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Don't forget, every vote for Mr. Roberts is a vote in favor of the present administration.

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They have a pupil in Volo who has been made sick over-study. Can the Park schools boast of such a curiosity?

Can we afford, as good citizens, to openly set the example of breaking the law, to secure our personal ends? Do the lawless elements of society need any such encouragement in this day?

They have an insurance company in Switzerland to provide for persons out of a job. We commend it to the careful attention of some of our city officials who will be in that unpleasant plight some eight or ten months hence.

That Discussion.

Some people seem very anxious for a public discussion with Alder man Grant to lead. Certainly, we will secure McDermald's hall for the occasion, and let them discuss this living and local issue. "Resolved, That property owners on the east side of the street should pay two-thirds or three fourths of the cost of improving a street, while the west side owners pay only one-third or one fourth." Alder man Grant would take the affirmative, while the property owners on the east side of St. Johns avenue would take the negative. By all means let us have the debate.

The Law Renewed.

A few weeks ago we cited the statute law relating to the place of holding elections. The state, county and federal elections, the place is decided in Section 30, as quoted by the attorneys Hill and Williston for Messrs. Adams and Roberts, thus: "In no case shall an election be held in any room used or occupied as a saloon, dram shop, billiard hall, bowling alley, or as a place of resort for idlers and disreputable persons, or any room connected by doors or hallway."

Such is the language respecting the place of holding general elections and the county board of supervisors selects the places, through the county clerk.

But in city elections the statute law says: "The city council shall designate the places or places in which elections shall be held, and appoint the judges and clerks thereof."

When we people in Highland Park voted for our county officers, as supervisors and county clerk, county judge etc., did our city council have anything to do with selecting the place for holding the election? Certainly not. Nor did our council do anything about selecting the place when we voted for Governor of Illinois or member of Congress or president of the United States; the County board selected the places for all of these elections. But when it came to electing our own mayor, aldermen, clerk etc., the city council stepped in and selected the places for holding these elections just as the law provides, thereby showing that for all practical purposes they all knew there were two separate and distinct laws as to the selection of voting places for these two kind of elections. Mr. Smoot had been city attorney and kept all these things so straight and accurate

according to the law, that the habit had been formed and very likely no one thought of the law in the case or why the county board selected the voting place for one election and the city council selected it for another but different election.

Now when Messrs. Hill and Williston came on to contest Colonel Davidson's election it is but common fairness to suppose they knew or thought nothing of this distinction between these two different laws for these two different kinds of elections, and so based on what they supposed was a violation of section 30 of the general election law while Colonel Davidson was elected, as are all our aldermen under the other special city election law. Messrs. Hill and Williston are not municipal attorneys; the latter is a patent law attorney, we know not Mr. Hill's specialty,—he is not a municipal lawyer, that his argument proved. When Mr. Smoot came on, being a municipal lawyer, he pointed out the distinction and difference at once.

Hence the ousting of Colonel Davidson was illegal, unlawful and unjust, and the effort to elect Mr. Roberts or any other man is in violation of the law, and every vote cast for him is a vote to break down the law. That Section 30, so often and vigorously quoted by Messrs. Hill and Williston, really has no more to do with the election of Colonel Davidson April 17, 1900, than the election law of Vermont or Massachusetts had to do with it.

There are two kinds of elections, general and city; there are two kinds of laws, general and city, and Colonel Davidson was legally elected.

The Bone of Contention.

Why do the property owners on St. Johns avenue oppose the ordinances that have been proposed or passed for the improvement of that street? They have done it and are doing it still for just this simple reason: Because the assessment laid on them is unequal and therefore unjust. When Sheridan road was improved McGregor Adams, on the east side, paid one-half for the street against his property and the owners on the west side paid the other half. So it has been all over town, and so it is everywhere, and that is what the east side property owners on St. Johns avenue have contended for.

When the first ordinance was passed in 1893 the writer was city collector and remembers that the special assessment on the Military Academy was over \$1800 on a 320 feet frontage, or \$5.60 assessment per foot, which was manifestly so unjust that the council ordered me not to collect it, and did the same thing the next year, and then abandoned the ordinance. So every ordinance tried or passed has been unjust. How long would Mr. Adams or Mr. Kirk or any other man consent to pay two-thirds the cost of improving a street while the property owner directly across the street paid only one-third or thereabouts?

That is the bone of contention with the St. Johns avenue property owners. They are willing today, and have been for several years, to pay their half for the improvement of that street; and they are not willing to pay any more; that's all, and that is why they opposed the unequal and unjust assessments. Now, if Alderman Grant and others who are making such a fuss because the property owners oppose unjust assessments; if they are willing to pay five-eighths, two-thirds or three fourths the cost of their street improvements, while the property owners on the other side of the street pays only three-eighths, one-third or one fourth of the expense, we will cheerfully publish their names, and then we will go in for a public discussion of the wickedness of the property-owners of St. Johns avenue for opposing these unjust assessments. Hurry up, gentlemen; send in your names, and then we will have the biggest series of "Wonders" this city has ever known.

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