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THE ELECTRIC OPENED.

Tuesday, March 22d, 1898. (Put that down in your diary as one of the historic days of Highland Park.) On that day the first electric street car ran in our city. The tracks were laid last autumn, but too late to get the road into operation. Then there were delays of various kinds and unexpected at the power house; the deep snows of an old-fashioned New England winter came down on us and buried all further progress out of sight till lately, and Tuesday connections were made, the power turned on and the car set in motion. It was run out of its stable upon the tracks and down to the power house before dinner. At 2 o'clock p. m. it was taken out again and run up to the bridge on St. Johns Place and then back to the city, where Mayor Robert G. Evans, ex-Alderman Henry Clay Basye, ex-Postmaster W. E. Brand, Police Judge Hibbard, John Rudolph, Nicholas Clampitt, C. W. Aldridge, City Marshal Sheaben, Arthur E. Evans, Editor Hugo C. Eckhart of the Highland Park Gazette and a score or more of others, and several school boys filled the car and passed several times over the road up to where the workmen were adjusting the rails and trolley wires to the car, as the frost had thrown them out of plumb in some cases, and it will take a day or two more to complete this work of adjusting to the Fort Sheridan depot, the present terminus of the line.

We found the road bed and track in excellent condition, and the car rode as smoothly as on an old rock-ballasted road. The car itself is an elegant one, well upholstered, neatly trimmed and well-lighted with electricity and everything about it is first class. One or two horses were frightened, business men cheered from their shop windows and the children seemed delighted at the possibilities in store for them and Nie Clampitt paid his fare from his recent jury fee.

But alas for the Northwestern folks, train men looked wistfully at the evil genius and Station Agent Duffy looked from his office window and felt that the new institution will make his road a past number. Indeed, it was plain to be seen from the downcast, sorrowful looks of every Northwestern man that he expects the next move will be a sign upon their old depot, "For Rent."

President Murray was here all day to see that everything was all right and he told us that during the recent tabernacle meetings the road had carried about 600 daily. As soon as it is in operation and the season opened, the traffic between the Park, Highwood and Fort Sheridan will be considerable.

The opening Tuesday of this new enterprise was in every way an auspicious one, and one which marks an epoch in our local history, and we think the history of the development of this North Shore. The road will be completed to Lake Forest, the Bluff and North Chicago as soon as the weather will permit.

Later.—The car went up to the Post Hotel, Fort Sheridan, Wednesday.

Mrs. E. H. Brown received a despatch, Monday night, saying her father, H. S. Zook, was seriously ill in Florida and she left for his bedside Tuesday morning.

SPRING ELECTIONS.

The citizens of Highland Park have in prospect the following political entertainments this spring, in the shape of town, school and city elections, in order to wit.

First, town election Tuesday April 5th. This is for the election of an assistant supervisor, a town assessor, a town clerk, highway commissioner and perhaps some other officers and also vote not to build a town hall.

Second, High School election, Saturday, April, 9th, to elect two trustees of the High School, Messrs. Adams of West Deerfield and James H. Shields of this city, retire and their places must be filled. Of course Mr. Shields will be re-elected, he attends to his duties faithfully and is deeply interested, and as the father of a family of nine children, he is the man for the place, at least until some man moves into town who can show better claims as a friend, patron and supporter of our schools. But beyond all this, Mr. Shields makes it a point to attend every school meeting, he shapes his business and his pleasures alike to be on hand at those board meetings. Mr. Adams of West Deerfield never attends, he has been at very few, we think not over two or three meetings since he was elected, and we should elect some one who will attend. Those West Deerfield members know when the board meets just as well as anybody else, though they probably forget all about it and so never come.

Third, district No. 7 school election Saturday afternoon, April, 16th, women can vote. A president is to be elected, Frank D. Everett re-elected we suppose, and a member in the place of D. L. Zook and one in place of Capt. O. H. Morgan.

Fourth, city election, Tuesday, April, 25th, all day, voting in each of the four wards, for two aldermen in ward one: one in ward two: two in ward three and two in ward four. In ward one, there are Michael McCaffrey and Silas P. Brand and no opposition, so far as we know. In ward two, A. G. Clampitt, late post-master in Highwood, is in the field and we presume Mr. Fritsch and perhaps others will yet file petitions. In ward three, there are Col. H. P. Davidson and J. C. Cushman and in ward four, W. J. Obee, Andrew Bock, Geo. Vetter and possibly others.

A NEW HOTEL.

Highland Park has long wanted a first class hotel, one where transients and regular boarders, especially in summer, could be accommodated, all under the same roof. Mr. Green has given table board to many, but he cannot largely supply rooms. We are glad therefore that the large, spacious, centrally located, and in every way attractive John T. Raffin residence has been rented by Dr. F. M. Ingalls, to be run as a hotel, for regular boarders and transients. Dr. Ingalls has had large experience as a caterer in the Home and elsewhere, so that he knows what a first class table is, and how to prepare it, and as a physician he knows the value of cleanliness, and the two prime requisites of a successful hotel are good square meals, well served, good beds and clean linen, and these the guests of "Hotel Ingalls" will get.

Then it is in one of the most desirable places in this city for a public house, near the depot and business

centre of the town, on one of the most aristocratic streets in the Park, free from noise and dust, large and spacious grounds, new furniture throughout very recently, within one minute of street and steam cars, telegraph and telephone offices, and from its lofty lookout all the Park and the lake can be seen.

Dr. Ingalls will have his regular physician's office in the hotel, where he can be reached at all hours, but he will not, as has been circulated through some of the papers, leave the Railroad Men's Home. Of course he has expert assistants, so that his presence there all the time is not necessary. We congratulate the Park and the public on our new Hotel Ingalls.

THE OSSOLI CLUB.

The Ossoli Club held its regular meeting at the Highland Park Club house, at half after three o'clock on Thursday, the seventeenth of March. After the routine and miscellaneous business had been put before the meeting, the literary part of the program was considered. Mrs. G. Sumner Everingham was the essayist of the day, reading a paper upon the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. Mrs. Everingham showed the similarity on many points between Schopenhauer and the great Persian poet, quoting occasionally from the latter in illustration. But while the aim of both was to do away with personality and to escape from self, their methods differed greatly and both in their conclusions were wide of the truth. Of Omar Khayyam, as a man, we know but little; that he lived in the middle of the eleventh century in Nishapur, was a tent maker by profession and received a pension yearly from the government, being the principal items yet he commands the admiration of men of pre-eminent literary ability through this one existing poem of the Rubaiyat.

Mrs. Barbour Brown opened the discussion upon the Unity of High Thought, after which most of the members present took part in the consideration of Truth; what it is, what its manifestations and its comprehension by the human intellect.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Charles B. Rice and Miss Street entertained the ladies at tea.

A LIVELY RUNAWAY.

While unloading some hides and meat in front of Gieser Bros' store Monday, James Sheaben's horses got frightened and started to run. Mr. Sheaben grabbed the lines on one side and Mr. Gieser on the other and pluckily attempted to hold them, but as the horses are both large and powerful and very spirited, they could not be held and wrenching themselves free started on the dead run toward the setting sun, and got as far as the old Evangelical church, where they collided with a telephone pole, breaking it about six feet from the top. At this point Mr. Sheaben, who was in hot pursuit, arrived and captured one of them and the other continued on his way to the farm, where he was found by Mr. Sheaben on his arrival soon after. Neither horse was hurt, but the wagon was pretty badly damaged and the harness broken into smithereens.

The Sovereign Lubricating Oil Company is going out of business and that will put the Standard in possession of this valuable field.

HOUSE RENTING.

We are in the midst of the house renting season. So far as we have learned removals are as follows: D. L. Zook to Evanston, T. T. Watson to England, Professor Wilson up on St. Johns avenue, and Teddie Gray leaves the Bergen cottage for Hinsdale. Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl takes the Zook house of Mayor Evans in Central avenue; John M. Cutter, the general manager of the Elgin Watch company, will take the Lightner house, up on Vine avenue, on the lake shore; Lawyer Hill of Chicago, Mrs. Small's house on Laurel avenue; Mr. Richardson has the house of W. S. Lasher on the boulevard; Mr. Ernst has the Mason house up on the lake, beyond Mrs. Van Schaick's.

Among the houses to be rented we mention the following as a partial list:

Mrs. Jonas Steers, one or two, Belle avenue.

Mrs. Colonel James, two, Central avenue and in the "pocket."

Corey house, Port Clinton avenue. Wilson Cottage, Port Clinton avenue.

Mrs. Leach's house, Laurel avenue.

Winchester house, Laurel and Dale.

Mrs. Hipwell's cottage, Central avenue.

John F. Rice cottage, Prospect avenue.

Smith's house, next to Dr. Haskin, on Prospect avenue.

Baker's new cottage, Park avenue.

T. H. Spencer's, furnished, St. Johns avenue.

Charles H. Baker's, furnished, Glencoe avenue.

C. W. Aldridge, Glencoe avenue.

Dr. Bergen's cottage, Park avenue.

Platt house, now C. B. Rice, Port Clinton avenue.

Ex-Mayor Roche house, on lake shore.

Dr. Ingalls, of the Railroad Men's Home, has taken the Raffin house on Central avenue and will run it as a summer hotel and boarding house and will have his city office there.

The H. M. Baker house will be occupied by "Mack" and his mother.

THE EXMOOR CLUB.

The contract has been let and the work of putting in the foundations for the addition to the new building on the south side is already in progress, by Henry Dittmer, who has the contract. The building will be about 50x70 feet and contain a large, elegant dining room, a capacious convenient kitchen and a locker worthy of the club. The Chicago contractor who had last seasons' work, has this one also, being over \$1200—lower, we understand, than any Park contractor's bid. The building is to be ready by May for occupancy.

This season special attention will be given to Saturday's games. The grounds will be improved, the street completed and Vine avenue ought to be opened under the railway tracks and macadamized east to the Port Clinton road and then of course St. Johns should be paved up to Vine. With these improvements and a new commodious hotel, we might ask the Club to start the scheme of annual tournaments on the Exmoor links.

The officers for the Exmoor for 1898, are as follows:

President—C. W. Fullerton.

Vice President—W. A. Alexander. Secretary Treasurer—C. F. Quincy. Captain of the green—W. A. Alexander.

Chairman of house committee—C. F. Quincy.

Directors—Morris Cassard, R. Ortmann, W. H. Moore, J. M. Cutter, J. Wallace Wakem, G. D. Boulton and the officers of the club.

MOSTLY PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. L. Bowen has the grippe.

Miss A. R. Le Bar is ill with the grippe.

Mrs. George B. Cummings is another sufferer from the grippe.

Mrs. McFarland of Chicago, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Bergen.

Professor Wilson, who has had quite a set-to with the grippe, is much better.

C. W. Kirk was in town Saturday, shook hands with many friends and paid his taxes.

Joseph Rioux of Chicago spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rioux.

Harry Boyington, who has been ill for a few days, was slightly better this morning.

Ray Leach, a former resident of this city, now of Chicago, visited in the Park this week.

Mrs. Holmes, who has been visiting Mrs. H. I. Morris, returned to her Chicago home, Thursday.

Mrs. Mollie Wedge, nee Cooper, visited her husband, Motorman Wedge, and friends Thursday.

Sidney G. Jones of Western Springs spent Saturday and Sunday in the Park with his cousin, A. E. Evans.

Miss Florence Duggan of Waukegan spent the latter part of last week with Misses Ella and Agnes Duggan.

Mrs. G. Bohl, who has been seriously ill at her home for a week or more, is still unable to be up and about her duties.

The new edition of the city ordinances are now in the hands of Evans & Forrest of this city and will be issued at an early day.

The Highland Park Band's ball, St. Patricks night, netted that organization the neat sum of \$80. Another is talked of shortly.

Mrs. T. M. Clark is ill from quinsy sore throat. Her daughter, Miss Helen, who has been sick with pneumonia, is improving rapidly.

Mr. Partingheimer, of the C. E. Loss construction company, was in the Park Wednesday, transacting business for the Bluff City road.

George Elvey and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans attended the funeral of Mrs. William Ilett of 642 West Adams street, Chicago, Monday. Mrs. Ilett was Mr. Elvey's sister.

Business is booming at the Gray Electric works; 30 girls and 125 men are at present employed there. The top story, formerly an attic, has been converted into a work room.

John Schumacher, who has been stopping with his uncle, Fred W., the genial druggist, while he attended the high school, has secured a position clerking in a store at his home, Saugatuck, Mich., and will leave for that place Monday.

Then there are hyacinths for Easter, with daffodils, primroses, etc. Mr. Bahr said: "Come and see my garden if they buy or not, the words, "go and see"

Party was held at the Greenslade last night. Present. The ladies were won by Miss Minnie John Rudolph got the prize. Ed Ingalls and Rudolph won the booby prize. Evans played several times in his usual accepted and several solos were some of the young men of those who were there.

The funeral yesterday of the largest Highland Park. There were more public men present here in this city on occasion, some two hundred came from Chicago on an early special train. He was 65 years old, having been born in 1833.

Mr. Duffy has returned with her sister, Mrs. G. M. Chicago.

Sweet pea seeds, mixed, in houses, 75 cents per bushel.

Domestics in town.

Collector.

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