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The Waukegan "Tabernacle" is a thing of the past, but a good many persons will look back to it and say, "I was born anew to God and Christ there," and they as new moral forces for good in the community will remain to bless that city long after the old building is forgotten.

SOONER or later, and the sooner the better, the old macadamized streets, Laurel and Prospect will have to be properly drained, and to our mind a good glazed three inch tile drain through the center of the street, two and a half feet deep, filled above with lake gravel, would be about the thing.

In this highly scientific age we want someone to prepare a noiseless powder, so you can discharge a gun as silently as the falling of a snow flake. What we want is a chance to shoot some of the dogs which infest our poultry yards, in gangs of three to six.

THE Bible says "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, (especially those who are faithful and zealous in doing the Lord's work) for they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow them." Some people said when Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston died a few years ago, the enthusiasm of his church for Christian work would die out. It took up its collection for Foreign missions a few weeks ago, amounting to \$3,000. This is only one of the many forms of benevolent work of that church, and they all go on year after year as when Dr. Gordon was alive.

SENATOR Thurston of Nebraska advocates war with Spain because it would make business good. That is, you are to burn the town because it would give the local building business a boom! And yet Mr. Thurston represents the Christian state of Nebraska. President McKinley says, "No we will only have war as the last resort, in case of absolute necessity, and not to 'trash Spain,' but to save the starving and oppressed Cubans." The civilized world applauds McKinley, while it looks on with disgust and horror at the coarse, almost savage brutality of the Thurston war cry.

**A PERPLEXING PROBLEM.**

A few weeks ago the contract for enlarging the buildings on the Exmoor Club grounds to Chicago parties, after bids had been made by some of our local contractors. As we understand the case, the job was let to the same Chicago contractor who had the buildings there last year, and he says he made some money out of last season's job. This year his bid was over \$1,000 lower than the lowest bid from Park contractors, and while the Club folks would not have stood on one or two hundred dollars, over one thousand was too much. We do not blame them, no one blames them. Neither do we, nor do others blame our contractors for not bidding so low as to lose money. But for all that we wanted them to have the job, but since they lost it, we want to know

the reason why, for this city ought to have these local jobs. We know some private parties let their contracts to irresponsible Chicago contractors and get cheated; the jobs are taken for cheating purposes or snide work and on such mishaps we waste no sympathy.

Why can't our local contractors compete nearer than \$1,000 on a job like this Exmoor Club building with Chicago parties? The three essential factors in such a job are these, material, labor and management, and somewhere in one or more of these factors the solution of our perplexing local problem will be found. As to material we do not see why a contractor with spot cash can't get his material f. o. b. here just as cheap as a Chicago contractor: we know of no reason why he should not. If he can't buy for ready cash, of course he can't expect to compete with a man who can, but in bitterness he knows the truth of Solomon's remark about the rich and the poor: "The rich man's wealth is his strong city; the destruction of the poor is his poverty." Proverbs 10: 15. The question of material then cuts no figure in this case.

How is it about labor? Are the carpenters whom the Park contractors work as skilled, effective and valuable help as the Chicago contractor employs? Personally we know but little about it beyond this, that there are some men here who call themselves carpenters, who are really no more so than we are, and we never should get rich in cutting mitre joints; they can't lay out work, they can't execute rapidly, safely and well; or in other words, they can't do a good job and make it profitable for the man who hires them or furnishes material for their use. But aside from these unskilled workmen, the average workman of this place has not been all his life working in sharp competition with Chicago men, and he is a bit slow. He picks up two pieces of lumber before he gets the right one; the Chicago man picks up the right one the first time, he was trained that way. They take our man too long to put it in place, he spends three blows setting a nail, where the Chicago man uses but two; he takes more time to fit and cut off a piece of flooring or casing, and all these little details which make the difference between a skilled and profitable workman and the ordinary unprofitable one enter into the solution of our perplexing problem.

We believe the trouble, or fully three fourths of it lies right there. Our contractor pays schedule wages while his help do not turn off schedule work. There are good and profitable workmen here we know, for we have had them.

Then the other question, of management of help and material on the part of the contractor himself. It is a fact, as everybody knows, that some of our so called contractors can't manage successfully, a crew of men large or small, if the men manage themselves well, all right, if not the contractor loses money because he can't manage them. Our contractors have not spent years in sharp competition with city builders; until recently they had things practically their own way and the highly important art of skilled, scientific management, the putting of each man where he can earn the most; the grouping of men so they will do the most work, the planning about material, kinds, location etc. to the same end, all these enter largely into this problem.

We have talked with a good many men about this matter, carpenters, business men and others and the general conviction is that our contractors are left in the race, from inefficient help chiefly, and defective management in part. All we want is the solution of the problem, so our contractors can get these jobs.

The Milburn butter factory is for

**AROUND THE COUNTY.**

Roundout is looking for factories. The Zurich creamery has stopped making cheese.

Lovedel King of Rockefeller broke his arm last week. Bad roads shut up the M. E. Church in Volo Sunday week.

Three new members have joined the Woodmen in Gurnee.

The Bailey saw-mill of Half Day is running full blast now.

The farmers of Buffalo Grove are grubbing out their old osage hedges.

The women of Rollins are cleaning house; enterprising folks over there.

Grays Lake and Gurnee are busy shipping live stock to the Chicago yards.

J. G. Lamson of Aptakisic is looking after his taxes. Go to Waukegan now, sir.

On account of lack of room one of Deerfield's citizens has moved to Barchtown.

Volo is to have a new blacksmith shop for the benefit of the folks in "Big Hollow."

Lewis H. Bryant of Ivanhoe, born Bethel, Vermont, has a good young horse for sale.

E. D. Hubbard of Libertyville has a .38 calibre repeating rifle for sale, cheap for cash.

The startling intelligence comes from North Northfield, that Frank Frye's mule is better!

The collector of Barrington took in a little over \$7,000 and returned as delinquent \$175.

The Rockefeller school gave an entertainment which netted over \$20, no hard times there.

In two days Contractor McGrath had done nearly two blocks of the electric street railway extension in Waukegan.

A Prairie View poet sends a few stanzas to Senator Mason on Cuba. It will take more than a poem to keep Billy quiet.

The first batch of "frying chickens" in Lake County, of which we have heard, are owned by Mrs. Gossewiler of Diamond Lake.

George Miller of Loon Lake and Henry Berghorn Jr. of Lake Zurich, and George Millen of Milburn are building big barns.

Ela had two tickets in the field, but as our old-time friend, Denison Huntington, was on both for supervisor, we guess he "pulled through."

The young fellow on the west side of the county who undertook to black-mail a lot of preachers, has come to grief and confessed his wrong.

The Waukegan Electric Light plant is being enlarged, one of the new engines will be 100 H. P. The new building will be 30x34 feet in size.

One aldermanic candidate in Waukegan has withdrawn on the ground that it might "hurt the feelings of his friends." He is a sensitive if not a sensible fellow.

Editor Burke of the Antioch News has been receiving garden seeds from Senator Cullom. We fear the senator did not "cull 'em" much and half of them won't grow.

The Fox Lake post office began selling money orders, Monday. People over there can now subscribe for the wide-awake Highland Park News, only \$1.00 a year.

L. Hathaway, a big coal dealer of Chicago, wants to establish his plant on the new dock in Waukegan. One privilege has been rented to Ebenezer Mead for \$500 a year.

Waukegan is fortunate in securing Miss Alice Smith of Ivanhoe, as one of its teachers in the Central school. Miss Smith was born for this work and she has practiced several years.

A LITTLE over an hundred years ago the world discovered the value of Sunday schools. They were started in a small way by an obscure Englishman. Next July the entire world will hold a Sunday school convention in London. Think of it, from one little, humble, obscure school, the world has been encircled with these schools. Highland Park expects to be represented in the person of our excellent young friend, Charles H. Warren. We congratulate the local Baptist school on being represented in that world wide gathering, and by a young man who enjoys as a man and as a Christian worker, so fully the confidence of Christians of all classes.

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