

sible. The sewer has got to come, and that very soon; will it be much better, all things considered, for the poorer taxpayers to wait a year or two?

THE ELECTRIC ROAD.

The Council had a meeting Monday night to act on the ordinance for an electric street railway through our city and passed it, essentially as agreed upon between the council committee and the officers of the road, just as everybody expected they would do. The company came here and selected their own route with the advice of some of our citizens. In some cases, as we saw it outlined, they have erred, but generally their route is an admirable one, coming down St. Johns ave. to the corner just below S. M. Coe's residence then bearing off toward the lake, just as near the Sheridan road as they can get and not be on it, and so on down to Ravinia and the county line. We think its bisecting the east-side of the track south end of town will greatly injure that section as a purely residence district, but we hope our fears are groundless.

The event showed that Alderman Phillip's contention for an open parliament or citizens meeting for discussion of the ordinance before the meeting of the committee and officers of the road, not to give final shaping to the ordinance, was correct. As a matter of fact, the citizens had practically no voice in the matter. The committee did just as was expected, shaped the ordinance and then passed it. We are not finding fault with the ordinance, but citizens are scolding that they were not heard until after everything was settled. We do not think there was any special desire on the part of any of the alderman or the officers of the road to jam through the ordinance, though it unfortunately has that appearance, all of which was unnecessary. If the officers of the road made any mistake it was in supposing that one or two of the alderman carry the city in their pockets. They do nothing of the kind though they may thus carry some of the alderman, but the city, never.

The chief modification was in adopting a rail like the Chicago street on which vehicles run and turn with ease instead of the proposed T and shanghai rails. The road will be double track from the Electric light plant to old Highland avenue below the Military Academy.

The only regret we now have is that Alderman Phillips' proposition

for an open citizen's meeting, with full discussion was not adopted, and the committee meetings came afterward or this plan would have silenced all objections, prevented all irritation and hostility to the road. We all want the road in the best place for the public, with no boodle or divided counsels.

OUR MAYORS.

A Waukegan paper prints a list of its mayors from 1849 to 1897, a period of 48 years. Here there have been 30 in all, some of them having served two or three different times. One, Mr. Douglass, resigned, showing that politicians sometime do that thing, as impossible as it seems.

The Park, as a municipality is 20 years younger than the county capital and our list is as follows:

- 1869—Frank P. Hawkins.
- 1870—Cornelius R. Field.
- 1872—S. B. Williams.
- 1873—William A. James.
- 1874—Thomas H. Beebe.
- 1875—William W. Boyington.
- 1877—John Middleton.
- 1879—Otho H. Morgan.
- 1881—John Middleton.
- 1883—Warren M. Sweetland.
- 1887—William A. James.
- 1888—Parmenas T. Turnley.
- 1891—David M. Erskine, Jr.
- 1893—Archibald W. Fletcher.
- 1895—Robert G. Evans.

It will be seen that some of these men served two or three terms. Ours is a somewhat illustrious list and however many small men we may elect as aldermen, let us keep that mayoral standard high, up to the mark already set. We observe that of the Waukegan list, three, Judge Upton with the Messrs. Hutchinson and Partridge, were Vermonters. The Park has not yet honored herself by selecting a son of the Green Mountain state for her executive head. There was the late S. R. Bingham, what a mayor he would have made, and with what a lustre he would have crowned the office. Then there is Frank D. Everett, let us honor ourselves by electing him before it is too late. Said Senator Proctor once, "Vermont raises up men whom she lends to other states for eminent service."

We heard of one of the good house wives of this city who saw an ad., 12 cakes of soap 25cts. and she ordered at once and lo! there came to her home 6 bars of soap split in two lengthwise and she was—well, language just failed her, when she heard the hired man use vigorous words she felt better, he expressed her sentiments. P. S. She buys her soap somewhere else now.

LIBERTYVILLE CONVENTION.

Judging from the Waukegan papers we would suppose the Libertyville convention Saturday was as decorous as a Sunday church service. But such was not exactly the case, for the young Jehus of Lake county politics, from ancient Little Fort, ran up against the butt end of East Deerfield; there was a click; a spark, a flash, and the detonating sound and explosion, as when one pulled the trigger of a well-loaded and carefully primed old 1812 army musket; or to change the figure, the political jockey of East Deerfield put the curb-bit on the Little Fort Jehus, and soon order came out of chaos. A. W. Fletcher was chairman; Editor Storms of the Antioch News, secretary; S. M. Millard and D. L. Zook, elected delegates from this township to go to Elgin in February, to the judicial convention, to nominate a successor to Judge Upton. The convention will put some one in his place, as Massachusetts has put Henry Cabot Lodge in the chair once occupied by Charles Sumner, but the chair is not filled. It will be a wise convention, with plenty of first-class material at its disposal, that can fill Judge Upton's place. Fifteen other delegates, from the other towns, make up Lake county's quota to the Elgin convention.

SEED CATALOGUES.

"About this time," as the almanac says, look out for seed catalogues. The first one on our table is from the Iowa Seed company of Des Moines. It is a large square pamphlet, like Vaughn's, and has all the ordinary beets, onions, turnips, corn, potatoes and flower seeds. Its specialties are its wonderful "Silver Mine" which last year produced 215 bushels of shelled corn per acre on a \$500 prize for the best acre of corn grown in this country from their seed. This was done by Claus Jochimsen of Scott county, Ia. They have some fine wax beans, tomatoes, radishes, pop and sweet corn, which we shall try. You can get plenty of seeds good for some soils, but not good here. We have had lots of failures, while seeds from Minnesota never failed. We shall try these Iowa seeds for the motto of Iowa is "A schoolhouse on every hilltop, and no saloons in the valleys." Seeds bred on light, warm sandy soil or on rich prairie loams will not thrive on our Park clay, cold and heavy, but as rich as Croesus and very productive.

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