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Judge Hibbard held court Wednesday afternoon. A big crowd of one person beside himself was present. There was no fire in the stove; no marshal on the ground; no prisoner in the cells: nothing but judge and plaintiff.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer A. Montgomery have returned from Florida after over two months absence. They will be at the Auditorium Hotel Annex for about two weeks, when they will return to their home in Highland Park.

The papers say there will be a new judgeship to be filled by someone from Lake County and the name of Charles Whitney is suggested. We are for Whitney every time: when there is no chance for ourselves. That's the spirit of political magnanimity.

Fred. Schumacher's city treasurer card, for one of the old style, is an artistic gem; and Mr. Greenslade's is a very neat one, also, of the same general style. Messrs. Baker and Holmes have struck out in new lines. All of them were printed at the News office.

C. W. Kirk was in town Sunday. He wanted to see if the city was going to re-elect Mayor Evans all right and when he found that is what the city is going to do, he returned to the humdrum life of Evanston happy. The Park's head is level and its heart is sound, as he learned with pleasure.

We supposed it was everywhere understood that it is the uniform rule in all well regulated printing offices never to print and seldom to read anonymous letters. That rule holds good in the News office the same as elsewhere, so don't waste your time, paper and postage in sending such things to the editor.

The city election comes three weeks from next Tuesday, April 20th. You will have all of next week to file your petitions and the week after to withdraw them if you have sagacity enough to see that you can't be elected. The voters have a little over three full weeks to smoke candidates cigars and decide whom they will treat meanest by voting for the other fellow.

A correspondent of one of our esteemed contemporaries says this place will need to go out of town for good candidates for office. Of course that was, as a distinguished statesman once said, "Casting an anchor to the windward" for future jobs. By and by he may be about telling them of his "good work in the campaign" and want something in return.

The suggestion has been made that we have a vote at 10 cents a vote, the money to go to the public library, to see who is the most popular man in town. That might replenish the library fund, but it would be a work of superogation, as every one instinctively knows who is the most popular man. His well known modesty will not permit our naming him in public.

As so much interest has been developed in the St. John's avenue paving that we have sought to ascertain Colonel Davidson's views on the subject. Those more immediately interested in that street want him for alderman if he is "sound" on this vital question. But he is out of the city at the time of going to press. We will say, however, that he told us a short time ago he wanted it if it could be done at a reasonable rate of cost, and of course it can

The meeting held last night at the public school did not have as large an attendance as was expected, but all present were thoroughly interested in the object presented. Mrs. Smoot presided and Mrs. Henry Street spoke of the object of the organization, which as we understand it, is to furnish pictures and statuary for use in the different grades of our schools to aid the pupils to grasp fully their lessons. Mr. F. D. Everett and Mrs. E. H. Bowen spoke a few words. Recitations were given by Mrs. F. B. Green and there was music by the Royal Arcanum quartette. About \$60 was raised to further the cause of artis our schools.

Sunday was quite a birth-day epoch in the Baptist school. Mrs. Ten Brooke, who never misses her birthday, had her offering on hand for the birth-day box; Miss La Bar and George L. Wrenn put in for a little boy who did not know anything about prayers or praying. We fear if all who are equally ignorant should put into the birth-day box, the little affair would be "bursted." D. M. Erskine, Jr., told of the prizes that were offered in the school when he was boy to the pupil who would bring in the most scholars and the one who would memorize the most verses, and to his astonishment he won both prizes.

Isaac Goldberg's man drove a pair of horses and double wagon into the brick yard Wednesday and left them while he ran into the house. When the man came out, the team was nowhere to be seen, but the tail-board of the wagon was floating on the surface of the pond. The team had run into the pond and gone to the bottom. Thursday Joseph Rioux took his derrick, tackle, etc., down and hoisted horses, wagon, etc., out on dry land. Sorry for Mr. Goldberg's loss.

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