

THE LETTER "H."

The following amusing petition is addressed to the inhabitants of England:

Whereas, by you I have been driven
From 'ouse, from 'ome, from 'ope, from 'eaven,
And placed by your most learned society
In Hexile, Hanguish and Hauxiety,
Nay, charged without one just pretence,
With Harrogaunce and Himpuence;
I here demand full restitution,
And beg you'll mend your Helocation.

THE LAKE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

Shall a new Court House be built in Lake County, and if so, where, when, at what expense, and at whose expense?

These are questions that have been pondered for a long time by those who know and appreciate the pressing need of better accommodations for the transaction of the increasing business of the county. From year to year the matter has become of greater interest to a greater number of people. Many of us in Highland Park have hitherto given little thought to the subject; not a few, perhaps, never having seen the present Court House or the city of Waukegan, but whoever has of late read the county papers, must have noticed the growing prominence of the questions asked above, while those who have seen the present architectural deformity appreciate its inadequacy for the business transacted there, and can also testify that the statements of the newspapers as to the condition of the building are in no way exaggerated or overwrought. It is very old and rotten, insecure and unhealthy, and has been judicially condemned as an unsuitable place in which to hold Court. It has created surprise that when Rafferty's weight came down on the rickety old trap it did not fall and bury beneath its ruins the Sheriff and his assistants, spectators, prisoners and all. It would have been a summary way of disposing of the prisoners, and doubtless would have materially lessened litigation, but then, it would have been and on the Sheriff, the reporters and the rest.

The Court House square at Waukegan is in itself a beautiful site, and with a tasteful and commodious building upon it, would be an ornament to that city and a credit to Lake County; but a look at the present building suggests nothing so much as an old white goose moulted in the grass. The erection of a suitable building and the securing of the county seat there would be a great advantage to Waukegan architecturally, financially and socially, but when all complete, and the straws immediately around it put in proper condition, it would present a striking and somewhat amusing and anomalous contrast to the cheap, ancient and dilapidated appearance of a majority of the surrounding buildings. We don't say this disparagingly, for we consider Waukegan on the whole a very attractive place, and no doubt destined to become much more so (especially to sufferers from the "Spring" fever), and with certain reciprocal stipulations, we believe it would be the best place for the new Court House.

The location of the county buildings and offices, as we have said, is of great local financial advantage, and in our judgment any town in Lake County can afford to erect the buildings at its own cost on account of the direct and substantial advantages thus secured. All other things being equal, we should give Waukegan the preference, but if any other place, not unsuitable because of remoteness or inaccessibility, will erect and donate to the county a building adapted to the requirements of the business to be transacted, and Waukegan would not, we should deem it the duty of the Supervisors, acting in the interest of the people to accept such a proposal. If Libertyville would do this, and Waukegan would not, we should certainly favor Libertyville. If Waukegan or Libertyville would not, and Lake Forest would, we would gladly go for Lake Forest; and as to Highland Park, while we have never had an ambition for her in this particular direction—

although holding high hopes and an unwavering faith in her future growth and prosperity—nevertheless, when proposals are in order, she will undoubtedly offer to do her level best; and as a starter, we would probably agree to erect a suitable building and donate five acres of ground free and clear to the county and ready for use, and right glad would we all be to welcome here such true gentlemen as it has been our pleasure to meet in the transaction of public business in Waukegan—men like Messrs. Turner, Ellis, Lucas, Williams, Partridge, Whitesey, Phillips and the rest.

We do not expect to see the county seat removed from Waukegan, but we do expect to see a fine, new building erected on the present site, and that her generous citizens will have the satisfaction of saying to all who may be dissatisfied, "We paid the bills."

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LAKE COUNTY FREE FROM DEBT.

A man who is out of debt in times like the present, is esteemed by all good and competent judges, to be one of the most fortunate of mortals, and is considered about as comfortably situated as though he were rich. And he is most certainly a remarkable figure in the business menagerie, and deserves attention, though he may never have had personal credit or standing enough to get upon the wrong side of the general ledger of the mercantile and financial world. But his day will come, from pure luck; he will look admiringly at himself in the glass, and believe he sees a true financier, who has steered his little bark along the troublous waters of time; like a skillful mariner, though his "bark" may have been only that of a diminutive "dory." But he is a fortunate man all the same, and as he looks at his small balance in a sound bank, he will feel like a capitalist, indeed, as compared with such "unfortunate and reckless fellows," as some of the great financial lights that have been snuffed out in the late terrific storms.

It is an exceedingly good time to say that it is a bad time to be in debt. It is a good time to "point a moral," and if we were writing fiction, to "adorn a tale." We wish now to take the frightened mortals of our neighboring county gently by their trembling hands, and lead them to a better land, which they can admire, and in which the tax gatherer is satisfied with a percentage, and does not take one's property for the taxes, and hold one's personal goods for the deficiency. A State, a county, a city, a town in debt up to its ears, is all the same thing in principle as an individual, and the similarity of the cheerful (?) statements from all parts of the country is, at least, getting to be monotonous. When we ride through the great boulevards of Chicago, and admire what has been and are struck with amazement at what is to be done, we grow enthusiastic, but when we contemplate the cost and the bonds that are out, the lots adjoining lose some of their attraction, and we feel like moving on; and as we like the appearance of an individual who is out of debt, so we are almost awe-stricken by the contemplation of a county that is out of debt. But if the whole city of Chicago, and all Cook county will step over their north boundary, we will show them a county that can boast of being in that enviable condition, and if they don't think we are attractive, and ask to stay, we shall be surprised. Such is the fact. Lake county is free from debt. Look and admire. Lake county is also, aside from a tax or debt point of view, one of the most beautiful counties in the State. We believe there is no county possessing a greater variety of attractions. It is named Lake because of the great number of picturesque and beautiful lakes in its north-west region. The day is coming when they will throng with visitors. The day is coming when Lake county will be greatly admired and appreciated. Those who have only seen that portion of the county which lies along Lake Michigan, although that cannot be surpassed in natural beauty, have seen but little and know but little of its advantages. It is one of the most luxuriant and richest counties in the State, of great fertility, and adapted to an extensive variety of agricultural pursuits.

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