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THE EXMOOR club still forges to the front as one of the big institutions of Highland Park.

How MANY thousand men do you suppose voted for young Harrison for mayor of Chicago, Tuesday, did it supposing they were voting for his father? Just as some men still vote for Andrew Jackson because he thrashed the British.

DON'T believe every man who smokes your cigars, gives you a warm hand shake, tells you how much he likes you and all that—that he will therefore vote for you. He may, it is true, and we say it with sadness, he is very likely to vote for the other fellow.

PEOPLE say things are in the air; if so, the air of Highland Park is full of improvement. It has broken out all over the east side simultaneously, like the measles on a child, and everybody is stirred up. It means taxes for some of us, but it means work and wages and content and prosperity to scores of others.

A FRIEND asks us to call attention to the blunders of voters in voting. They mark the wrong way; one man signed his name and that was all the mark he made on his ballot. How would it do to have a few night schools giving "Instructions for Voters," have a big ballot on the stage and the professor go through the process of voting for the various candidates.

ONE FEATURE of Supervisor Fletcher's administration is worthy of note; policy of helping people by teaching or helping them to help themselves. Promiscuous aid to all who ask or even need it is the sure way to breed pauperism. England learned that by fifty years' experience of her old time poor. The Fletcher policy is the modern method of curing the malady, and more than one man voted for A. W. Fletcher Tuesday out of gratitude to the man who taught him to help himself.

NO BUSINESS MAN not yet dead in the shell but can see even in dull times an opportunity to let the world know that he is alive. In advertising one's business it is in perhaps three times out of four a blind and fatal mistake to leave the public in the dark as to whether the factory is still running and the owner thereof alive or dead. No industry that is not overdone or wrongly located can be effectually downed by a spell of depression.

Consumers do not quit the world as some gentlemen did in the days of Noah, and if unable to purchase what they need today the same need speaks for itself tomorrow. Locomotives must be built, steel rails wear out, steam boilers do not last as long as Methusaleh, nails are being driven every day, stoves still are essential to warm fingers and cook potatoes; bolts and rivets, structural iron and steel billets are not always going to be in the dumps, and the man is wise who remembers this and acts accordingly. When the wind is low mend your sails and the man who is prepared for the breeze is the most benefited by the same.

**TOWN ELECTION.**

The most hotly contested election ever held in East Deerfield was that of last Tuesday. The great fight was over the supervisor, A. W. Fletcher and John C. Coe being the candidates. The men stand high in the community, and the campaign had been conducted openly and fairly. A most vigorous effort was made to get out the entire vote. Carriages ran to and fro for the delinquent or infirm voter, cabbage-leaf cigars were numerous and the pro-

fessional corner loafer was in his glory—he had lots of help Tuesday. The people wanted no town hall this year, no matter what the cost, and then the majority of the people wanted Mr. Fletcher for supervisor.

While we have no party politics in our local elections, it nevertheless is lot was practically a party column, and lots of democrats voted it for that reason. Then the last column, with Mr. Coe and J. S. Prall, was voted straight by lots of Highwood and Port Clinton folks who wanted Mr. Prall and did not care so much for the rest of the ticket. Hence with these two facts, the victory of Mr. Fletcher is phenomenal.

**THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Next Saturday afternoon, April 10th, from 1 till 7 o'clock in the evening, there will be a school meeting to elect a trustee of schools for Congressional district No. 43, said trustee to serve three years in place of H. H. Chandler, one of the best trustees the district has had for many years, because he took an interest in and worked for the good of the schools. Daniel Cobb will be the candidate, we are told.

Then at the same time there are to be two members of the High School Board elected in place of Daniel Pease and Kenneth R. Smoot. These men have served so ably and faithfully, that those interested in the High School have persuaded them to run again, so they will be the candidates, no better men could be found in East Deerfield for that position. For ten years those who wanted a good High School have worked hard and patiently to get the school up to its present grade of efficiency and success. It now has a good standing among the schools of the state and so the problem before the citizens of East Deerfield, and especially those of the Park, is this: shall the school be maintained at its present high grade, or shall it be put back to the low level on which it started, to spend another decade in working its way to the front again?

We recognize the position of the West Deerfield taxpayers, in being