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CITY COUNCIL.

The minutes were read and approved. W. S. Lasher asked to have the time for building his cement sidewalk till fall, but Mr. Phillips objected, said Mr. Lasher had known for months that the walk was to be built, and he could do it now before the first of June: the council had refused others and must treat all alike. Joseph Happ and fifteen others want the Warren steam mill and also the Gieser Bros. rendering establishment abated. They were instructed to follow the ordinances in and for such cases made and provided. Mr. Lindstrom wants to lay a private water pipe to his house, as does Mrs. Jones, in the Smurthwaite cottage, and both were granted.

The fire and water committee made an extended report on the breaking and repairing of the big water main. It is about a dozen type written pages too long for our columns, but of historic interest and value. The expense so far has been \$609.18 and Messrs. Brace & Rann, experts of Evanston, are to finish the job at \$65. a day for working days, and \$12 for stormy or rough weather when they can't work. The new intake pipe, which is a permanent affair cost \$268.80. All this comes of a big iceberg settling down on it last winter. Perhaps a row of piles along on either side of the pipe would hold up the ice and save another break. These piles will cost \$10. each set in place. The report reflects great credit on the committee for its prompt and efficient management.

The finance committee reported on St. Johns avenue paving contract. Mr. Barstow will discount seven per cent for cash and the committee say pay cash and the council so ordered. Bills were ordered paid amounting in all to \$1964, besides the \$343 to Frank Laing on his water main contract. The monthly requisitions were ordered, and a salary ordinance passed fixing salaries as follows: marshal, police and superintendent of streets, \$50. per month each. Pumping engineer \$1000 a year, that is \$100 raise on last year, and assistant \$65 per month.

Then came the canvassing of the votes for aldermen as follows: ward one, A. St. Peter and M. McCaffrey; ward two, Dr. Turner; ward three, Col. Davidson; ward four, W. J. Obee and W. Grant. David L. Zook, attorney for Silas P. Brand filed formal protest against the election of Alfred St. Peter and the contest will come off two weeks hence, Tuesday evening, May 17th. Messrs. Phillips and Cobb with Clerk Finney counted the votes and declared the result. The chamber was packed with an eager crowd expecting some fun.

The old council adjourned while City Clerk Finney swore in the new members, who selected their seats when the mayor called to order. The bids for city printing, lumber etc, were referred to the several committees. Col. Davidson asked permission to grade down Linden avenue and put on the academy cinders and ashes. It went to the street and alley committee.

The mayor made the following appointments, all of which were confirmed in bulk without a word of opposition. Marshal, Peter Loesch; police, John P. Kline; superintendent of streets, Edward Nevins. Mr. Loesch the marshal, is a new man, but he is said to be capable and with the possibilities of a good officer in

him. John P. Kline is so popular a night officer, that no one can push him off the track. Mr. Nevins is an old hand at this kind of work, he was pumping engineer for years, and is fully competent.

The council then adjourned and Mr. Cushman thanked his stars that he had got through with midnight sessions and could live in peace henceforth. Alderman elect Turner not being present, he is off with the army for Cuba libre—the mayor told Alderman Fritsch to remain, till his successor is both elected and qualified. At 11:30 p. m. the old and the new wended their way homewards.

CAPT JONES' SURPRISE

Capt George Jones of the Salvation army, who has been spending his two weeks vacation in this city in the family of Mayor R. G. Evans, was the victim of a local surprise party at the Evans' homestead Monday evening. It was planned and carried through chiefly by the young people, who having met him here in other years, wished to show their regard for him and his work. Hence only invitations enough were issued to make a comfortable gathering without any crowding. All church, social and political lines were ignored, and hence it had the air and spirit of a neighborhood Christian gathering. These ideas were realized in the gathering.

Of course Capt Jones was the central figure of the evening, but in no self-seeking or ostentatious manner. He had just returned from Oskosh, whither he went with Mrs. Jones some days earlier and where he spent the Sunday and left her, and it was not intended he should know of it. The evening was spent socially, with music, vocal and instrumental, and such refreshments as only these people prepare for such occasions. The amount of cake and other eatables was really something amazing, enough for an army; and of such excellent quality. The young people were out in force and enjoyed a whole evening with Capt Jones, instead of a few hurried minutes. Everyone spoke in the highest terms of his worth, his earnest Christian spirit, and his love and devotion to his work.

Capt Jones seemed to enjoy the evening thus prepared by his friends and returned to his work, on the south side in Chicago, Tuesday morning, greatly rested and refreshed by his little outing among his friends in this city.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION

The state convention of the "Daughters of the American Revolution" was held at Bloomington the early part of this week. The reports from 22 chapters showed a large amount of work accomplished, with zeal and enthusiasm constantly increasing, particularly at this time when the demand on our patriotism is heavy.

The report presented by Mrs. Egan, of the work of the "North Shore" chapter, of Highland Park, compared most favorably with those of much larger and more influential chapters.

The Bloomington ladies were indefatigable in their attentions to the visiting "Daughters," entertaining them at their own homes, besides giving two large receptions, a luncheon and a dinner, in their honor. Mrs. Daniel Manning, of Albany, N. Y. President General of the national society, was one of the honored guests of the convention.

THE OSSOLI CLUB.

The Ossoli Club held its last regular meeting for the year on Thursday the twenty-eighth of April and the annual business meeting of the club will be held upon the twelfth of May for the election of officers to serve during the coming year.

The subject of the meeting was History Making and a paper upon "Current Events" written by Mrs. Dwight E. Holley of Fort Sheridan was read. Mrs. Holley reviewed the past year and brought before her hearers a summary of the events of universal interest that have occurred during that period. She recorded the death of such prominent persons as Anton Seidl, Miss Willard, Charles Dana, Alphonse Daudet and James Payne; the assassination of Presidents Barrios and Bordar of the South American Republics and of Canovas Premier of Spain and the serious illness of Bismarck and Mr. Gladstone.

M. Loret was credited with his discovery of several royal mummies at Thebes, while in literature, art and science no material progress seemed to have been made. Fires in London and Melbourne, earthquakes in San Francisco and India, floods in the south and the appearance of a new island near New Zealand were the contributions of the elements to an eventful year. The discovery of gold in Alaska and the disturbed state of affairs in India strongly suggested previous years in history.

Europe is restless; Russia reaching out slowly to the open sea through China and India; Austria with actual riots in the Reichstag; Germany seeking to establish herself as a naval power in the east; France shaken to her unstable foundations by the Zola trial and England busy all over the world. In our own country such items as Greater New York beginning existence with Tammany triumphant; the retirement of Justice Field from the Supreme Court and the appointment of Attorney General McKenna in his place lost interest beside the all absorbing topic of Cuba and the Cuban war. The paper closed with a resume of the events leading up to the final declaration of war between Spain and the United States and the present excited state of the people throughout the land.

The discussion was to have been upon the newspaper, but the president realizing the intense interest of all the club members in the war announced that debate would not be limited to the subject laid down in the program. The result was that there was an animated discussion upon the attitude of President McKinley, congress, the nation and the newspaper toward the war in Cuba. After the adjournment of the meeting Mrs. Francis C. Brown and Mrs. Charles D. Viele served tea in the ladies' reception room of the club house.

The Nickel Plate Road

Is authorized to sell tickets to Cleveland and return at one fare and one-third for the round trip, on certificate plan, account of meeting of Woman's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, May 10-13. Tickets will be good on any of our through express trains leaving Chicago from the Van Buren Street Passenger Station, at 10:35 a. m., 2:55 p. m. and 10:15 p. m. First class equipment. Day coaches in charge of colored porters. Rates always the lowest. Call on or address J. Y. Calahan, General Agent, 111 Adams St, Chicago, Ill.

"MAINE'S AVENGERS."

We understand they are trying to raise a military company in Waukegan, known by that name or title. Better change the name. The American people are not waging this unwilling war against Spain in revenge for the loss of the Maine, nor yet for the starvation and cruelty to the poor Cubans. It is wholly and solely a war to free Cuba, to turn the semi-barbarous, cruel, blood thirsty Spaniards out of one of the choice gardens of the Lord. It is a war to stop this inhuman butchery and cruelty; a war to give the Cubans the right and the opportunity to govern themselves, and not be butchered in cold blood like cattle in the shambles.

We repeat there is no revenge about it. Ours is Christian civilization and a civilization of the closing decade of the nineteenth century also, and there is no revenge: no life for a life, or eye for an eye in it. The fundamental law of our civilization is this, "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay." and God does delegate his kingly prerogatives to weak, erring, short-sighted, sinful men, though those men are Americans and belong to the "g. o. p." No "avengers" from Christian Lake County, but plenty of liberators for Cuba.

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. Frank E. Woodruff has been down since Sunday with rheumatism.

Mrs. Anderson of Minneapolis and Mrs. Lindgren of Chicago are visiting their father, O. M. Onsom.

Nelson Mowers has moved back to his old home and George Boyington has occupied the Skidmore house vacated by him.

Mr. Daniel J. Brady, who has been here for a 3 months furlough, was tendered a surprise party as a consolation for his return to Fort Apache, N. M.

Mrs. Capt. Humphreys has come out from Chicago for the summer and is living in her house on Port Clinton, overlooking the Sheridan road and the lake.

The work of the new power house is well under way. The stone foundations are about completed and the superstructure of brick has started up. The building promises to be a useful and ornamental addition to the beauty of Highwood's property.

Thomas Horne, well and favorably known as the camera manipulator of Hartwell's studio, has serious thoughts of packing off to Lexington, Kentucky, next week, where he will be prepared to sell any number of "Maine" memorial buttons to the blue grass colonels.

The Hon. W. E. Cummings has received the appointment to the office of post-master of Highwood, to succeed Allen G. Clappitt. Mr. Cummings has as yet received no official notice of the appointment, but has already celebrated it with the advent of a new daughter to help deal out the letters.

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Is authorized to sell tickets to Rochester, N. Y. and return at one fare and one-third for the round trip, on certificate plan, account of Baptist Anniversaries, May 16-24, 1898. Three through express trains leaving Chicago daily from the Van Buren Street Passenger Station. Fast time and first class equipment. Rates always the lowest. Call on or address J. Y. Calahan, General Agent, 111 Adams St, Chicago, Ill.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT.

City Clerk John Finney presented to the council a very full and exhaustive report of the financial condition of the city. We give below a summary of the same.

| EXPENDITURES. | |
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| Streets and bridges | \$ 2,661 70 |
| Printing and stationery | 308 04 |
| Fire department | 120 30 |
| Street lighting | 2,877 55 |
| Water works | 4,546 94 |
| Sewers | 290 43 |
| Salaries for officers | 3,349 39 |
| Library | 215 08 |
| Bonds and interest | 1,870 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 681 41 |
| Total | \$16,135 69 |

| RECEIPTS. | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance 1 year ago | \$ 4,174 98 |
| Taxes, 1897 | 5,938 58 |
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| First National Bank interest | 25 00 |
| Sale of bonds | 1,004 50 |
| Water rents | 7,887 72 |
| Water permits | 70 50 |
| Sewer permits | 33 00 |
| General licenses | 43 10 |
| Dog licenses | 138 00 |
| Plumbing licenses | 8 00 |
| Street sprinkling licenses | 85 00 |
| Sand and gravel sales | 62 65 |
| Sealer of weights and measures | 32 10 |
| Fines from justice | 18 00 |
| Total receipts | \$24,445 12 |

The above reports do not include any of the special assessment funds. The balance on hand of this general account is \$4,174.98.

| SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS ACCOUNT. | |
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| Total receipts | \$43,073 91 |
| Total expenditures | 30,529 20 |
| Balance on hand | \$12,544 71 |

This special assessment account shows how much money this little city of 3,000 people is putting into streets, sewers, etc.

| SUMMARY. | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Total receipts for the year | \$68,118 73 |
| Total expenditures | 52,958 40 |
| Balance on hand | \$7,144 32 |

There is one unredeemed warrant for fifty cents still out which neither the clerk nor treasurer can find.

BOND INDEBTEDNESS.

The bond account of the city is of two kinds, General, as for bridges, city buildings, etc., and Special, for streets, sewers, etc.

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| General bonds | \$16,000 00 |
| Special bonds | 61,823 18 |
| Total bonds | \$80,823 18 |

During the year the city has redeemed on its General bond account \$1,000, and on its Special bond account \$29,228.97, making a total redemption of \$30,228.97, leaving a total bonded indebtedness of \$50,594.21, or in other words, the city's bonded debt is:

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| General account | \$16,000 00 |
| Special assessment account | 34,594 21 |
| Total bond debt | \$50,594 21 |

The clerk's report ought to be published in full at the city's expense—every other city does it—so the taxpayers can know all about their moneys.

Baptist Anniversaries --- Rochester, N. Y., May 16-24, 1898.

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June 7th. promises to be a red letter day to all lovers and judges of good music—and there are many in the Park. On that date the Highland Park Choral Society will hold their first annual concert at the Presbyterian Church. As arrangements are not yet completed the News cannot give details, but will endeavor to do so in the near future.

Mr. Pierson wishes us to state that while he will remove his family to Evanston he will conduct his business in the Park as heretofore.

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