

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

The following communication respecting the late street railway ordinance and the resolutions respecting the mayor's veto was intended for last week's issue, but was crowded out, and is therefore given this week.

MR. EDITOR,— Can you inform me what is the present status of that famous ordinance passed by our city council in September last concerning the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric railway? It seems to me it is having quite a history. I supposed from what I had heard rumored on the streets that the letter from the vice-president of the electric road made the ordinance a still born to begin with. Its paternal ancestor, I infer, was the alderman from the second ward: its maternal ancestor I have never been able to find out. Perhaps, like Topsy, it "never had no mother." I am also left somewhat in doubt as to its god-mother, but suppose it must be the senior alderman of the fourth ward. Be that as it may, poor thing, why was it not left from birth all unconscious that it ever had an existence, and especially so when its own natural father decreed to it from its first existence into the world so premature, so unnatural, so cruel a still-death by suffocation? Why after all the travail, all the solicitude and anxious forebodings of these several physicians and wet nurses for days and nights, must it now perish so ingloriously? But as if that were not enough, oh, Mr. President, why did you so brutally, so irreverently, so unfeelingly use the dissecting knife?

But, Mr. Editor, tell me, was the alderman from the second ward at the last meeting of the council in the paper he so forcefully and so feelingly read,— tell me I pray,— was he pronouncing the funeral oration or was he trying to pray the godless thing out of purgatory? I listened and strained but I could not make out which; but one thing the genial alderman from the third ward made clear—the property owners on St. Johns avenue do not propose to be either mourners or pall-bearers.

Mr. President, gentlemen of the city council of Highland Park, and fellow citizens: Requiescat in pace.

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