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The neatest calendar yet issued in this city is the one the News has for its subscribers; that's what everybody says—and folks know.

They have a law in England that dogs kept to guide blind people are not liable for a license fee. Here is a hint for some of our fellows who are trying to "squeeze out of their dog license."

"I BELIEVE in marriage," said Miss Frances E. Willard last Sunday evening in Chicago. And yet here she is past 50 and a confirmed old maid. That kind of preaching don't go far to convince unwilling maids—if such there are—to marry. Better let someone else lecture on marriage, Frances; at least till you practice a little.

We are permitted to say that Parson Styles little sketch this week is, names of place and persons alone excepted, true in every particular to the incidents as they occurred. It was written for the sake of the little "preaching" attached; for as the author of Tom Brown at Rugby says, "What business has a man to write if he has no preaching to enforce."

Oscar Wilde, a man of fragrant (?) memory among the Boston dilettanti, is about to publish a poem, simultaneously in this country and in England, entitled "A Ballad of Reading Jail," anent his recent incarceration. If some of the owners of unlicensed dogs don't step up to the cap'n's office and settle before Attorney Smoot returns from his trip to New and old Mexico, they may find themselves where they can write poetry of a similar flavor.

ALL common sense has not yet forsaken the United States Senate. Senator Morrill of Vermont, that grand and aged patriarch of that body, opposes this Hawaii annexation folly, as he did the San Domingo, under Grant and Babcock. So does Senator Hoar, the senior senator from Massachusetts, thus preserving both the traditions of his family and state. In the same class stands the venerable senator Sawyer, a Vermonter from Wisconsin, and Senator Pettigrew, another Vermonter, of South Dakota, and so on. The sense and patriotism of the Senate is opposed to it, as foolish and criminal, politically and every other way.

THE English politicians, especially the Tories and some Dissenters are quite up in arms against a government-endowed University for Ireland. If such universities are in order for England and Scotland, why not for Ireland? Ah, don't you see, England and Scotland are Protestant and Ireland is Catholic! That is Catholics have no educational rights Protestants are bound to respect. Is that it? No wonder Catholicism is gaining in England all the time. If that is your policy, M. Premier, my Lord Salisbury, just announce it and then engage a passage in the first steamer up Salt river from Downing street. Your party rejected Peel, the great Sir Robert, because he removed the disabilities from the Catholics,

but the people, yes the people of England and Wales and Scotland, as well as of Ireland, made a hero and an idol of him. The world loves fair play for all nowadays.

THE NEW WARD.

A good many people are giving the matter of redivision of the city into four wards instead of three as heretofore, some considerable attention. And well they may do so, for it is a matter of far-reaching importance and perhaps nothing this present council has or can do will have as much influence on the growth and prosperity of the city as this very measure. Every thoughtful man knows that the future success of Highland Park depends on the growth and development of the east side of the railroad track. That is to say, it will be on that side that the overwhelming majority of large, fine homes for the summer residents and wealthy people, will be built, because the large lots, the ravines and lake are all there. The growth and prosperity and increase in wealth of the west side will be in proportion to the growth of the east side. If there is much building, grading of streets, extension of sewers, water mains, etc., on the east side, it means work and wages and prosperity for the working-men and artisans of the west side, who comprise so large a percentage of its population. Every new home built on the east side makes a place for a west side man as gardener or coachman. Hence, this indissoluble bond of union between the two sides of the track. The interests of the city are therefore seen to be one; the railroad track makes an east and west side, but in the deeper reality there are no sides, we are all "parts of one stupendous whole." But still, there are some things which effect us as causes and some other things follow as effects.

Thus the free and wise expenditure of money by our well-to-do and wealthy citizens means plenty of work, good wages and prosperity to the most of us who work for a living. Now what we want, and what the city needs, in dividing the town up anew into four wards, is so to do it as to place no unnecessary burdens on, or obstacles in the way of wealthy families coming here for their homes. If this town were like Waukegan, or Elgin, or Aurora, or Racine, it could prosper without this wealthy class of permanent and summer residents. But we have no manufactures, hence our working people are almost wholly dependent on the constant going on of building and other improvements. And the city must be so divided as not to hinder this building, etc. People won't come here simply because there are fine building lots. Ravinia is full of fine building lots; why don't the place grow? Because the municipal conditions are all against it, and lots of the people down there don't see it. Then this division of the town into four wards must be made with reference on the other hand, to the matter of not placing any extra and unnecessary burdens on the working people. Sewers and water mains are a necessity for the health of the city on both sides of the track. But we don't want wards so made that the aldermen can pass harsh, unjust and oppressive measures on the poorer citizens and tax payers, for every one knows it is vastly more difficult for the poor man to pay his little taxes than for the rich man to pay his big ones. The poor man has a very small income, out of which he has all his family expenses to pay, and he then has a very little margin left, out of which to pay taxes, doctor's bills, etc., while the wealthy man has a large margin or surplus which he can lay up, spend in travel, on horses, etc., and so a few score more or

less of taxes don't affect his bread and butter and clothing for himself and family. Now we want all these things thought of in re-dividing the city: give us four wards that will be as just and fair and equitable for the next twenty years, as they can be made. Highland Park has no place for any iniquitous gerrymander, and thanks to her aldermen, there are none in the Council who would tolerate such a measure if proposed. This matter will come up in the Council, January 4th, 1898. Be there, if interested in it.

ABOUT DOGS.

Some people think that the collection of the dog license of the "keeper," as well as from the owner is a bit unjust. But they forget that the law regards dogs, as they are, a public nuisance, a pest to be abated, a danger to be guarded against in many instances. Suppose the owner only was liable. Mr. Jones of this city could sell his pet dog to a friend in Chicago, but keep the dog here all the same. We can collect no license of some unknown man in Chicago, but the dog or dogs are at large here, as much of a nuisance as any other dogs and yet they pay no license. That is manifestly unjust to the city which has all the annoyances and risk of the dogs being kept here and yet no protection. It is an injustice to every other owner of dogs in this city who pays license on his dogs.

No; there is no injustice or wrong about it, and so the supreme court has decided that the person who keeps or permits dogs to be about his premises or place of business is liable for the license. Hence, every dishonest fellow in town can't go into court and swear he does not own the dogs and so escape the license. We think the judges of the supreme court know about as much of law as some of our corner loafers who never looked into the statutes, and they are as capable of forming a correct judgment as some of us whose knowledge of the law will never prove fatal to ourselves. We don't know what may happen, but we don't think it advisable for our justice courts to set up in the business of overturning the decisions of the supreme court.

ILLINOIS SCHOOLS.

There are enrolled as pupils in the public schools of Illinois 920,425 persons, while the average daily attendance is 681,515, a little over three-fourths the whole number. Won't our city schools average a higher rate than that? Each pupil on an average attended school 119 days in the year. There are 12,683 school houses in the state; 200 of them, including the fine one in Ravinia, were built last year.

There are 283 high schools in the state, but everyone don't have the fuss we enjoy in trying to get a new building. There are 12 more high schools than in 1896. There are 13,682 public schools in the state, 59 more than a year ago, while there are only 864 private schools this year a loss of 192 from 1896; a good sign that is. We have not at hand the number of school teachers, amount of wages, etc., all of which are matters of vital importance.

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For the south, 6:50, 9:30 a.m., 5:33, 7:29 p.m.

Mail pouches close 15 minutes before departure of trains. W. M. D.

Directory of Secret So

Chesotang Tribe, I. O. R. M.

Meet at Masonic Hall first and

F. M. Ingalls, Sachem; J. H. D.

A. O. Fay Lodge, A. F. and

an- meeting nights first and the

each month, at Masonic hall, 9

A. Son's street.

Independent Order Foresters

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each month in Forester's Hall.

Modern Woodmen of Ameri

first and fourth Friday of each

esiers' hall, Jno. Finney,

Greenlade, Secretary.

Highland Park Council No.

Aranum. Meet in Masonic

and fourth Mondays of every

Charles H. Baker; secretary, F.

CHURCH DIRECTOR

Ravinia M. E. Church, Ravin

Heathcote pastor—Sunday sch

m.; Epworth League, devot

Sunday evening 7 o'clock; 7:30

at 7:45 each Sunday; singing;

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meeting and social the fourth

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Swedish M. E. Church (over

Rev. G. Westling, pastor. S

as follows: Sunday school, 8:30

League, 10:30 p. m.; Fresh air

Prayer-meeting Thursday ev

Everyone is invited.

First United Evangelical Ch

H. Thoren, pastor. Sunday

man preaching, 10:45 a. m.

p. m.; Sunday school, 9:30;

6:45 p. m.; prayer meeting,

7:30 p. m.

Evangelical Association—Re

pastor. Sunday services at

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German preaching at 11:00 a.

E. at 6:45 p. m.; English pres

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prayer meetings; Saturday at

ecetrical class at pastor's study

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Madden pastor. First mass

mass, 10:00; Sunday school, 2

The Baptist Church. No.

Fig. 10:45 a. m.; Sunday

m.; Baptist Young People

p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m.

prayer meeting, 7:45 p. m.

Evangelical Lutheran Z

A. Detzer, pastor. Sunday

a. m. Sunday school, from

Trinity Church, P. C. V.

Holy communion, 7:30 a. m.

10:00 a. m. Morning praye

11 a. m. Second celebration

the month. Even song, 5 p.

Presbyterian Church, Rev. I.

Worship and preaching, 10:45

school, 12: m. Christian En

Prayer service, Wednesday, 7

NORTHWESTERN R. R.

WEEK DAYS

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