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A Change in Management.

Today's issue of the NEWS-LETTER is the last published under the guidance of the present regime.

A year ago the present editor and manager were adding to the advertising receipts of the NEWS-LETTER and strengthening the paper in all the north shore. Then, when only a beginning had been made, illness compelled the editor to withdraw in all but name from the NEWS-LETTER. His name was kept on the editorial page as it was thought that this winter he might take charge again. Only until recently, however, has the present editor handled the editorial page. In retiring from all active work on this little paper the editor wishes to state that he gives up the work only because of the fact that keeping in touch with the interests of Winnetka, Lake Forest and other north shore towns, council meetings, and doing what should be done to build up the NEWS-LETTER, is for him at present inadvisable. The editor has full faith that a clean, independent, newsy publication on the north shore would meet with plenty of support, and it is with regret that he is forced to give up for the pre-

sent at least his plans of aiding in building a paper worthy of the north shore. And he wishes to thank the people of Highland Park and of the north shore for the support given this paper. Mr. John Finney, for several months a stock holder in the Sheridan Road Publishing Company also wishes to announce his withdrawal as one of the men interested in the NEWS-LETTER. The announcement of the new management and further as to the new plans of this paper will be made in the near future.

A Communication.

January 26th is the day set by the Council for a special meeting to take up the subject of water filtration. This very important subject was brought up in the Council in the form of an ordinance some six months ago and an effort made to pass it at the same meeting. It would, to say the least, have been very unseemly haste, especially in a matter involving so much outlay of capital to say nothing of the constant yearly expense attending the management of it, to have passed the ordinance at that time when the public knew practically nothing either as to what was being done or as to the needs of it or remedies in case there were any need. The Citizen's Association, as soon as they learned of the matter, took up the subject and appointed a committee, and the matter has been given a good deal of study, and yet the general sentiment seems to be that really the public have but entered fairly upon a careful and thorough investigation. An individual may take up a matter, sit down and investigate and reach a conclusion in a short time. Far otherwise with the general public. Of necessity they move slowly. In the meantime we have knowledge of but one case of typhoid fever occurring in the city and this in a family which did not use lake water at all, but used well water, so the public have not seriously suffered from the delay.

That the lake water is impure no doubt the state board of health will find. From an aesthetic standpoint, to drink from the lake into which a large part of the sewage of the city flows is in itself

offensive, but there are questions of vital importance concerning which the public have not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion and in which another six months could be profitably spent in studying.

The sentiment is steadily increasing that, granting there may be some typhoid microbes in the water, granting that a filter may take out a part of these, granting that the plant will not cost more than twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars to begin with, granting that the annual expense to run it efficiently will only be a few hundred dollars, still a filter is not the proper remedy. Sooner or later there must be a method adopted to carry all the sewage westward either to sewage farms or, by combined effort along the whole north shore bluff, carry it through the skokie southward. No plan will ever be satisfactory to the public which permits the sewage to run into the lake and still draw our drinking supply from that body of water. To temporarily adopt an incomplete and inefficient remedy, will only delay the true remedy.

There are other problems still being investigated in connection with the subject and the council, in our opinion, would better serve the public by deferring the whole question another six months than to hurry about the passage of the ordinance and then fail to receive the approval of the public.

A CITIZEN.

THE many friends of George R. Lyon in this region will be pleased to know that he has yielded to the constant and persistent demands of his hosts of supporters all over Lake county to be again a candidate for the legislature. He has served two terms most successfully for the public and acceptably to his constituents and having learned how to do the work, the people wish to retain him for another term at least, and they have been "at him" for a long time to run again. Hence the wide-spread satisfaction over his candidature. Mr. Lyon can do vastly more for his own county and the state of Illinois than any new man, no matter how able or honest. One must get the "hang of the school house" to be a good legislator and Mr. Lyon has that. Let there be no organized opposition this year.