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Why Oppose Obee.

First, he seems incapable of exercising an open, fair, unbiased and unprejudiced judgment. Four years ago when we first advocated his reelection for his first full term, some of his old neighbors, good, honest, fair minded men, came to us and said in substance, "You make a mistake; Mr. Obee can't give a fair, unpartisan judgment on a case. If he has any prejudice against a person they will run away with him," etc. We did not believe it then, but four years in the city council have shown it to be correct. Mr. Obee is built in that way; he seems incapable of seeing things with a clear, judicial, well balanced judgment, unmoved and unaffected by personal feeling.

Second, he is led away by his active, consciously exercised prejudices. It was his prejudices or old grudges, about what we know not, that made him oppose the cement crossing on the alley in back of James McDonald's little office on old Port Clinton. Every consideration of sound public policy, of good public walks on that street and courtesy to Mr. McDonald in his efforts to improve the street dictated a cement crossing there. Even Mr. Philips favored it till he

saw Mr. Obee opposed it and then fell in with him. It was his personal prejudice which led him to "jump on" Col. Davidson for having the waste earth off St Johns Ave. in front of the depot, dumped into that fill on Linden Ave. below Mr. Boulton's. Every man of business sense and method said the Colonel was right, but Obee objected. His whole scheme or theory of management is thus based on false grudges and measures, and the influence of such a man is disastrous.

Then, we wish to add, that other men have often furnished the brains and Mr. Obee has been induced to execute their plans and wishes. Some men would not do things which Mr. Obee has not hesitated to do, but they have been willing to furnish the brains for his measures; they have stood back and said "St. boy" to him and he has executed their schemes. Hence others are blameworthy with him. It was with this combination a year ago that the disastrous and disgraceful results in our city campaign were secured. Mr. Obee has been there five years.

Were he a great and wise statesman-like man, he should retire unless the people demand longer service from him, instead of trying most vigorously to oust him.

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The phenomenal thing about Mr. Obee's campaign in ward four, is that no one of any consideration as a business person or tax payer in any part of the city wants him re elected. These people have no use for him. "Oh dear, we do hope the fourth ward will go right" said a woman tax payer in the city a few days ago. No vote herself, no husband to voice at the polls her wish, there she sat, lifting her heart to God to turn the hearts of the voters aright. You ask a business man in ward two or three and it is the same story. Ask the capitalist or unimproved property owner, and "he has no use for Obee", he wants the city's business and finances wisely managed. Mr. Obee has had five years to make a man of himself with such a record that men good and true and honest shall speak well of him and—this is the outcome.

Rev. Dr. Hillis created a sensation in Beecher's old pulpit a few Sundays since by denying all allegiance to the Presbyterian creed. But he won't upset the world; greater men than he have attempted it, but the old world moves on as usual. But we suggest that when Dr. Hillis' new namby-pamby creed of the "humanities", evolution, etc, results in the genuine conversion and Christian character upbuilding of as many persons as did the preaching he derides it will be time enough for him to boast and tell what great things he has and can do.

Carlyle was wont betimes to sneer at literature, and yet he earned his bread, won his fame, position in the world and enduring place in the world's history as one of its greatest men of literature. What a solace and comfort, aye inspiration to yeoman, loyal service for the good of our fellows and the kingdom of God wherein dwelleth righteousness, to turn aside from political strife and the stress of the warfare against evil and read a few chapters say of this same Carlyle's Letters and Speeches of Cromwell or his charming biography of John Sterling, or some of his miscellaneous essays. What a giant hero Carlyle was in an evil age and how he is honored today, though nearly 50 years have passed since his death. Blessed is the man who loves letters and thrice blessed is he who, in the midst of life's strife and turmoil can turn to them for relief and comfort.

There is a great temperance revival in Mexico, even the government officials sharing in the work. That is an inviting field for some of our zealous city officials who have just been defeated, as they claim, in their noble efforts here at home through a "collusion between the defendant (blind pig) and the court". Hie thee to Mexico, gentlemen, where the authorities will cooperate with you in your humane efforts.

Chicago packed 8,016,675 hogs last year. There as many more left unpacked, or, as the morning Record puts it, "these figures relate merely to the stockyards and have nothing