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THE ROYAL ARCANUM.

Highland Park Council No. 1066, held its annual meeting Monday night for the change of officials, etc. There were large delegations from councils in Lake Forest, Winnetka and Covenant council of Evanston. Past Regent Newhall of Northwestern Council of Chicago was present and Grand Regent Teft and Acting Grand Guide Crittenden installed the new officers. Charles H. Baker, who has served so well as regent for two years, retired by the natural course of things, and Prof. W. A. Wilson was installed as his successor. He brings to the position the culture of the scholar, together with the gifts and graces of the orator, and will well maintain the high standard set up in this council by his distinguished predecessors. The late Colonel James was one of the early regents of this council, and he established what we may call the "regent's standard," very high, and the Council has seen to it that his successors have been men who could and would maintain it. Hence the significance of Prof. Wilson's selection.

After Professor Wilson was duly, safely and legally seated on the "woolsack," L. O. Van Riper, the silver-tongued orator, presented, in behalf of his associates in the Council, the retiring regent, C. H. Baker, a past regent's jewel, a very fine affair, gold set with precious stones, and pearls in token of the Council's high appreciation of Mr. Baker's very arduous, unrelaxed and pre-eminently successful services as regent. As is well known, the percentage of increase in membership, and efficiency of the Council was never higher than during Regent Baker's incumbency. It was he, sustained and cheered on by his fellow members, who won the prize last year against the competing council at Winnetka and the royal prize banquet that followed. He retires from the office he has so honorably and successfully held for two years with perfect harmony prevailing in all ranks and departments of the council, with a high esprit de corps, and an enthusiasm which knows no restraint or defeat. If we may be permitted one word, it is to the effect—that we have never known in all our acquaintance with these social and fraternal organizations, one so well organized, thoroughly equipped and admirably managed as is council No. 1066 Royal Arcanum of this city. As the ponderous and complex chronometer in the tall and stately tower of the city police court house solemnly pealed out the hour of eleven, the Arcanumites put on their ulsters and seal skin caps and went out, some to their homes and some to the trains, but all chanting as they went—"Great is Past Regent Baker, and other past regents; Great is present Regent Wilson and all future regents, but greatest, grandest and best of all is Council No. 1066 Royal Arcanum."

The storm extended all over the county. Our enterprising neighbors at Waukegan put their electric cars in the barn till the worst was over. The farmers out in Gurnee, Freemont, Newport and Cuba kept by the fires till all was over and then plowed out the roads. The side tracks in the Waukegan yards contained more or less belated freight trains; in fact for about two days

the storm king held control over all this region. All freight trains on the C. and N. W. were discontinued and all through passenger trains were run with double-headers, they being anywhere from an hour to five hours late. The snow plow and many shovelers were kept working all day Tuesday and all night clearing the tracks of snow and ice.

THE NEXT IMPROVEMENT.

The next, and practically only, special improvement for the year ensuing should be the paving or macadamizing of St. John's avenue from its junction with the Sheridan road south, up through the city to its junction with Vine avenue on the north. Our paved streets now are like the old railroad systems of forty or fifty years ago—no system at all. For instance, one company organized and built a road from Milwaukee to Kenosha. Another company by and by built from Kenosha to Waukegan, and then a third one organized and built from Waukegan to Chicago. Each company run its cars over its own line and no further, run them when they liked, with no regard to when the other roads ran theirs, sold tickets over its own line and no further. Worse yet, each road had its own depots, at each end of its line, so that in Kenosha or Waukegan there would be two depots, perhaps half a mile apart, so that passengers had to foot it or take a bus from depot to depot, as you do in crossing Chicago now. We did that very thing in the 50's in New England, and to "rile up" its passengers worse, the next road would read off its trains just before we got to its depot, and do it on purpose so as to not accommodate the public.

Here we have Vine, Laurel, Central, Prospect and the Sheridan avenues all paved, and yet each one begins nowhere and ends nowhere, so far as getting onto any other paved street is concerned.

With this St. John's avenue paving as above outlined, would come the completion of Vine avenue, paving from old Port Clinton to the golf ground extension, and then every paved street would lead into St. John's avenue and via Vine, and all would lead into the Exmoor Club grounds. Today we have no system, only isolated, long and short scraps of paved streets, leading from the mud at one end and landing in the mud at the other. Complete St. John's and Vine as indicated, and we will have a complete, united system reaching into all sections of the city, and one which can be extended in any direction, at any time the people so desire, and thereby enlarge the mileage of paved streets.

SLEIGH RIDE PARTY.

Last evening, about a dozen young friends of Miss Maud Ingalls, upon invitation from her father, Dr. Ingalls, piled into a sleigh and were driven out to Deerfield, returning at about 9 o'clock, to the home of C. W. Aldridge. Here refreshments were served, followed by dancing, which the young people hugely enjoyed. At about 11 o'clock, at the termination of the festivities, the rig drove up, the young people piled in and each was driven to his home. All those who were there report a most pleasant time and pronounce it an occasion which will be long remembered.

A NEW STORE.

We understand a gentleman of experience in the dry goods trade is looking for a suitable store in this city in which to open a first-class cash dry goods store exclusively. He wants a large store, well lighted, centrally located and modern in all its appointments. The store occupied by Evans Bros. would undoubtedly meet the bill, but it cannot be had. Beyond that there is no store east of the track suitable, not now occupied. We understand that Mr. Hawkins is ready to put up a building below the Schumacher drug store. He could erect a two story block with an elegant store on the first floor and one or two offices in the front of the second floor and in the rear of the second floor would be the best located and arranged printing office in all this country round about, with a door from the alley. The office would have abundant north light, the best that could be had.

Mr. Basye proposes a new block where his house stood. The lot is about 75 feet front. Allowing 15 feet for walls and stairway to the possible second floor would leave 60 feet for stores, that is one 20 feet next to Fletcher's block and one 40 feet on the west side. It could be made a fine store.

Then there is the McDonald corner, which by modernizing and putting in large west side windows would make one of the most attractive and convenient stores in the town. The man has been here several times looking over the field and wants to come if suitable place can be secured. A \$10,000 stock of dry goods would mean a model modern store and one which we believe would take the cream of of the cash dry goods trade for all the region round about. When people have the cash to pay for dry goods they won't mind driving a few miles for a first-class store. It is the goods they want and at the cheapest price. The rich people of this city go to Chicago, but the working people, mechanics and farmers for a big territory don't or would not go if they had the right kind of a store here. What is wanted is a big stock, full lines of goods so people can get what they want.

We saw the experiment tried once in a village, where there were half a score of other villages scattered about the country, each with its little stores.

This audacious merchant decided that if he had a big store with full lines of goods always new and fresh, he could get the cream of the trade for twenty miles about. Wise, shrewd, old business men shook their heads, but he went on with his seemingly rash experiment, importing silks, tweeds, broadcloths, linens and rare wines from Great Britain and France, and inside of five years he had to double the capacity of his store. People who lived within ten miles of a large town drove twenty for the sake of getting to his store. It was a phenomenon in commercial life; but he understood human nature to perfection, and achieved a wonderful success. That was thirty years ago and the last I knew Landsberg was at it still at the same old stand, as successful as ever, though the novelty had worn off. He always gave good value for a customer's money.

Rutterick patterns for sale at Miss Erskine's.

THE RIOTERS.

The case of the people against J. Rogan, M. Rogan and J. Genest, the four fellows from Highland Park who recently threw that place into a chaotic state by literally tearing things loose, was this morning brought up before Justice Shatswell. They appeared this time on a charge of "riot," the former charge upon which each was fined \$75 and costs being "disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace."

The quartet waived examination and were bound over to the grand jury in bonds of \$500. Their attorneys tried hard to have the bail fixed at \$300, but Justice Shatswell realized the seriousness of the charge and fixed it as stated. Attorneys E. J. Heydecker of this city and Knox of Highland Park appeared in defense of the rioters.

Only the principal witness, Werran, appeared and his evidence was amply sufficient to warrant their being bound over.—Waukegan Daily Sun, Monday, Jan. 24.

THE "AUTOMATIC."

Is the Preservation of Man's Health More Important Than the Preservation of the Health of Woman?

Much has been done during the last decades to lighten the work of man, by time and labor saving inventions, which men have taken advantage of, regardless of expense; yet many women continue to use heavy running, noisy and injurious sewing machines, with their accompanying annoyances of bobbins, shuttles and tensions.

Prominent physicians agree that no other one cause has done so much to injure the health of women, as running such machines.

That intelligent ladies, who keep posted with advances, are awakening to an appreciation of this important subject, is fully demonstrated by the large sales of the light running, health saving, "automatic, silent sewing machine, manufactured and sold by the Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine company.

Ladies who value their health will do well to examine this machine.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Miss Laura Jones, formerly of the class of '98, visited the school last Friday.

The Qui Vives take charge of the literary exercises Friday, January 28th.

There is a surprise in store for the high school.

At the literary exercises of the Excelsior society last Friday the Qui Vives presented that society with a banner that very clearly represents the name and colors of the Excelsior society. At the close of the exercises the Qui Vives brought in pies of all kinds and scholars, teachers and visitors ate pie together. The Reverend Pfanstiehl was present, ate a pie and gave the school a happy and encouraging talk.

We have not yet heard of any organization of a "Woman's Brigade" for cleaning the snow off the sidewalks, nor, so far as we can see, have they made any very vigorous attempts at it any way. Such opportunities as we had the first of this week are rare. But opportunities are what some folks do not want.

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

THE NEW CITY BUILDING.

The new village hall which has just been virtually completed, is a model of its kind. There is nothing between Evanston and Waukegan to compare with it. Highland Park's 3000 population cannot even claim for their city building a place in the same class. It is by far the most beautiful and tasteful structure ever erected in Highwood; the tall tower, rising in the north-west corner, adds an imposing prestige to the graceful lines of the main body of the building; the whole affair is faced with red brick except the rear room, for the hose cart; the front steps are approached by a cement sidewalk. Over the door is the inscription "Fort Sheridan Village Hall," while in the corner stone in the tower are the names, "W. F. Hogan, president; Jas. Brown, John Bolan, Charles Benson, Michael Cauley, Axel Roberg, Hermann Swanson, trustees; H. E. Evans, clerk; S. G. Enmark & Son, contractors."

You enter into a large vestibule, from which the stairs lead to the second floor; on the right is the clerk's office; in the southwest corner of the building, directly in front, in the north side, is the jail room, containing four iron cages, made of riveted bands of steel. There is another large room on the south side; from here the stairs descend to ground level and you enter the back ell. This has a cement floor and is used for the storage of hose carts and fire apparatus. The chimney is in this part, and is made especially large with an iron ladder running clear to the top,—an arrangement for drying out hose after a fire. Returning to the front hall, we climb the broad stair way to the second floor; here, leading off from a hall, to the right is a room directly over the clerk's for a storage room. The council chamber occupies the entire east half of the second floor; from the second floor the stairs lead up into the tower, where a fine view may be obtained. The building is wired throughout for electric light and is finished, both flooring and wainscoting, in hard pine.

The contest for the contract was very close as eleven firms put in bids. The contract was awarded to S. G. Enmark & son of Lake Forest on Aug. 26, 1897, at a special meeting of the board, for \$5925. Charles J. Peterson of Evanston, was appointed as village inspector of the work, and he has done his duty well. The board meetings are now held in the building and the old place is marked "for sale."

Judge Daniel Pease is in New York on business this week.

A young people's meeting, led by Mr. H. L. Harvey, will be held regularly on Sundays, at 7 o'clock p. m. at the M. E. Church.

"Let us have light" was the watch word of last Tuesday's board meeting. There were arrangements made for five more arc lights, in addition to the six now in running order, one on Prairie avenue, in front of the Wilson house, one on Carlborn's corner, one on Onsom's corner, one at the post hotel and the other probably on Washington street. Other routine business was also transacted.

Mrs. E. B. Palmer and Miss Rilla Palmer attended the funeral of Mrs. Jones of Hyde Park, an aunt of Mrs. Palmer's, Thursday.

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