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FRIDAY, JULY 8.

The very latest news from the seat of the war is that Billy Pfeffer, of bleeding Kansas is going to run for governor. Poor Kansas, dollar wheat is no compensation!

If our friends of the rival papers at Waukegan would spend a little less time and give less of their "valuable space" to bragging over their own brilliant achievements, and enlarging on the failures and "flunks" of their "esteemed contemporaries," it would please us in this latitude much better and help the cause far more than brag does. We observe that the one most guilty of this offense is the one that is losing its grip. Give us the news, and the truth about it, and you will come out ahead; the public is no fool.

SOME folks, we understand, seem to think, we had a thrust at Col. Clappitt in our allusion to that mire pit made in the corner of his lots. Nothing of the kind, Col. Clappitt probably knew nothing of it till he saw it in the News. He lives near W. W. Boyington and during his absence some of his neighbors up there have literally poured their sewage upon the corner of one of his lots. We want our city street and alley committee and our city board of health to go and see it for themselves: it is an abomination which demands immediate attention. Col. Clappitt, you may be sure, will do his part.

MONDAY was one of the most quiet Fourth's we ever enjoyed, and one reason we are told was, President Hogan and his village marshal, Charles Gordon, of Fort Sheridan village insisted on their saloons being run according to law, closing on time, and keeping order etc. Personally we don't believe in saloons, but we rather have the present license system as it exists and is enforced up there than the old order of things when Mrs. Carpenter and Thomas Myers were running their shack with all its unnamely concomitants and collateral. "Of two evils I choose the least," as the good brother in Vermont said he did when it came to a choice between going to the prayer meeting or staying at home. That's our preference, the lesser of two evils.

WE have received from the venerable senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, the "Father of the Senate" as he is affectionately and reverently styled in Washington, his formal speech on the annexation of Hawaii, delivered in the senate June 20, 1898. The senator is in his 89th year and though he took his seat in the senate 31 years ago last March, after 12 years service in the House, he is about as vigorous and ready for service as any member of that body. Senator Morrill, to his honor, the honor of his state and the nation, says "No," to the question of annexation, and he shows why. The speech is virile, fresh, full of facts welded into a solid logical argument, that the jingoes can't overthrow. We are

proud of the man and of the state which keeps him there and rejoice that our country has such staunch statesmen as he, men who speak in italics and on the right side of every question.

How many folks went off on the Fourth and had a "good time" socially with friends or kindred, or at some saloon, or on a little gambling scheme, and used up their little stock of money instead of paying some bills that have been waiting several months. How many will be obliged to beat their grocer, or meat man, or coal dealer, next pay day, because they squandered their little pile the Fourth. We know of more than one man in Highland Park who puts his having a "good time" himself before supplying the real wants of his family, to say nothing about paying his honest bills. A man so dishonest, and low, and selfish as that is too low to waste sympathy on, or help much; all these are absolutely wasted on him.

Our friend, James Anderson of Lake Forest, keeps "pegging away" on his idea of sewage disposal into the Chicago drainage canal rather than into Lake Michigan. Mr. Anderson is right; he is one of those men gifted with a large far-reaching foresight. He sees the inevitable as well as the inexorable necessity of the case, and one German fellow citizen told us the other day, he did not think it was just the thing for this city to pour all its sewage into the lake and then pump it back again through our water mains and faucets into our homes to drink and cook with. And we said to ourselves is not that German about right, although he can't, as a Highwood citizen once said, "talk the United States" very well? What do you think about his query?

THE FOURTH OF JULY.

Just thirty-five years ago, Monday last, the country was thrilled from the Passamaquoddy bay to the Golden Gate, by the news of the glorious Union army, loss according to Gen. Mead's estimate, 2,834 killed, 13,700 wounded, and 6,643 missing and prisoners, an appalling total of 23,186 men lost and disabled. It is estimated that the same conflict cost the confederate forces nearly or quite as many, John Fiske, the historian, puts it at over 30,000,—a grand total of over 50,000 in both armies. Think of it a moment, one single battle, extending it is true over portions of two or three days, involving a loss of 50,000 of the flower of our American men. It was a southern orator and statesman who said, "I tremble for my country when I remember God is just." That fifty thousand at Gettysburg was God insisting on his pound of flesh, from a proud people, drunken to delirium with the wealth, political power, possible and actual, drawn from a national iniquity. Hence those immortal words in President Lincoln's second inaugural, March 4, 1865, "If God wills that it (this war) continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil, shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn by the lash, shall be paid by another drawn by the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." There was the patriots' prayer and the prophets' cry in those lines of the Martyr President.

Twenty-five years later—in 1888, there was a grand celebration on that historic field and the remnants of Stannard's brigade and Pickett's division met as brothers, not antagonists, as in 1863,—and celebrated that days victory for both North and South, for men saw by that time that Lee's surrender at the Appomattox

was only a surrender of the evil for all the land, and a victory for the whole country from sea to sea and from the Lakes to the Gulf.

This Fourth of July in 1898, brought us the news of victory for our armies again, over wrong, and for the right, and Spain, poor Spain, is drinking the cup of her retribution, and drinking it to the very dregs. It is not the boys in blue and the boys in grey, marching side by side under the inspiring, protecting folds of old glory, that are pressing the bitter chalice to her lips, it is rather the covenant keeping and sin avenging God of Israel, of whom it is written on the one hand "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him," and on the other, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

The significance for us of Manila Bay, Santiago de Cuba, and other similar events to follow, lies in the fact that the Almighty is balancing his books with Spain. The open account has been running for centuries, while Alva and Phillip and Charles the Fifth ran riot in sin, trampling under the hoof of their horses the persons and rights of men, crushing and grinding even unto the death subject peoples, till the cup of their national iniquity is full, and the Eternal has come to judgment. In 1598 Spain had in her home and colonial possession 5,500,000 square miles of territory; in 1898, or in just three centuries of unrestrained having her own way, her dominions have been reduced to 603,000 square miles, that is, a loss of nearly the five million.

The one lesson of this astounding achievement for us as a nation, lies in this question and its obvious answer, "Does it pay nations, any more than individuals to run athwart the law and manifest purpose of God?" That victory over Spain will be ours is self-evident: that we should use that victory aright is not so self-evident. "Ay, there's the rub," said Hamlet.

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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 15, 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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