

**THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.**

The old country weekly—how dearly I love it!  
 From crisp city daily I quick turn aside,  
 To read its quaint leader, the heading above it,  
 A hoary-haired editor's joy and his pride;  
 Its columns of locals in which all the doings  
 Of kinsman and neighbor so tersely are told,  
 The births, deaths and accidents, weddings  
 and woings,  
 The sheriff's sad notice of land to be sold;  
 Its crude correspondence, some villager's  
 caper,  
 Its tritely told stories of sorrow and joy—  
 They all may be found in the country news-  
 paper,  
 The old country weekly I read when a boy.  
 —Chicago Dispatch.

**THE FIGURES.**

Some one wanted the figures of the city election two years ago, and we went to the city clerk and got them. Hence the following may be regarded as strictly "official" and "confidential," if you like:

<b>FOR MAYOR.</b>	
Robert G. Evans.....	81
R. G. Evans.....	232
W. M. Dooley.....	173
<b>FOR CITY CLERK.</b>	
James A. Woodworth.....	236
John Finney.....	250
<b>FOR TREASURER.</b>	
W. W. Flinn.....	296
Fred Greenslade.....	191
Total votes cast.....	487

The Firemen will hold their second annual ball in Goldberg's Opera House Monday night, April 19th, just 121 years and 2 days after the battle of Bunker Hill, the evening before the city election. Tickets will be on sale early and every one who wishes to extend aid to our worthy firemen will purchase tickets, whether they can attend the ball or not. Every dollar received will be wisely expended for the good of the service and we know not how soon we may need the fearless firemen to protect our homes or places of business.

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