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Both False and Silly.

It seems that the charge is going the rounds of the 3rd ward that Alderman Davidson said before the election that if he got defeated he should raise the question of the illegality of the place of holding the polls and contest the result, and it is suggested that there are some who think this charge ridiculous as it is, may be true, and it is believed. We have too much respect for the intelligence of the voters of the 3rd ward for a moment to believe anybody in the ward will give credence to any such silly, flimsy, wishy washy statement.

In the first place, if such a thing could have been possible to even think of, Alderman Davidson, had he said it at all, must have said it before the election to have it mean anything. Secondly, he must have said it either to political friends or political opponents. To have said it to the latter class would prove him a fool (and with all the lying about him in the last two years touching St. Johns avenue, we have yet to learn that anybody charges him with being a fool); to have said it to his political friends would have alienated from him every honest voter in the ward, both before that election and now, and ought to alienate them from him as from any other candidate who resorts to such demagogism.

Again, it is perfectly clear to every body that if Alderman Davidson ever contested the case with the present council, because defeated, it would have been simple folly and would have held him up to ridicule if not to scorn. We have only to say in conclusion that the whole thing is absolutely and totally the product of some very weak brain in which the wish is father to the thought, or else it has been conceived by somebody who is absolutely devoid of all political honor, and in either case it is evidence of consummate lack of all genuine arguments why Col. Davidson's opponents should be elected, and consequently is a resort to wilful, vicious, wholesale falsifying.

We make this denial because it had been suggested by some of our friends, not that we believe for a moment anybody in the ward can in serious mind give the statement credence.

Public School Closing Exercises.

On Thursday evening of next week will occur the closing exercises of the grammar schools. These exercises will be held in the school auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock. Tickets of admission will not be used this year, but it is the desire and request of the graduating class and the management of the school that the lower grade children will not attend these exercises; and the numbers which will appeal to them will be rehearsed for their pleasure some time during the week.

On Tuesday, June 19th, at 2 o'clock sharp will occur class day exercises. These will be held in Room 8 of the school building and friends of the graduates are earnestly requested to attend.

The following are members of the class of 1900:

- Henry Wicker Bell
- Elise Virginia Brand
- Donna Margaret Drew
- Margaret Fitzgerald
- Virginia Grigsby Chandler
- Raymond Augustus Haelele
- Edwin Johnston Gray
- Ettae Kenny.
- Grace Elsie Kline
- Annie Laura Maroney
- Emma Laura Kuchenbecker
- Mary Ellen Josephine Ralph
- Ruth Viola Mauck
- Mabel Agnes Mentzer
- Arthur Tillman
- Eleanor Marie Swanson
- Charles Culver Shields

If all others fail try Mr. Levin, the jeweler, at A. P. Dunn's.

Another Decision.

The election in the third ward was declared void by the council on the ground of its technicality. While the law quoted, did not apply to the case, and therefore the ouster of Col. Davidson was illegal. While a Supreme Court decision might legally turn out, even if the law quoted, Section 30, did apply to the case, which it does not. The legal safeguards are thrown around the ballot box faithfully observed by those who have been entrusted with the enforcement, yet under the pretext of enforcing them, the will of the people as expressed at the polls, is not to be defeated by mere technicalities. The most liberal intentions, consistent with the security of the elective franchise, will be indulged in order to sustain the fairly expressed will of the people through the ballot box.

The perpetuity of our free institutions depends upon the purity of our elections, and the courts of our country, therefore, will not countenance any subterfuges or evasions of the Election law, founded upon technicalities, which will result in returning one to an office to which another was rightfully elected. People vs. Nordheim, 99 Ill. 553.

Now what was the pretext for excluding the Colonel? Technically the law had been violated. Before the court, "The will of the people as expressed at the polls is not to be defeated by mere technicalities." What was the will of the people as expressed at the polls? It was Col. Davidson should be elected for the Third ward. But the Cobb and his set say he shall not be the alderman from that ward is why they practically defied the court and set aside the law.

The court further says, "The most liberal intentions, if indulged, in order to sustain the fairly expressed will of the people through the ballot box." The expressed will of the people was Col. Davidson and no one else that it was not fairly expressed.

Read that last paragraph of the court's decision and see what it says of "subterfuges and evasions to maintain technicalities. The intentions of the court could hardly have been stronger and more clearly said in so many words "Col. Davidson cannot be ousted as alderman of the Third ward." And yet the administration turned him out, doing all in their power to keep him out.

Children's Day.

Children's day at the Ebenezer church last Sunday morning was a grand success. The main auditorium, with its profuse floral decorations, was filled to its utmost capacity with children, young and old. The exercises were under good leadership and were well rendered. Rev. very fittingly in his remarks reminded not only the children but all in attendance, of the importance of the day, its progress and importance. In addition to all that is who some was the sweet music rendered by the W. College Quartette. In the evening Rev. R. C. Stohl, of New preached to a full house, a sermon which was followed with a song by the quartette.

Children's day will be observed in the United Evangelical Church on Sunday at 10 a. m. A good program has been arranged and all who do so are heartily invited to attend.

Highland Park Briefs.

Charles Warr n is attending the credit men's convention at Milwaukee.

Full line of Rogers' silverware at department store prices at Schneider & Cooke's.

Misses Bessie and Minnie Brown of Chicago spent the Sabbath with the Misses Alford.

Mrs. J. H. Schumacher of Saugatuck, Michigan, is visiting at the home of F. W. Schumacher on Second street.

The people who heard Professor Whyte preach in the Baptist church last Sunday are very anxious to have him in the pulpit next Sunday and right along. They say he is a born orator. He has some ability or he would not be a Professor in the Lake Forest University.

A week or two ago one of our neighbors told us to let Charles Stoker, the engineer at the Gray Electric, take our old wheel and fix it up; said he was a skilled mechanic and would do a first class job, at reasonable rates.

We told him we did not want a blacksmith or amateur on it, but an expert. All he said was: "You let Charlie try it; I will guarantee you will be fully satisfied." We dropped Mr. Stoker a postal card. He came and got the wheel, repaired and returned it; that's the way he does; a new tire, of course, overhauled, cleaned, etc., and today the wheel, so far as we can see, is just as good as new. There is not an easier riding wheel in town, and we are more than satisfied. The tire is a single tube Goodrich, 1900. If you want to try him, drop a postal in the office, pay the bill when he brings back your wheel, and he will do the rest. If not satisfied complain to us. He is an expert. This is not an "ad;" it is our card of thanks.

Mrs. S. C. Shattuck of Waukegan spent Monday with Mrs. R. G. Evans.

Mrs. J. Altman, of Chicago, is visiting with Mrs. Charles Ward on West Central avenue.

Any work which Schneider & Cooke do, which does not give entire satisfaction, if returned to them, will be fixed without additional cost.

Winnetka.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillegas have left Winnetka for the summer.

A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Connor last week.

Miss Flora Chamberlain is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mc Donald.

Miss Carrie Dick spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Herdman.

The Married Ladies' Society of Lakeside, will give a supper at Prouty Hall this evening June 15th.

A meeting was held in the Winnetka Town Hall last Monday evening to arrange for our annual 4th of July.

Mrs. Agnes Zoellin, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Graves for some time, has returned to her home at Steele City, Nebraska.

The Guild of Christ church will give a lawn fete on the grounds of Mr. Wm. Hoyt, the latter part of June. A fuller notice will be given next week.

Miss Emily Monrad, who has been studying art in Europe for some years, will return to Winnetka about the middle of July, and will be ready for a class in sketching in August.

On Friday and Saturday of this week there will be a millinery sale at Whitney's bicycle store. A large variety of stylishly trimmed hats will be exhibited.

Don't forget the beautiful collection of photographs now on exhibition at the residence studio of Mr. Wm. B. Dyer, open every afternoon except Sundays, from June 12th to June 30th, inclusive.

A good many citizens of Winnetka are wondering what has become of the agreement regarding the completion of the Maple avenue extension and the station at Ash street, promised a year ago.

The closing exercises of the Winnetka public schools will be held next Thursday and Friday mornings, June 21 and 22. The 8th grade exercises being on Thursday forenoon at 10 o'clock, and all other grades on Friday at the same hour.

Children's Day exercises will be held at the Cong'l church Sunday morning, June 17 at 11 o'clock. The following interesting program will be rendered: Prayer, Rev. I. L. Dowd; recitation, "Children's Day," Helen Hyde; song, school; class exercise, Mrs. Oldfather's class; recitation, Louis Wernecke; compositions, Florence Alles, Sophia Andersen, Alice Moore; Class exercises, "The Graces," Miss Erickson's class; song, "God's Care," primary class; original poem, "The Daisy," Helen Thurston; composition, Bertha Jorg; recitation, Karen Monrad; song, "Lily of the Valley," School; Composition—Mabel Smith; Recitation, "The Two Boxes," Mabel Oldfather; song, "Pansies," Carrie Herdman; class exercise, Miss Capron's and Miss Foot's classes; report of the "Busy Bees;" Song, "Leaning," school; Promotion exercises; Collection; Song—"America;" Benediction.

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