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CHICAGO is making a great fuss about an enterprising man who attempted to support seven wives. What would Chicago do with some men we have who don't half support one wife?

SOME Vermont farmers are not happy, though they had McKinley and the Cabinet last week. One of them dug 16 hills of potatoes and got only a panfull of small ones. Quite a country that for "small per-taters."

GOV. TANNER was conspicuous by his absence at last Saturday's barbecue in Waukegan. He seems to know what Lake County people think of him and his methods. Lake County helped to elect him, but is heartily ashamed of it.

A MASSACHUSETTS paper calls attention to the death of several members of Congress of late, and mentions others who are in a critical condition. Several more could be spared without detriment to that body or special loss to the country.

SOME People are awful particular; they objected to a minister who went into the pulpit Sunday in white duck trousers. Tut, tut, do you suppose when he goes up to the golden gate Peter will ask about white duck trousers? Not much, he will ask if he preached the gospel; if he visited the sick; if he encouraged the young Christians; if he sought to win sinners to Christ. No, good friends, don't you worry about those trousers;

if you will furnish us with a good pair we will wear them in the pulpit, or at a wedding. White ducks are all right.

WE remember an orator once who told us how the Sandwich Islanders arose in their wrath and "hurled the feudal system over the battlements of time, down to the bottomless pit of oblivion". We smiled so audibly the orator was angry. But if you don't put a muzzle on your dog at once, he will follow the feudal system to the regions below.

WE sympathize fully with the farmers and others out west in this high-school business, but the directors are proceeding according to the law of the state, so there is no sort of use in fooling away talk and time and our happiness in fighting what we can't help. And really we have come to see and believe this school is a great benefit to every family in the district and will be more so as the years go by. Now don't rob your children of a good education through spite.

HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION.

Next Saturday afternoon, August 21st, in the Young Men's Club House, from 1 to 7 o'clock, occurs the township election, to see whether the people will instruct the board to go on and build and equip a new high school house. There are several things about this matter which demand serious consideration; we notice some of the more important ones briefly.

First—We have a flourishing high school, housed in the rooms in Brand's block—altogether too small—enough to accommodate just about half our pupils. We must have double our present room, or abandon the school. Hence, the real question is shall the high school be abandoned? Every parent with children says "no," very emphatically. One reason given by many people for not coming here to live, is our "abominable high school accommodations," as they style them. We are paying \$300 a year rent for the present rooms, a sum which would go some way toward paying the interest on our bonds. Hence,

the extra cost of a new building is more imaginary than real, to say nothing of the present quarters as compared with the new ones. The lot is already bought.

Second—The size of the congressional school district includes not only Deerfield and West Deerfield, but a large strip of territory west—we think one entire row of sections in Vernon township. The assessed valuation of all this district is about \$900,000, so that the tax would be not over one-third of one per cent. on this valuation. Of this valuation \$500,000, or more than one-half belongs to the city of Highland Park; hence the vital interest the Park has in this high school. The Park furnishes, we presume, more than half the pupils, though Ravinia sends half a dozen or so, Fort Sheridan about 18, West Deerfield half a dozen.

Third—The expense. The entire cost will be inside \$30,000, bonds to run 20 years, so others will pay the bulk of it at about 4 per cent., which would make a very light tax. We have been told of one farmer out west who was kicking about it, though he has children at school, who confessed that his tobacco bill was from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month; his high school house tax will be from \$0.50 to \$1.50 per year. The building never can be put up so cheap as now.

Now, then, let every voter in this city and all over the district, who wants a good high school go and vote for this building Saturday. In ten years we shall have 200 high school pupils and we must build for the next 25 years at least. Now is the time, and it is for the benefit of every family and property owner all over this district.

There are a good many choice teams in the Park, as anyone can see who is up near the station on the arrival of the 5.48 p. m. train. But some of the horses would be much improved by an increase in their ration of oats; they are wanting in mettle, not flesh, and only a nitrogenous feed like good oats can give that. A little first class grooming would not hurt some of them. Did you notice the Antisdel horses when they were here?