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Winnetka's Water Tower. At the head of North avenue, looming up against the sky with a dissolving view of the lake for a background, stands the Winnetka water tower. The Sheridan Road winds near the tower and a view is also afforded from passing trains on the Northwestern so that this chimney-like column is one of the most familiar landmarks on the North Shore.

Winnetka has one of the best water plants in the Sheridan Road district. It supplies not only the Village Beautiful but the adjacent municipality of Glencoe as well. There has even been some negotiation looking to supplying Kenilworth, the capacity of the plant being ample.

Perhaps the pride Winnetkaites take in their water system may be explained chiefly from the fact that it is municipally owned and operated. It is not extraordinary that in the residence-town of Henry D. Lloyd there should be quite a colony of people with socialistic leanings, and hence it is that the success of the plant is regarded by them in the nature of a triumph for the principle of municipal control of public utilities. The water system has been the pet charge of President Herd-

man, who is a hydraulic engineer of recognized ability.

Annexation of Ravinia. A petition to annex Ravinia to Highland Park has once more come up before the city council. The proposition as it now stands is to add to Highland Park all the territory between the corporation limits and the Cook county line. The tract embraces some 500 acres, about twenty acres of which is improved. The proposition to annex this territory has been forwarded chiefly by owners of large tracts along the Sheridan road who hope to see the completion of the boulevard between Highland Park and Glencoe, in the event of annexation. A majority of the voters of Ravinia have signed the required petition with the understanding that water, sewer system and other street improvements will result from uniting with Highland Park. There are also a number of bridges to be built, and Ravinia probably hopes for some assistance in this direction. The proposed annexation would not add materially to Highland Park's population, but it would enable the city to levy taxes on a considerable tract of unoccupied land. Just what advantage Highland Park can hope to derive by the arrangement is a question for the city council to determine, and the NEWS-LETTER will not assume to offer advice in the premises. Ravinia will have to pay considerably higher taxes than at present and will naturally expect some compensating benefits. Highland Park on the other hand is not a municipal philanthropist and very likely will not care to expend much in excess of funds actually derived from the new district. If the council acts favorably on the petition, Highland Park will contain altogether about 2400 acres of vacant land. The completion of Sheridan Road, it must be admitted, would be very desirable.

Continued Prosperity. Mayor Evans will begin at once the construction of a new building on Central Avenue, that will hereafter be the home of the NEWS LETTER. The structure will be of brick and stone 22x50 feet, with plate glass windows

and all modern improvements. Since making the NEWS-LETTER a North Shore paper the business has increased to a point that renders our present quarters in the Basye block inadequate. The plant is operated by electricity and consists of high class machinery and the latest modern type faces. The management have many plans for the improvement of the NEWS-LETTER during the coming year, and if our subscribers give their co-operation the paper will make further advances and continue to proclaim the advantages of the North Shore for many years to come.

Editorial Pencillings.

The backbone of winter seems at last to have sustained a compound fracture.

Winnetka's electric plant will soon come up for aldermanic action and then the NEWS-LETTER may find opportunity to undertake something in a lighter vein.

Editor Jones, of the North Chicago Times, keeps a fine Irish setter about his printing office. We dare say he is able to get along without a typesetting machine.

According to a contemporary Mr. Christian Lassen has left Half Day for Copenhagen. We rise to observe that Half Day thus becomes a hamlet without the Dane.

The trees are still bare and the fields frown, but the chorus of the song bird tells us that spring is here, and that soon the air will be redolent with the perfume of the crab-apple blossoms.

"Our enjoyment at the theatre was greatly marred by the crowd," remarked Miss Kenilworth; "we were simply packed in like sardines." "Indeed," responded her companion, "and did you occupy a box?"

There is a proposition on foot to make Chicago include all of Cook county; and now the Highland Park council is considering the annexation of all the territory down to the Cook county line. Why not keep up with the procession and make Highland Park include all of Lake county?