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Thesis: *Design of a Double Track Bridge with Inclined Top Chords.*

Armour C. E. Society

City of Chicago, County of Cook, State of Illinois, is the way the election commissioners have put it down, and he sure is some politician. You can tell that by his tips as to how to place your money on election day. "Rat" always has the right dope on how the election is going to turn out. While he sometimes hangs (for us) the "23" sign on a candidate, by saying that so and so is our next mayor or whatever the job may be, still we firmly believe that he will, on leaving school, soon appear on the city engineer's payroll.

Ratkowski prepared first at the St. Stanislaus Kostka Parochial School, and next by entering Lewis Institute. After leaving Lewis in 1904, he gathered together some practical experience, while working for his father at contracting and building. In 1906 he came to Armour and has since been with us as a member of the 1912 class. He was one of the boys who attended summer camp at Kremlin, Wis. last year. He was a member of that aristocratic organization "The Burnt Rod Club," his chief claim to fame being a phillippic delivered following a siesta with the mosquitoes, beginning "I could roll on the floor and yell and yell."

Amundsen missed an able assistant in his hasty dash to the South Pole by not waiting for Ratkowski, who was apparently in training for the job last summer. He faithfully donned a heavy hunting coat, hat and high boots, regardless of the heat of the day, and we understand that he discovered and planted a flag on an island in the Menominee River, which proved on investigation to be the home of a rat.

Ratkowski is an earnest worker and of an afternoon can usually be found in the drafting room attending to business. For some months past he has been working on his thesis, and his work on this subject has been fully worthy of his skill as a designer and draughtsman.