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IF the new city marshal wants to make his office "pay," let him look out for the men who trot, sharp, too, over the bridges. We don't think it hurts the new bridges, but it hurts that ordinance.

A YOUNG MAN in Oxford, Mass., has just been sent to the lunatic asylum, having been made insane by cigaret smoking. The difference between this young man and our Illinois cigaret smokers is, that ours had soft brains before they began the habit.

MAYOR EVANS' choice of Frank Sheahan for city marshal surprised some good folks. But he made the appointment after full conference with the aldermen, and harmonized all voices and preferences. We understand they wanted some one to help out in the city clerk's office.

THERE is a tremendous wail all over the land about the folly of congress. Look at it; the House contains 234 lawyers, 25 farmers, and only 20 editors. Taking the average lawyer who runs for congress, are not these 234 enough to make pandemonium anywhere? Our city council has one lawyer, one editor, one cement sidewalk maker, one merchant, one printer, one teacher—one all around.

TAKEN as a class, the church members, that is the Christian men and women of a community, are a minority, speaking numerically. They may not comprise over one third,

perhaps not over one-fourth of the whole. But when it comes to character, force, influence; things which determine results, they constitute the majority, just as the ancient prophet Isiah said "The holy seed shall be the substance thereof."

A SCHOOL-MA'AM down in Vermont punished the wrong boy for a bit of mischief. She was from New Hampshire, of course, for no teacher indigenous to the soil could have made such a mistake. When some one asked the boy his opinion of the transaction, he calmly replied: "I was not the boy; I did not deserve the thrashing she gave me, but I feel greatly refreshed." That is one of the excellent qualifications of the average Vermont school ma'am; she can "refresh" a mischievous boy most satisfactorily.

HAVING had our attention recently called to the matter of a change of venue in justice courts we find that the famous justice act of 1895 provides that either party or his attorney may take a change. That is, if the plaintiff tries a case before Judge Hibbard the defendant may take a change to the nearest justice; that is Judge Dooley. Then if the plaintiff wishes he may take a change over to Judge Holmes, or if he is sick or disqualified to Judge Pease. The great point is both parties can take one change each on a suit.

FOR some reason, we neither know nor care what, Alderman Obee, after the council adjourned last Tuesday night, began loud, blustering talking and pounding his desk, and finally, got around to the mayor, who stood near the stove, and talked to him most shamefully. If Mr. Obee, as a private citizen, wants an altercation with Robert G. Evans, as a private citizen, let him select some proper place and time, if they can be found. But in his capacity as an alderman and in the city hall, to treat the mayor as he did that night, is an outrage, and as a third ward voter, we call on him to resign as one of our aldermen. He may think what he likes personally of the mayor, or any one else, but he must re-

spect the office, or we call on him to step down and out. There is and can be no excuse, no justification and no apology for such conduct. We speak not for ourselves, but for an insulted and indignant public.

THE weak spot of our macadam streets is the tile drainage beneath the macadam. This last spring has been a severe one on all clay streets, as the several "bulges" on Prospect show. There are holes from two to three feet long and six or eight inches deep, where the heavy teams have crushed the macadam down through or into the soft, water-logged clay beneath. A tile drain at least three feet below the macadam down the centre of that street would have saved all that, and to our mind the first, best and cheapest thing to do is to put that tile in the first thing. The street will never be right and sound till it is done, and so with nearly every street in town, and as that street is to stand and be used daily for several hundred years, the sooner it is done the better.

WE MAY be obtuse, but it looks like a grievous mistake in someone to assess Mrs. Margart Edwards in the sum of \$198 for improving Vine avenue west. Mrs. Edwards' lot, one acre, does not touch Vine avenue at all; there is a two or three acre tract between her and the new street and it never has been the policy of this city, so far as we recall, to go off the street to be improved in levying a special assessment. Furthermore, we understand, Mrs. Edwards' land is the only tract thus treated. If we are correctly informed why should Mrs. Edwards be assessed while the lots of Alfred St. Peter and Mr. Mowers are not assessed? Our conviction is that the commissioners made a serious mistake in putting an assessment on Mrs. Edwards.

The school children are learning their "pieces," etc., for commencement day. Our school ma'ams do this work up in fine shape every year. Preparation is thorough and hence, performance complete. That is right, for if a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well.