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The board of health of this city should ask Marshal Gordon of Highwood to show them the biggest and foulest festering spot in this city. It is on one corner of the old Col. Clumpitt lots and is enough to kill a regiment and it is in Highland Park too.

The people up and down the old Port Clinton thoroughfare would like to have the street and alley committee see the weeds along the road side and the uncleaned gutters and decide as to what good a scraper would do. They want that street fixed up sure.

The mayor has informed the police judge he can lock up every drunk and disorderly of his court for unpaid fines and his honor will see that they get enough regulation prison fare bread and water while serving their sentences. Build some more pens, gentlemen of the council.

One of the learned correspondent's writes a powerful article about "John" Gibbon, the historian, of the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." That's news; he used to be "Edward" in our day, but we suppose the John R. Tanner legislature changed his name, along with its notorious Allen bill.

The macadam on Central avenue at the electric road crossing is in rather bad shape, the road folks have never filled it up level, so that the rails give sharp, severe jolts every time you cross them even on a wheel. They should be kept in perfect condition for that is, or should be a fine street.

One of our neighbors says these vacant lots about town are rapidly seeding with poison ivy: says the Cushing lots on Prospect, corner of Dale, are getting full of it, that with grass and weeds makes the walk along there, together with the sad and constant thirsty bellowing of that cow, almost impassable. Kill the ivy, it will poison the children.

One of the wealthy tax-payers of this city calls our attention to the fact that grass and weeds are allowed to grow along side the sidewalks, drooping over the walks, becoming loaded with dust in dry weather and then becoming soft, sticky mud when the heavy dews or rains fall and then every lady who tries to use the walks has her dress skirts all soiled in spite of herself. He calls, and we second the call, on the city authorities to have the grass cut alongside the walks, and keep it cut.

We received in Monday mornings mail a copy of the daily "Scotsman" of Edinburgh of June 17, just ten days from the date of publication, from our friend ex-Mayor David M. Erskine, who with his excellent wife is over there frisking like a boy among his kindred. The Scotsman is a great paper, ten pages, of each 8 columns to the page, 20 columns of "ads," one page of financial news and discussions, 6 columns of editor-

ials, one column on our Spanish war, a capital article too, one on the status and outlook in China, and one on British politics. These editorials are as able as those of the London Times, and fresher and more spirited and as well written as those of the Spectator or Saturday Review furnish. We don't know what the Scotsman costs, but it is a liberal education to read such a paper.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

"Tall oaks from little acorns grow." Ten years ago we heard a company of ministers and other great financiers discussing plans for a new university in Chicago to take the place of the one Stephen A. Douglass, that great and gifted son of Vermont, founded and which "great financiers" ran aground, through mismanagement. They wanted at least \$50,000 endowment to begin with they said, and planned to go to Boston and beg that. We created a storm of indignation, by timidly venturing the remark that fifty thousand was not half enough to start a good academy and they should think of nothing less than \$500,000. "Half a million!" exclaimed Dr. Lorimer, "why don't you say a million and done with it?" To which we cautiously replied, "Because I did not wish to frighten my good brethren, but that is the smallest sum you ought to think of."

Well, today, as this paper goes to press, we sit and listen to ex-Postmaster General W. L. Wilson decline the twenty-third convocation address of the one million, yes, and six or eight million dollar University of Chicago, with many more millions to follow. Of course we did not secure all these millions, but millionaires saw the matter exactly as we did, only on a grander scale. Big successful things cost money. Mr. Rockefeller proposes at least \$20,000,000 out of his money for this school; neither he nor his agent has told us so, but you see, as the years go by, if we don't read between the lines aright. William Carey used to say, "Attempt great things for, and expect great things from God." A man who sets out to build a wheelbarrow will not turn out a modern trap, but if he sets out to construct an English drag, he will get beyond his wheelbarrow.

Think of this great University with all its buildings, elegant and superb in build, finish and equipment: of its millions of money: with its scores, if not hundreds of professors, instructors, docents, etc: and its hundreds, or thousands of students, where a dozen years ago was a howling wilderness. We are glad we came west sixteen years ago, sniffed ozone and caught the malaria on the prairies of Iowa, made that little five minutes speech for a "big" University in Chicago, and now in this year of grace 1898, see what our eyes behold in the school "Founded by John D. Rockefeller." This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.

ST JOHNS - NORTH

We understand the present plan is to go in for the macadam this season from the McDonald corner, Central avenue, up to Vine, build the bridges over the ravines, clean out the brush, etc, and grade the street through to the Post all this year if possible. Then next year, push the macadam through from Vine to the Post. Its friends and promoters they had better try a part of it this year with prospect of success, instead of attempting too much at once and fail of accomplishing anything.

Then another thing is this, we wish to give the work to our own Park men, and this plan of dividing the job will give them employment two seasons, while if we tried to do it all at once, we should be obliged to call in outsiders, dagoes from Chicago or

elsewhere. We want the work for our own men and then they can earn wages to care for themselves and their families summer and winter.

Of the wisdom of improving that street, its entire length, there is and can be no doubt. It goes through as fine a part of the city as any, and the new High school building will greatly enhance the natural worth of that section. Every lot of land on that street from James McDonald's store to the gateway of Fort Sheridan will be put into the market at an advanced price. Lots have lain there five and twenty years and had but little more sale than those out in "Boilvin's Addition," in the slough across the bridge west, and will lie there another quarter century in the same way unless the street is opened and improved. It was opened once, but grass and weeds and trees have grown up in many places. A friend of ours owned part of a lot in block 15, on St Johns for which he paid \$1,000 over twenty years ago, the assessed valuation of that lot is \$1250, all it would sell for or more. The man wants to sell his 100 feet front, but can't, no one wants it at a fair price, and will not till there is some prospect of a good street there, then all will be right. With a good paved street through there, it would sell more easily for \$2,000 than for \$1,000 today. Think of it \$1,000 twenty years ago and worth only that today: put through the street and it would have enhanced value and good prospect of ready sale.

Soldiers and Sailors Association.

The executive committee of the Lake County Soldiers and Sailors Reunion Association will meet at G. A. R. hall in Waukegan at 1:30 p. m. Friday, July 13, 1898 for the purpose of fixing upon a time and place for holding the twentieth annual reunion. Propositions for grounds and entertainment will be received from places that wish to have the reunion. Comrades are invited to be present.

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