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PROGRESS OF THE ELECTRIC ROAD. North Shore people generally have regarded the completion of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric road as a thing to be desired from the fact that it would afford a convenient and inexpensive mode of inter urban travel among the North Shore towns. That the trolley line should become a formidable competitor of the Chicago & Northwestern for Chicago traffic has scarcely been taken into consideration, the general impression being that the running time would be too slow. It seems, however, that the electric road promoters intend to run a fast express service in the morning and at evening, and expect to make the trip from Highland Park to the down-town loop in something less than an hour. This, it will be seen, compares fairly well with the time made by some of the Northwestern's slower trains. When the fact is taken into consideration that fares on the trolley line will be about one-half those charged by the railroad, it will be seen that some concessions in fares will probably have to be made by the Northwestern if it expects to hold the suburban patronage it now enjoys.

The Chicago-Milwaukee Electric will have a standard gauge double

track line from Highwood to North Evanston where a connection will be made with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St Paul railroad. Davis street in Evanston, will be the terminus for the present, but so soon as the Northwestern elevated is completed, the trolley cars will run over the St Paul tracks to Buena Park and thence over the Northwestern elevated to the down-town loop. Regular trains during the day will stop at any street crossing, but the express trains will stop only at certain stations. The fare from Highland Park to Ravinia and Glencoe and Lakeside will probably be 5 cents, to Winnetka and Kenilworth 10 cents and to Wilmette and Evanston 15 cents.

A complete right of way has been obtained from Evanston to Waukegan with the exception of two gaps,—one at Kenilworth of about a quarter of a mile, and the other, about the same distance, at Highland Park. If the franchise is granted at Highland Park a ten-minute train service north and south will be inaugurated. At Kenilworth the passengers will be transferred if the right of way is not granted. The road will not run west to Grosse Point as has been reported. The equipment of the road will consist of double track standard railway coaches. It is said the entire cost of the road will aggregate \$1,000,000.

E. Percy Maynard says the prospect is very bright for considerable building on the North Shore this season. The favorable business conditions of the past year have enabled many people to accumulate a surplus with the result that they are beginning to think about building homes. Winnetka will be particularly fortunate in this respect, and the houses will be of a character that will add materially to the attractiveness of the Village Beautiful. Mr. Maynard says the fast train service made possible by track elevation will have a most beneficial effect on all North Shore property values.

The NEWS-LETTER passes over the poet's "Hail, gentle spring" this year. The unreliability of the weather makes us afraid it might hail.

AT CLOSE OF DAY.

A POEM OF SUMMER.

Nature breathes in quiet whispers,
At the closing of the day;
Words that seem as sacred vespers
To the breezes out at play.
For they kiss the lake and lull her
To a calm;—a mirror for
The miracle of color,
Reaching out from shore to shore.
All aglow with bright reflection,
Vainly seem the clouds to try,
With their curtain of perfection,
Drifting o'er the western sky,
To conceal the sunset blushes
Of the day, from evenings' eyes.
Vainly for the crimson flushes,
Tinged with golden hues arise;
Filtering thro' a veil of glory
Blend, and tell in Heaven above,
Something of a wondrous story,
Told by messengers of love.
To the angels 'tis the pleading
Of a tired and longing soul;
And an angel, there, in heeding,
Speeds an answer to unroll;
From the shoulders of the living,
All the weight of care away;
As a benediction giving
Rest, at close of day.

ELISHA MORGAN, Highland Park.

WINNETKA'S PUBLIC KINDERGARTEN.

Quite frequently the most important enterprises receive the least attention; such has been the fact with Winnetka's public kindergarten. At times the attendance has reached over forty, but it should be larger, and if parents would visit the school but once, they would be anxious to have their little ones attend, as what makes this kindergarten what it is, is its corps of teachers.

Miss Capron is the principal of the school and her manner and method of training the little ones to use their minds cannot fail to make them think. One secret of Napoleon's success was his personal acquaintance with all his men. Miss Capron knows each child personally and in bidding them goodbye for the day has a personal remark for each.

Miss Chapin has charge of the highest class in the school and her test in holding the attention of a table of about sixteen little ones between 5 and 6 years of age is wonderful.

The order and quiet throughout the room would make older pupils green with envy. The drawing and clay mouldings of the little ones were almost "too good to be true" and the neatness and regularity with which everything is done makes one feel every child in Winnetka should attend this kindergarten.