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WHAT DO YOU SAY?

This Spanish-American war has far reaching results. One is the stirring up of the old spirit of patriotism among the people; in those who cannot as well as in those who can go to the war. Among the stay at home contingent there are many who want to do something, and they have been asking us to voice their sentiments and set the ball rolling. In a word they want an old time Fourth of July celebration here at home, one of and for the people; one where everybody goes and has a good time. Some such scheme as the following has been outlined to us, we give it for you to think over and then act upon it.

First have a citizen's meeting of all the city, east and west sides, millionaires and working men, talk the matter over, elect some live man like W. A. Alexander, as president, who would put his whole soul and body into it and a good executive committee or list of committees for the various kinds of work and set the enterprise on its feet. Have a band or orchestra or both, a platform for dancing for everybody, and in the evening, instead of little local family fireworks all over town, let everybody join in the matter of a grand display on the lake, or down on the beach where everybody could go and see the grand pyrotechnical exhibit.

But all these details a good committee could arrange and now the problem is shall we have it? It would be a grand thing to advertise the town. Evanston is going in for it. Shall we lag behind the procession?

Since writing the above we learn that several of the societies have a "Fourth of July" celebration under way, and they want to unite with the citizens generally and make it a whole town affair with school children, in fact everybody in it. Let us do this or something like it, and for once make the Park conspicuous.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM

The breaking of our intake water pipe a few weeks ago may yet prove to have been an event of no small importance, beyond and above the thousand or twelve hundred dollars expense in which it involved the city. Just now there are quite a number of typhoid fever cases in town, mostly among the school children and probably traceable in most, if not all the cases, to the use of the polluted lake water while the intake pipe was being repaired. That temporary supply pipe went out only a few hundred feet and could not have been far from the outlet, or the current of the sewage, and so the water was easily contaminated. The city authorities promptly issued circulars to every water taker in the city, warning them against using the water for drinking purposes unless it was boiled as it was liable to cause disease. Some parents were careless, thoughtless and ignorant, and in other cases their children were reckless and drank the water with or without parental permission. We know this to be a fact, for we have seen it with our own eyes, especially when the children are at school or away from home with their mates, step up to a faucet and drink freely and often.

In this connection we call attention to a communication elsewhere published from James Anderson, one of the foremost citizens of Lake Forest and all this north shore, indeed

of Lake County. His letter shows that Lake Forest, as well as every town between Milwaukee and Chicago, has this problem, and a very serious one it is too, to face, of the disposal of our sewage otherwise than pouring it into Lake Michigan. In a few years, fewer than most of us think too, this problem which Mr. Anderson briefly, but so clearly discusses, will have to be met. Meantime look out about drinking this lake water when contaminated. Many people do not drink it at all, but go to the artesian or buy their drinking water.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor of the News:—

The question of how to prevent the water of Lake Michigan being polluted by sewerage and other causes is one of the utmost importance to all the cities and towns along the west shore of the lake from Chicago north to Waukegan. It is well known that the water taken from the lake for use by those places is many times during the year utterly unfit for domestic use, and a menace to public health. Typhoid fever and other sicknesses have been prevalent there for the last few years, and I believe largely so because of the impurity of the water. As these places are getting larger each year so is the danger of contamination of the water increasing each year.

Plans for local relief have been suggested but what is needed and what our energies should be directed to procure is an intercepting sewer running along the Lake Shore from Waukegan to and connecting with the Chicago Drainage Canal, and forbid the running of sewage into the lake at any point in that district.

I think the people along the shore would be pleased to have some engineers give their opinions as to the practicability of this plan and probable expense, and also to know what legislation would be necessary to put such an undertaking in operation.

JAMES ANDERSON.

BRAND vs. ST. PETER.

The city council met Tuesday evening to hear the Brand-St. Peter contest, when S. F. Knox, counsel for Mr. St. Peter, objected on the ground that his client had not been legally summoned or served with process. Some of the aldermen seemed a bit disgusted, but Mr. Knox pressed his point and when City Attorney Smoot was asked his opinion and he very blandly suggested that the French rule for cooking hares would apply in this case: "First catch your hare," which being put into up-to-date legal terminology meant, you could not try a man till you got him into court, so to speak, and Mr. St. Peter had not been got into court.

Silence reigned for half a minute, when Alderman Phillips moved an adjournment, which being a non-debatable motion, was carried and slowly the aldermen wended their way to their homes, deeply pondering the serious problem—"where are we at?"

There was a call for a special meeting of the council Tuesday evening, but as a quorum failed to materialize nothing was done. As the regular meeting will not come for nearly two weeks, if they wait till then to start over again, it will be the middle of June before anything can be done; but the aldermen will all be here and the trial can proceed from start to finish with little or no interruption.

"OUR BOYS."

Every now and then a Highland Park young man does something which stirs our local pride and admiration. Here for instance is what the Chicago Tribune says of three well known Park young men in respect of lawn tennis matters:

"For the national championship R. D. Wrenn, if he plays again this year, as his friends hope he will, should have the best chance on account of his experience as well as on account of the exceptionally high order of game he plays. Wrenn is the only man in the tennis history of this country who has regained the highest title after losing it one year. A brilliant, steady player, he has the ability to pull a match out of the hole when the chances are seemingly 100 to 1 against him. He does not know what it is to be defeated, and never gives up until the last point in the last set is decided against him."

In fact it is due to his bulldog grit no less than to his skill in wielding the racket that Wrenn stands in the tennis world where he does. He takes advantage of his opponent's weaknesses in a marvelous way and plays a careful, studious game that is, to say the least, distressing to the man playing on the other side of the net.

Of the younger players in the West H. M. MacQuiston is perhaps the best. He is at the University of Chicago and is considered to be a comer either this year or in the future. He has been a close student of Neel's style of play and has adopted the methods of that player with good results. Besides MacQuiston there is his brother, P. D. MacQuiston, who for a small man has the making of a strong player."

Evidently there is something, ozone or whatever else it may be, in our atmosphere, artesian well water, prohibition principles, which puts muscle, nerve and verve into these young men in a remarkable degree. To play with such perfect self possession, coolness, precision and sagacity, requires the highest kind of gifts, thoroughly in hand, perfectly disciplined, rising to any emergency and inexhaustible as well as fertile in resources.

PROF. GRAY'S NEW BOOK.

We learn with pleasure that the articles on electricity, glaciers and other scientific matters, which he has been contributing to the Times-Herald are to be published in book form. They will make two good volumes. One will embrace those relating to electricity, and are now in the hands of the publisher for issue at a comparatively early date. Of course it is not for us ordinary laymen in these matters, especially electricity and cognate matters to speak of the value of these volumes, but everybody knows Prof. Gray's ability as an electrical authority, for the man who discovered the telegraph and invented the telautograph is no novice in electricity. But for all that we are glad the articles are to be published in book form as their value will at once be recognized by the scientific world, and take their place among standard works of that class. But they will have an enhanced value beyond this, in that they are written for popular apprehension, so that those of us who are not at home in the nomenclature of electrical science can read with pleasure and profit.

The article on glaciers and other

geological subjects we shall enjoy very much, for they were our favorite studies years ago, and our interests in them abide with us still. There is something grand and inspiring in sitting down to the work of dissecting this old globe of ours, strata after strata, or in delving among the glaciers of today, and especially the records of those of the ice age as found in the striae of the upturned, polished and grooved rocks the terminal and other moraines which traverse states and continents.

We shall welcome Prof. Gray's books, as the work of one of our own citizens and for their own intrinsic and enduring worth.

NEWSLETS.

Buttericks patterns for sale at Miss Erskine's.

Mrs. Southwood of Riverside, Ill., visited the Park on Wednesday.

We spent an hour last night on the grounds of S. M. Millard at the Log Cabin, but must defer any extended remarks till next week, only saying it was a delightful hour.

On Wednesday evening occurred the ball of the Highland Park band. A moderate sized crowd was in attendance, and as usual when that organization gives an entertainment, a good time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Whooping cough is all the fashion up in the north end of town. Scarce a family up there but that is enjoying to the full this great blessing. The school teacher, it is said, has a whole pharmacy on her desk, from soothing syrup to paregoric, for the children who cough.

The Public School Art League held its annual meeting last Friday afternoon in the school house. There was a good attendance besides the school children. Mrs. Major H. S. Vail presided and introduced Mrs. W. C. Egan, regent of the North Shore Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, who in a capital little speech presented the school with a very fine picture. She then introduced Mrs. Sherwood, who spoke for a time to the children, with stories of Venice, such as would interest and instruct the children. Then most of the little children left and she spoke to the adults of the art, architecture, industries etc. of Venice, a very instructive and entertaining address. We regretted not being able to hear it, through our inability to be in several places at a time.

Miss Julia Moore, of the Port Clinton district, who is teaching in Chicago, spent her brief vacation with her brother, Olney, formerly our high school correspondent, in Milton, Wis., where he is taking his college course. She reports a pleasant week among the Badgers, says her brother is very pleasantly situated, is connected with the local paper of the town, its general factotum indeed, serving as apprentice, foreman, engineer, pressman and editor, as the emergency demands, and seems equally at home in any or all of these situations. We are glad, as are his parents and other friends, to learn that young Moore identified himself with the church of God by baptism last Sunday, the ordinance being administered in Clear Lake. He is now fully entered on a career of great usefulness to others as well as Christian manhood for himself.

FOR OLD SCOTIA

Ex-mayor and Mrs. David M. Erskine Jr., leave tomorrow for New York whence they will sail Saturday week, June 4th, for Glasgow, Scotland on the City of Rome, one of the finest of the fleet of the Anchor line, which is the direct line from New York and Glasgow. Thence they will visit Edinburgh, Liverpool, London and Portsmouth. While in Scotland, they go down to Kirkcubright, on the Solway Firth, the old ancestral home of the Erskine family where Mr. Erskine's father was born, and where an aged sister of his is still living, in the very same house in which she and her deceased brother in Waukegan, were born. The house is very likely of stone and in a good state of preservation, for they builded in that land to last for ages.

Having put in some six weeks visiting as above indicated, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine will sail for home, presumably via the Cunard line, of which Mr. Erskine is the agent, from Southampton. The outgoing trip will occupy about eight days, and the return, if by one of the Cunard's ocean grey-hounds, about six days.

Their many friends here and elsewhere will most certainly wish them a delightful journey. It cannot well be otherwise, for Mr. Erskine it will be a visit to land and home of his ancestry, and as Hugh Miller once said of himself, may be said of his race generally, "My affections are anchored in Scotland."

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Clampitt last Sunday.

W. E. Cummings received his post-masters commission yesterday. He will presumably take control of the office on the first of the month.

Chaplain H. G. Gavitt has been ordered to Tampa, Fla., on the first of the month, whence he will go on with the army of invasion to Cuba.

Will Evans reports that he arrived at Salt Lake City last Thursday, right side up with care, and took a snow slide down one of the Rocky mountains. Rather cold to have snow the last of May.

Pastor S. S. Clay, of Evanston will finish his year's work at Garret Biblical Institute, this week and has made arrangements to move up here Saturday, to live during the summer in Port Clinton, next to the house of W. D. Lighthalls'.

The correspondent's pony had a little circus of his own last Sunday. The correspondent rode him over to Wilder's to make a call and while there Irving Wilder asked for a ride. He climbed aboard, kicking off his slippers, and rode out of the yard. The pony then started for home. The next heard from them was that Irving had fallen off in front of O. F. Bell's and severely hurt his heel.

The board of trustees has taken up the matter of Waukegan avenue improvement. The street and alley committee was instructed to canvas the frontage, to find the sentiment towards levying a special assessment of \$6000, which added to the \$3000 now in the treasury for that purpose, would be sufficient for macadamizing the entire street. If the property owners object to the macadam, the \$3000 will be put on in gravel.

There was a select party of young people at the Club House, Saturday evening, very largely attended with guests from Chicago and elsewhere.

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