

The Highland Park News

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HIGHLAND PARK TIME TABLE.

Chicago & North-Western Railway.

Yearly Fare, \$85 100 Rides, \$23.50. 30 Rides, \$3.80.

TRAINS STOPPING AT HIGHLAND PARK

Leave Chicago	Arr. High'd Park	Leave High'd Park	Arr. Chicago
Kinzie St. 8.00 A. M.	9.07 A. M.	3.18 P. M.	5.00 A. M. Kinzie St.
" 9.30 "	10.25 "	6.00 "	7.15 " Wells St.
" 1.00 P. M.	2.15 P. M.	6.44 "	7.55 " "
Wells St. 4.10 "	5.17 "	7.11 "	8.25 " "
Kinzie St. 5.00 "	5.54 "	8.03 "	9.09 " "
Wells St. 5.30 "	6.49 "	9.29 "	10.30 " Kinzie St.
" 6.50 "	7.30 "	2.25 P. M.	3.40 P. M. "
" 9.00 "	10.15 "	3.12 "	4.00 " "
" 11.25 A. M.	12.35 "	1.12 "	2.20 " Wells St.
Kinzie St. 11.00 P. M.	12.47 "	6.27 "	7.30 " Kinzie St.

*Sunday Trains.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.

Gentlemen of the Common Council and Citizens of Highland Park:

You have conferred upon me the honor of the highest position in your city government. This you have done in my absence from the city, and without my previous solicitation. From the unanimity of the election I can but conclude that it is your free offering and desire that I should serve you to the best of my ability. This being conceded, you may rest assured that I shall strive to discharge my duties faithfully.

In accepting the position of Mayor of this young and beautiful city, I can truly say that I do so unpledged to any individual, party or sect, or section of the city. I propose while I hold this trust and position, to be the Mayor of the entire city, without fear or favor to one side more than the other. I was not elected on any political issue, and trust, as it now is, that our city government will be conducted on a liberal basis, devoid of political issues for all time to come, and that the affairs of the entire city may be administered without prejudice in any particular to any portion of the city, but that every subject and interest that may be brought to our notice will receive our best and careful deliberation, and be decided on its merits.

Our wants are not numerous, yet, however small they may be, our attention should be given to them and acted upon as promptly as though they were more extensive. By doing so we shall maintain the good credit of our retiring administration, and the respect of our neighboring cities.

Nature has done much for our locality, situated as it is on the high bluffs of Lake Michigan, with its picturesque outline of deep ravines, spanned with high romantic bridges, forming diversified drives and landscape scenery unequalled by any other locality within the same distance of our grand metropolis. Every year adds some important link that attracts to this place, and makes it a desirable place for suburban residences. Two years ago the Highland Park Building Company dedicated to the public one of the best suburban hotels in the western country, which has been opened and patronized for the past two seasons in a very successful manner.

Every movement we make should be for the prosperity and future destiny of our attractive city. To maintain it as such, the good management of the city affairs must always be brought into requisition, whilst bad management will discourage and divert a healthy growth.

Among the public wants to be provided for positively, the first and foremost is our schools. By reference to the report of our principal teacher, (Mr. Lasher) as published in the Highland Park News, it will be seen that the present building has been rearranged and seated to its fullest capacity, and that they are instructing with three teachers

as many scholars as are usually taught by four teachers. According to this showing, some decided action will have to be taken by the Council to provide the requisite teachers and room. All of which I recommend to your early consideration. I have no doubt our committee will be equal to the task.

At a not very distant day you will require new school lots. So far as I am posted the city has no such locations for future use. It would have been wise if the Highland Park Building Company had set apart such locations in laying out their plats of the city. It may not be too late for some consideration in this respect yet. Whilst considering this public ground subject we should have an eye to the future demand for a City Hall lot, or a Court Square. If the Highland Park Company are disposed to consider any of these demands that will soon come upon the city, we should be on the lookout for them and secure lots for the purposes mentioned before the desirable locations are taken up or become too expensive. I would not recommend heavy obligations for these things by the city, yet, to avoid large debts and consequent future taxation, I present the subject for your consideration at this time.

Our streets will constantly be a source of care, and more or less expense. The old adage that "a stitch in time saves nine," will apply to the streets very forcibly.

The subject of a new depot is being taken up very soon. I am informed that the Railroad Company have recently manifested a willingness to do what they propose on their part in the way of grading and rearranging the tracks and buildings. In this connection it occurs to me that the Council should take into consideration the idea of tunneling under the railroad track at Laurel Avenue. I have examined the ground and am satisfied that it is a feasible undertaking, and will prove of very great advantage whichever side the depot may be located for all time to come. What proportion of the expense for this work would devolve upon the city, if any, I am not aware. It has been troublesome and dangerous several times of late to get past the long freight trains after the passenger train had arrived, and in some instances passengers have been left, rather than take the chances of getting through the train. A tunnel as close to the depot as Laurel Avenue would obviate all the danger. There is no doubt but what a new depot would very much improve our convenience and the appearance of the place by such rearranging of the grounds as would naturally follow. If a station of any magnitude is to be provided, it generally devolves upon some body beside the railroad companies to incur the largest portion of the expense. If the citizens or the city are to contribute the principal amount for building the station, they should designate the location. If the Highland Park Building Company are to defray the principal expense, they should have a strong voice in its location. But in either case the location, to my mind, should not be changed far from its present position.

The subject of licenses, I am very thankful, has been taken in hand by the founders of this city, and we are therefore saved the trouble of granting the nefarious traffic of selling intoxicating liquors. I am suspicious, however, that it will be wise for us to exercise a little vigilance over some places in the city. Any misdemeanors of this kind you may rely upon me to use the full extent of the power in me vested to suppress and punish to the full extent of the law.

The subject of providing the city with water is of great importance. Probably there is no one thing more desirable for the health of the city than a constant supply of pure water. Many of our citizens have been sadly deprived of this healthy article in consequence of the long continued drouth. The exposure to fire for want of water is almost alarm-

ing, although we have providentially been saved thus far from the destroying element. I do not mention this subject with a view to recommend the expenditure or appropriation of any money at present for the purpose, but for the purpose of enlisting some private enterprise to undertake the supplying of the city with water under a franchise granted by the city. In case such an enterprise was granted it would be well for the city to reserve the right to purchase the works at some future time.

Our predecessors have very wisely arranged for lighting up some of our streets with lamps. I trust this will be still further extended, and I would suggest that those which are to be located on the corners of the streets have the name of the streets painted on the glass and the streets still further designated by appropriate signs.

In consideration of the various wants and objects suggested, a rigid economy must be the motto. It will be observed from the financial report that the expenditures of the past year exceed those of the year previous to a considerable amount. This must be expected as the city increases in numbers; it must also cost more to meet the current expenses. I have no doubt the present year will exceed the past in expense, as we shall have to provide for a reinvestment of our school loan and should provide in our assessments for a sinking fund to finally meet the loan on the school property at the expiration of the renewal.

I am informed that in consequence of the slow collection of the taxes, some of the city indebtedness has not been met as promptly as it should have been. I would suggest whether it would not be better to secure the money by a loan for the time intervening, the collection of taxes to be paid when the tax is collected. This would enable the city to pay cash instead of issuing certificates. I think the city would save more than the interest by some such method.

I shall expect a full and prompt attendance at all the meetings of the council by the different members. I shall try and be punctual myself unless sickness or absence from the city prevents. We cannot rely so much in the future upon the Highland Park Building Company for general improvements as we have formerly done. They have some further improvements to make, but the city must soon take supreme control, and consequently each member should feel that he has a duty to perform in accepting his office.

In conclusion allow me to extend to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and at the same time congratulate our predecessors upon the very great satisfaction with which they have administered the affairs of the city the past year. Could we be assured of doing as well we might retire this evening to our homes with the assurance that all would be well with us for the year to come. But as all in the future is uncertain, we must strive to discharge our duty as good citizens, and trust to the all-wise Providence for the results.

HOW EXTREMES MEET.

We mean no invidious reflection but we could not but be amused when in casually looking through one of the private glass boxes in the Post Office recently, we saw the *New York Clipper* lying quietly under the *New York Observer*, and it occurred to us that if the proprietors of that particular box possessed all the links of the chain of literature leading from the one to the other of these publications, their collection must be extensive and varied indeed.

The hotel has been leased again we understand, to Messrs. Cleveland & Burns—said to be professional hotel keepers. We think it safer not to say too much on this subject for the present on account of previous waste of editorial ability, and printers' ink, and time.