

The Highland Park News.

Published in the interests of Highland Park, Highwood and Ravinia, every Friday afternoon by H. F. & A. E. Evans.

Terms, \$1.00 per year, 50 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

Office: in News Building, 255 Central Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois.

Entered at the post-office at Highland Park, Ill., as second class matter.

Advertising rates made known on application at this office.

LEWIS B. HIBBARD, EDITOR.
H. F. EVANS, BUSINESS MANAGER.

FRIDAY, JULY 23.

WAUKEGAN is having a popular voting contest to settle the highly important question as to who is the handsomest or best looking girl in the city. The Park has no such difficulty as that ours are all the handsomest.

IN Burlington, Iowa, all vehicles carrying one and one-half tons must have three-inch tires; three tons, five inch tires. Dubuque makes all dray wagons use three-inch tires. The way to prevent ruts is to broaden the tires.

THE handsome young women of Joliet cleared \$1000 one day last week by acting as conductors on the street cars, for the benefit of their hospital fund. Just see what our handsome girls could do if we only had our street cars. Hurry up that electric road; we are losing money all the time.

IN 1868 we settled in a quiet Vermont town and among others received a farmer's son into the church. By and by he fitted for college, though some wise folks said he never would amount to anything because he was a farmer's boy. But he persevered, went through college, studied for the ministry, has had pastorates in Castile, N. Y., Jackson, Mich., and is now one of the leading pastors of Milwaukee. He has baptized into the church he has served 1000 persons, with years of service still before him. Let us have more such farmers' sons.

THE great and glorious tariff bill has passed, and now look out for the return of prosperity. Perhaps the workingman may get 25 cents a day or \$1.50 per week increase in wages when he can get work. But how that is going to benefit him we fail to see when the tariff will make his family supplies cost him from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per week more than they do now.

THERE is a little "one hoss" town in Vermont, Springfield by name, that has an electric railroad over to Claremont, N. H., crossing the river on an elegant steel cantilever bridge. Here, we own a first class city, with six aldermen and more to follow and all we have to show for our electric railroad are the stakes set for a depot near Fred. Schumacher's drug store. 'Pears to us it is time for this booming western town to get up and hustle.

Won't the city fathers, the city attorney, the county court and the St. Johns avenue residents hurry up that street improvement scheme? The latest is to push it through from the Sheridan road, down at the viaduct by Elder Wrenn's up to Vine, so the golf players from Chicago can drive up from that city all the way on a paved street. After the golfers have expended from \$30,000 to \$40,000 on the grounds and buildings they are entitled to ask for and have these streets leading to their grounds put into good shape. So, gentlemen, please don't wait any longer.

A PRESSING NEED.

Perhaps the most pressing need in this city now is the improvement of St. Johns avenue, from the Sheridan road to Vine, and that is being pushed along, with courts, citizens and conflicting interests to harmonize and conciliate. Next to that, if not equal or superior to it, as a local need, is the improvement, enlargement and proper equipment of the city building. Ex-Alderman Andrew Bock has drawn plans and made some specifications for such an enlargement, which provides for all the needs of the city at this time and for many years to come. His

plans would take the present building, leave the jail essentially as it is, make the present library room into a committee and police court room, take out the present stairway, above and below; and below throw that space into the clerk's office, and above put it into the council chamber, taking out that chimney. He would then take the back chamber over the jail, and put it into the council room, floored and seated for citizens who wished to attend council meetings. Of course there would be changes of some of the windows, etc., but it would dispose of the old building economically and admirably.

Then for the addition and enlargement, his plan is to build an addition on the west side of the present building 40 feet long, north and south, 28 feet wide, but projecting out in front of the present front line of the old building some 10 feet. This addition would be divided into two parts, above and below, one 17x40 feet on the west or outside for ladder and hose carts, etc., and the other or east side 10x40 feet, for a vestibule, hall and stairway in the front, with a big vault 6x8 feet inside measurement, back of and underneath the stairs and landing and against the present vault, so a doorway could be cut through between them. Then back of this fire-proof vault would be a hose tower, water closets, etc. The present doors to city clerk's office and council rooms would be bricked up and made over into windows, and the west window of the clerk's office cut down for a doorway into the new front hall above described.

On the second floor, in the addition over the hose cart and hook and ladder room 17x40 feet would be a room the same size for the public library, well lighted and convenient, a fine big room for a library. Over the new hallway would be a hall and stairway landing, from which you would go west into the library and east through a door where the window now is by Attorney Smoot's and Alderman Davidson's desks, into the council chamber. Back of the stairway, on the second floor as on the first, there would be water closets,