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THE CLUB ELECTION.

The annual meeting of the Highland Park Club for the transaction of regular business, hearing reports and the election of officers for the ensuing year, was held at the club house on the evening of Dec. 18th. After hearing the various reports, from the secretary, treasurer, chairman of the house committee and chairman of the entertainment committee, all of which were quite satisfactory, the votes were canvassed for new officers, and the retiring President announced the following gentlemen as unanimously elected to office for the ensuing year: President, Robert W. Patton; first vice president, Francis D. Everett; second vice president, Kenneth R. Smoot; treasurer, Anson C. Morgan; directors: Ford P. Hall, Daniel Cobb, T. Barbour Brown, Russell D. Hill and Fred P. Boynton.

At the conclusion of the canvass, the retiring president, Mr. James H. Shields, read his report, which, in substance, was as follows:

Gentlemen of the Highland Park Club:—The ceaseless roll of time has brought us to the close of another fiscal year in the affairs of our club life, and it now devolves upon me as your retiring chief executive officer to give a brief account of my stewardship, before once more betaking myself like Cincinnatus, to my rural pursuits, and my "Lares et penates." I have thrice accepted the highest honor you had within your gift, yet always with a feeling of reluctance, born of a sense of my inability to fill the office as I feel it should be filled. The affairs of this club, in order that it shall be conducted with the highest degree of success, should occupy a very considerable amount of the time and thoughts of its officers and directors. To be a live and active club, there should at all times be many plans advanced and attractions concocted, and discussed, to keep the internal fires of the organization aglow, have the members interested, and the people on the outside on the "qui vive" to know what is going to happen next, and make all such outsiders feel that they are out of the swim if not in this club. I am sorry that I have not been able, during the past year, to devote as much time and attention to the affairs of our club as I think an executive officer should, and I believe that your board of directors all feel as I do, yet we have given a considerable amount of our attention to meetings and discussions of our club's welfare, and I believe have accomplished some good work, but in our extreme modesty we leave you to say whether we have been good and faithful servants, or not. One of the most important features in the success of this club is the entertainment committee, and the most trying and exasperating position one can hold in this club is to be a member of that committee. We owe a great deal of the life of this organization to Mr. Vail, the tireless chairman of that committee, and his co-laborers. As to the financial standing of our club, you have heard the report of the treasurer which, I think you will agree with me, is fairly satisfactory, considering the times we have been passing through, and the competition we have had in the club business, the past year. For several years back, there has been much discussion as to how we could increase our voting and office hold-

ing members, and give our associate members a chance to be heard and felt around our council table. Many plans have, from time to time, been offered, but until lately none were devised that would meet the approval of the charter members, because of imperiling their property rights. Finally, however, the committee which has had the subject under advisement for nearly a year, evolved the plan which was adopted by a special meeting of the charter members on Nov. 27th ultimo. We sincerely hope that this change in our by-laws will result in all the good that has been anticipated by its most sanguine advocates, and that the new blood of our associate members will be injected into the arteries of this club in such large, and hot, and red and telling quantities that a very perceptible change will shortly be observed in the interest in, and activity, of everything pertaining to our club affairs. I cannot close without saying something about the Ossoli club, which is an auxiliary organization within the membership of this club. The Ossoli club has had a very successful year, and increases in interest and popularity every season. We have found out, through it, that the ladies of Highland Park are more than mere housewives, and handsome and attractive at society functions. We have discovered that they have mind, intellects and ideas beyond our wildest dreams, and are able to express themselves on various subjects and in various ways that have frequently astonished their own husbands. We have found that their name and fame has gone out far beyond the confines of Highland Park, as a result of the papers they have produced. The Ossoli club has been a great advantage to this club organization, in that it has attracted new people to us, and has held for us members that we would otherwise have lost. The directors granted the Ossoli the privilege of admitting the ladies of Fort Sheridan, and the lady school teachers of Highland Park to their meetings, which concession has been very greatly appreciated by them. I wish to call your special attention to the gradual accumulation of good and readable books we are making in our library. We have now, besides the Century Dictionary, 131 choice books that have been purchased by Mr. Wolcott during the past two years, out of a fund he has personally collected, by small subscriptions, from the members of the club. These books are intended for the use of the members of the club, only, and it is one of the understandings with Mr. Wolcott that they shall not be removed from the Club house. I am sorry to say, however, that there a number of volumes missing, and I hope if any member of the club discovers any such astray, upon his own or some one else's library table, he will kindly have it returned to the fold. Again, I thank you each and all for the honor you have conferred upon me, and your hearty support in all that this administration has done for the interests of our club. Those of us that have hung together and supported this organization, I believe, have no regrets for their loyalty to our joint interests. I am sorry for those who have left us when we needed them most, but I hope that many of them will see the error of their ways, and come back as soon as they learn the good things in store for all

the faithful, by our new administration. Wishing our new president and his associates the greatest success in all that they may plan for another year, and pledging them my hearty support in everything they may be able to do for the advancement and prosperity of the Highland Park Club. I ask Mr. Patton to assume my chair, and I will retire once more to the ranks." After the conclusion of Mr. Shields' report, Mr. Patton took the chair with a few appropriate remarks, and the meeting then adjourned. Immediately after the adjournment, the steward served sandwiches and coffee and the gentlemen of the club enjoyed themselves together until a late hour.

PUBLIC SCHOOL EXERCISES.

At the public school house, in the exercise hall Wednesday afternoon, before many of the parents and friends of the pupils, the following appropriate program was rendered: Christmas Carol, by girls of the first grade—Miss Barlow, teacher. Mother Goose exercise, second grade—Miss Corbett, teacher. The Christmas Stocking Exercise, scholars of the third grade—Miss King, teacher. "What We do at Our House on Christmas eve," by the fourth grade—Miss Brown, teacher. Christmas Bell Drill, by the girls of the fifth grade—Miss Bottum, teacher. Scene from the "Birds' Christmas Carols" (in which Mrs. Ruggles trains her nine children to appear properly at a dinner party to which they are invited), by the scholars of the sixth grade—Miss Kostanzer, teacher.

In this scene Hazel Nelson as Mrs. Ruggles, deserves special mention. She surprised and delighted everybody by the perfection of her action.

In Miss Cook's seventh grade one little girl dressed in the costume of Columbia was represented as receiving offerings from other nations—each nation being represented by a little girl in national costume of the country she represented.

Although hardly any preparations had been made, it was a most enjoyable program, and reflects credit on Mrs. Bowen and her able corps of teachers.

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas festival took place Wednesday evening. There was a handsome tree and satisfactory exercises. The children did their parts admirably. Peter Gerbolet, Josephine Inman, Lillie Freberg, Lillian Herdtklotz and others whose names we did not get were perfect. Mrs. Frank B. Green had one of her imitable recitations; Miss Palmier a sweet and beautiful solo, while H. M. Prior had a very fine violin solo, with Mrs. Brand at the piano.

There was a sense of disappointment among the children when it was learned Santa Claus could not be there, but when Superintendent Erskine read Santa's letter of excuse and explanation of his serious bicycle experiences, the disappointment passed away. The letter was superb, showing that Mr. Santa belongs to the first rank of humorists, and is also a benevolent fellow.

Too much praise cannot be given to Superintendent Erskine for his energy, push and liberality in making this annual festival a success. He simply made things go.

There was a full house and everything passed off admirably.

EXMOOR CLUB.

Our Exmoor friends are on the war path. They had their annual meeting a few days ago in the Union League club rooms in Chicago, and elected the following officers for 1898: President, C. W. Fullerton; Vice President, W. A. Alexander, Sec. Treas'r, C. F. Quincy; Directors, additional: Rudolph Ortman, J. W. Wakem, Morris Cassard, John Cutler and George Boulton. Some changes are proposed in the by-laws, of interest to members. The grounds will be extended from 2400 to 3000 yards in length, though only nine holes will be used. The managers wisely, we think, prefer to have a first class nine link, to a mediocre eighteen link ground. They also plan for an addition to the club house, south 50, 00 feet, ground dimensions and two stories high. Also about 200 linear feet of 15 feet wide porch will be built. On that little ridge near the first teeing ground, a neat pavilion for the alert caddies will be erected. More still, the road from the end of the macadam to the club house will be improved. James Tweedie has been engaged for the next year's service. There is every promise now that the maximum limit of membership, of 150 will be attained; there are 103 active members now, and 30 associates, besides one "honorary fellow!" Some folks had scant faith in the Exmoor a year ago; but their eyes were opened ere the season closed.

WANTED--A COLLEGE.

The United Evangelical Church, the kind pastor H. H. Thoren belongs to, is looking for a site for a college, with, in the years to come, colleges of law, medicine, music, oratory, etc. They want about 100 acres of land in an eligible situation; all other things being right, they might do with less. They have a committee now looking at places, like Freeport, Rockford, Dixon, etc., and we expect they will look here also. Hence we want that college. It means at once a body of educated men and women to work in the schools, and a body of advanced pupils and it would put the possibilities of a college training within easy reach of scores of poor boys and girls in this town who can't get it now. Gradually it would bring in lots of families, seeking the advantages of a college town. But to secure this college there must be land for a site, money for buildings, how much we know not, but it is safe to say a "lot." Can we raise that money? That will probably decide the question of location. We think it should, not; but it will. Now how much can, or will you do toward raising \$10,000 to \$25,000 to secure the college?

BURNS & McNABB.

The new paint shop on St. Johns avenue, north of Freberg's livery, built for James W. Burns and Geo. McNabb, is now completed and ready for business. Special attention is called to the fact that this shop was built expressly for carriage painting; they are also fully equipped for sign, bicycle and furniture painting. Both Mr. Burns and Mr. McNabb are well known in the Park and the quality of the work turned out by them is so well known that praise of it is unnecessary. They are enterprising young men and will receive a large patronage.

DEATH OF JAMES BESLEY.

James Besley, Waukegan's oldest resident and who was known to many citizens of the Park, died at his home in Waukegan aged nearly 90 years.

The Sun has a sketch of Mr. Besley's life, in Thursday evening's issue, as follows:

"He was born in Berkshire, England, July 16, 1808, the son of William and Mary Besley. He learned the milling and brewing trades in his native land, and came to America in 1835. He was married in 1832 to Mary W. Windiate of Berkshire, England. She came with him to this country, and they first settled in Pontiac, Mich. He soon removed to Waterford. In 1853 he came to this city and purchased an old brewing plant from the firm of Scoffin & Green, for the sum of \$3,000. Here they lived happily with their children, when in 1891 Mrs. Besley passed away on the 31st day of May."

HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School closed Thursday afternoon, until Monday, Jan. 3rd.

The Qui Vive society had charge of the rhetorical exercises, which were very interesting. At the close of the exercises the Excelsior society treated to candy and nuts and best wishes for the coming holidays.

The discussion of the question "Is iron or wood more necessary to modern life?" was spirited and interest was kept alive until the close. Frank McCaffery, Mildred Mihills and James Shields defended iron and Newman Finney, Isabel Clark and Mamie Kenny, championed the cause of wood. The judges, Miss Stewart, Miss Douglass, and George Millard after long deliberation decided that the defendants of wood had gained the debate, by one point.

Miss Stewart expects to go to her home in Minnesota, and Miss Douglass to her home in Elmhurst, Ill., to spend the holidays.

We had a number of visitors at our exercises, Thursday afternoon.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Rutterick patterns for sale at Miss Erskine's.

Carnations 40 cents per dozen at Schumacher's.

Miss Barlow will eat her Christmas turkey in Delevan, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Duffy last Saturday night entertained their friends with a progressive euchre party.

Experienced physicians claim that the only absolutely safe machine to run is the Willcox & Gibbs "Automatic."

OUR CLUBBING RATES.

The News is ready to form clubbing rates with its subscribers for any prominent paper or magazine published in this country, Great Britain, France or Germany. Bear in mind the News is always and everywhere \$1.00 cash. We will give you the News and

North American Review for	5.30
Harper's Monthly	4.25
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Century	4.00
Atlantic Monthly	4.25
London Society Times	4.00
Review of Reviews	3.20
The Forum	3.75
Ladies' Home Journal	1.05

And so on; the editor can quote for rates on nearly 500 periodicals, if you wish.

Santa Claus

Don't forget to call on Dale Sweetland, please.

Following are a few of our customers who are using Sunshine stoves:

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- T. F. Clayton
- H. L. Bowen
- H. Ditch
- W. E. Egan
- Fred Greenblade
- J. Hessler
- Miss LaBar
- B. F. Schumacher
- Charles H. Baker
- W. W. Hoyington
- Dr. Incalls
- G. D. Bonilton
- Charles Larson
- J. Blackler
- G. E. Sites
- M. Dugan
- A. S. Campbell
- J. C. Coe
- Mrs. Duffy
- William Smith
- City Hall
- M. Mott
- James McNeill
- J. S. Prall
- J. F. Rice
- M. Rogan
- F. Thom
- John K. Redup
- Colonel Davidson
- A. J. St. Peter
- Mrs. A. Buck
- Mrs. J. C. Rant
- Miss Eskine
- B. F. Gump
- L. G. Yoe
- J. Hartman
- M. C. Smith
- M. Gibbs
- R. J. Street
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- Mrs. D. C. Parry
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