

# The Journal.

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## A Good Move.

We are glad to note that preliminary steps have been taken to establish a reading room, and ultimately a library in Highland Park. Mainly through the efforts of Mrs. Elisha Gray, an organization has been effected. At the invitation of Mrs. Gray, a number of citizens were requested to meet at her house, Saturday evening, Dec. 8th; there the matter was talked over, and the Highland Park Free Reading Room Association was organized, with the following officers: Mrs. Elisha Gray President; F. P. Hawkins, Vice President; John T. Ray, Secretary, and Mrs. T. H. Spencer, Treasurer. At a subsequent meeting held Monday evening the following board of directors was chosen: Dr. E. B. Weston, W. R. Kenny, Chas. Page, M. J. Cray, Mrs. E. Gray, Mrs. T. H. Spencer, James Bowden, John T. Ray and F. P. Hawkins. The following committee were also appointed: Procuring rooms, Mrs. E. Gray. Arranging rooms, Mr. C. Page, W. R. Kenney and M. J. Cray. Procuring Reading Matter: Mrs. T. H. Spencer, Mrs. E. Gray and Mr. John T. Ray. Raising funds: Mrs. Elisha Gray.

The details of manner of conducting have not all been arranged, but the following have been temporarily adopted:

1. The room will be free to every one, and will be kept open from 1 P. M. to 10 P. M., during the week.
2. Smoking, card playing and loud and boisterous language strictly prohibited.
3. The reading matter provided for the room shall be such as is selected by the board of directors, through their committee on reading matter.
4. The rooms are to be supported by the contributions of money, books and periodicals, furnished by such citizens of the town as are willing to assist.

From the assurances given by a few, the funds to open the room are assured; but it is hoped that all who can, will be ready to respond when the committee calls on them. Books, periodicals and papers are solicited, as well as money. It is hoped that steps can soon be taken to establish a circulating library and other features, but for the present, reading matter for consultation in the room only will be furnished.

It is intended to make this room a pleasant resort for all who have occasion, or desire to spend an hour in the afternoon or evening in the business part of town, but it is in-

tended more especially for the young who wish reading matter or an agreeable place to while away the long winter evenings.

## Held to Bail.

Joe. Happ, the young man placed under arrest some two weeks ago, charged with an indecent assault upon the person of a young servant girl in the employ of Mr. Koedts, had a hearing, before Justice Davis on Friday, 14th inst., and was held to bail in the sum of \$800 to await the action of the next Grand Jury. The injured girl was not in a condition to be present at the examination, and is in fact considered much worse than at any time since the brutal assault was made.

## Highland Hall.

A circular just issued announces that school exercises will be suspended at the Young Ladies College, for the holidays, on Friday Dec. 21st, and will be resumed after two weeks. During the Fall session there have been several public entertainments of a high order given at the College; a Piano Recital by Mr. Emil Liebling, an Exhibition of the Department of Expression, a Song Recital by Madame Rice. Miss Caroline E. Potter is giving a course of lectures on American Literature, before the students. These lectures are a thorough discussion of the subject, and will occupy the time from October to March, two lectures being given each week. Miss Potter makes the subjects intensely interesting. The pupils of Mme. Rice will appear, before the holidays, in a grand musical representation, entitled "The Dress Rehearsal," the performance of which will fully test the work which has been done since the opening of the term, in the direction of vocal music.

Mr. Henry Sawyer, who has charge of the mailing department of the College, reports the following, as the amount of matter sent from the institution from Sept. 20th, to Dec. 10th.

Letters	1933
Postal Cards	172
Packages	29
Circulars	171
Papers	1
Pamphlets	34
Total	2340

The debts of all the counties in the State aggregate nearly \$14,000,000; of the townships, \$9,000,000; of the cities, villages and towns, \$25,000,000; of the school districts, \$3,500,000—being a total of over \$51,000,000. Although our State debt is practically nothing, our municipal debts amount to a very tidy sum.

In Iroquois county, in this State, the school boards are advertising in the papers for teachers, something which has not happened for many years.

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