

Why Complain?

Now and then we hear some one complaining that there is too much politics in the News-LETTER since it changed management. Let us see whether there is any ground for this. We have carefully measured the amount of reading matter, exclusive of advertisements, in four consecutive numbers of September, 1899, before we had anything to say about the management, and allowing for the fact that it was loaded then and now usually set solid, the four numbers amounted to 770 inches of reading matter. Comparing with this the four consecutive numbers of April, 1900, which was the month of our numerous elections and therefore presumed to be somewhat political, there was 915 inches; 89 inches of this in the four numbers, or about one inch in ten, was more or less of the nature of partisan politics, leaving 826 inches that was in no sense political. That is to say, in a partisan sense, or more than 50 inches more than in the four numbers of September. In other words, our patrons are getting more of reading matter, independent of the political phase, than they were getting formerly. We suggest therefore that they do not read the partisan patches but leave it out and then they will have no cause to complain. Let us ask all such what the paper is for, unless it is to post them on public affairs. Some say they want the paper purely a society paper. Well, there are several people in the city paying more or less taxes that would like to know what is becoming of their money and what is being done from a political standpoint. Shall the wishes and rights of these people be ignored at the request of those who are living simply for social life? We do not quarrel with the latter class. That is their matter; but we recognize the rights of all classes. It is true, there have been some things in the paper that we would have preferred left out; yet so far as we can learn were facts but perhaps injudiciously published. Of course those who did not wish that their acts as public officials, should be published for reasons very cogent, at least to them, have complained. That is only natural and is expected, but we are not responsible for that.

We say again in conclusion, if the paper does not suit you, its columns are open. Write such articles as will suit you or else do not complain of us. Let us say in conclusion, it was not our intention to pay any special attention to political matters after the April elections. But it is not our fault that circumstances have demanded that certain facts should be made public. A more high-handed piece of demagoguery has rarely been perpetuated in a civilized community than setting aside the Third ward election. Of course the perpetrators of that act and their apologists do not want anything said about it.

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All persons desiring, may then and there appear and make their defense.

The ordinance provides that the assessment is payable in five annual installments.

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Commissioners.

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill., June 15, 1900.

WANTED—Rooms and board in private family, for gentleman and wife, two children and nurse, for July and August. References given. S. Mandl, 353 E. Division St., Chicago.

Academy Commencement.

Tuesday was a brilliant day at the Military Academy. The regular commencement came in the afternoon, with four orations by the graduates, and all of them were excellent. In the vigor and freshness of thought they surpassed our expectations, and they were on timely topics, and well delivered.

Col. Davidson's address to the class was the best we ever heard him give, and we have heard him deliver some good ones in other years. The music by the Academy band of sixteen pieces, was very fine; all thought the same last year, but this showed a very marked advance.

The several drills on the front campus held the attention of the large company assembled, by far the largest assemblage we have ever seen there, and the eagerness with which they all marched in the east campus to witness the parade of their interest in the exercises, especially when the bicycle corps headed by Major Davidson's automobile gun came rushing on the field, assaulted the fort, scaled its walls and planted the stars and stripes on the parapet. Women and children fairly wept when the wounded were borne from the field on stretchers to the hospital tent in the rear, where waiting surgeons plied their skill. The competition drill evoked intense enthusiasm, as everybody wanted to see who would "spell down," as they used to say in the old country spelling schools.

Now when it is borne to mind that nine out of every ten and more of those people, several hundred of whom were women and children, stood on the campus from 2 to 5 o'clock witnessing the many maneuvers and drills, you will see their interest therein. We rejoice in the fact that the people are coming to know that this academy commencement is something worth going to see and hear; a proof that it is winning its place in the thoughts and hearts of our own people, as it should.

Highland Park Localities.

Remember that Levin, the jeweler, is at A. P. Dunn's store.

The electric railway has been styled the "Hudson River of the West," a fitting title.

Schumacher's soda fountain is well patronized these days. The fresh fruit flavors are a drawing card.

Mr. Messinger has built a two-foot walk beside his serpentine drive-way so people can easily reach the side doors without going up the front walk.

Don't forget school closes next week, and the graduates speak their pieces Thursday evening, and they will be worth hearing. But then the hall will be filled if you and I don't go.

The pressure of the summer boarder seems to increase, and it is fairly pathetic to see the sadness of the applicants when told "we are full." It was the early bird in this case that won out.

James McDonald attended a meeting of the county board this week. The supervisors are business men and go there for business purposes, which they attend to like men, hence there is no wrangling or small, petty plottings.

Have you been down to the Moraine stables in the Academy barns? If not and you love good horse-flesh, with fine carriages, all well groomed and kept up in fine shape, it would pay you to look them over. There are nearly twenty outfits belonging to the stables besides some boarders, and most of the carriages, from a cart to a four-in-hand drag are from Kimball's shops.

One of our meat men has asked us to make a sensible suggestion, that people order, so far as they can, their meats, etc., the afternoon before, or as early as possible in the morning, so they can deliver in good season for lunch. Many people rush into the market and want a steak or chop for lunch, as late as 11:30 to 12, and expect them to deliver those orders all over town at that late hour. Were there but one such order they could do it, but with a dozen such from all parts of the city, it is absolutely impossible. Our grocers, meat men, etc., want to accommodate people, but as the old darkey cook said, "People must have some sense."

Does He Favor St. Johns?

A property owner and taxpayer asked us a few days ago if Colonel Davidson favored the improvement of St. Johns avenue. We told our neighbor he did. Look and see.

Something over a year ago Colonel Davidson, on behalf of the east side property owners, asked the council to appoint a special committee of those members of the council who had never been mixed up in the matter, to confer with the property owners to see if some plan could not be agreed upon by which the case could be taken out of the courts and the street improved at once. Then the street could have been improved last summer, but the council refused the committee.

The same request was made by the Colonel two or three times, and every time it was turned down;—it was the fashion to turn down anything and everything that he proposed. Finally, last winter outside pressure on some of the aldermen compelled them to do something; the committee was appointed; they conferred with the property owners, some of the committee said the property owners had been unfairly and unjustly treated; a compromise was effected which the council accepted; a basis for immediate improvement of the street was agreed upon. Colonel Davidson spent his time and secured the signatures of all the east side property owners; Attorney Knox said in open council he could get the Northwestern Railway at any time through their attorney, Chas. Whitney, so the old contractor could be notified to go on with the work.

At this stage of the proceedings the whole matter, at a late council meeting, was referred to Alderman Grant's committee and at the last meeting, June 6th, he brought in a long report, the conclusion of which was to do no more, not to take the case out of the supreme court but let it rest where and as it is. Hence we are to have no improvement of St. Johns avenue probably this season. If Colonel Davidson could have had his wish, it would have been improved a year ago. But this administration is bound to "down" him; they think that is smart politics, and to do that the public wishes, convenience and interest are sacrificed. Won't you think of former councils stooping to such reprehensible conduct as that.

All for Politics.

At the last meeting of the old city council the work of City Inspector for the Board of Health was given to City Marshal Dooley, and five dollars a month added to his salary therefor. We presume it was supposed then that his onerous political duties in behalf of the administration were about over, and he might just as well put in his spare time looking after the health of the city and get his pay for it.

Soon after, we hear Constable Grant was assigned to this work as an "extra." Mr. Grant was an old-time resident of Ravinia, and supposed, of course, to know all the folks down there, and as an epidemic of some deadly disease was likely to break out there any day, unless its health was duly inspected, there was an urgent demand for his services of course. Certainly, and there was also a Third ward special election coming on, through the administration's illegal ousting of the regularly and legally elected alderman, Col. Davidson, and so Mr. Grant could drop a word now and then against the Colonel and in favor of the man whom the administration favored. Of course the city is to pay Mr. Dooley's extra five dollars a month; and to pay also Mr. Grant for his services as an "extra" health inspector, and especially as a vigorous worker against Colonel Davidson. That is, the city is to pay the bills which the administration may make for the sake of defeating the election which the citizens of the city in the Third Ward held and openly and fairly and legally elected its alderman. Funny, is it not, to tax the city to pay the illegal expenses for defeating the city's own legal election. Rob a man and then call on him to pay the expert who "worked the job." We see now what Mayor Cobb meant when he spoke of this administration as being "wise" and "economical."

At all events the Council last week paid Mr. Grant some \$19 extra, as policeman, health, and political work.

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ready to go hand in glove with such persons and such means to secure a personal end. In the language of the Litany, "Good Lord, deliver us."

Every vote cast against Colonel Davidson is a vote in favor of violating the law, of illegal methods, and a move toward lawlessness generally.

Alex Robertson has issued a circular to the effect that on all orders for coal booked with him before the middle of July, he will put in your winter's coal, Lehigh Valley or Scranton, at \$6.50 per ton. That means 75 cents a ton saved over last winter's price. Coal will go up again about July or August.

Something in the matter: it is becoming a matter of almost daily occurrence for some one to stop us on the street and ask us to send the NEWS LETTER to his home; has seen a copy somewhere, or heard his friends speak highly of it as being "very interesting reading," and that is the paper they want, and they put down the cash, too. Our patrons are not dead beats, they own property, pay taxes and pay their bills, too.

Col Davidson told the graduating cadets to do four things: Get wealth, cultivate first-class business habits and methods, maintain a high degree of permanent good health, and secure the truest and broadest mental and moral culture. Pretty sound advice that, we thought as we heard it.

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