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### AN ELECTION ODE.

BY ROBERT BURNS, JR.

It's getting near election time  
And voting's in the air,  
You can see the hungry Democrats  
A hustling everywhere;  
A shaking everybody's hand  
As pleasant as can be,  
And showerin' invitations round  
To dinner and to tea.

They'll ask so kind about your foll  
And all about their health,  
And if you're having lots of trade  
And adding to your wealth,  
And if you mention times are hard  
They'll say "look here my boy,  
It's the d—d Republican party.  
That has ruined Illinois."

They've a fellow that's called Bry  
On, as their great high priest,  
The west, it don't agree with him,  
He wants to go down east.  
He has a powerful hankering  
For a situation there,  
He thinks he'd be an ornament  
To the Presidential chair.

They say he has some notions  
That to put it very mild,  
A man of solid sense would call  
Extravagant and wild.  
For instance, about money  
I am positively told  
He considers silver far ahead  
Of good, old-fashioned gold.

He tried to fool the working man  
With a crazy, lying tale  
About the small supply of grub  
Inside his dinner pail.  
Says he "just get me in my boys  
And I'll see that that's put right;  
I'll guarantee three meals a day,  
And a good warm bed at night."

A deputation met him,  
On purpose to discuss,  
Along with other matters  
This eternal nigger muss.  
But his answers were evasive  
And he said he'd rather wait  
And expound those puzzling problems  
From within the White House gate.

### City Council.

Tuesday evening was an adjourned meeting. Aldermen McCaffrey and Stubbs were absent. A letter from N. O. Moore called attention to the fact so claimed, that the old Benninghauser fence is some 16 feet over the lot line into the street and thought it should be made right before the new sidewalk was put down. Ald. Clappitt emphasized the need of seeing to the matter at once and so a survey will be made and the fence set on the line and the walk built in the right place. Some one who has just paid for a license, as half the year is past. Mrs. Shee's request for a rebate on her tax assessment was denied, as the assessment as it now stands will fall short of paying for the tax some \$300. Mrs. Dings (nee Gerry) had a new plat of her Ravinia lots, which she wants accepted. Ald. Grant reported against unless she would pay the \$125 which she got thrown off her Sheridan Road assessment because one lot fronted on Rogers Williams avenue. Her new plat of the lots quarter way around the front on the Sheridan road. Greenslade made a strong plea for granting the new plat, but the men seemed to think Mrs. Dings had been too sharp for them before they must be on the alert now. Mrs. Dings made a mistake in having her new plat so soon: if she had waited till a new council they would have forgotten it. Of course the reason for her lots to front now is the Sheridan Road.

Ald. Van Riper reported the stand-pipe had been painted and that McKenney and Wibel had paid. The repairs on the intake pipe being about completed, orders were passed for paying Mr. Fletcher his \$1,000 on his job, after the committee go down to the pipe, 22 feet below the water and examine it. The look on Van Riper to go down and look over the work and o. k. it and he said he would go at high noon Tuesday while the sun rode in his glory at the zenith.

When the bills were read the aldermen seemed a little astonished

at Emil Rudolph's bill for surveying work done for the city. He had three bills, one for fixing the boundaries for the little city park, etc., down at the foot of Ravine Drive of \$25.00, which was ordered paid; a second bill was for \$215 for surveys for the sewer up at the north end of town. It seemed a very large bill, and we think the survey was once made by Mr. Bowen and a blue print of the whole affair. Then a third bill for surveys on the Sheridan Road north, was \$300.00. These last two bills were not paid. They impressed the aldermen as very big bills. They went to the committee.

In view of Mr. Stubbs necessary absence this winter Mayor Cobb re-constructed his committees as follows:

Finance—Grant, Van Riper and Greenslade.

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### FACTS AND COMMENT.

Dartmouth, N. S., a town of 6,000 inhabitants, has no liquor stores, no saloons. Scientific temperance is faithfully taught in the public schools, and the evil effects of narcotics kept before the children.

Dr. Joseph Parker says things in a stirring way: "I could make a garden of Eden in the East end of London in three months if I had my own way. I should do nothing but burn down all the breweries and shut up all the public houses."

The alcoholic not only does not resist tuberculosis, but he acquires it with the greatest ease. Alcoholic drinks are not nutritive, they are not transformed in our body; on the contrary, they retard assimilation and nutrition.—Prof. Dr. Forel, Zurich.

Five hundred thousand boys and girls, members of all the anti-cigarette leagues in the United States, have joined together and effected a national organization, called the National Anti-Cigarette league, with headquarters in Chicago.

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