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The real and only thing for the Council to do Tuesday evening is to act on that ordinance about widening the double track from the Electric Light house to the Military Academy; the \$10,000 or \$50,000 business can wait, as most sinners wait, "till a more convenient season."

The Audubon society is trying to stir up the women of the land to stop buying and using birds and their wings for head gear ornaments. It is a right move. Such Chicago women as Mesdames Emmons Blaine, John G. Shorthall, Chas. L. Hutchinson, C. H. McCormick, Byron L. Smith, Frank Gorton, Gen. McClurg, Martin A. Ryerson, Samuel Allerton and the like are interested in it. What say the ladies of the Park?

Do you want a farm and home in the country cheap? Here is one for you in Pomfret, Vermont, the old town where our friend Captain Miller, whom so many pleasantly remember, was born and whence Congressman Morrill sent him to West Point. It is 5 miles from the depot, 2 miles from the village church, post office, etc., up on the hills, pure air, running soft water to house and barn. 100 acres of land, tillage pasture and woodland, one of the best maple sugar orchards in the state, barn 30 x 60 with good basement, house 30 x 40 and wood shed—and all for \$900 or \$9.00 an acre for the land and the buildings "thrown in."

ONE of our neighbors took us to task for saying we believed one person a year was buried alive from Highland Park. Perhaps it was a little strong, but you have to hit some people very hard to wake them up. He further said the late Dr. Baker never really suspected but one case in this town. Very well, Dr. Baker was a very careful, cautious and conservative man, but he was not infallible. Two physicians, and one of them twice positively pronounced the Chicago women dead, who arose in her coffin just as the funeral services were to begin and asked what it all meant. We have great respect for doctors, so much so we seldom employ them, but they are liable to err. Did not the old Latin reader say, "Errare est humanum." We don't want doctors or anybody else to bury folks alive: do you hear, young man?

TELEGRAMS AND STAMPS.

As a good many of our people send telegraph messages, but don't seem to know that it is a misdemeanor and so subjects the sender to a "right smart" fine, if he fails to put a one cent stamp on his message and cancels the stamp before he delivers it to the telegraph operator, and the operator himself is liable to a fine if he takes and sends the message without the stamp. Read these official rulings of the Internal Revenue department and then obey the law. "Section 7 of the act provides that if any person or persons shall make, sign or issue any instrument, docu-

ment or paper of any description whatsoever, without the same being duly stamped for denoting the tax thereon, the said person or persons shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not more than \$100. Telegraphic despatches and messages are enumerated in the act as requiring the documentary 1-cent stamp." As to who shall put on the stamp the Department says "this duty devolves upon the person who makes, signs or issues the message."

EXCURSION TO MADISON.

The Northwestern is giving this North Shore an excursion nearly every week. Last Saturday it had one from all points between Wilmette and Kenosha, inclusive, a distance of 36 miles, to Madison, Wis., for the round trip fare of \$1.50 each. The average distance for the excursionists from their homes to Madison was about 140 miles, making a total round trip of 280 miles for \$1.50, amazingly cheap riding. The train left here at 8:15, a few minutes late, and reached Madison at 1 o'clock, about an hour late on account of being sidetracked several times. Kenilworth contributed 6, Ravinia 1, Highland Park 30, Highwood and Fort Sheridan none, Lake Forest 2, Waukegan over 50, Benton 1, Kenosha over 100, in all about 275, in 7 coaches with baggage car for lunch baskets, bicycles, etc.; no baggage master, each one looks out for his own stuff. About a dozen of the Kenosha crowd took their wheels along, no charge for freight, and rode over the town. The day was perfect and the crowd admirably behaved. We did not hear one objectionable word during the entire trip, and we rode in several different cars; the train men were courteous, and all the details of the excursion were for the safety, comfort and pleasure of the excursionists.

Leaving Madison at 6:40 we reached home at 10:45, having had a most satisfactory and delightful day in every way. We got a good dinner for 25 cents, though most people took their lunch baskets well filled and brought them home empty. Aside from our fare, the trip cost us 75 c.

We confess it looked ominous for the Park when we saw his honor, the mayor, the city clerk, the police judge, the night police, the two constables and "Tommy" Edwards, together with many other more or less prominent citizens, board that train, leaving the city "like Tara's Halls, deserted." But somehow we suppose the town wagged along in a business way, while social life of course was as dull as an old maids' quilting and tea party. The road bed was perfect; we did not know the Northwestern had expended so much labor and money in ballasting and otherwise perfecting its tracks beyond Milwaukee. The country was beautiful the grain harvest being at its height and the farm buildings and general appointments of farm life, indicated thrift and general prosperity. The stone-mason walls under the barns was an exact re-production of the thrifty farm life, of New England, especially that in Vermont, though wind-mills are more numerous than were found in the east at the time of our residence there. Though over the road many times a dozen years ago, we never noticed as we did Saturday, the unmistakable evidences of big inland lakes once scattered all along the track of the Milwaukee and Madison branch of the Northwestern, some of them of large extent, and some still only a little above the general water level. Those old lake beds will sometime prove wonderfully productive, when sufficiently drained to let the acids out of the soil, and the fertilizers now held, become available for plant food. They are partially made prairies, on a small scale in the process of construc-

tion; a sort of arrested development. There is a good sized one at Jefferson junction, where we were sidetracked some fifteen minutes, and our worthy mayor and many others went out and cut bunches of "cat-tails" for the little ones at home. Wisconsin is wisely expending, and expending very wisely also, larger sums than most any other state in the union, on its agricultural interests, and the results are everywhere apparent.

We spent our afternoon, as we designed to do before leaving home, in the two great state institutions, the Historical library and the University; chiefly the former. As is well and widely known, Wisconsin has one of the finest historical libraries in this country, second only to Massachusetts, and it is the most perfectly arranged and wisely managed affair we know of. We could not have been more courteously treated had we been a noted historian, eminent librarian or popular author. We spent over two hours looking over its treasures, many very rare, and then went to the new library building, which will cost when done, a year hence, over \$400,000, now being erected by Harry Johnson, an Omaha contractor. Wisconsin is proud of its Historical library and its University, and wisely too.

ABOUT THAT LITIGATION

We reported a piece of "Litigation Extraordinary" last week, and are now informed that the defendant in said cases swore out a change of venue in both of them, but did not sign an affidavit in the second. We do not suppose a man is obliged to sign an affidavit if he calls for a change, though some justices exact one, as they can charge up 35 cents cost in that case, and only five cents for the simple oath. As the matter was reported to us, the cases were set one for three and one for four o'clock. The first case was called on time, the change taken, and the defendant and his attorney left before the hour set for calling the second case. If that was the way it happened, how could the defendant swear out a change for it? We know very well that justice courts have wonderful, sometimes astonishing possibilities; but we confess we had not supposed that swearing out a change of venue before a case is called, or before the hour set for its hearing arrives, to be among its possible achievements. What were the exact facts in this extraordinary case?

We had a talk the other day with a boy who is on his third year service in a Chicago business house. He began on \$6.00 a week, has \$10.00, is faithful, works diligently and looks forward to plenty of hard work and promotion, slowly climbing from the bottom rung of the ladder to the top one. There are about 125 rungs in that ladder: he began on No. 1, he is on No. 42 now, nearer the top than formerly. The higher you get the slower the pace and better the pay.

Newsdealers in Waukegan and Madison told us Munsey's sells the best of the cheap magazines with them: here, it is McClure's; in Boston it is the Atlantic of course. We are on the ascending scale, but baked beans, brown bread and brains are a triplet of qualities inseparably united.

Major Davidson went to Madison Saturday, in part to look over the State University's very fine gymnasium, for points in the completion and further equipment of theirs and that big new swimming bath. Several Waukegan and Kenosha folks wondered "who that newly married pair" were, when they saw the major and his wife, who enjoyed the fun immensely.

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