

**THE MAYOR'S VETO.**

The following is the text of the Mayor's message to the council last Tuesday evening:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK.

Upon mature consideration I return with my veto the ordinance passed January 19th, 1897, entitled, "An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance, entitled, An Ordinance Concerning the Construction of Cement Sidewalks in Certain Streets in the City of Highland Park," adopted by the City Council, June 21st, 1892, for the following reasons:

First—It repeals that part of Section Four of the Ordinance passed June 21st, 1892, which prohibits the placing of new stringers when such repairs would exceed 30 per cent. of said sidewalk, and under no circumstances shall any new stringers be allowed to be placed under walks. A repeal of the clause above stated will allow the placing of new stringers under any plank sidewalk in the cement district. This, I think unfair—when we compare the experience of many property owners, within the cement sidewalk district of the past four years.

Second—Under the present ordinance, new stringers may be placed under defective sidewalks, and in addition thereto, the surface may be covered to the extent of 30 per cent. of the walks. This, as I understand it, practically sets aside the cement sidewalk ordinance so far as the city is concerned. For the benefit of property owners in this cement sidewalk district, to whom it might be a hardship to put in these cement walks and pay for them in one payment, why not adopt the instalment plan—as we have done for street improvements, water pipe, sewers, etc? It can be done.

My sympathies are with the certain class of people in the cement districts, as the above suggestion shows, but the interests of the City of Highland Park require my attention also. And it certainly is to the city's interest to have these improvements, which have been started, go ahead in proper order.

Respectfully yours,

R. G. EVANS, Mayor.

**THE OSSOLI CLUB.**

Held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the Club House and listened to a very carefully prepared and suggestive paper by Mrs. Clara Smith, on "Interior Decoration" of a home, treating the entire subject in an exhaustive manner, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. The theme and Mrs. Smith's treatment of it, were fruitful of a lively discussion, going into the matter of the several special rooms of a house and their furnishings, especial attention being given to the children's rooms. That shows the good substantial common sense of the members of this club. A parlor is all right in its place, on the north side of the house, while the children's rooms are all important: if one is to suffer curtailment, let it not be the children's apartments.

We would like to have the Club when it comes to the Domestic Service question, take up Col. Higginson's idea of a "Kitchen Library" for the special use of the household servants.

**HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.**

Miss Jennie Collins, '96 visited her old friends here Wednesday. Miss Collins is fitting herself to be a teacher. She has been attending the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Ind., where several of our promising students have gone. We wish her the success she deserves.

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