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We guess they read the Highland Park News in Boston, as the school board of that old Puritan city put their veto promptly and vigorously on the plan to exploit the public schools of that city for the Lafayette monument or any other scheme. The monument is all right, but no set of enthusiasts are to levy a tax on the public schools to build it. So say these Boston folks.

It gives an air of sadness to our social life to see one and another of these fine summer homes like Tracy Lays', C. C. Yoe's and others closed, windows and doors nailed up for the winter with only the coachman and his wife in two or three of the living rooms. On the other hand we who remain find life decidedly enjoyable with the club and the lectures and parties and weddings, now and then, and above all with our home lives, families and books and magazines. To us one charm of winter lies in its cold, bleak, stormy days when no one will call to disturb our quiet reading and study.

Mr. Pfanstiehl touched on one phase of a pastor's life Sunday afternoon at Charles Flinn's funeral, not often thought of by the public, but one of grave import to the minister himself, namely his sudden transition from scenes of sorrow to those of joy and mirth. Saturday evening he was officiating at a double wedding; Sunday afternoon at one of the saddest funerals of our city. We have known the minister to have the carriage wait while he conducted a funeral, to take him to a wedding, and he is expected to enter heart and soul, in full sympathy, into both services and occasions. The wonder is that his heart does not become hardened; but it does not, as a rule.

Pastor Pfanstiehl had a "double wedding" Saturday evening, with gay if not luxurious environments. We had a double wedding once that put his all in the shade. We had 21,000 guests, at 25 cents a head; bride and presents by the wagon load, the Mexican brass band, the wedding march on a big pipe organ, a superb photograph of the whole scene, a wedding salute of 26 steam whistles simultaneously, perfect order from first to last, special trains every 30 minutes from St Paul, and columns of fulsome notice in the next morning's Tribune, as the biggest thing Minneapolis ever had in all its eventful history!

**EARLY SOCIAL HISTORY.**

There lies before us an octavo pamphlet of 75 pages, published in 1874 and containing the special charter of the city of Highland Park approved by that royal democrat, John M. Palmer, governor March 11, 1869, together with some 30 city ordinances and 45 rules of business and order for the city council. Evidently this was the first codification of the

ordinances of the city. Among the ordinances, the first was concerning the city treasurer, passed and published May 24, 1869, signed by Frank P. Hawkins, as mayor, and Geo. W. Williams city clerk.

The second ordinance was about the city marshal, who was to make a written report of his doings "quarter-yearly." The third one related to the qualification of officers. The bonds of the clerk was \$500, treasurer, \$3,000; assessor, \$500; collector, \$1,500; street commissioner, \$500 and attorney \$1,000—but who was he? Ordinance four, was about using the sidewalks and was so strict as to keep off all bicycles, though the infernal machine then was unknown. There was a long one about planting shade trees.

July 25th, 1870, an ordinance was passed to issue \$7,000 of bonds at 10 per cent interest annually—think of that golden age ye money lenders, and no 16 to 1 dollars either, to pay for the city school house, and lots 9 and 10, block 20, the old Norman Castle affair where the present building now stands. To make the bonds valid there had to be a special election of which Asa K. Allen, Milton H. Baker, (the little pill doctor) Sam. S. Streator, and Geo. W. Williams city clerk, signed that ordinance.

Sept. 6, 1870, the alleys between lots 10 and 11 and 14 and 15 in block 29 were vacated. The same date they passed one against boys playing on the railroad tracks, cars, etc. twenty-eight years ago; and they do it yet sometimes. The 30th of that month they put on a \$5.00 fine for trotting over the bridges and it is done a hundred times a day still.

The taxes for 1871 were "five mills on the dollar," but how much filthy lucre that raised we know not. G. R. Field was then mayor, but no clerk's name is attached. March 10, 1872, a seven page ordinance was passed concerning city elections, the last Monday in April; polls opened at 8 and closed at 7 o'clock. Judges and clerks received \$2.00 a day for their valuable services; no Australian ballot to vex the electors and scheming politicians. S. B. Williamson, mayor and E. B. Rambo clerk.

March 24, 1873, the alley in block 50, where Prof. Gray, Geo. J. Boulton and others live was vacated. May 25, 1874, taxes for that year were levied as follows—no "mills on the dollar" in this ordinance—plain figures as follows, to-wit:

School purposes	\$4,000
Interest	750
Streets and alleys	1,200
All other purposes	1,050
	\$7,000

Take out the school money and the council did not have a very big fund left to handle and nearly half of that went on the streets which were just as long then as now. Thomas H. Beebe was mayor and E. P. Harris clerk.

In 1874 there was a long ordinance about licensing auctioneers, brokers, pawnbrokers, bankers, hawkers and peddlers, hotels, billiard or ten pin alley rooms, bus, dray, theatre, etc. A banker must pay an annual license fee of \$25 and that killed the goose that was to lay golden eggs, while "wire dancing, equestrian or acrobatic performances and ledgerdermain" must pay \$2.50 per diem. The same year they decided the attorney should have "all the privileges of an alderman" except voting. Their misdemeanor ordinance had only six sections pertaining to swimming in the lake, cruelty to animals, putting rubbish in the streets and alleys, draining a stable, cattle yard and pig-sty, disturbing religious worship and keeping order about hotels and restaurants.

They had in those good old days men whose business it was to measure the wood sold in the city to see that the honest alderman did not get

cheated and be paid ten cents a load. July 29, 1874 there was a stunning ordinance on animals running at large which declared that, "No horse, mare, colt, mule, ass, cow, calf, bull, ox, steer, stag or heifer" shall run at large "between the hours of 8 p. m., and 6 a. m., but during the day the streets and vacant lots were public pastures, as now some try to make them. They had a dog ordinance too which instructed the marshal to kill all dogs, unmuzzled, on the Mayor's proclamation.

The Rules were adopted April 13, 1869, the council met the last Monday evening of each month and the second Monday evening in April of each year. One rule provided that every alderman should say "Mr. President" before he entered on his speech. Every proposition referring to the expenditure of money, shall be referred to the finance committee, who shall report at the next regular meeting. There were ten standing committees, schools and licenses which we do not have.

Our file of these publications comprises the ordinances etc, published in the years 1874, 1880, 1885, 1892, and 1898. Was there one between 1874 and 1880, if so, who will send us a copy, as we are preparing to have them bound for preservation, as a part of the city's permanent history.

**THE VINES' RECEPTION.**

The reception given to Pastor and Mrs. Vines last Saturday evening at the home of Mayor Evans, was a very pleasant affair; a complete success in every way. Nearly every family was represented; Charles H. Warren had charge of the exercises and managed all in his usually happy and successful manner. It was very easy to see that he is a favorite with the young people of the society.

Mr. Vines was welcomed back after his vacation by Mr. Warren, in the absence of the one selected for that pleasant duty, and Mr. Vines told how delightful a time he had enjoyed among his kindred and his former parishes and with zest he came back to his work here.

Refreshments were served in abundance and the coffee, of which we claim to be a judge, was none of your diluted Sunday school picnic beverage, but the real genuine Chase & Sanborn O. G. Java, admirably made, and then pure cream and loaf sugar, we drank—cups, and read Carlyle's Cromwell two hours after we got home. There was the Scripture quantity of "fragments" of cake and sandwiches left, for the mayor's hopefuls to get sick on.

H. M. Prior forgot his violin and had to use a "fiddle," but Bessie Cheverton did not forget her piece, that's not her way, and Charlie did not forget how to amaze the kids, big and little, old and young, with his sleight-of-hand performances. Nothing was overdone, or underdone, not even the two or three brief speeches, the music or the tricks: all was admirable and enjoyable and so profitable.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

HIGHLAND PARK, ILL., Oct. 20, 1898.  
Mrs. W. W. Boyington and children wish to thank their many friends and neighbors, especially Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, for their kindness and sympathy in their recent sorrow.

The choir from the Swedish Lutheran church of Evanston will give a Concert and Reformation festival in the Swedish Zion Church, Highwood, Thursday, Oct. 27. Besides songs by choirs, which numbers over twenty voices, there will be solos and duets and two speeches, one in English and one in Swedish. All are cordially invited. Admission is 25 cts.

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