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THE CONDENSER PROBLEM.

The discussion of this matter in the city council and the correspondence in last week's News seems to have awakened not a little interest in the subject. First of all we regret that during the post-council discussion of the subject, there were any hasty or ill-advised utterances made, or any bad blood stirred. The aldermen, engineers and all the other city officials are supposed to be working, in their official capacity, for the best interests of the city, and like General Grant before Richmond, propose to keep it up on that line if it takes all summer. In other words, loyalty to the city's highest welfare is every man's object aim and ambition, and if any one of these adopts any other line of policy it is time for him to resign or be removed from office. In the interests of harmony and peace and the best good of the city, we want that breach healed and such things not repeated in the future. Now a few words about the condenser.

We need not say that the matter is of such a nature, and of such importance that the aldermen are not competent to decide it unaided. This is only another way of saying that they are not mechanical experts, nor are they medical experts, nor yet legal experts. In fact they keep a legal expert at their elbows all the time to give them legal points; then they decide the questions at issue according to their judgment and that is the right way, too. So they have a medical expert on the city board of health, to tell them the different bacilli and bacteria, between contagious and infectious diseases. The utility of a condenser being a matter of expert knowledge, we would suggest consulting some disinterested expert in practical engineering. We had experience in our three years connection with expositions, and our experts pronounced in their favor, in the matter of fuel, etc. But with us the question of cost in erecting them cut no figure, as manufacturers all sought the opportunity as one to exhibit and sell their goods. Hence, from this experience and from our mechanical knowledge, we are favorable disposed toward the condenser. Whether it will pay the city to put it in or not we don't attempt to decide. At the expositions we thought they paid, but at New Orleans we had 152 separate engines under steam ranging from 1 to a 650 horse-power each, in all a total of 10,250 horse power. In Minneapolis it was much less, but still considerable and everything of the best. We have talked with one expert here in town, as good as we have, and he says the condenser will average a saving of full 20 per cent., probably more instead of less. If so, the money saved in operating will be so much added to the earnings and so be available for improvements.

There is another side to it all, however. It is not merely a question of whether the city has or will have in the water fund the \$550 necessary for this work. The question is, is this the best use that can be made of the money. We go into Gen. McClurg's with \$5.00 in our pocket to put into books. But there are many books on his counters, all valuable to us, we want and need them, worth \$100. But our little bill won't buy them all, hence we

are compelled to make a choice which we will have now, and which will come later. So of our water plant. There are unfinished mains to be extended, some of them the people have paid their specials for; there are mains to be re-enforced, notably that on old Port Clinton avenue; the intake pipe should go out into the lake 2000 feet further and so on. The problem, therefore, is somewhat complex. We met a first class business man of Chicago the other day, who spent two summers here and is likely to come again, but drank none of our lake water, and when he asked about improvements, etc., being made in the Park we told him of this matter, and his answer was "extend the intake pipe."

The whole question is not only an important one, but one of some intricacy and perplexity and we can readily see how and why the aldermen feel like going a little slow. If it was a knotty theological problem, as to Adam's sin, or predestination or the mode of baptism, we could solve it off-hand, but this matter of a condenser—all we can say is, get all the light you can, act to your best judgment; you can't do any more, we don't want you to do any less.

REMOVED TO CHICAGO.

Mr. and Mrs. King, who were married a few months ago, and have since made their home in the Park, have removed to Chicago, where they formerly resided. Both Mr. and Mrs. King, have made many friends since their residence here, who heard of their departure with sincere regret. Especially to lovers of music will Mrs. King's removal be a source of disappointment, as she is an accomplished vocalist—in fact, one of the best who has ever honored the Park—as well as a fine pianist, and it was the hope of all she would be able to make the Park her permanent home. Mr. King, who has been in the employ of Fred Schumacher since he came to the Park, will go into business for himself in the Boston store building, in Chicago, where he will deal out drugs, chemicals, blue and white pills and everything usually found in a first-class drug store. They will make their home on the south side, where they invite their many friends to visit them. The best wishes of the News and friends will follow Mr. and Mrs. King wherever they may go.

TO GIVE A BAZAAR.

We would like to call attention to a bazaar to be given by the junior King's Daughters circle, at the Military Academy parlors, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21st., from seven to nine o'clock. The proceeds will be used in keeping a little boy in the Chicago Commons Kindergarten. A fine assortment of fancy articles will be for sale at a low price. If you find Christmas drawing near, and you have more than you can do, come. We assure you you will be pleased, and at the same time will be helping a good cause.

Joseph Happ is selling his real estate to his daughter, Mrs. Sasch, with whom, we suppose, he will have a home. His English good sense shows him the wisdom of doing these things while alive and not leaving them for heirs, distant and near, to quarrel over.

AN OUTLOOK.

High bluffs,
O'er-topped with oak and elm, aspiring pines,
With maples and the birches' tawny bands;
Blue sky,
Subdued by fleecy curves and filmy lines,
Below—the crooning voice of ripples on the sands.

MRS. BERTHA BAKER GREEN.

PROPER SCHOOL DISCIPLINE.

There was a little break, we understand, among some of the Cadets at the Military Academy, Sunday when quite a number went off to Chicago for the day without permission. Of course it was a hasty, ill-advised and foolish performance and when the cadets came back, met Col. Davidson and had time to think it over, they saw it in its true light, made due apologies and all possible reparations and everything now goes on in the good old way. The Colonel's solid Scotch sense and firmness stood him in good stead on this occasion. He was strict but not over severe, as the cadets and their parents recognize, for such a break is not only an injury to the standing and reputation of the young man himself, but to some extent to the school, an injury of course which no young man has any right to inflict. We once knew a young man who was asked to join in some college escapade, and he said "No; by my coming here I morally pledged myself to obedience to all just rules and regulations and I won't violate my honor, by any misconduct. If at any time I think the rules are too strict or severe, I will ask for an honorable discharge from the school and go where I can have more liberty. But while I am here I shall obey all rules; I owe so much to myself, to say nothing of the school, and my example on others." That young man was level headed and he had, undoubtedly been brought up to understand that obedience to properly constituted authority is a young man's first duty; it lies at the basis of all good citizenship, and all possible manliness. The young man who can't recognize lawfully constituted authority and yield obedience to the same is sadly deficient in some of the essential moral qualities of a true, fully rounded out and complete manhood. We are very much pleased that Col. Davidson's Cadets on their second sober thought, see it in this, its true light and have the manliness to bring themselves to it. One peril sometimes arises from the silly, one-sided partiality of some parents, who seem to think their children should have a larger liberty than others, and so stand by them, no matter how far astray they may go. We have seen such cases, not a few. But here there seems to be nothing of the kind. The parents and guardians of the cadets stood by the Colonel, as they should. Order is heaven's first law.

A TEA PARTY.

Mrs. Egan gave a luncheon to the "Daughters of the American Revolution" on Thursday, at one o'clock, the day being the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party; and each guest was requested to take a quarter of a pound of tea with her, which by common consent was to be given to the Chicago Old Ladies Home. After luncheon, a handsome cup and saucer was awarded to the one giving the best answer to the question, "What is my duty as a D. A. R.?" Four answers were selected as being equally good and the choice was decided by lot, Mrs. S. M. Millard being the for-

tunate lady. After a paper by Mrs. Frank Green, on the "Boston Tea Party," the ladies dispersed, voting Mrs. Egan the Regent of all Regents, and a hostess beyond compare.

THE DOG CASES.

The city officials succeeded in collecting the license fee of one dollar on some dogs during the summer and early fall. November 17th the police judge issued, on the call of the marshal 24 summons returnable Nov. 27th at one, two and three o'clock p. m., so as to dispose of them at the rate of eight an hour, and it was expected many would settle. Before the day for trial came City Attorney Smoot was confined to his home by sickness and the cases were continued till Tuesday, Dec. 7th, at the same hours. Quite a number had settled by paying their dog license. Several planned to contest the case and engaged Attorney Schumacher for counsel. Monday evening, Dec. 6th, they learned they could not well be present in court the next day and so asked Judge Hibbard as a favor to both of them to continue all the cases one week or more, or till Dec. 14th at the same hours in the afternoon. All readily agreed to the continuance except Peter F. Dooley, who went to the court room and demanded a dismissal of the case against him, but the judge continued them all. Mr. Dooley's demand for a dismissal was on the ground of illegal continuance and fortified his position by a decision of the supreme court 85 Ill. 89 s. q., which on examination by the judge was found to sustain him in his continuance, as there was an important point of law involved.

When the cases came on for trial Tuesday afternoon, the 14th, there remained only four who had not settled by paying their license fee, viz: Peter F. Dooley, Mrs. Julia M. Gerry, Jonas Nichols and Emil Erickson. Not one appeared and judgment was by default in every case.

The marshal was sent to inform Mr. Dooley after the case was called, but he declined to appear. Mrs. Gerry was informed by telephone. For these two cases the evidence was put in fully to show that the defendants were the owners or keepers of the dogs in question—for according to a decision of the superior court read by Attorney Smoot, the keeper is liable—that they had been called on for their dog license, and each one fined \$5.00 and costs for owning and keeping unlicensed dogs.

In the case of Nichols and Erickson juries were called so as to enable the court to imprison for fines and costs, if necessary. The jury in each case found the defendant guilty of violating the dog ordinance and imposed a fine of \$5.00—penalty and costs.

It should be noted that these trials and fines leave the dogs just where they were before; that is, dogs without licenses and liable to all the pains and penalties of unlicensed dogs. The fines were fixed at the lowest figure allowed by the ordinance, as the court said he had no desire to take money from these people, but simply to enforce the ordinances of the city. Perhaps we may add that the city authorities will prosecute every owner or keeper of a dog in the city, on which the license has not been paid, no matter where they are, or who owns or keeps them.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

We have received the program for the winter session to be held in Springfield, Dec. 28, 29, 30th., during the holiday week. Some twenty sessions are provided for, to be held in Representatives Hall, Senate Chamber and school buildings of that city. There are several first-class educators of the country, outside the state, down for papers and addresses, among them President Andrews of Brown University, Mr. Hughes of Toronto, Dr. Anderson of Yale, besides scores from our own schools all over the state, except Lake county. So far as our memory goes, our county teachers have generally given this meeting scant attention, and so the county stands toward the bottom in the list of counties in school work. The program seems to promise a valuable and interesting session and we should delight to attend it, albeit we are in no way connected with our schools. If we were on a board of education we should favor dropping teachers who seldom, or never attend such meetings; every good new idea, as to the theory and practice of teaching, and several useless if not pernicious nostrums will be presented and the teacher who proposes to keep in touch with the forward movement must attend such gatherings. It is the only way to secure the best results. Rates of board are from one to two dollars per diem, certainly not high, railroad fare one and one third for the trip. It seems to us, Lake County ought to have a car and go down Tuesday by day light, see the big drainage canal, the state prison and other sights along the road.

A MERRY EVENING.

Last Friday evening friends of the Misses Alford, to the number of about twenty, by invitation assembled at their home on Green street and spent the evening at progressive euchre. Ten games were played and resulted in John Duffy securing the gentleman's prize for best playing and Fred Wenban the booby for poorest playing. Mrs. John Duffy was awarded the ladies' prize for best playing. Following the games refreshments were served, after which several vocal and piano selections were rendered by Mrs. King in her usual acceptable manner. All those who were there vote it a most pleasant and successful party and the Misses Alford charming hostesses.

THE OSSOLI CLUB.

Held its regular meeting at the club house yesterday afternoon. President Newman was not present, though there was a good attendance. Mrs. Capt. A. H. Brown of Fort Sheridan read the paper entitled "The Stage," or "Histrionics" as the fin-de-siecles style it. By those who heard it, Mrs. Brown is said to have had a good paper on a somewhat difficult subject. Mrs. Captain Jones read a sort of sequel, entitled "Glamours," which was bright and witty. The discussion was lively, but somewhat limited.

The Scott family, which has occupied the J. L. Ball residence on Prospect avenue, returned to Chicago yesterday and the Ball's are in their own home.

The First United Evangelical Sunday School will have a Christmas tree, on Thursday evening, beginning at 7:45.

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