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## THE EXMOOR CLUB

We took a brief tour of inspection about the club house and grounds yesterday, and find the improvements more extensive even than we had thought. The grounds comprise one hundred acres, of which eighty acres are under the lawn mower, the balance being woodland occupied with the club houses, barn and private residences. The buildings stand on a sort of rolling bluff at the east end of the farm, while the grounds lie like an amphitheatre beneath, as though they were constructed for golfing purposes. There are nine links, and the turf is perfect, there is none finer in the country; we don't see how anything could be superior, unless like old English lawns, it had centuries behind it. Every one notes the beauty of the grounds and the excellence of the turf.

But our notice will be chiefly of the improvements. Last year's building every one remembers for its size, elegance and beautiful situation on the very top of a high knoll, the highest point on the grounds, opening to the west, or the grounds and players. This year there has been constructed the south wing, 51x77 feet ground dimensions. In the basement which is really above ground, are the gentlemen's wash rooms, with three shower and three tub baths, lavatories etc. Then there are 80 lockers, nearly all now taken, 25 lockers for ladies having been constructed in the old dining room in the basement of the main building. In the new basement also is the gent's cafe for 16 tables of 4 persons to a table. There is also a large ice or cold storage room 6x10 feet and 9 high, with ice chamber for 2 to 3 tons of ice, and joining this is the buffet, and then a large interior room for china and then the good sized kitchen. All the basement is finished in Georgia pine, varnished very bright, clean and cheerful.

On the second floor, directly over these, is the big dining room, occupying the entire floor—one of the finest rooms we have seen. Over its centre is a large 20-foot dome, some 20 to 25 feet high, brilliantly lighted with a dozen or more incandescent lamps and bright colors. An immense fire-place stands at the south end and on the south and west sides runs a broad porch, or colonnade, whose western exposure will have movable screens when in case of overflows, as at tournaments, tables can be laid for 150 guests, the same number for which the main dining room is arranged. All the decorations are simple but brilliant, and under the scores of electric lights will present a striking appearance at night. The new porches form one continuous line of 132 feet, which connected as they are, with the one on the main building, gives from 175 to 200 linear feet of porch room, all overlooking the entire field links.

J. H. Ibsen of Chicago had the contract for construction, of these additions, the work being in charge of his son, C. H. Ibsen. The electric light company have put in all the fixtures of that kind and C. P. Sullivan has done the plumbing and all is satisfactory. Fritz Rhode, last year's caterer, together with his very competent wife, has charge of that departure, and the table service will be of the best in all respects.

For the grand opening and tour-

ament tomorrow, one thousand invitations have been issued and acceptances received from very many; several hundreds will be present, including some of the best players in the west. With pleasant weather the day will be a magnificent success.

## MEMORIAL DAY

According to custom the veterans of the war for the Union observed the day, Sunday, by accepting the invitation to unite with the Presbyterian Church in fitting services. The sermon was by the pastor, Rev. A. A.

## RAVINE LODGE

As intimated last week, we spent an hour early one evening going over S. M. Millard's grounds. You know where they are, but for the benefit of our Boston, Vermont, Ohio, New York and European readers we will say, the place comprises about nine acres, with a four hundred feet frontage on the bluff of Lake Michigan, about one hundred feet above the water level, and twenty-three miles north of Chicago.

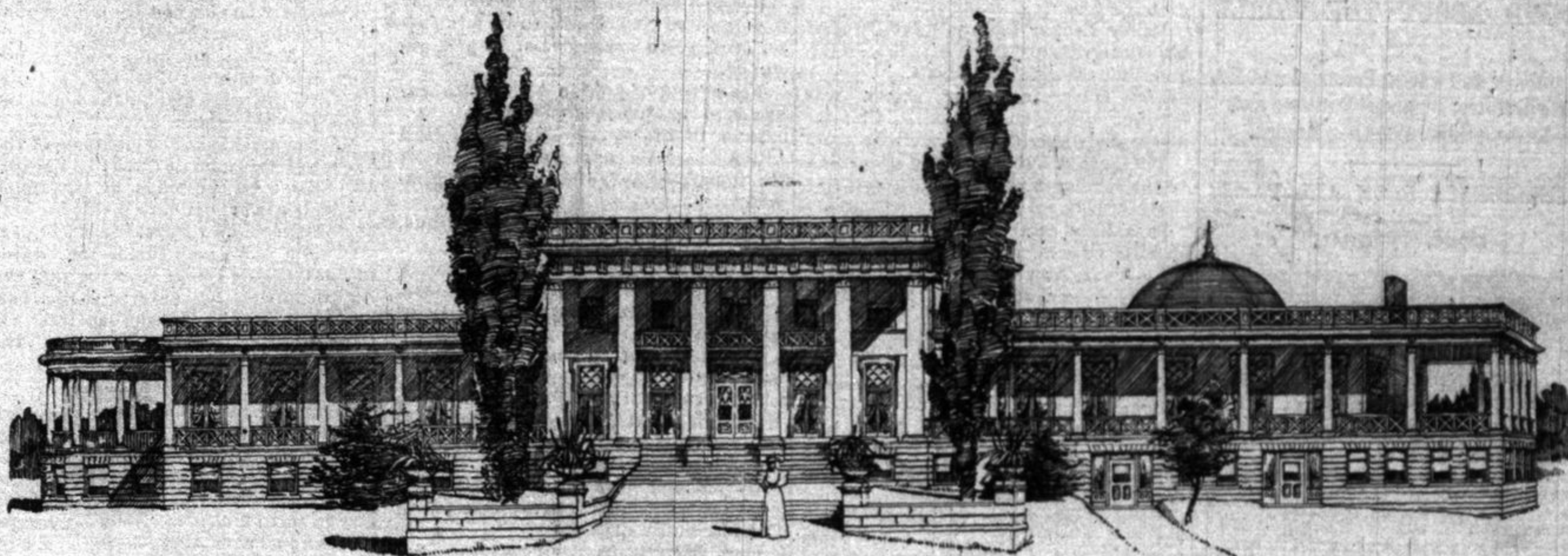
The lot, is something of a parallelogram, runs back from the lake six or seven hundred feet, or more and

secure very striking effects from bare foliage if one knows how to select and arrange so that the lines of color shall climb one above another, as the ranges of the old Adirondacks rise, terrace on terrace, back from Lake Champlain to Mt. Marcy. Of course there is also a grouping for color effects in bloom, as of lilacs and other flowering shrubs.

Very true in a sense only the beginnings of fine possibilities have been made during the five years of culture, for it takes time to grow a forest and build a landscape. But it is charming in its beginning.

## A LOCAL INDUSTRY.

Ex-City Marshal George Elvey stands, we suppose, at the head of the honey bee industry in this immediate vicinity. It is a business with which we are not personally familiar, as the pestiferous little animal, like some larger ones that walk on fewer legs than the bee does, has no very strong love for us, and he has a pointed, "stinging" way of showing his little hostility. Mr. Elvey has 14 stands or colonies, or "hives," as they were called in our boyhood, which on an average will send off one good, healthy, vig-



THE EXMOOR GOLF CLUB HOUSE.

Pfanstiehl and an eloquent and timely discourse, so all say who heard it. The music was by a male quartette led by Charles Schaufli, who rendered such patriotic pieces as "Battle Hymn of the Republic," closing of course with "America." The house was "packed," not room for even one more.

The entire services, in the absence of Capt. O. H. Morgan, were in charge of Major Harry S. Vail. The rendezvous was had at the Northwestern depot, where the veterans met under the charge of John Finney. Col. Davidson took the cadets of the Military Academy up to the depot, whence under command of Capt. Trask, they acted as an escort to the veterans as the procession moved to the church, all being led by Highland Park's new brass band, on its first public appearance. We want to say this was not only the band's first appearance before the public, but they rendered their services cheerfully and voluntarily free of all charge, to the great satisfaction of the veterans and their friends, as well as to the public generally. It is good to feel that we have such a home institution. The courtesy of the Military Academy folks was highly appreciated, and the veterans say the cadets did themselves credit by their military bearing etc.

## Congregational Home Missionary Society

Meeting will be held in Cleveland, O. June 7 to 9 inclusive, account of which the Nickel Plate Road will sell tickets at \$11.35 for round trip on certificate plan. Dates of sale June 3, 4, 5 and 6 inclusive. Tickets good returning until and including June 13. For further particulars address J. Y. Calahan, General Agent, 111 Adams Street, Chicago.

The city council held a special meeting Tuesday evening to order the issue and service by the county sheriff of the summons in the contested election case of Brand vs St. Peter.

is bisected by a good deep ravine, some twenty feet deep and over one hundred wide where bridged. The house, or real genuine "Log Cabin" is in the center of the rear lot, from the lake, with the approaching street just outside the north line, swinging around alongside the ravine to the house. To some minds the adornment of such a place would be oceans or scores of beds of flowers, geraniums, dahlias etc. But to a man of Mr. Millard's taste and culture, very few of such things are wanted, a few of course, as here and there a bed of cannas and the like. But his great and controlling idea is nature, trees, shrubs, lawns, vistas, all arranged and grouped with the eye and soul of an artist. Nine acres all given up to this idea is quite a large place, even in a suburban city, though of course a mere bagatelle beside the great hundred and thousand acre private parks of the English nobility.

Two or three things are essential to fine landscape effects and one is vista, for accurate ideas of which read Ruskin's Modern Painters, chiefly volume four. Hence as soon as you reach the outskirts of the grounds, just past the lodge and the barn, buried in a thicket of wild woodland, you get a full far away view of the Log Cabin over a fine rolling lawn. It seems a long way down to the Cabin as you get that one first clear, but brief view and you see it not again till you reach it. Similar vista effects are secured in the front park on the bluff overlooking the lake.

Another effect is a series of unexpected surprises, secured largely on such grounds by winding drives amid clumps and masses of trees and shrubs with dense foliage. You see but a few rods or even feet ahead of you, and wonder what comes next, and so the visitor is on the qui vive all the time. A third effect sought is color, which requires skill, taste and judgment, which only they to the manor born can possess. Shrubs and trees can be so arranged as to

## N. P. A. 10th COMPLENEMENT.

Colonel and Major Davidson have just issued the program for the tenth Annual Commencement of the Military Academy. It comes from Chicago, is engraved on steel, showing the stars and stripes and our national bird of freedom.

The general order will be as follows:

Sunday 10:45 a. m., Sermon by Chaplain Pfanstiehl in Presbyterian Church.

Monday 2 p. m., Field day exercises on the campus.

Tuesday, 1 p. m. Oration and diplomas in Drill Hall, followed by military exercises, medals etc, on the campus.

5:30 p. m. Alumni Banquet in Mess Hall.

8:30 p. m. Senior Reception and Hop at Drill Hall. To the last only invited guests will be welcomed.

A fine program that, and the public is cordially invited, for they can't do this personally.

## UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FREE.

An examination of applicants for free State Scholarships in the University of Illinois will be held in the office of the County Superintendent of schools, Waukegan, Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4.

These scholarships confer the right to receive four years of instruction in any of the regular under-graduate courses, at one of the best State Universities in America.

Girls as well as boys are eligible, but all must have been residents of the county for a year preceding such examination. They must also be at least sixteen years of age.

List of branches and other particulars can be obtained of M. W. Marvin County Superintendent of schools.

By some oversight the Baptists were not invited to the Memorial day services Sunday last. But the house was full.

orous swarm during the season. Many, perhaps most colonies, will swarm twice a season, but not all will survive, for in the bee industry only the fittest survive.

This insures an annual increase of at least 100 per cent., so that if he sells more, Mr. Elvey will probably start in next winter with 28 to 30 colonies. The hive in which the colony lives and stores its winter supply, 25 to 30 pounds of honey, is never disturbed. Directly over the hive is a box, or "super," just the size and shape of the home hive of the colony in which are placed 25 "sections," or little square wood frames holding one pound of honey each. The bees enter the home hive at the bottom, go up through that and deposit their honey in these pound sections in the "super," so that when the season is far enough advanced the bee man goes out to his apiary, lifts off a super and removes the sections as they are filled. Of course he needs to be on good terms with the bees or he will have occasion for several applications of ammonia or camphor. Each good thrifty colony is supposed to put into these "super" sections 25 to 35 pounds each besides what they put up for their winter living. Mr. Elvey makes his own hives and supers, and some for sale, each hive with super complete being worth about \$2.00, or the "supers" at 50 cents each.

Besides Mr. Elvey with his 14 colonies, Alderman C. G. Phillips has 7 colonies; he and Mr. Elvey work together, though not strictly in partnership. Dan Cole also has some 5 or 6 colonies. Christ Stabbing, James Bowden, Mr. Domke, and perhaps others have from one to half a dozen each. Mr. Elvey and we presume the others, sell honey, will take out sections in July we think, and it is pure, you can rest assured of that, and it is this home made honey is the only article that you can rely upon, except Fred Grabbe's of Libertyville. Honey is like the commercial maple syrup and sugar, it is adulterated.

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