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FALSE CHARGES.
 Editors are not infallible; do the best they can, sometimes scheming knaves will impose on them. Hence, we do not censure the editors of two esteemed Waukegan temporaries, the Gazette, the Sun, for what purported to be reliable information about one city government. We regret it, all the same, as it is liable to carry the impression abroad through the county, especially that Highland Park is a turmoil, a sort of internecine municipal war. The simple fact is they were imposed upon by designing persons, but like all such things it will prove a boomerang to its authors.

In the first place we are informed that our municipal affairs are a sad, confused condition, worse in fact than any other Chicago suburb. Now as a matter of fact there is not one single word of truth in that statement, not even a shadow of truth; it is false in every identical particular. Why everybody knows and is happy in the knowledge, that for years we have not had so thoroughly competent, downright loyal, honest, public spirited and perfectly harmonious city administration as the present. From the day it was inaugurated, till now, there has not been a ruffle of a feather; not one hair has been disturbed. Then to say "troubles of extensive proportions!" that is an unmitigated falsehood of extensive proportions."

Then to increase these troubles Mayor Evans "ousted" fire Marshal Morton. All the "oustering" there was done Mr. Morton did himself. His term of office expired and some people thought he had been too prominent in local politics, and besides the majority of the property owners wanted Andrew Bock, the old fire marshal, and as we are informed, the best one the department ever had, and Mayor Evans simply did what he knew the people wanted when he appointed him. That was all; there was no flurry and no excitement; the people were pleased and contented. The same youngsters in one of the hose companies, who saw no political loaves and fishes for them in this present administration, and evidently being somewhat afflicted with that quite too common disease among American youths known as the "big-head" resigned. If they looked up the next morning to see that tall stand pipe fall crashing through the City building and the beautiful home of expostmaster Dooley,

they were disappointed. Why the stand pipe did not even tremble, in fact, did not move a hair and it as erect and strong today as it ever was and will be there years and years after folks who seem to think they wear No. 14 are dead and forgotten. The better element of the company has helped at fires ever since, and are ready for service now as usual, and there is being or has been organized and equipped a new company in Idlewild, so that instead of the city being without fire protection, as is falsely stated, it was never more adequately and efficiently protected than now.

Finally, the trouble at the water works. Well, there is not any, has not been and will not be any while this administration administers its affairs. The chairman of that committee, Fred Greenslade, is a competent, honest, fearless man, working for the good of the city, and he has his hand on the helm. True, the old engineer resigned, but no one asked or wished him to do it, so far as we ever heard; he did it himself with the advice perhaps of some foolish so-called friends, who see now what a blunder it was. But everything goes on as though nothing had happened. Lake Michigan is there all the same, the pumps work as usual and have all the water we want, and everything is as pleasant and placid as a June evening. We are sorry for our Waukegan contemporaries that they have been deceived in this way.

We suggested last week the possibility of golf being a "fad" with many, especially society women of frail health and strength. But here comes the mayor of Syracuse, N. Y. who says it is not a fad, but one of the best amusements for persons of all ages, sexes, colors and conditions; that it brings color to the cheek, brilliancy to the eye, vigor and steadiness to the nerve, iron into the blood, and develops in a most remarkable manner and degree, soundness and health of body and brain alike. We take it all back; it is not a fad, albeit we wonder how many would play were it not the fashion.

We understand there is to be a change in the high school, that Prof. Floret is not to be retained. We know not why, as all had supposed he was not only a competent, but an accomplished teacher, a Parisian born and bred. We know not who is to take his place, but this we do know that the average American born and taught teacher of French is a very incompetent teacher for the simple fact that only about one American in one hundred is born with the natural "querk of the tongue" for the proper pronunciation of French. French accent is a born gift, not an acquired art. Let us hope that the public money will be expended for a more useful study.

Our Mayor has a double in name at least. A Minneapolis dispatch says "Robert G. Evans died Monday at his Kenwood home," and then goes on to say he was a United States district attorney, etc. He was prominent in politics, a candidate for the United States senate. But with all his business success, political prominence and promise, he had not been elected three times as mayor of Highland Park. That honor belongs to our Robert G. only.

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