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This is the way the Kenosha papers speak of the city council in that boisterous city: "The prize fighters should arrange to have their battles on evenings when the city council is not scheduled to meet. With a fight scheduled the aldermen are altogether too busy to do any business for the people of the city." All of which seems to remind us of scenes slowly fading from memory.

The present outlook for Waukegan is that the Northwestern will raise its tracks through that city and get rid of the very heavy grade south of the town, by the cemetery, besides having their new passenger station nearly on a level with the town, instead of at the bottom of a steep hill and a long flight of steps as now. We have long felt that our county seat needed elevation. This will greatly improve the passenger facilities of the city.

Had you thought, gentle reader, that Captain Clark, whom President Roosevelt has selected to represent our navy at the coronation of King Edward VII., is a Vermonter the same as Admiral Dewey, whom so many wanted. You see? Can't get along without Vermont. That brilliant young congressman, our Foss, head of the house naval committee, is a Vermonter. George Dewey, the admiral of our navy, and Captain Clark, who carries our respect over to Edward, are both Vermonters. The "Green Mountain" state is in it, sure.

The wise and strong hand of Rector W. E. Toll, of Christ church, Waukegan, is again seen in their school matters. In accordance with madlin soft-soap sentimentality of the age, a rule was some time ago adopted banishing corporal punishment from the public schools. Recently a case has arisen in which the sweet-cake, moral persuasion method did not answer at all, and after long and careful deliberation the board restored it, and now when an unruly boy comes up, who cannot be otherwise governed, the teacher is authorized to punish him. Ninety-nine cases out of a hundred can be governed without the rod, but when that solitary case comes along, there is nothing but the "blue beam." When we burn the blue beam we offer a premium for criminals. Solomon said use the rod and he knew.

AN ENRAGED PEOPLE.
 A couple of weeks ago some few men opened a modern, up-to-date gambling establishment out on James Earlan's farm, a mile or

two north of the Deerfield station on the Milwaukee railroad. Special trains were run daily from Chicago over that road to accommodate the gamblers. From three to five trains daily, with about a hundred passengers per train, was the average, we are told. Driven out of other localities, they seemed to think they could settle down in the woods of Lake county and ply their nefarious traffic, but they know more now than two weeks ago of the stuff of which the citizens of this county are made.

Last week and the week before there were several meetings of citizens in the various towns of the county, and last Saturday a regular 1861, war for the union meeting was held at Lake Forest for all the county, especially the North Shore, which could get there by rail. The meeting was big, representative, leading citizens of intelligence, moral standing and wealth, and only one sentiment animated every citizen, one purpose dwelt in every breast: "Banish the Devil from Lake County."

We say it was a representative gathering. The mayors of Highland Park, Lake Forest, Waukegan, Libertyville and other places, ministers of the gospel, college and school professors, judges and business men by the score, all moved by one impulse, all fighting mad over this last insult to the intelligence and moral purity of our people. The public is aroused and enraged, and men spoke as patriots fought at Concord and Bunker Hill. We need not quote speeches or name speakers. Lake county spoke, and behind every speech, if need be, there was a loaded rifle, an unsheathed sword to enforce the verdict of our enraged and outraged people.

All legal means and measures will be tried to banish the thing from this community; but one thing is certain, it must go—it has got to go, or men will lay down their lives if necessary. We deplore riot, disorder and bloodshed, but the question of the people's right to protect themselves, their homes and their community may as well be tested here and now as anywhere else or at any other time. We have no fear for the result; the enlightened Christian citizenship of America has never failed yet. If Lake county has among its people sympathizers and abettors of that iniquity, they should stand from under or hold their peace.

A NEW STORY.

We heard a good story on our postmaster the other day, altogether too good to keep. Everybody, except those born yesterday, know Ross Fletcher. Well, in the years ago, soon after the Fletchers came here to live, about 1883, when Ross was a bumptious "kid," some distinguished man was a guest of the Fletchers at dinner. After all were seated at the large family dining-table, the postmaster started to say grace, as is his custom, when a brand new idea seemed to strike Ross, and he broke forth as follows: "You shut up, pop; King can do that a great deal better than you can." What was the outcome, we know not. Extra copies of this paper, all neatly folded in wrappers, ready for mailing, at this office, 5 cents each. Liberal discount on wholesale orders.

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