

in the Baptist Church. Any son of the American Revolution sending his name to the Secretary, Mrs. Minnie Dooley, will receive a guest ticket. The evening program for the 22d will be given in full in next week's issue of THE NEWS LETTER.

• A Stubborn Reporter.

When the city council met last Tuesday evening in regular session, to the ordinary vision everything seemed calm and serene. But to the practical eye, one skilled in discerning the signs in the sky, there were two little clouds, or storm centers on the municipal horizon, like that which the clear-visioned prophet of old saw as he looked out onto the calm sea from his eyrie on Carmel's rugged brow. One of these storm centers hung over the police judge, in his reputed capacity as "reporter," and the other over the head of the senior alderman of the Third ward. It was apparently arranged that one cloud should burst at the opening of the session, and the other at or near its close, each with such vehemence that both victims should be effectually "laid out."

The mathematical precision and stageiness with which the program was carried out made its pre-arranged feature too apparent for mistake.

Soon after the session opened Alderman Grant arose and, in a somewhat excited manner, spoke to a question of privilege, calling attention to the NEWS' report of his recent speech in the council on the Citizens' Association committee, pointing out what he regarded as several of its errors, and then, turning to the reporter, he said: "You misrepresented my speech, and you did it purposely and maliciously."

Having delivered this first part, apparently thinking that the frightened reporter would surely think the "Campbells are coming," demanded an immediate confession and apology, and sat down.

Then Mayor Cobb said: "I am fully in accord with Alderman Grant in his remarks. Alderman Grant is not out of his way at all."

Seeing that the reporter neither confessed, apologized, fled or wilted, Alderman Grant arose again and said: "I proved that he lied and gave him a chance to acknowledge that he lied. I claim his exclusion from this council chamber as a disturber of the peace and an anarchist." But the stubborn reporter did not acknowledge or apologize, in

fact he was very busy just then with his Faber and his reporter's note book.

Alderman Clampitt said: "I think as the article appeared in the paper, the explanation should appear in the paper also," a suggestion that was eminently fair and business like. But the wicked and stubborn reporter promised nothing, in fact he said nothing during the whole discussion, except to reply to Mayor Cobb's call for an apology, saying: "I am not a member of this council; I have nothing to say here tonight."

Alderman Grant again arose and said: "I do not believe the owner of that paper would allow an apology." He then referred to the injurious effects the article in last week's NEWS might have on his character and reputation in Winnetka.

Mayor Cobb, having already made one or two fruitless attempts to get the stubborn reporter to apologize or confess, said: "I believe the gentleman refuses to make a statement. I do believe Alderman Grant is perfectly right, and if the reporter can't report correctly, he should be excluded from this council." And still the reporter made no remark.

Alderman Grant, apparently seeing the case was getting desperate, seems to have summoned up all his energy and fire for one more and final attempt to unhorse and bring to his knees the unsubdued reporter. He arose, and turning toward him, said in stern, stentorian tones: "You admit that you lied, don't you?" The reporter did not wince or wink.

Then the eagle eye of the junior alderman of the Second ward, L. O. Van Riper, perhaps recalling the heroic effort of Adolphus on the historic field of Lutzen, arose and with the fine vim and dash worthy of a better cause, said: "I make a motion, sir, that that man (turning to the reporter) be excluded from this council, and if I could I would have him tarred and feathered."

This drastic proposal was followed by a brief "Caesara" pause, when Alderman Obee arose, saying: "I rise with pleasure to second Alderman Van Riper's motion. That man (the reporter) is a low cur. I think Mr. Grant has been misrepresented." (Alderman Obee did not hear Mr. Grant's original speech.)

Alderman Davidson said: "I don't think the council can afford to take this action. I don't know

as you can do this. This council could not make a worse blunder."

Alderman Clampitt: "No man regards Mr. Grant higher than I do, but I do not think I could vote for this motion. I don't want any snap shot. I ask Mr. Van Riper to withdraw his motion."

Alderman Van Riper said: "I will if the reporter will recant." But he did not recant worth a cent.

Alderman Davidson: "There has been no trial; I believe, only a charge."

Mayor Cobb: "I think that paper (THE NEWS) has done this administration injustice. The courts don't believe in libels. I suppose the reporter works for \$2 a month. The paper should serve the people." (That is just what it is doing and proposes to keep at it.—EDITOR.)

There seemed a disposition at this point to give up the fruitless attempt to bulldoze and coerce the reporter as a bad job, and when City Clerk Finney asked how it should appear on his records, Alderman Van Riper withdrew his motion. Mayor Cobb told the clerk to drop it all out and make no record of the transaction whatever. This performance consumed just 40 minutes of the valuable time of the city council.

Copies of Former Issue Wanted.

There have been several articles come in this week (to which may be added our own introduction) which we will be obliged, for lack of space, to put over until next issue. We wish, however, in this connection to say to all our contributors, please give us your real name, not necessarily for publication, but that we may know just who is the author, and let us in this same connection state that we would like to purchase a few copies of last week's issue at three cents apiece. We need about 25 copies to supply the demand.

The annual Sabbath School Institute under the auspices of Lake County Sabbath School Association will be held at the Baptist Church, on Wednesday next. Mr. W. C. Pierce, state worker, will conduct the institute. Mr. Pierce is well and favorably known here, and will no doubt find an enthusiastic welcome. Everybody is invited to come if not at all than at least to some of the meetings.