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### There and Here.

The city council of Evanston has had, like our own, filter bed on the brain. A week or two ago it passed an ordinance, the mayor casting the decisive vote, as our mayor did on the printing job, but he did it under mental protest, as he had doubts of its legality. Our mayor is not one of the doubting kind. Evanston's officials took the matter in hand—mayor, aldermen, attorneys and all, when they discovered that any measure involving the expenditure of money required an affirmative vote of a majority of the aldermen—not the mayor, but the aldermen alone, a majority of those elected, that is six in the Park, to carry a measure. This is the ruling of the State Supreme Court.

To all intents and purposes there was a contract made between the city and the proprietors of the NEWS for the city printing for the present fiscal year, and that contract has been recognized and acted upon by both parties till about a month ago, when the council sought to break it. Is that the way honest men proceed? We don't believe a majority of our aldermen will do any such thing when they come to look it over in the light of all the facts.

We say nothing of the wisdom or

fairness to the people of publishing the ordinances and other city legal notices, etc., in an outside paper which is taken by probably not over twenty five, perhaps not much over half that number of tax payers in this city, instead of publishing them in the home paper which goes into several hundred families. We had not thought of it before, but perhaps some of the aldermen don't like to have the people know what ordinances, etc., they do pass.

### The Hotel Sign.

There were twin brothers some years ago in a New Hampshire town. John was a shrewd, careful, successful man. William was not so. The latter decided to go into the hotel business, and counseled his brother John as to a sign he was about to order for his new hotel, and received this reply: "Well, Bill, you are going to run a hotel, are you, and want a suitable sign. My advice is that you have a big old-fashioned dinner horn painted with a picture of yourself crawling out at the little end." From all appearances some of "Bills" sons came out west and embarked in Lake county politics. Some people will be wiser when they know more.

The State Board of Health has issued circulars calling attention to the danger now existing from small-pox, and this danger is enhanced by the extensive prevalence of a so-called chicken-pox, which really is small-pox. The one safe and sure remedy is vaccination, and the school boards should see to it at once in the schools. The board says one year ago there were thousands of cases in Porto Rico, but by thorough vaccination the deadly disease has been "entirely stamped out" of the island.

The friends of Lake Forest University, of whom we trust there are many in this city, will be glad to know that a new era of prosperity seems to be opening for it. D. K. Pearson of Chicago has given \$25,000 to it on condition that \$75,000 more will be raised, and to show his purpose to raise the required amount H. C. Durand, the president of the board of trustees, has given \$20,000.

And we learn that President Mc Clure thinks when the momentum is up that had better go on for a second \$100,000 or \$200,000 in all.

Alderman Gooch of Evanston is off his base, and some of our great statesmen should set him right. He wants the water rates reduced to the sum of \$20,000 a year in that city, and let every man provide his own filter if he wants one. Or if he prefers to drink microbes, bacteria, pollywogs, etc., let him drink them, just as he does cheap, poor beer and bad whisky, etc., when he wants them. And there are several men in Highland Park who say with Alderman Gooch, "reduce the water rates."

There is a very popular Presbyterian minister in Indianapolis who evidently ought to be sent to the lunatic asylum. He had the honorary degree of "Doctor of Divinity" conferred upon him, and refuses, yes, flatly refuses, to accept it, on the ground that he is not entitled to it. Great Caesar! is not every man entitled to it who can get it, by hook or crook? That is what these little "one-hoss" colleges and universities are for, to confer degrees on "one-hoss" men.

### City Council.

Regular meeting called to order at 8:37 p. m.; all present save Alderman Brand. When the minutes were read to the effect that the mayor voted "aye" on tie vote for giving the city printing to the Waukegan Sun at 1<sup>9</sup>/<sub>10</sub> cents per line nonpariel, Mr. Cobb declared emphatically that he did not so vote. Perhaps we have not ears—some people think we have very large ones—but as we heard him he did vote "aye," just exactly as City Clerk Finney had it on his records; his record and ours agree to a dot, and we think the majority of those in the room so understood him. He says he declared it a vote and the motion carried, and we would like to know how he can make that out if he did not vote "aye," as the aldermen's vote was a tie, and when Col. Davidson asked the mayor point plank if he (Mr. Cobb) understood the