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There were 96 bank failures last year, not including the Highland Park savings bank which failed several years ago, before it came into existence.

We knew that relief would come somehow from our dog nuisance. A scientific leader suggests that school children be taught the art of dissection, and for subjects use cats and dogs. All it wants now is a laboratory, which the board can erect, or take the young men's club house, put in an instructor and the boys can do the rest. Give each boy a brass wire lariat and tell him to bring in a subject, and dogs would vanish in no time. Set up the laboratory, gentlemen.

We wish to call special attention to that oyster supper etc. down at Ravinia tonight. There are some good folks down there working for the good of that burg, they want to annex to Highland Park, as soon as they can bring it about, and just now they are trying to raise a few dollars to buy some of our old city lamps for their streets. The ladies are doing this and as Paul said, "help those women." Nathan O. Moore would like to let them have that "bulb" of a light up at his corner. But help them and do it now, they want to join us; help them.

A few weeks ago a paragraph appeared in our columns to the effect that most of the churches in this city were struggling with debts. The statement was not our own, but another's. A leading member of the Presbyterian church spoke to us of it at the time and said that church was not in such a condition; their bills were all paid, save one small payment on the parsonage lot, which would be met when wanted. That did us good, for of all things paying a preacher, who with his barrel of sermons, has gone to pastures new, is about the hardest. Some day in the not distant future they will have a manse on that vacant lot and pay for it, too. We met an Indiana lady in the city last week who said the Hoosiers did not want to part with Pastor Pfanstiel and they love him still. Good record that.

Two men were executed last week Friday. Durrant in California and O'Neill in Massachusetts, for which we are grateful. They were guilty, so the courts said, and must believe rightly too, of cold-blooded, brutal murders of innocent women. Miss Lamont took unjustifiable risks in being out after dark with Durrant, a thing she had no right to do, and Mrs. Cloud in Massachusetts was out after dark on a lonely street, which was wrong. The fact is, too many girls court such crimes by their culpable carelessness. Ask the night police officer of this city how many girls, some of them of fine families, too, he meets out on the streets late at night with young men of questionable character, if you want to be astonished. One of the best men in this city, who has occasion to come home on the late trains quite frequently, dumbfounded us by the partial recital of what he has seen with

his own eyes. Durrant and O'Neill deserved the gallows, but some others were sinners also, in a less degree, of course, but sinners still.

THE NEW ALDERMEN.

Without trenching, in any respect, on the rightful prerogatives of any of the several wards of the city, we feel impelled to offer a hint or two of a general character as to the new aldermen. First of all, no man is entitled to the place. Because some "Bill" or "Jim" or other fellow, with no special fitness of character, business ability or standing in the community wants the place, is no reason why he should have it. The work of an alderman is chiefly of a business character, just as the directorship in a bank or railroad company, is chiefly of a business character and not a social or political one. If we were to elect eight directors of the "Peerless City National Bank" of Highland Park, two from each ward this spring, would you select any "Dick" or "Mike" or "Jim" for the place? Not much. Well, the aldermen we elect are to have the municipal management of several hundred thousand dollars worth of property. Do we want any Jim, or Mike, or Dick; bums, men who can't or won't pay their bills, who can't manage a little business successfully, to do that work?

Once more. We want our next council not only enlarged, but as Aldermen Phillips and Cobb said in urging the four-ward ordinance, we want the council an abler and better body than has ever been in that chamber. That is, we want the standard of personal character and business ability raised and the general capacity increased. Some men are thoroughly honest, capable and true in a small way; they can and do manage their little business admirably, but they would utterly break down if put to manage a big business, as a railroad or a factory. The country is full of merchants who manage their little village business successfully and wisely, and who would go to the wall in three months if put at the head of Marshall Fields' concern with its many millions annually. They are built after small models, on small plans. Our municipality is not so very large, but its interests are varied and broad, and many of them of far-reaching scope, and they need that sagacity, that ability to size up and plan for future needs and opportunities, which is the special prerogative of the ablest and best business men. Five and twenty years ago people planned and builded in Ravinia, Highland Park and Highwood for fifteen to twenty thousand inhabitants, and they did not come. That miscalculation involved immense waste of money and tremendous losses of property and life-long struggles to save a little from the wrecks. We don't want that kind of optimism in our municipal management. It was honest and sincere, but it miscalculated, grievously.

On the other hand, we don't want grand opportunities lost for lack of business sagacity enough to see them. Thirty years ago Chauncey Depew had a chance to get into the Bell Telephone Company on the "ground floor," as they say. He did not see it, and today he is worth several millions of dollars less from his lack of vision than some others who did see and seized it. We don't want any first class opportunity for the improvement, upbuilding and enlargement of Highland Park lost, just because some of these wards make a mistake and send up small men as aldermen; men who can't see an opportunity when it comes, and could not seize and improve it if they should see it. Hence, fellow-citizens, select and send up your ablest and best men.

FRESH TROUBLES.

The poet said "disasters came not singly." How true that is. Only three or four years ago Mr. Smoot and some others of our bright men had a new, up to date \$25,000 school house built for us, warranted perfect and to last, with no changes and few repairs, for at least a score of years. But lo, here comes along President E. B. Andrews of the great Brown University, and tells our Illinois school teachers they cannot have the right kind of schools without a free lunch room, for all the pupils alike. But our expensive school house has no lunch room and kitchen and no place for one, unless the board builds on an annex in the rear or a prefix in front, and that would injure the artistic architectural effects of that building. That room in the basement won't do.

Then right on top of this calamity comes President Harper and tells a waiting world that three students have died of starvation in the great Chicago University, as if to emphasize Dr. Andrews' free lunch counter business in our fin-de-siecle school house with patent ventilators, heating apparatus, electric lights and "Old Glory" at the mast head every school day, now wholly unequipped for free lunches. "Joe Leiter has nine million bushels of wheat in his elevators and students dying for want of bread because a free lunch is not in existence.

Disaster follows disaster just as one sheep follows another over the stone wall. Here comes a Massachusetts educator and tells us children can't be educated aright, unless in addition to the free lunch business they have bath rooms in the schoolhouse. A bath every night or morning or both is not enough. The pupil, to be properly "educated," must stop at midday all study for a bath. Here we are in the soup again — our fin-de-siecle school house has no bathing facilities and no change for any. Of course if these great educators say these things are so, they are. Now what is to be done? Expend another \$10,000 to 15,000 in erecting free lunch and bathing facilities, to have some other great educators come along a few years hence and condemn the whole thing and have to haul them down or transfer them into the unused young men's club house. We don't wonder the West Deerfielder's object to having these men build our new high school, they are not up in this free lunch or bath room fad. Verily, where are we at?

But come to think of it the great men of other ages had no free lunch counters and bath rooms and other theoretical nonsense, and yet somehow they knew something and did something for the world, and which the world recognizes today, as of great worth. There were giants intellectually in those days, and no lunch or bath room facilities. Indeed, a plodding historian has recently discovered that during all the thousand years of the middle ages not one single person in all Europe took a bath; yet those brave, brusque old fellows did something for the world. Seriously, we may be all off, but we opine this fad business in our schools, like some teachers we wot of, is slightly overworked. Nothing would do the schools of the land more service just now, than a good, old-fashioned, heroic dose of common sense, well shaken before using.

The man who painted the Baptist "ad" for Sunday last's services in the postoffice, had "Sunday, January 10th." That was not exactly a "lapsus linguae," but it was a slip of the stencil plate.

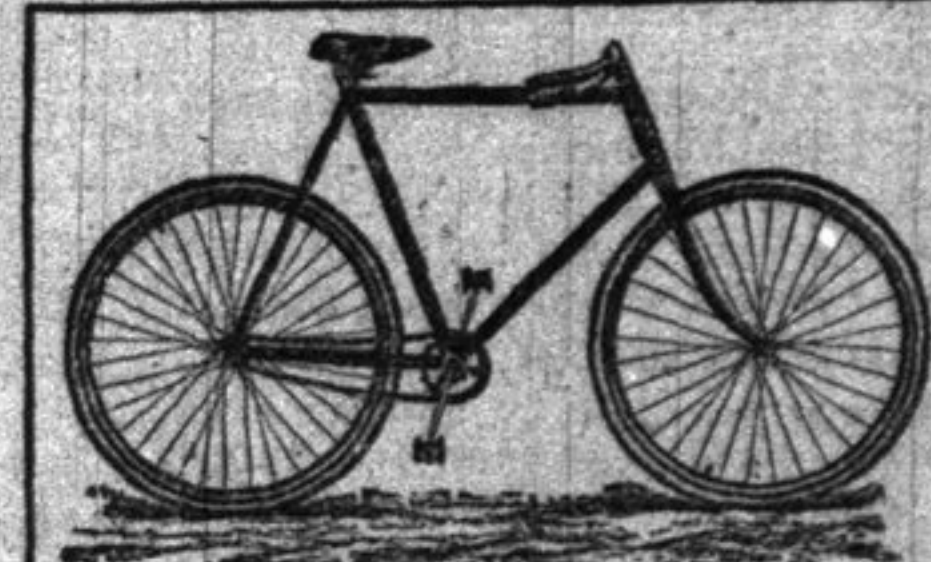
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From the north 7.30
From the south 7.30
12.07, 3.25, 5.37, 7.25
DEPARTURE
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5.35, 7.29 p. m.
For the north, 9.12, 11
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departure of trains. W

Directory of Sec
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Meet at Masonic Hall first
F. M. Ingalls, Sachem; J.
A. O. Fay Lodge, A.
ular meeting nights first
each month, at Masonic
& Son's store.

Independent Order F.
land. Meetings first in
each month in Forester's
Modern Woodmen of
first and fourth Friday
esters' hall, J. W. Fin
Greenslade, Secretary.

Highland Park Comm.
Artium. Meet in
and fourth Mondays of
Charles H. Baker, Secre

CHURCH DIS
Ravinia M. E. Church,
Heathcote pastor—Sund.
m.; Epworth League
Sunday evening at 7.30
at 7.30 each Sunday
from 8 to 8.30; Epwo
meeting and social the 1
month.

Swedish M. E. Church
Rev. J. W. Westling, pas
as follows: Sunday school
League, 7.00 p. m.; P
prayer-meeting Thurs
Everyone is invited.

First United Evangel
H. Thoren, pastor. S
man preaching, 10.45
p. m.; Sunday school,
6.45 p. m.; prayer me
7.30 p. m.

Evangelical Associat
pastor. Sunday ser
Reading Room; Sun
German preaching at 1
E. at 8.45 p. m.; workin
p. m.; dnesday at
prayer meetings; Satur
technical class; pastor

St. Mary's Catholic
Madden, pastor. First
mass, 10.00; Sunday so
The Baptist Church,
Preaching, 10.45 a. m.,
m.; Baptist Young P
p. m.; preaching, 7
prayer meeting, 7.45

Evangelical Luthera
Mr. Salmann pastor
a. m.; Sunday school,
Trinity Church, F.
Holy communion, 7.30
10.00 a. m.; Morning
11 a. m.; Second class
the month. Even song

Presbyterian Church,
Worship and preaching
school, 12. m.; Christia
Prayer service, Wednes

NORTHWESTERN R
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H. Park
6.45 A. M. 7.42 A. P.
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10.45 11.44
11.30 12.20 P. M.
1.00 P. M. 2.01
2.00 2.41
2.15 2.20
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4.55 5.48
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