

all know there are too many men here claiming to be good workmen who are only ordinary men, really not mechanics at all. Now these men insist on regular schedule wages; and the contractor who employs them pays out, say \$10 for a given amount of work while the Chicago contractor with his picked men gets the same amount of work for about \$6, or thereabouts. Under such circumstances Chicago contractors will win. Printers set type by the thousand and are paid for what they do, a slow workman gets low pay, and so of paper hangers, so much a roll, some men will earn \$3 and other \$6 per diem. It should be so with all mechanics.

Now somewhere in here is a local defect and we want it remedied for we want our own people to have all the work there is going on here, there is none too much for them and we want them to have it.

THE CAUCUS.

The citizens of East Deerfield turned out and filled the Opera House—254 votes being cast for Supervisor, A. W. Fletcher receiving 139 and J. C. Coe 115. Two years ago the vote stood at the election Fletcher, 332; Coe, 230; giving Fletcher a majority of over 100. It is said Mr. Coe has filed his petition and will run thereon. For town clerk there were 251 votes, 89 for Arthur St. Peter and 162 for Edward Hart. For assessor 250 votes were cast. Some wag nominated Mr. Hibbard, who was not in the race, and he received 10 votes, W. E. Brand had 67 and Elmer Palmetier 173. It is said Mr. Brand will run.

For Assistant Supervisor there were 220 votes cast, of which W. F. Hogan had 197 and J. S. Prall, 23; Mr. Prall was not present and we don't know that his name was used with his knowledge or permission. When it came to Collector, F. M. Evans, who served two years ago, was nominated by acclamation. It is an office that goes begging here, on such a year as this, with such light home collections, the bonds are so high. If the bonds were double the amount of last year's collections

it would fully protect the town and offer inducement for good men to take it.

There being four Justices and four Constables, there was new blood in the field. The very satisfactory and just arrangement of having one of each at Highwood and Ravinia and two of each in the Park was easily adjusted. For Justices, Levi M. Comstock, for Ravinia; Daniel Pease, for Highwood, with David A. Holmes and Peter F. Dooley for the Park were all nominated viva voce. For Constables, Ravinia made the excellent selection of Carl Grant, the Park of Messrs. Rudolph and Edwards, while Highwood had three candidates Charles Gordon, Michael Cawley, and J. Albert Bourke. A ballot was taken with the following result; Gordon, 98, Cawley, 60, and Bourke 45. Gordon was made the unanimous choice.

EXTRA.

K. R. Smoot was the chairman and he made a good one; he is "up" in parliamentary law, and can't get all mixed up, with motions and amendments and he is uniformly good-natured and fair, and so we all like him. He had a slight cold, which made it a little difficult to hear him sometimes, but that was only temporary. Charles H. Baker was elected clerk and performed his thankless task carefully and well. There were no long speeches, and at the end of three hours all was over and the good people of East Deerfield were on their way home.

There was quite a lively bit of discussion over a highway commissioner, on the ground that Mr. Stupey, the present incumbent, does not live in the district as stipulated by law and talk of taking it into the courts. No need of that; if there is any doubt, give the doubt the benefit and elect a new man, and not run the risk of making null and void all the work done with Mr. Stupey a member. The honors and emoluments are not big enough to make any fuss over, and the town does not want to waste any money on a needless law suit. It is nothing that hurts Mr. Stupey's character or standing, but if the courts should

happen to decide against him, all the work he has helped do might be vitiated. Run no needless risks, but elect a sure man. So John Mooney was nominated.

CITY COUNCIL.

There was an adjourned meeting Friday evening, March 12th, with special reference to bicycles on the sidewalks. After a protracted debate the consensus of opinion of the ultimate residuum, of the combined wisdom, the sober second thought of the council was that the petitioners were right. Hence, while no definite action was taken to that end, there were several "ahems" and aldermanic winks to the effect thus to wit:

The citizens can ride at moderate speed on the walks in the residence portion; that is, all but St. Johns avenue from Hawkins' corner to Park avenue: on Central east, up to Fletcher's block, and on Central west up as far as Goldberg's corner, but no riding inside these limits in the business portion. If riders get up too much speed they will be arrested, and gentlemen must dismount when they meet ladies. This permission will expire about May 1st, or sooner if the weather settles the roads.

Now it behooves every rider to guard well his personal honor, in this matter. The council have acted generously; let the cyclists not forget their manhood.

Every candidate, so far as we have heard, is opposed to a caucus. They must have a petition anyway, and they don't want any testing of strength till the election. Let the candidates, one and all, refuse to pay for the hall for a caucus, and that will settle it. And every man's friends ought to respect his wishes in this matter. The weak candidates generally suffer the most by a caucus. Hence, we would like as an experiment, to have our city election by petition only, and no caucus. All the caucus is for is to test the wishes of those present, that is all. At the late township caucus less than half the voters were there and election day will overturn perhaps half of those nominations, and may not, but the caucus don't settle anything. Let the candidates refuse to go into one, and that is enough.

Don't forget that Mrs. Bock, the well known merchant and grocer, will have an "opening day" for her new store, April 1, 1897. Full particulars later.