

INVESTIGATING THE MAYOR.

There was a deep consciousness all Tuesday evening that something might happen: two Chicago newspaper men were there: there was a grave and solemn look on some aldermanic faces: and finally just before adjournment, it came. Mr. Cobb got up, cum magno dignitate, and read a resolution appointing the Auditing committee a special committee to investigate his honor, the mayor. The roof did not fall in nor did the water tower tumble over, but Mr. Cobb sat down and silence reigned. By and by Mr. Obee got his courage screwed up to second the resolution and it passed without a word. Concerning this whole affair sundry remarks may be made as follows, namely:

First, the whole thing was out of order, but those great and wise men did not know it. The poet says certain folks — we won't name them — rush in where angels fear to tread, and of course, being out of order, the mayor can put his fingers on his nose and make sundry gyrations at this august committee. But perhaps, just to please the aldermen, he will let them investigate.

Second, there are no charges against the mayor. Common rumor says Mr. Obee was greatly dissatisfied that his candidate for marshal was not appointed: we know nothing of it, only he has not preferred any charges in due form against the mayor, nor has anyone else done so. We heard of an old lady once who was terribly afraid of a certain gun, she was sure it would go off and kill her, besides other damages. On examination said gun was found to have no lock, no barrel, no stock, "no nothin." If anything could be more absurd than a special commission to investigate charges which are not preferred, something that does not exist, we want to know what it is.

Third, of course, some folks don't know that Messrs. Cobb and Obee compose two thirds of this special committee. That is, they resolved to have a special committee, and they resolved that they themselves shall constitute that committee, with Mr. Phillips as a third member thereof, but they can outvote him of course. That is statesmanship beside of which Bismarck and Gladstone's work, is child's play. But after all, there may be a bit of irony about it. There are no charges, nothing to investigate, what are they going to do?

Fourth, the mayor has done nothing wrong, nothing to bring himself within the scope of the judicial

treatment by the city council. True, there is no law to prevent aldermen, as well as others, making fools of themselves, but there is a law defining the duties, constructive and permissive, of a city council: perhaps you did not know it, so you had better read it. There is such an officer in this commonwealth as a state's attorney, and the one for Lake county understands his business and is competent to attend to it: he may say to bumptious intruders, "Keep off the grass." Seriously, if the mayor has done any wrong, go to the state's attorney and swear out your complaint: do you want to put yourself on record in that way?

There were two niggers down east who decided things were going wrong and therefore they called a convention to set the wicked world right. They two assembled and passed the following resolutions.

RESOLVED, First, things is wrong.

RESOLVED, Second, somethin must be did.

RESOLVED, Third, we'se gwine to do it.

But the old world went on humming as usual.

This special committee is to investigate and report Tuesday evening, August 3rd, but we expect that though for a time the heavens above and the earth beneath may stop, as when the sun stood still in the time of Joshua, that the sun will rise in his place Wednesday morning, August 4th, as usual and go on his way as though nothing had transpired.

RAVINIA ITEMS.

Mrs. Dings has just returned from a six weeks visit with her sister in Waterville, Canada.

W. C. Mc Kenzie is attending the Convention of the National Educators now being held in Milwaukee.

The regular meeting of the Improvement Society is to be held next Monday evening at the church at 8 o'clock.

Miss Ordway, who has been going to school in Ravenswood, is here to stay with her parents for the summer vacation.

Some of our people viewed the display of fireworks at Highland Park on Monday evening and were pleased with them.

Thomas A. Lawson, superintendent of the Wisconsin Division, C. & N. W. Railway, spent the 5th out here in company with his family.

The celebration of Independence day passed off very quietly here; only a few suffered from burnt fingers and other minor injuries.

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Ray Summers spent the glorious 4th at the home of O. F. Bell.

Miss Nellie Garrity has been very sick with pneumonia the past week.

Owing to a lack of funds there will be no pay day this month at the fort.

Miss Hallie Gavitt leaves Friday for Cleveland, Ohio, on a visit to her aunt.

Mr. Skyles and family of Chicago are living in Mrs. Bohl's house for the summer.

Mrs. F. E. Woodruff and family left Monday for St. Paul where they will live in the future.

The Juvenile Templars, I. O. G. T. resumed operations last Wednesday after a temporary suspension of their work.

C. M. Hogan of the Hospital Corps of Fort Sheridan is planning to enter the Northwestern University medical school at Chicago, in the fall.

H. J. Olsen brought suit against John Sweeney before Judge Pease. When the case was called on Saturday afternoon it was found that Marshal Gordon had not returned the summons, Hence the case was postponed indefinitely.

The 4th of July entertainment of the M. E. Church on Sunday morning was well attended. The exercises were excellent, reflecting much credit upon R. E. Winter, who lead the singing, and the Misses Collins, who with Miss Hallie Gavitt, attended to the literary part of the program.

Mr. Blake of LaGrange is temporarily stopping with his family at Mrs. M. E. Olesen's Highwood house preliminary to finding a dwelling of his own. Mr. Blake is to be the local representative of Mason & Mason, the bicycle firm that has bought the Rectenwald farm. There is a rumor that an injunction has been put upon the sale of the farm by Messrs. Mc Laren and Mountain, but so it has not been substantiated.

A very successful athletic meet was held July 5th at Fort Sheridan. World's records were as nought. Hundred yard dashes, jumps and hurdle races were the order of the day. The only accident occurred when in the cavalry hurdle race a horse tripped on a hurdle and threw his rider, injuring him severely. The baseball game between the soldiers and the Highwood boys resulted in an easy victory for the Highwoods.

The Hardacre family from Englewood, Chicago, spent the 4th with Mr. and Mrs. Comstock, in Ravinia.