

LAKE FOREST'S GREAT LOSS.

Last week's Lake Forester announced the retirement of Brother Cole, the publisher, from the ranks of journalism, at least in this section of the world. As no reason is given by him, we infer the town is too small and unappreciative of the class of journalism of which he is guilty.

It is with sincere regret we learn of his retiring. Although having no previous newspaper experience, Mr. Cole, in the short year he has been at the helm of that well known journal, has succeeded in making it the leading paper of the north shore — not excepting the Waukegan papers — if not in Illinois. We shall miss him.

We do not know who will have charge of the job department under the new regime, but it is our humble opinion that it can never reach the mark of perfection which it did under the skillful and experienced guidance of Mr. Cole's son, Clark, an A No. 1 workman, of rare taste and ability. Can Lake Forest's loss ever be repaired?

REDUCED TO THE RANKS.

A Chicago paper probably expresses the general sentiment concerning the reduction or degradation of Corporal New to the ranks at Fort Sheridan a few days ago by his captain, when it calls it "contemptible meanness." No one cares what the captain says, everyone does and will believe it was done because Corporal New had the honesty to tell the truth in the first trial of Captain Lovering respecting his brutal treatment of private Hammond. Corporal New was evidently degraded as a punishment to himself and a warning to every other soldier at the Post to hold his lips in the future. Perhaps they will do it and perhaps they won't. Some soldiers, even privates and non-commissioned officers, have a bit of manliness in them, however much it may be lacking under some shoulder straps. But Corporal New and all the rest, at whom this blow is aimed, may rest assured of this, that their abuse and suffering is the leaven which will first of all attract the public attention to such brutalities and abuses as are being exposed and then demand and enforce reforms, even if some of the shoulder straps are retired.

Work on the electric road is progressing: the spaces between the rails are being filled with the slag used about the depot, and the work of stringing the wires is well along.

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