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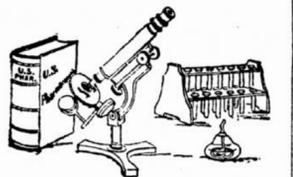
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OFFICE IN TRIBUNE BUILDING.
 TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1898.

We have on our copy-hook communications on political subjects from several persons, and we will try and make room for them as soon as possible. Make your letters brief. The shorter they are, the sooner they will appear and more people will read them.

The saloon license question will be voted upon at the village election to be held April 5th. Every man is entitled to his own opinion on this subject, and this also applies to the editor, we hope. We do not hesitate to say that we hope that "No License" will carry, and the administration to follow will be such that this will remain the settled policy of the village in the future. After a few years of such a regime, the village would not only as a whole be more prosperous, morally purer and its citizens happier, but we venture the prediction that even the village finances would be in such condition that no one would dare, either justly or unjustly, to make an affidavit that the village is "hopelessly insolvent."

The TRIBUNE acknowledges the receipt of one package each of the following seeds: Satisfaction Lettuce, Prize Taker Onion, Warted Hubbard Squash, Eclipse Beet and Purple Top Strap Leaved Turnip from the Honorable Knute Nelson of Washington, D. C. We are pleased to note that the august United States Senator takes such pains to look after the needs of the people at home. There is now only one little thing we need to make our happiness complete and that is a plat of ground in which to plant the seeds. If we cannot obtain this we are afraid the seeds will go to waste and the Senator's noblesign be defeated. However we shall try to use our "hell-box" as a seed inabator and in due time report results to the Department.

VILLAGE ISSUES.

Aside from the license issue, there are important questions which should engage the attention of the voters of the Village of Willmar at the spring election. The village now owns an electric light plant and water-works system that has cost in the vicinity of \$50,000. With the same run in a businesslike and economical manner, the full benefits of municipal ownership will redound to the village and its citizens. But with the plant run regardless of expense and on the plan that favorites shall have places, regardless of their efficiency or competency, the whole system will prove a sinkhole which will eventually rob the city of the ownership of these necessities. A line of action was forced by reason of the division of the present council by which an increase of salaries of \$70 a month in the city engine house alone was necessitated, over and above what was paid before. The voters will by their choice of men for the next council decide whether the great municipal plant shall run on an economical business basis, or whether it shall be allowed to run wild under the "spoils" system.

There is also a danger that if the Foot Lake dump is ever made passable for anything but webfooted animals, a council that might be friendly to that impracticable project would proceed to dump village street work into the same, absorbing means which should be used elsewhere. These fears may appear to be farfetched, but men who were capable of perpetrating this project in the first place, may now be capable of diverting still more public money into their pet scheme.

THE TRIBUNE would not consider that it had done its duty toward the public had it not called attention to these matters at this time.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT SUIT.

The village authorities are having some difficulty with the Odd Fellows' Building Association of this city regarding the electric light service used in the lodge rooms. The Association has begun an action in the District Court against the village. The complaint, which is sworn to by

Samuel Porter as Secretary of the Odd Fellows' Building Association, alleges that the association has a contract with the village to furnish electric light for their hall at \$80 a year, that notwithstanding that the contract is in full force and that the association has always performed its part of the contract, the village threatens to cut the wires and to cease furnishing the plaintiff with light for its hall.

The complaint also alleges as a reason why the defendant should be enjoined from cutting or removing the wires, that the Village of Willmar is "HOPELESSLY INSOLVENT" and unable to pay its debts.

Upon this complaint a temporary injunction was granted by Judge Qvale and served upon the officers of the village.

F. P. Olney has been employed as attorney for the village, and a motion is now pending to dissolve the injunction.

The facts appear to be that in January, 1896, a committee of the Odd Fellows' Building Association came before the council and asked for a rate for 22 electric lights. The council then passed a resolution that light be furnished them at \$80 a year payable semi-annually in advance. Under this arrangement the village continued to furnish light from the 1st of February, 1896, to the last of November, 1897, when the council rescinded the action of the former council and notified the association that after December 1st it would have to pay the regular rate which has been fixed by ordinance and which applies to all other patrons alike. At these rates the yearly cost of the lights would amount approximately to \$145.

Although the association had not even complied with the condition to pay semi-annually in advance, its officers claimed that the village was bound to furnish lights to the end of the year or Feb. 1st, 1898, at the old rate. Rather than having a lawsuit the council finally decided to accept \$40 up to that time. This money was not paid until in February, and no money was tendered to pay for the coming half-year. The council then resolved to furnish no more light to the association after Mar. 10th, unless the bill for February at the regular rates be paid by that time.

Not satisfied with obtaining light for two years for about half of what others are obliged to pay and for less than its actual cost to the village, the association is endeavoring, it seems, by this proceeding to compel the village to continue indefinitely to furnish it with light at a loss, and has applied to equitable power of the court to enforce a pretended contract which on its face has no characteristic of equity or justice, and in order to accomplish this its attorney goes to the length of swearing that the village is insolvent, bankrupt and unable to pay its debts.

Makes a Correction.

BIRD ISLAND, MINN., Mar. 19, '98.

Editor Tribune:
 I have read W. V. Olson's letter in your issue of March 15. His conclusions might do if his facts were correct; but they are not. For instance, compare his statement as to the strength of the various parties in 1894 with the following official figures taken from 1895 Blue Book, as to:

FOR GOVERNOR.	
K. Nelson, Rep.....	147,043
S. M. Owen, Pop.....	87,890
G. L. Becker, Dem.....	53,584
FOR LIETU. GOVERNOR.	
D. M. Clough, Rep.....	148,973
J. Ludwig, Dem.....	65,025
E. E. Lommen, Pop.....	66,026
SECRETARY OF STATE.	
Albert Berg, Rep.....	152,701
C. J. Haines, Dem.....	69,102
P. J. Seberger, Pop.....	58,614
STATE AUDITOR.	
R. C. Dunn, Rep.....	148,281
A. Biermann, Dem.....	76,737
A. L. Stromberg, Pop.....	55,411
STATE TREASURER.	
A. T. Koerner, Rep.....	150,980
C. A. Lambert, Dem.....	70,144
F. Borchert, Pop.....	58,571
ATTORNEY GENERAL.	
H. W. Childs, Rep.....	150,529
L. Breckenridge, Dem.....	66,905
J. A. Keyes, Pop.....	60,265
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT.	
D. F. Reese, Rep.....	151,021
T. C. Kurtz, Dem.....	68,520
C. H. Johnson, Pop.....	65,473

Some republicans and many democrats voted for Mr. Owen, which swelled his vote some 28,000 above the normal populist vote, as will be seen by examining the vote on other candidates.

The average mid-roader of the Johnson-Hanley-Fay stripe has no use for facts.

Yours Truly,
 J. M. BOWLER.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all State Capitol Lands on which the rent is delinquent will be rented at public auction at the Court House in Willmar on the 5th day of April, A. D. 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m.

LEWIS JOHNSON
 County Auditor

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

Heathen parents throw their children to the crocodiles. License voters throw theirs to the saloons.

LOST—Twenty-five dollars. Had it, but its gone. For what? Whiskey. No, that's not all. What else? Disorganized system—headache, sour stomach, drowsiness, loss of will power and self-respect.

License, high or low, is a fraud and a sham! It is a fraud upon the liquor traffic if it is right, and it is a sham as a temperance measure. It is wrong in principle. But some say, "we cannot effectually prohibit this business anyway, so we will vote for license."

There was a fellow out west who owned a calf, and the man had a ten-year-old boy who carelessly let the bars down and let the calf out of the lot, and the calf strayed on the railroad track and an engine came along and struck it dead. But the owner of the calf was somewhat vexed. He sued the railroad company and after lawing away the price of a hundred calves, the company beat him and the man got so angry that on coming home from the trial he said to an old church deacon, "Deacon, I am going to get even with that company."

"How?" said the deacon.

"I am going to burn the bridge crossing the chasm just outside the town."

"Why?" said the deacon, "you would never do that, would you?"

"Yes," he said, "I don't propose to let any rich corporation run rough shod over me."

And the next night the old deacon, in telling his wife about it, said the fellow intended to burn the bridge that night at nine o'clock, and the time came around, and the wife who was a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said that they had better go down and see about it; but the old deacon said he would not burn it; he was just in a passion when he said he would. "Well," she said, "let us go down and see about it anyway." So they started down toward the bridge, and sure enough, the fellow was there, and he had just finished saturating a portion of the bridge with kerosene oil, and just as they reached him he felt in his pocket and found he had forgotten to bring matches. He turned to the deacon and asked him for a match, and the deacon said, "What are you going to do with the match?"

"Going to burn the bridge."

"Well," said the deacon, "if I loaned you a match, I would be as guilty as you are."

"Well, deacon, there are plenty of matches. I shall have them if I want them. I know where I can buy matches at twenty different places, right here in the village. You can't suppress the sale of matches. Now, I want one bad, and I want it just now. I will tell you what I will do, deacon, I will give you a dollar for a match."

"Well," said the deacon, "are you going to burn the bridge anyway?"

"Why, yes," said the fellow, "I told you last night I would burn it, and you might just as well have a little revenue out of this transaction as anybody, don't you see? I am going to burn it anyway."

"Well," said the old deacon, "if you are going to burn it anyway, that puts an entirely different light upon the whole question." And he reached in his pocket for a match, and his wife caught hold of him and said, "Here, husband, you would not sell the man a match, would you, to be used in burning the bridge?" That broke the deacon all up and he said, "Nancy, that is just the way with you Christian Temperance Union women, you are a lot of cranks and fanatics, and always go to extremes in everything. It is your business to attend to household affairs, and it is my business to provide for the family, and when I have a chance to make an honest dollar, I don't want you to come around and put your oar in."

And he handed over the match to the man and the man handed him a big, round silver dollar, and the deacon shoved it away down in his pocket, where he knew that it couldn't get away, and then turned to the man and said, "Are you going to burn the bridge?"

"Why, of course I am."

"Well," said the deacon, "may God have mercy on your soul; I wash my hands of the whole business." And the match was lighted, and the bridge was ablaze, and the cars came along at the rate of forty miles an hour, and dashed into the chasm, and one hundred lives were lost.

Who is guilty when it comes to the judgment bar of God? The man who sold the match is just as guilty as the man who lighted and fired the bridge! When he who gives way to the plea that we are going to settle this question on a high license basis—that we cannot effectually prohibit the liquor traffic, and coward-like, goes to the polls and uses his ballot to represent the deacon's match, and the votes for license, that the saloon system may continue, and homes and immortal



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NOTICE OF VILLAGE ELECTION. The citizens of the Village of Willmar, Kandiyohi Co., Minn., who are qualified to vote, are hereby notified that the annual charter election of said village will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of April, 1898, between the hours of 10 o'clock in the forenoon and 4 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, for the purpose of electing the following officers to wit:

A President, a Treasurer and two Aldermen from each ward in said village; also the question whether license for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be granted by the council of said village or not; will be submitted to the legal voters thereof at said election, which question shall be determined by ballots containing the words, "In favor of license," or "Against license," as the case may be.

The polling places will be as follows: For First ward, at Rice Brothers office. For Second ward, at Village Engine House. For Third ward, at the Marlow House. Given under my hand this 22nd day of March, A. D. 1898.

JOHN T. OTOS,
 Village Recorder.

souls be destroyed—when he comes before the judgment bar of God, he will be just as guilty as the man who keeps the saloon. There is no compromise ground in this matter.

"Onward, men of truth and conscience, There is work for you: Danger calls, and can you linger While your hearts are true? Let your hearts be hot for justice. Scorn to compromise, Waver not, for heaven will it, Truth at last shall rise."

A wedding was celebrated at the residence of Erick Dahlen the 2nd of March. The contracting parties were our friend Erick Dahlen, from Sunburgh, and Miss Halvorina H. Broten, also from Sunburgh. 50 invitations were out and a splendid time was had by all concerned. The bridal pair started on their wedding trip the next day, and among the places of interest they were to visit were Porcupine Point and Deer Lake. As rice and old slippers could not be had, they had to depart without the usual ceremony. Ye scribe wishes them a happy journey through this turbulent world.—Snake River, Aitkin Co. Correspondence:

The marriage of Oscar Nyberg, a promising young farmer of Burbank, to Miss Hattie Adams, the oldest daughter of S. H. Adams, took place last Tuesday, March 15th, at the home of the bride's parents at Green Lake. It was a quiet wedding, only the relatives and a few intimate friends being present. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Midthun. Oscar has taken his esteemed young bride to the Burbank prairie, where they will make their home. The Times in behalf of their many friends, wishes them a happy journey through life.—New London Times.



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