
 • • **Winnetka.** • •

C. & M. ELECTRIC RY. CO.

Chicago, March 7, 1899.
 To the President and Board of Directors of the Village of Winnetka, Winnetka, Ill:

Gentlemen: We beg to advise you that we are unable to purchase a 46-foot strip through block 64, adjoining the easterly right-of-way of the C. & N. W. R. R. Co., from Maple street to Willow street, at a price that we consider within reason, and are therefore now compelled to commence condemnation proceedings for the purpose of acquiring our right-of-way through that block 42 feet wide, in accordance with the conditions of our franchise.

It will, therefore, be impossible for us to accept the proposition made us by your committee of the whole, which provides for acquiring a 46-foot right-of-way through that block. We are, however, ready and willing to accept all the other conditions of your proposition, which are as follows, viz: (1) In place of a grade crossing over Willow street, as now proposed, we agree to construct a substantial viaduct.

(2) We agree to construct and maintain a station on our line just north of Maple street, as indicated on the plans we have submitted to you.

(3) We will purchase or condemn a strip of land 66 feet in width from the south termination of Wilson street to the south line of the village of Winnetka, and dedicate the east 32 feet thereof to the village of Winnetka for street purposes. As we are now letting our contracts for the completion of our road to Evanston, it is necessary that this matter should be decided at once so that in case a viaduct is decided upon, we can place the contracts for the steel structure at once so as to have it in readiness, and this will also necessitate the extension of time for the completion of our road through your village to July 1st.

Another subject which demands immediate attention is that your honorable body appoint an engineer to prepare the specifications for the necessary street improvements as required by Section 4 of the ordinance granted to Bluff City Street Electric Railway Company, as we are obliged to let the contract for these improvements at once in order to have the same completed within the time specified in the ordinance. Railroad company to pay engineer.

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PARAGRAPHED.

Mrs. Joseph R. Gay is visiting in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Fred Richardson is very ill with a very hard cold.

The German Club met with Mrs. Bitterling on Friday.

Mrs. S. L. Babcock and daughter are now in Winnetka.

If past success continues, this luncheon will be a success.

Mr. and Mrs. H. ... returned from the ...

Miss Gertrude ... all the past few days ... cold.

Mr. Wm. P. Hapgood is now in the Owsley House on the Lake Shore drive.

Miss S. Stahl is now in her own place at school, having recovered from her cold.

Mrs. Merritt Starr is enjoying a few days of a California spring at Los Angeles.

Whitney in Prouty Block can do first-class bicycle repairing promptly.

The Kindergarten has been closed by order of the School Board on account of measles.

A dainty but substantial menu, following out the color scheme, will be offered the fair public.

Mrs. James A. Hunt was so ill on Monday that it was impossible for her to be at Choral Union in the evening.

The Woman's Society will serve a yellow and white luncheon on Thursday, March 16th, from 12 to 2 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Dowd.

A caucus will be held by the citizens of Winnetka at Prouty's Hall, March 18th, to nominate candidates for village offices.

Mr. Joe Strand has returned from his trip in Omaha, Neb.

Mr. J. H. Morong left for Butte, Montana, last Sunday evening.

Whitney in Prouty Block can put your electric bell in order; prompt service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morong and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Morong returned from New York last Saturday.

Mrs. O. A. Leonard spent the week at Ravinia with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Leonard Hill, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Hill is now on the way to recovery.

At the opening of Glencoe's new school-house Winnetka school was well represented by the goodly number of their teachers, viz: the Misses Gillespie, Miss M. Goddard, Miss F. A. Bibbins, Mr. Frank Windes; also Mr. Oldfather and Mr. Thurston attended.

The town meeting held in the Congregational Church, at Winnetka, Friday, March 10th, was well attended. Ex-Congressman Mr. George E. Adams delivered an interesting paper, entitled "The Englishman of the Sixteenth Century and the American of the Twentieth Century."

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