a reluctance o raise more by taxation or assessment, the mater re
solves itself into one of getting the right man and turning ver to him the task of keeping the streets in as good condipermanent improvement can be worked out. The right o do. There would be work for him every working day on streets. True, he could not furnish oil or cinders, but
could induce property owners to invest in better streets, superintending the job. By personal experience the
riter knows that if some man in authority had sugrested him, that he would look after the oiling or other neces sary improvements on the street leading to his home, an hat all that he would be asked to do would be to help pay
or the improvement we would have told him to "go ahead" and show some results. It is the fuss and bother in getting streets ready for oiling, ordering the oiling done,
filling up holes and keeping the ditches clean that keeps many people from going to the trouble of getting thei streets improved at their own expense.
Like with many other problems, this street problem is
one of "find the right man." This right man is one who has
some initiative; who knows that water will run down hill, if ditches are kept open and ruts are dragged and graded shut; he is a man who knows how to handle a the do so He is a man who will make a map of the city and designate them by the best means available. A man like that will in spire co-operation. He will get results. Propery ownets
will help pay for some of the work out of their own pockets Such a man will be worth more than Sullivan can af
ord to pay. But, there are many men willing to work fo less than
effort
Until a better solution is proposed we support this idea-Get the right man. Put him on the job. See that he
is on the job every working day. If he fails to measure up o the job, can him. Give some other man a chance.





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| her horse; but without stirrups she bounced so hard that Duane rode closer and grasp her arm <br> Thus they rode through the valley to the trial that led upove. the steep and broken Rim-Rock. As they began to climb Duane looked back. No pursuers were in sight. <br> "Jennie, we're going to get away"'" he cried, exultation for her in his voice. <br> She was gazing, hurror-stricken |  |
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| back, he faced her. <br> "Oh, Duane, your shirt's all |  |
| with trembling finger., |  |
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| said; "but I guess I'll stick it out" "The woman-did she shoot |  |
| ${ }^{\text {you?" }}$ "Yes. She was a devil. Euchre | 9) |
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