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CITY COUNCIL

The session did not begin till 8:40 o'clock, owing to the fact that several members and the attorney were detained by an important meeting of the Building and Loan association. The reading of the minutes occupied twenty minutes, so that it was 9 o'clock when business actually began.

A petition from that venerable citizen, soldier and statesman, Col. Turnley, asking for some repairs near his home and objecting to the idea of allowing the "backwoods village of Highwood" to do it for us. It went to the street and alley committee with power. The report of the pumping engineer was taken up and showed the following results as to water pumping, oil used etc: the figures are gallons.

June pumpage of water	7,493.508
Daily average	249.763
Total fuel oil	4.874
Daily average	162
For sewer flushing	1,350.000
Street sprinkling	588.336
Street improvement	36.720
Sold to railroad	905.080
Yerke's fountain	20.000
Water takers and Highwood	4,181.572

The engineer says we are pumping 15 per cent more this year than last, but the railroad used 200,000 gallons more in June 1898 than in '97. Five new taps were set in June.

Then came the astounding statement that 28 persons had connected house or barn roof drainage with the sewers, a thing which is strictly prohibited by the ordinance, and they suspect 23 more, over 50 in all, the 28 are sure. It is charitable to suppose most of these folks never thought anything about doing wrong by connecting their roofs with the sewers. The attorney was instructed to enforce the ordinance against these things at once, and some suits will soon be instituted.

The city engineer having reported Mr. Barstow's job of paving St Johns completed, he was ordered paid all but five per cent of the contract price as security for repairs, if any, till the council inspect and approve the work. The total price for that street paving was \$4214.85.

The city comptroller's estimate for the next year was brought up and made the special order of an adjourned meeting Tuesday evening, July 19th, together with the matter of lighting the streets. The cleaning of Central avenue gutter west down the hill was turned over to the mayor. The Electric railway company were given another year's time in which to build their line south and east of the junction of Linden and Forest avenues, as there is not a family on the extension.

Alderman Phillips introduced a new ordinance for a board of local improvements, under the statute of July 1897, remarked that the city had been asleep a year on the matter of improvements, but now the air was full of it, people were falling over each other in rushing to council and calling for improvements etc. The ordinance was passed and will be published in full in the News: read it and the statute together. The board consists of the mayor and two aldermen, that is Messrs. Evans, Phillips and Grant, a good board, now let the new broom sweep clean, clear out and put in order including those two new bridges and the opening of St Johns clear to the Post and macadamizing this year to Vine.

At Mrs. Egan's suggestion the flag

staff on the Sampson parkway has been straightened and painted at an expense of \$10.—well done too.

The street and alley committee who are to report on all the sidewalk in the city, had its time extended two weeks. The petition of the Gray Electric bicyclers was refused, but after some discussion at the suggestion of Col. Davidson the plan of scraping a wheel path on one side of the street was ordered to see how it works. Col. Davidson and Attorney Smoot spoke strongly for the wheelmen; the chief objection raised to the petition was that it was illegal. There seemed a very kindly feeling for the bicyclists. Col. Davidson said it had come to stay and was a public blessing and Mr. Smoot said wheelmen had just as many and as good rights as owners of horses and carriages. Things are moving for the good of us, poor sinners who ride wheels, and the Colonel is sorry he can't ride one.

The Military Academy folks are making quite extensive improvements on their Drill Hall and will put in a 30,000 gallon natatorium, to be emptied by a two inch pipe, taking ten hours to do it, asked permission to tap their manhole or catch basin. The bills were approved and about midnight the session closed and in the bright, clear and soft moonlight, when the city was still as a chamber of death, we wended our way homewards.

We may add that Alderman S. P. Brand was in his seat and took hold of the business as though he had been at it all his life. An order was passed to pay laborers \$1.75 per day of 9 hours, or 25 cents an hour for work. This was done so everybody would know the uniform rate.

THE CHENEY RECEPTION.

Mrs. C. C. Cheney and Miss Cheney gave a reception Wednesday afternoon from four to six o'clock at their pleasant home, Prospect and Dale avenues. The afternoon was perfect, warm enough and yet not too warm. About one hundred and thirty-five invitations were issued, and over a hundred accepted and attended, wholly Highland Park and Fort Sheridan people, some fifteen being from the Fort. The whole idea of it was of a "home-gathering," a social hour of the hostess and their personal friends. Hence the home, that is Highland Park decorations of roses, sweet peas, wild smilax, etc., no exotics, in decorations or guests, and therefore so many ladies say they would like to have it duplicated, and The News desires to thank the Cheneyes for emphasizing this home sentiment so successfully.

Mesdames Millard, Van Schaick, Chapman and Haskin assisted in receiving. Miss Ullmann, a guest of the family from Chicago, Miss Van Schaick and the Misses Chapman poured. David H. Weir of Chicago catered, and he did it to perfection. Taken as a whole, and in all its details, the guests pronounced it one of the most delightful social functions they have attended in the Park.

One Fare For The Round Trip

To Buffalo, N. Y., and return, account Baptist Young People's Union meeting, July 14-17. Rates lower than via other lines. For full information call on or address J. Y. Calaban, General Agent, 111 Adams St, Chicago. *30

City of Highland Park, Ill.

Official Directory for 1898.

R. G. EVANS,	Mayor
JOHN FINNEY,	City Clerk
K. R. SMOOT,	City Attorney
FRED GREENSLADE,	City Treasurer
T. M. CLARK,	City Collector
L. B. HIBBARD,	Police Magistrate
EDW. NEVINS,	Foreman on Streets
S. P. LEESCH,	City Marshal
JOHN P. KLINE,	Night Police
E. LAING,	Supt. of Water Works and Sewers
ALEX. SCOTT,	Asst. " " " "
ANDREW ROCK,	Chief Fire Marshal

Aldermen,

First Ward — M. H. McCaffrey and S. P. Brand.
Second Ward — C. G. Phillips and G. W. Turner.
Third Ward — DANIEL COBB and H. P. DAVIDSON.
Fourth Ward — WILLIAM GRANT and W. J. OBE

Standing Committees.

FINANCE — H. P. Davidson, C. G. Phillips and William Grant
POLICE — C. G. Phillips, G. W. Turner and M. H. McCaffrey.
JUDICIARY — S. P. Brand, H. P. Davidson and William Grant.
FIRE AND WATER — C. G. Phillips, W. J. Obee, Daniel Cobb.
SEWERAGE — Daniel Cobb, W. J. Obee and S. P. Brand.
AUDITING — William Grant, C. G. Phillips and W. J. Obee.
STREET AND BRIDGE — W. J. Obee, H. P. Davidson and G. W. Turner.
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT — M. H. McCaffrey, Daniel Cobb and William Grant.
PRINTING AND STATIONERY — G. W. Turner, H. P. Davidson and M. H. McCaffrey.
BOARD OF HEALTH — R. G. Evans, L. M. Bergen and James McDonald.

Regular meeting of the Council, first Tuesday evening of each month.

THE ALEXANDER RECEPTION.

Mrs. W. A. Alexander, up on the Sheridan Road gave what may be designated a North Shore reception last Friday evening, July 1st. There were about one hundred and thirty guests present, some from Chicago, and other places along the North Shore. The reception began at 8 o'clock, just when the twilight was at its best. Fitzgerald's well known Chicago orchestra furnished delightful music all the evening, and though it was warm the guests found those broad extended porches and that closely shaven and brilliantly illuminated lawn rarely attractive and comfortable and so people would stay out of doors.

During the evening Miss Jane Gray of Chicago sang several selections with Mrs. Nettie R. Jones as accompanist, to the great satisfaction of the company. Though the attendance was large, the house was so extended and commodious, and the large lawns being so finely lighted with Japanese lanterns, that there was no inconvenience. Mrs. M. T. Green, Mrs. Alexander's mother, assisted in receiving, while the catering was by Smiley in his best style, and that means perfection. The decorations were American beauties, sweet peas and garden roses, one mantel being entirely banked in sweet peas.

The multiplied and varied lights on the porches and the broad lawns, in addition to the brilliantly lighted house, gave the whole a very striking and beautiful appearance. The guests were uniform in their praise of it as a most enjoyable and complete affair, and those most competent to judge were highest in their

praise. It is not often that within the compass of a single week our city has two such delightful social gatherings as the Alexander and Cheney receptions, and both characterized by much the same charming quality of homelikeness.

EXACTLY RIGHT.

A female resident on the Sheridan Road north, one who lives there twelve months in the year, and one also who likes Highland Park, admires its present and has great faith in its magnificent future, sends us the following as an exact description of what we old residents know for so many years as the Port Clinton avenue, and it should be styled the "PRIZE POEM"

"In summer season rather nice,
In winter time one glare of ice.
In spring and autumn nothing less
Than concentrated coldness."

If you can improve that in poetic expression or sentiment, try your hand.

THE TOURNAMENT.

The Ladies' Tournament comes off today at the Exmoor Club golf grounds, open to all lady members of the club. One round will be played this morning and one this afternoon. An elegant prize is promised by the House Committee of the Exmoor club, and all the ladies are naturally very anxious to secure the same. Who the fortunate one will be we cannot announce till next week, as this paper is off the press and in the hands of its readers before the contest is decided.

PIANO TUNING.

Our tuner, Mr. Earl G. Alden is in Highland Park and vicinity every month. Drop us a postal card and he will call.

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OUR CELEBRATION.

The Fourth passed here in the most quiet and orderly manner; there was but little or no disturbance, and so far as we know, not an arrest. The greatest annoyance we know of was the explosion of fire crackers Sunday evening by some not very religious or over-well bred people, for no one of high or good average breeding, whatever his own religious opinions would allow himself to disturb and annoy his neighbors by doing so needless a thing as exploding fire crackers Sunday night. That was all the disturbance we heard and not very much of that. Over 200 people, we hear, went to Waukegan on the Electric; as many or more went to Libertyville, Chicago and other out of town places, so that there was no "congestion on our streets during the day."

The real celebration began at 7 o'clock p. m. on the lawns of the Club just across the Central avenue bridge, by singing patriotic songs by the crowd, a couple hundred of whom were in chairs on the lawn. At 8:30 Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl delivered a 25 minute address on "True Liberty," in which he showed first that liberty and license are not only different, but antagonistic things. He then went on to show in what this kind of liberty did not consist, not in wealth or culture, or in intellectual or material greatness, the kind in which Babylon and Egypt and Rome excelled, but perished in spite of those things. Following this was a clear and forcible statement of the positive elements of true liberty, which consists in one word, righteousness—personal, individually, socially and politically; "Righteousness exalteth a nation," while sin is not only a reproach, but the ruin of any people.

The address was brief, terse, logical and swelling with true patriotic emotion, worthy of the speaker and the occasion. The many other gifted and eloquent orators in the course of the people very gracefully and cheerfully bottled themselves up and waited for "America," which the choir, in anticipation of the skyward rockets, pitched rather high and after two stanzas, dropped.

The fireworks, witnessed by a large assemblage of citizens, estimated at from 1000 to 1500, men, women and children, especially the latter, were quite elaborate and sent off successfully. The evening was perfect and the full moon held herself back till the rockets, Roman candles and buzz saws were pretty well used up. As a local celebration it was a gratifying success in which our neighbor, Mrs. W. C. Egan, was conspicuous with others.

Just What You Want.

An artistic booklet entitled "Summer Outings," published by the Nickel Plate Road, describing vacation resorts along south shore of Lake Erie, also fine list of country homes open to country boarders, sent to any address on application to J. Y. Calaban, General Agent, 111 Adams St, Chicago. *32

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