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The democrats had a very lively meeting last week in Waukegan. But never mind if they did, the Lake county folks came out ahead: that's all we care for. No tears of ours for the under dog in this fight.

The latest market quotations from the Klondike are as follows: wages \$1.50 per hour; eggs \$8.00 per doz. bread 50 cents a loaf, and tobacco \$5.00 per pound. These figures are from a young man's letter home to his mother.

We heard an alderman say this week that he rode out a few days ago with a "city official," and a day or two later rode out again with an "alderman" and they both trotted their teams across the bridges as they came to them. How happy the marshal would have been to have met them on the bridge.

WHEN "Teddy" Roosevelt and his Rough Riders reached Montauk Point the other day, they had a rousing reception. The people of York state may decide that the Point is not high enough for the best health of "Teddy" and so go to work and "elevate" him to the exalted gubernatorial chair in the state capitol in Albany.

The city authorities got stopped building that pound the other day, because it was not covered with iron and so Mr. Elvey will put in stanchions and stalls for cattle, three pens for dogs and a "loft" for hay and other feed. He will also drive up a nail for Marshal Leesch to hang his milking stool on, as the marshal is entitled to all the milk he gets while the cows are in pound.

The battle of Bennington, one of the most important contests of the Revolution was fought one hundred and twenty-one years ago last Tuesday on the sacred soil of Vermont, when General Stark, with his Granite State and Green Mountain boys, turned the tide of battle and made the red coats and their Hessian allies flee for their lives, that is, those whom they did not kill or take prisoners, and brave Mollie Stark did not sleep a widow that night.

NEXT week Thursday there will be a sort of basket picnic or grand "Sunday School Rally" of all the schools in Lake County at Lake Bluff. One feature of the day will be a dozen or so three minute speeches from able Sunday school workers on live topics. One hour will be given to speeches, and lots of good things besides. The point we emphasize is this: this association represents the second most potent force for good in this Lake County; it stands next in line with the churches. It does not make half as much fuss or noise as a political convention, and yet it does ten times as much good. I have seen a little babbling brook a boy could jump across that made several times as much noise as the St. Lawrence river two miles wide and deep enough for the biggest ships.

We are very glad that the property owners up on St Johns and the electric railroad folks are in a fair way to an amicable and mutually satisfactory adjustment of matters on that street.

Some one suggests that Spain's greatest need is our American "little red school house." Let us lend her a few and throw in a few school ma'm's to boot. We might thereby open up quite a brisk business in that way: the home market is a bit overstocked.

THERE was quite a discussion over the question of properly describing the new city pound, whether it is a structure, a building or what, and finally Alderman Grant said it was nothing but a fence with a bit of roof over one corner and that should be of iron.

Our friends of the Waukegan city council labor under the difficulty of not having a quorum on hand meeting nights. Better import a few public spirited men from the Park for use as aldermen. Why our's come home from Springfield or Indianapolis, and the attorney gives up a trip to the seaside in their zeal to serve the public by doing their full duty.

The Boston Pilot, that staunch and able New England organ of the Roman Catholic church, hits off the situation in Washington military circles to a dot. It says the most conspicuous military official at the national capital is "General Incompetency." Hence those bumptious, incompetent "Sons of their fathers" made into colonels and brigadiers, with no capacity or knowledge of war.

The following about Gen. Howard shows the kind of stuff our American army is made of, especially the veterans: "General O. O. Howard's fighting days are over, but he is at the front nevertheless, leading religious services for the soldiers. He wears a medal and carries an empty sleeve. He led a charge June 1, 1862, across the whole face of the enemy's line. A bullet struck his arm above the elbow. He led on. Another struck the same arm below the elbow. He led on. The charge was successful. At its end Howard walked to the hospital and had his arm cut off.

THE UNJUST DOG TAX.

They used to have in Europe what the people styled for centuries the "Holy Roman Empire," of which Mr. Bryse, the historian, said it had only three serious defects; first, it was not an empire; second, it was not holy, and third it was not Roman. So of this dog tax: it is not a tax. The county and state tax dogs, but the city of Highland Park does not. It just treats dogs like all other nuisances, it either grants them a license or it abates them, just as it treats the liquor traffic; it grants a saloon license or it abates the nuisance. Dogs are nuisances. Some people keep one or more dogs and allow them to run at large, and yet if their neighbors kept a cow or a pig and should let them run loose, these dog owners would set up a violent outbreak against the nuisance. Of course the time is coming when dogs will be treated the same as pigs or horses or cows in this respect. To be sure a cow or a pig is a worse nuisance than a dog, just as a full blooded negro is darker skinned than a mulatto or a quadroon.

Now there are some folks who complain on the ground that the assessor puts their dogs into the list, and that is enough, the city has no right to tax them. Let us see. Pat Gilliland owns a house and lot, appraised at \$1500. They levy a state tax on that, and then a county tax, and then a highway tax, and then a public school tax, and we know not how

many more different kind of taxes. Then the city takes, or the county officials do it for the city, and levies a city tax on the same property. Hence on this house and lot there are levied, state, county, town, road and bridge, city, High school, District school and district road taxes and Mr. Gilliland pays all these eight kinds of taxes on his one house and lot. And when you bear in mind that the city tax is divided up into some eight or nine different kinds, Pat really pays sixteen kinds of taxes on his one piece of property. And yet when he comes to pay a dog license—not a tax, but a license,—to the city for the privilege of keeping a dog, he finds fault, and we don't blame him. What we do blame him for is that he has not sense enough to kill the dog.

Here is the way it is. The city goes to the state and says, "These dogs are a nuisance, give us permission to get rid of them" and so the state passes a law, which provides that the city council has the authority to put a license on dogs, as high or small as it sees fit. In this city it is one dollar on male dogs and two dollars on female dogs. In Waukegan it is three dollars on females.

Now the city puts on this license to kill off lots of the poor, miserable curs about town and if there were no license, lots of poor folks would be run over with dogs, and instead of 30¢, we should have from 500 to 1000 dogs in this city. It is no more un just to make a man pay a city license for his dog, after he has paid a county and state tax on him, than it is to make a saloon keeper pay a city license after he has paid a United States license. Keeping dogs and selling whisky are nuisances and the city wants to be rid of the whole lot.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of county superintendent of schools, subject to the decision of Republican convention of Lake county.

W. C. MCKENZIE.

Ravinia, July 7, 1898.

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