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DON'T GO TO looking to Pres. McKinley for "prosperity." Help bring it about by going to work at the best wage you can get, and at anything you can find to do, and therewith pay your debts as fast as you can. That will restore confidence in you and help restore it in all other men.

WE SEE that Editor J. J. Burke, of the Antioch "News," is "mentioned" as a candidate for supervisor from his town. Brother Burke, hear one word from the Nestor of the Lake county press; "Don't!" We dislike very much to see a man who sits on a throne come down to ordinary things. You run the "News" admirably; stick to it, and let common folks run their political affairs. Stick to the quill.

ALDERMAN PHILLIPS must not be surprised if people say one of the reasons he wanted the bicycle petition referred, was to have it decided in a full council, which probably means its defeat. It will require four votes to pass it. Aldermen Rice and Obee favor it, where will the other two votes come from? If the council can afford to defeat it, the people can afford to have it defeated; that's sure.

THE CONTRACT for building the new house on the Exmoor Golf Club grounds has been let to Chicago parties, for some 15 to 20 per cent. cheaper than they could let it to our Park contractors. Of course, we would have liked to see some local

builder or contractor handle the job, but the managers of the Club tell us the difference in the bids was so great they could not do otherwise than as they did. No one could ask them to pay a thousand dollars or more, to Park contractors, than to Chicago ones. The committee express regret to us, but they must get the best returns for the club's money, that, anyone can see. Now what is the reason of this? The Park has contractors enough for carpenter and mason work. Can't they figure close and accurate, or does material cost more here, or are wages higher, or is it that a given sum paid for work to Park mechanics does not secure as much work as the same sum paid to Chicago workmen? Or is it that Chicago contractors have more capital and can buy at better advantage? Somewhere there is a leak, and if Park mechanics are to hold their own against Chicago men, they must find out what and where it is, and remedy it. There should, in the nature of things, be no reason why Park men should not stand at least an even chance in this matter, but that they do not, is very evident. Now in the interest of our own mechanics, we want the matter investigated and remedied.

TOWN ELECTION.

It is very important that every honest citizen should take an interest in the forthcoming election. There is a supervisor to be elected, and an assistant. We presume Messrs. Fletcher and Hogan will be elected by acclamation, as it were, but for all that people should do their duty. Then there is an assessor. John Finney declines says he has had enough and his city clerkship is all he can well attend to and he don't want it. As one of his friends we say frankly that Mr. Finney's wishes should be respected. He has served this town these many years and if he wishes to retire he is entitled to release. He doesn't want to appear to be after all there is in sight.

Messrs. E. W. Brand and Elmer Palmetier are in the field for the office. What we want is a good,

honest capable man, one of good sound judgment, and he should be of some experience with real estate matters and know the value, etc., of personal property. We want the best man that can be had for that place. Let us have that man and then keep him in there for some years, so he can do his best.

Then, as to the new justices, the only names we have heard are O. L. Olesen for the north end, and either C. H. Baker or Peter F. Dooley here. Mr. Baker says he doesn't care for it, and we don't blame him. If Mr. Dooley's health is good enough he will be all right. He would keep a model set of books; he rather likes the law study, is honest, a man of good sense and judgment. It is only a question of his health.

For the new constables the north end man we have not heard of, but we learn there is a move here to elect Ed. J. Nolan and let him learn the business. That suits us all right; we have no axes to grind, no enemies to punish, but lots of friends. The NEWS wants the best men for every place; let us all take hold and secure them.

MARCH FOURTH.

William McKinley was inaugurated president of these United States. The grandest feature of the whole thing was the presence and joy of his mother. Nothing could surpass in interest and beauty, or better exhibit the high plane of our social and domestic life than that. Mrs. President McKinley's wonderful Chicago inaugural dress was seen and admired, but it will be forgotten a thousand times over, while yet the impression of "Mother" McKinley's presence will remain.

Just 100 years ago John Adams, that Staunch old Puritan patriot, was inaugurated as Washington's successor. If any thick, narrow-minded partisans, and a scurrilous press abuse ex-President Cleveland, let them read the vile stuff said and written of Washington, and reflect on what has become of it all. An hundred years clears away a multitude of lies and consigns their authors to a well-deserved oblivion or puts them in the abiding pillory of righteous public opinion.