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FRIDAY, JAN. 9, 1903.

All correspondence and communications for publication in the News-Letter must be addressed direct to the paper, or no attention will be paid to them.

A MAGNIFICENT RECORD.

As anyone present at the meeting last Tuesday evening could readily see, our present administration is one of the best in the history of the city.

The livery stable ordinance caused some discussion among the members, and the force of Mr. Schumacher's statements as to the constitutionality and public policy was felt by all. Instead of having a useless wrangle, a recess of ten minutes for conference was ordered. As a result a wise and just ordinance was passed.

It is this manly, business-like way of doing things that has won and holds the confidence of the public.

It was easily seen Tuesday night that the alderman were trying to frame an ordinance which would not be favorable to but three or four interested parties, but one which would be for the city as a whole—hence the public confidence.

No one in this city ever thinks of such a thing as boodle, revenge, spite or selfish interest in connection with the council. It is an established fact that every man connected with this council is absolutely above such practices.

Again, the amount of work done, the way it has been accomplished and the small cost, considering the quality of the work, the times and cost of material, all go to prove the business energy, wisdom and ability of the body.

Consider how the streets have been improved, sidewalks built, water mains extended, and tell us of a former council which can show such results.

The spirit of improvement is in the air and the people cheerfully follow the aldermen instead of trying to block the progress, as they sometimes did in former days.

After all has been said, this council has made a magnificent record as an honest, business council, bent on doing the very best possible for the city.

Hence, now that we have a good, reliable working team that we can rely upon in all kinds of places and all kinds of weather, let us keep it in the harness.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER.

The year 1902 has closed and the general settling up time of the year's business has arrived. It is always a good plan to settle up and start fresh with the new year.

In this twentieth century it has become an established custom for every successful business man to send out statements to those who owe him, if the amount is only for 1 cent. Business today is conducted nearer to correct business principles than it has ever been before. Not only does this apply to the man in actual trade, but the farmer, who several years ago did not pay much attention to the customs of business, is fully abreast of the times and he is using as much intelligence in the management of his farm as the merchant does his store. Here and there you find a man who gets as mad as a March hare because he has been reminded of a just debt, but this species is dying out and in a few years will become extinct. The man who receives a statement of an account for money that justly belongs to another, and becomes offended at it, is extremely foolish. A business man welcomes a statement of account, and he gets so many of them that he would be in a perpetual bad humor if he looked upon them as something intended to insult him.

When you receive a statement of what you owe another, treat it as a business matter and make settlement as promptly as possible and—keep your temper.

WHAT WILL THEY DO ABOUT IT?

Business started up at Lorillard this week. Now the question arises, what will our county officials do about it? Will they sit down and see the gambling go on under our very noses without making an effort to stop it, or will they perform their duty by trying to rid our county of this pest?

The Citizens' Association is preparing to move in the matter, but such bodies are of a necessity slow,

as they are hampered by lack of funds, lack of aid from the county board, and by everything that can be thrown in their way to prevent them from getting the evidence necessary to act.

Our state's attorney and sheriff are the men who should give us relief. Will they do it?

RAVINIA.

Cold is unfavorable to development. It is prohibitive where the higher arts are concerned. Who ever had an inspiration in a room where the inhospitable thermometer registered 40 degrees? Even the enthusiasm of the Ravinia school children, added to the shovel combat which the teacher waged single-handed against the elements, failed last Monday morning to lift the mercury out of the "slough of despond" into which it had stubbornly settled during the holidays. But now all is changed. "The winter of our discontent is made glorious summer" by a basement filled to overflowing with three kinds of coal and many species of kindling wood. We are now triumphantly singing the praises of directors who in the present crisis can defy the coal trust and command the forests.

OUR GREAT SHOW.

Don't forget the great minstrel show next Saturday night in Goldberg's opera house. The unparalleled success of last winter's entertainment has put the public on its mettle. Even last Monday the reserved seats back into the fourteenth row had been sold. Everything pertaining to the show will be of the highest order, and the elite of this city, with some from Chicago and other suburban towns will be there. There will be no postponement on account of the weather or for lack of an audience.

Barnum used to style his mammoth exhibits as "the greatest show on earth," to gull the public; we declare our show "the biggest on earth," because it is true. We have talent of the highest order and most unique in its combination. If you wish to enjoy the richest and best of the season, get your tickets at once, if there are any to be had.

There will be two elegant boxes in the center of the hall. They were sold at public auction New Years Eve, at the clubhouse, to Messrs. McMullen and Moseley.

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