

OUR REPRESENTATIVE.

Hon. W. A. James, of Highland Park, one of the Representatives of Lake county, is one of the young and new men at the State capital. He was born in Providence, R. I., in 1838. His father, now living there, is a politician of prominence, and now plays an important part in the political matters of Rhode Island, and has held several positions of honor and trust. The subject of this sketch promptly responded to the call of his country when the armed hosts of treason menaced the life of the Government. He enlisted as a private in the 1st Rhode Island regiment, commanded then by Colonel A. E. Burnside, and was in most of the hard-fought battles around Richmond. Mr. James, for gallant services in the field, was promoted from a private to the position of captain. His regiment was detached from the Army of the East to the Army of the Gulf, and was a part of the force under General Banks in his expedition up the Red River. At the battle in front of Alexandria, Captain James, with 400 men, held the rebel army in check. For this and other gallant and meritorious services, he was promoted to the rank of colonel, his commission being signed by the President of the United States. The commission contained this sentence, "For distinguished services in the Department of the Gulf." At the close of the war he came West and entered into business in Chicago, where he is still engaged in the manufacture of iron and wood-working machinery. After the great fire he took up his residence in Highland Park, and in the spring of 1873 was nominated and elected Mayor of the city by the Republicans. He received the nomination of the Republican Convention last fall for representative from Lake county. He made a thorough and complete canvass of his district, and was elected by a larger majority than any other candidate, leading Granger and Speaker Haines in the contest. Mr. James has a fine physique and distinguished presence, and we predict he will make his mark, and his influence will be felt in the future legislation of the State. He is a fluent, natural and pleasing speaker, and an earnest and conscientious legislator. — *Chicago Evening Journal.*

MANY are the sons and daughters of dear old New England scattered over the broad prairies of the West whose hearts respond to the sentiment of the following tribute from the pen of Charles T. Robinson in a late number of *Scribner's*: "Not much given to sentimentalism are we all, scattered through the land and the world; but it may as well be said once in awhile that there are hearts loyal and true, in many a clime far from those six little States by the Atlantic, whose breasts swell with emotion, and whose eyes are sometimes moist with tears as they think of their early homes and friends among New England hills. There are in this world some quiet people who can never believe there is anywhere a stream more beautiful than the Connecticut, or that there can be any fairer meadows than those around Northampton, elms nobler than those shadowing the avenue in New Haven, mountains greener than those remembered slopes in Vermont—or that there ever were or will be manlier men or purer women in the world than dwell to-day in that Yankee region where the graves of our fathers lie beneath the shadows of the village church."

The following are specimens of the queer replies often received in answer to real estate advertisements: 38 Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 1st, 1875.—I have 2,000 acres near the city of Mantanza, Cuba, that I would exchange for Highland Park property. The plantation has four buildings, including an old refinery; there are seventeen males and nine females (slaves) that I would put in with the land. Price \$85,000. Assume no mortgage. There is a lien on the slaves but no incumbrance on the land. Will call at your office next Saturday and show you photograph of the plantation. I am respectfully yours,

Will sell one-fourth interest in State street (Burlington Hall) can-can for Highland Park lots. Call at Burlington Hall for Manager.

THE ELECTIONS.

The annual town election, which occurred on the 6th inst., was marked by a more than usual lack of interest throughout the whole town, and especially here in Highland Park. Peter Dawson, Esq., the present supervisor, was re-elected as was also the entire ticket which his name headed, except the Road Commissioner and Town Constable, which latter office was awarded, by a very large majority, to our distinguished fellow citizen Edward Whalen, Esq.

The issuance of licenses throughout the county during the year seems to be determined upon, but what if any, relationship exists or will be created, between the Court House agitators and the pro-license members of the Board of Supervisors, remains to be seen.

Our city election, on the 12th inst., was very harmonious, there being no opposition to the regular nominees, except as to Treasurer and Street Commissioner.

The entire regular ticket was elected except in the case of Rodman Carter, Esq., Alderman in the First Ward, who withdraw his name after the nominations were made. The total number of ballots was 132, and the following are the officers elected:

- William W. Boyington, Mayor.
- Edward P. Harris, City Clerk.
- James McDonald, City Treasurer.
- Samuel S. Streeter, City Assessor.
- Harvey R. Green, City Collector.
- Michael Cray, City Marshal.
- John H. Hinckle, Street Commissioner.
- Johnson S. Prall, Alderman First Ward.
- Silas P. Brand, Alderman Second Ward.
- Martin L. Burdick, Alderman Third Ward.
- E. R. P. Shurly, Alderman Fourth Ward.

A special election will be held in the Second Ward on the 26th inst., to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alderman Nelson Mowers. The new officers will be installed on the evening of the 30th.

RESIGNATION.—S. S. Streeter, Esq., for nearly six years our obliging and efficient Post Master has resigned his office. Mr. Streeter has contemplated this step for several months, and the prospect of an active outside business and the consequent draft upon his time make this relief imperative. We understand Mr. E. P. Harris has been commissioned in his place.

We are glad to welcome to our place, as among the new residents which the spring has brought, Mr. & Mrs. Chester Palmer and append hereto an item from the Painesville (O.) Telegraph:

GONE WEST.—Mr. Chester Palmer, recently of Kirtland, is now residing at Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois, a town of about 2,000 inhabitants, located on the shore of the Lake on the Northwestern Railroad to Milwaukee, composed chiefly of merchants doing business in Chicago and of retired business men. Mr. Palmer says: "In leaving Lake and old Geauga Counties, where I have been a resident for 50 years, it seems like a dream, but such is life. When one is in the way of duty it matters but little where we fetch up at last. In leaving I bear very many pleasant recollections, and in the future perusal of the *Telegraph* it will enable me to keep afresh some of the olden times."

COL. JAMES returned from Springfield last week, glad of the relief which the adjournment of the Legislature has brought. He is now absent in New England, but will return with his family early in May.

The family of F. P. Hawkins, Esq., returned last Monday after a winter's sojourn in Chicago, and are again domiciled in their pleasant home on the corner.

We learn also that J. W. Preston, Esq., and family will soon re-occupy their fine residence at the foot of Prospect avenue.

Mr. JOHN S. LAMSON, an old resident of Port Clinton, has recently removed with his family to Richland County, Wis., where Mr. L. has purchased a fine farm. They take with them the best wishes of their many Highland Park friends.

The improvements in and about our city promise to be numerous and varied during this season. The busy note of preparation has sounded in many quarters. The Highland Park House will soon be opened with Dr. Mansfield as Proprietor, and Mr. O. D. Hopkins as Manager. The Central block is near its completion, and all its stores will shortly be occupied. The Episcopal Chapel on Hazel Avenue will be speedily erected. The alterations and improvements of the house on Laurel Avenue recently purchased by Mr. John C. Cushman, are being made rapidly, and Mr. C. expects to take possession by the middle of May. Arrangements have already been made for the building of a dozen new houses, and the number will doubtless be increased as the season advances.

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Assets, Fifteen Million Dollars.

Annual Statement July 1, 1874.

United States Bonds.....	\$1,300,700 80
Cash in Bank at New York.....	141,449 77
Balance in hands of U. S. Agents.....	181,325 58
Total Assets in the United States.....	\$1,623,536 16
Cash in Banks at Liverpool and Lyndon.....	\$ 386,385 94
Real Estate owned by Company.....	108,934 70
English Stocks, Shares and Securities owned by Co.....	4,946,645 07
Loans to Towns, Township Corporations, Bonds and Mortgages, Interest, &c.....	6,775,991 84
Balance in hands of European Agents.....	543,975 8
Total Assets.....	\$15,445,469 52
Surplus as regards Fire Policy Holders, (after deducting unsettled Losses, Reserve Fund of Life Department, Reinsurance liability and all other liabilities.....)	\$ 4,800,848 77

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