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**CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.**

The undersigned, one of the proprietors of the HIGHLAND PARK NEWS has this day sold all his interest in the paper and job office to THOMAS J. FORREST, a practical printer and newspaper man, who has had charge of several large offices in the east, and is familiar with every detail of such an establishment. He has been connected with the NEWS from the first issue. The firm of H. F. & A. E. EVANS is therefore succeeded by EVANS & FORREST, who will settle all the accounts of the old firm.

I wish to thank the public for its prompt and generous patronage of the NEWS and the job department, and assure them that under the new management the high standard of excellence will be maintained, and and improvements introduced wherever possible. H. F. EVANS.  
Highland Park, Ill., July 30, 1897.

**LOCAL PROSPERITY.**

Generally speaking, Waukegan comes to the Park for hints and an example. But once in a while the tables are turned. Here is an instance, in this nugget of practical sense and civic wisdom, in a recent article by the level-headed editor of the Daily Register: "If we ever prosper as a city, we must be united on what is a benefit to the whole city."

It is a law of such world-wide ap-

plication and so pertinent in every age, that it was imbedded in holy Scripture as "a house divided against itself cannot stand." There will be differences of opinion in nations, cities, communities and families, and yet prosperity may abound; but when divisions, bickerings and antagonisms enter, prosperity packs her grip for an early departure. More than one professional man has failed through the foolish opposition in his family; business houses have dissolved, through one petulant, bickering partner; some municipal administrations have failed of accomplishing anything through petty, personal divisions, wasting time and energies, and not a few national governments have done very little from rank partisanship of its members, congressmen trying to put the President or some other official in "a hole" for party or personal ends.

The local lesson for us as citizens, as Paul said, of "no mean city," is apparent; we must act together, citizens of all classes and conditions, citizens and members of the council. We elect aldermen, not to enact their own views, or to adopt measures for their own personal ends, but to represent us. Hence, in their official capacity they are entitled to, and should have our support, always on the supposition that they know or want to know the public sentiment and wishes and are seeking to formulate the same into ordinances, resolutions and other measures. No man, be he an alderman or private citizen has the right to say "It shall be so and so," or "I will oppose and defeat it if I can." Not at all. We differ in opinion and judgment; let us get together and by a frank, full and manly discussion come to think alike if possible; if not that, then as near alike as we can, and then all agree on the adoption of what appears to be the overwhelming public opinion. To that evident public demand, every one of us, private citizens, newspaper men and aldermen are to bow gracefully, cheerfully and loyally. That is the essence of the spirit and method of successful popular government.

Highland Park has had a phenom-

enal history of social, religious and political unity. Some five and twenty years ago there was a red-hot and little municipal campaign which left deep, life-long wounds, and the scars still abide in some places, and it will all be obliterated only when the last of the active participants lies beneath the blooming daisies. We want nothing of the sort again. We want the Park's prosperity, not our own personal views or measures to triumph, or as the Great Teacher taught, "He that would win the highest honors, achieve the greatest success, be the most useful and be longest remembered and loved, would be he who served his fellows best and most."

Let that, fellow-citizens, be our purpose, aim and ambition, and when we pass away, not only the widow and fatherless, whom we have befriended, but men of all classes and conditions will think and speak of us as another good man gone to his reward.

**THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.**

We spoke last week of the improvements on the city building and the accommodations for the library. Mr. Bock's plans contemplate an addition about 28x40, giving the fire apparatus below a room 17x40, and the library above the same size. Our suggestion would be that this addition be wider, so that these big rooms be at least 20, if not 22x40, so that when the library is moved to another building, the room above or the one below can be used for the court room, as the city will grow, and 20 years hence, a court room of that size will be needed. In fact, 10 years from now the city will need all these rooms for its own use, additional room for clerk, court, treasurer, engineer, etc.

The library board has a plan to put aside say \$500 a year of its income as a fund toward lot and building. A good plan, but the Bock addition plan is better, because it gives adequate room for the library for the next five to ten years, without any cost to the library fund and with the very least possible cost to the city. Put the library into any other building and it will cost from \$300 to