

woman continually holds to the thought of health, associates with manly men and womanly women, studies and reads literature pertaining to health, morals, perfection, her child is more likely to be possessed with good reasoning, strength and endurance, while the child of the healthy man or woman, who lets her thoughts come and go with the wind becomes a detriment to itself and society.—P. M.

PLEDGE VS. LAW.—Law and pledges are of man's own folly or wisdom, as such prove after a try-out. Pledges often fool the people it would seem; the law is supposed to rule the people at all times; both are a dismal failure; the law probably so because there are so many the people don't know when they are breaking one.

Moses gave us ten laws. Chicago reformers and preachers are more generous. They have added to the ten of stingy Moses enough to make one even million. An old court decree is "Ignorance of the law is no excuse." Since the law factory runs on when we are sleeping, I for one think ignorance of the law is a very justified excuse.

Do you not think men of Lincoln's type hold a pledge above the law? Were Lincoln living and running for an exalted position during our recent city job scrambling contest—which in many respects had more side-splitting humor than Barnum's show ever dared have—do you think for a moment he would have joined the "I will" policy, which at such time was so popular to create enthusiasm among the voters. I rather think the manly man would have stood as the line sentinel on an "I will not" policy, preferring to challenge or chance defeat did he deem the issues an impossibility to carry out or use in a reasonable manner. However, had Lincoln joined the "I will's" in his all but divine esteem of honor in his contempt for trickery and unloyalty, I

am sure beyond a doubt as you must be he would more than make good on every "I will" he endorsed, no matter what physical or financial suffering it cost him.

But, friends, Lincoln's administrative policy is not to be ours.

He is far removed from Chicago. Perhaps it is best he lives not in this age of greed. I pray as I think you do, that he sleeps the sleep of the just. Pledges first, then the law.—Albert M. Thompson, 954 North Clark.

REFER TO PEOPLE.—It takes a 25-page opinion by Corporation Counsel Folsom to say it is not the law to forfeit a franchise of a street car company. Put the matter squarely before the people and by popular vote justice will say in one word "yes" or "no" whether the S. Chicago & Calumet Co. should forfeit its franchise.—Steno.

WHY SUBMIT TO CLUB?—Why are you honorable citizens of Chicago so surprised about the brutality or rather creating of riots, slugging, clubbing, shooting and killing by Chicago police and protected sluggers? A friend the other day said he did not think that our police officers would go to such an extent. He was really surprised after I showed him through the strike district. I wish he and you would answer the following questions:

Why does one class of society receive more protection than the other? Why have our defenders of law and order clubs and guns? How do they know that you are a worker?

Why should we be surprised? Has the function of police ever been anything else but defending one and suppressing the other class of society? I find it safe to say it always will be. They are there for that purpose.

But how about you, dear brother worker? In this case I believe in eye for eye and tooth for tooth. I know we are not allowed to defend ourselves in the same manner as we are