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THE POLITICAL POOL.

Good Selections.

Ward one is first in the field with its candidates for aldermen and these are the men: Michael McCaffrey and Silas P. Brand. They are both excellent business men, have lived here many years, have proved their ability and sound judgment as such and are perfectly familiar with the needs of their own ward and of the city as well. They are both real estate owners and pay taxes and special assessments, are in favor of a conservative, judicious system of local improvements. They are both also interested in the healthy growth of Highland Park, are solicitous for its material and moral welfare and neither of them would do anything to lower the moral tone of this city.

Then in ward one there are strong German and Irish elements, intelligent, thrifty and progressive and these men fittingly, indeed we may say admirably represent those elements. Then they are working in perfect harmony, the friends of Mr. McCaffrey will support him and Mr. Brand also and Mr. Brand's personal friends will turn around and do the same for Mr. McCaffrey—and that is as it should be. Mr. McCaffrey, as a practical mechanic of sound judgment, prompt and reliable, will be of great value to the city if any improvements are made in the city building, etc, or in the matter of bridges, streets and sidewalks, these are his special fields of knowledge and experience. He is also a good all around man, from all we can learn.

While Mr. Brand's specialties are not exactly in that line, he is a good level headed, sound business man with no hobbies to ride, or pet schemes to carry out. And we are greatly pleased that the first ward has no other candidates and we trust will not have any, thereby setting a noble example to the other wards.

The Other Wards.

So far as we have heard there are no candidates in the field in ward two, unless Mr. Fritsch is up for reelection. In ward three we understand Dr. Ingalls is in the field; whether Col. Davidson will be a candidate, we know not as he is in Florida.

The fourth ward seems to be all at sea yet. That ward is some like a church we knew down east, when it came to electing a new board of deacons the pastor said, there was "such a superabundance of good material" that it was very difficult to decide whom to have. It is currently reported that there are fully forty first class men over there as candidates and so the problem of selecting two good men is a difficult one. We hope they will simmer down by next week so we can name them.

Town Meeting.

That little one-horse affair so called a "town meeting" comes this year, April 5th, four weeks from next Tuesday, we presume in the Young Men's Club House. It seems to us such a little insignificant affair, compared with real town meetings in New England, where the town is the practical unit. Who will be candidates for assessor, clerk etc, we know not, though we have never been obliged to go out of town yet for candidates, even for the lowest offices.

The town board meets next Monday, when Messrs. Fletcher and Hogan will "draw straws" for the long term. We suppose it matters not

who gets the short straw, he will be re-elected and so have both men fill out the full term for which we supposed they were originally elected.

CITY COUNCIL.

City council met in regular session Tuesday evening, Col. Davidson, alone being absent. The residents at and near the Henry C. Street corner petitioned for the restoration of their old arc light, to the committee on streets. Bids for the 10 inch water main 1500 feet on Linden avenue, that is from the H. C. Sampson corner to the Gen. Flint corner, were opened and referred to the street committee with power. McGregor Adams has proposed to put in a fine steel bridge on Waverly avenue, just off the Sheridan road, provided the city will pay him the cost of a wood one, say \$600, and the council want the proposition in writing.

A rebate of 25 per cent was ordered on the water main down First street, as it cost only 75 per cent of the assessment to lay it. The bills were passed and ordered paid. Mrs. Florence L. Snow asked to have an alley, of no earthly use, on one side of her grounds closed, in fact they own the ground all around it and it is a nuisance; to the street and alley committee.

A communication was read from the treasurer in which he said that, on legal advice, he could not be held responsible for the city funds, if the mayor and alderman could check the money out of the bank. The matter was referred to the city attorney to report at a special meeting for that purpose. The clerk submitted the notices of the annual election, designating polling places as follows: ward one, city building; ward two, D. M. Erskine's office; ward three, Raffin and Baker's; ward four, the Benson house, heretofore used as a polling place.

The council listened for nearly two hours to the reading of the new revised edition of the ordinances, as prepared by city Attorney Smoot. About half past eleven the council adjourned.

NOTES.

The editor was not at the meeting, being kept at home by what is technically known as a "slight indisposition," the notes for this report were taken by one of the publishers.

We understand Alderman Cobb made a brief but very sensible speech on the communication of the treasurer. Both parties can't be right, the thing for the council to do is first "be sure you are right"—and then if you are, go ahead.

We did not know as the council could get through one meeting without the "genial presence" of the editor of the News, but it seems they can. Thus one by one the illusions of early life dissolve and fade away as mists before the morning sun!

The bills amounted to about \$500. for the month.

A NEW CLUB.

The Junior Art Club gave an informal dance Saturday evening, Feb. 26th, at the home of Mrs. Viola Shields. We understand it was a very successful and enjoyable affair. The Club has just organized with the following choice list of members:

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| Miss Isobel Scott, chairwoman. | Miss Viola Shields, secretary. |
| Misses— | Misses— |
| Bessie Sites. | Mary Hessler. |
| Minnetta Miller. | Eleanor Smoot. |
| Alice Fessenden. | Annie Scott. |
| Celeste Robinson. | Margaret Robinson. |

THACKERAY.

Professor Rolfe's lecture on Thackeray, delivered at the Highland Park Club on Tuesday evening was thoroughly charming. It could not be otherwise with such a lecturer and such a subject. Even a dull man could scarcely fail to interest and move us if he talked to us about Thackeray, and Professor Rolfe is not a dull man.

It seems strange in these days that there ever was a time when Thackeray's rank as the greatest of English novelists, and one of the supremist artists in the whole field of literature was ever disputed.

The verdict of today is summed up by Professor Saintsbury, who says: "In the creation of living character he stands simply alone among novelists; above even Fielding, though his characters may have something less of massiveness; much above Scott, whose consummate successes are accompanied by not a few failures, and out of sight of almost every one else, except Miss Austen, whose world is different, and, as a world, somewhat less of flesh and blood. It is not so much the holding up of the mirror to life as the presentation of life itself."

The story of Thackeray's beautiful and unselfish life was touchingly told, the silly and shallow charge of cynicism still urged now and then by those who never read his books, was refuted; and the consummate excellence of his work was pointed out.

We trust that everyone who heard this lecture went home to read "The Newcomes," the greatest novel, take it all in all, in our language; or if not "The Newcomes" then "Henry Esmond," "Vanity Fair," or "Pendennis" which are only a little less great.

To read Thackeray, and to love him is a liberal education.

After the lecture there was a spirited discussion of the merits and demerits of Carlyle as a writer, a discussion in which "the Sage of Chelsea" was on the whole rather roughly handled.

COUNTY BOARD.

The supervisors meet next Monday, down stairs in the court house, and the Circuit Court meets up stairs the same day in the court room. There is lots of "spring work" for the board at this time of the year and we are glad to know that our Deerfield representatives have made their mark up there. We all know what Mr. Fletcher's record is in the board as an able and vigorous man and we are glad to know that Assistant W. F. Hogan has got his hand well on the work, as it generally takes a new man about a year to get the run of things. One thing Mr. Hogan has put his hand on is the excessive water rates the county has been paying the city of Waukegan. Of course Waukegan supplies the county with water, but the city has been charging too much. Mr. Hogan thinks, and so he is prying into it. Insist on a meter Mr. Hogan, and let the county pay for what it gets and no more. So in a variety of ways he is looking out for the county's interest.

Some towns don't amount to a "row of pins" in the board just because they send up ordinary men to the county board. That has not been Deerfield's policy for the last

twenty years and we don't want any cheap policy introduced now.

Mr. Hogan has his eye on some other things by way of improvements, same as A. W. Waldo, late of Vernon, did when he went into the board; and when a few timid ones held their breath and said: "Tut, tut, don't touch those things; they are sacred," he did put his hands on them and some old idols fell and got broken and some dollars, several hundreds, went into the Lake County treasury. Assistant Hogan is working along similar lines and so we will just keep him there.

MARRIAGE LEAKED OUT.

Another secret wedding has come to light, a marriage kept secret for nearly a month to all but a few intimate friends. On February 8th, Miss Kittie Leonard, of this city, was married in Kenosha to Lemuel Walker, formerly of Highland Park. They were attended by Miss Eva Nantz and Michael Leonard. Since their marriage the young couple have resided at the home of the bride's mother, 124 Oak street, where they will remain until spring.

The groom, Mr. Walker, is a carpenter by trade, and a steady young man, well skilled at his trade.—The Daily Sun.

PERSONALS.

John Sullivan is sick with the grip. John Hart is laid up with a bad cold.

Adolph Nelson is a sufferer from rheumatism.

W. H. Willmot of Deerfield was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Colonel Turnley was a Park visitor Tuesday.

Adolph Lindstrom is another victim of the gripe.

Mrs. H. H. Thoren is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Mamie Duffy has been visiting friends in Chicago several weeks.

Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl will preach for Pastor Thoren Sunday evening, owing to the continued illness of Mr. Thoren.

Mrs. McFarlane, who has been visiting friends in Chicago, returned Monday.

Miss Laura Wessling of North Northfield, is a visitor at Orson B. Brand's.

Lawrence McBird of Chicago, visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Raikes over Sunday.

William Westlake, candidate for county treasurer, was a visitor in the Park, Friday.

James O'Conner, Mrs. Sheeler and Mr. J. Dillon of Chicago, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duffy.

Mr. Allen, of Waukegan, president of the Sovereign Lubricating Company, was a visitor in the Park, Monday.

Mrs. L. E. Wilcox of Townsend, Mont., is visiting for a short time with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patchen.

Herbert Corey, who has been visiting with Colonel Turnley the past two weeks, returned to his home in Chicago, Tuesday.

George B. and Mrs. Cummings spent Tuesday evening with their son, G. Willis, and Mrs. Cummings at their home in Lake Bluff.

Mrs. H. I. Morris and daughter Bessie, visited with Mrs. Bishop of Lake Bluff a few days this week, leaving here Monday and returning Wednesday.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The city council held an adjourned meeting to hear the city attorney's report on the new ordinance affecting the city treasurer, to-wit: that portion which provides that in certain cases the mayor and chairman of the finance committee can sign checks and draw the city's money out of the bank of deposit.

Mr. Smoot reported that such authority was very doubtful and suggested an amendment of the ordinance recently passed, which done and the bank of deposit will be duly notified. There were also some minor matters of detail respecting the new methods of operating the treasury department satisfactorily adjusted, so that henceforth everything will go on smoothly we trust. After we left the council chamber, we understand Mr. Green-slade asked the council to withdraw the notice sent by them to his bondsmen holding them responsible for city funds and said he accepted the ordinance as amended. The council agreed to do so.

The street lighting bill of \$240 was ordered paid and a \$5 bill to the fire department and then the alderman with stolid heroism buckled down to the work of hearing and correcting the revised edition of the ordinances as prepared and read by the attorney.

Alderman Cushman suggested one excellent correction to the effect that as the mayor is the head of the police department, as well as the executive head of the whole city government, he should have the power of immediate suspension or removal from office the city marshal or police, or in fact any appointive officer.

It was a quiet, harmonious meeting throughout.

LENT.

Lent began last week Wednesday, Feb. 23, or as it is known Ash Wednesday. In the first centuries Lent began on Sunday, but in 487 A. D. it was pushed back four days and started with Ash Wednesday, so as to make the lenten season full forty days. Ash Wednesday in 1899 will fall Feb. 15th, and on Feb. 28, 1900.

Gregory the Great in A. D. 500 introduced the custom of sprinkling ashes on the first four days, a custom abolished at the time of the Reformation. They were known during those ten centuries as the "Dies Cinerum." Cut this out and keep it, if you can't remember.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Frank T. Duffy is confined to his home with the gripe.

Joseph Fromm has an attack and is suffering much from the gripe.

Alderman Obee has been having a tussle with the gripe, just for fun.

This morning work was begun on the house to be erected for Max Simpson on Lincoln avenue, between Linden and Forest. A Chicago man has the contract.

The officers of the Bluff City railway were over the line Thursday, and it was given out, unofficially, that it would be in operation by the middle of the month.

C. G. Phillips' house is up on stilts. We understand that Messrs. Morton & Zimmer will build the new first story under it. Joseph Rioux sent it up like a rocket.

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