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GREATER HIGHLAND PARK.

At a special meeting of the Highland Park council held on last Tuesday evening, the original petition of the voters of Ravinia asking the council to grant their annexation petition, was acted on. The council recognized the former petition, but the latter petition in which some of the signers of the original document asked to have their names taken off the first paper, was ignored. The people of Highland Park are universally pleased in learning that their town is now likely to embrace this new territory with all its natural beauty, and the hope is general that nothing will come up to defeat this project. There is said to be some strong opposition to the council's action—in Ravinia—and threats to take the matter into the courts. But as to whether the protests have strength enough to defeat annexation is not as yet known.

It is now Greater Highland Park in so far as territorial acquisition is concerned. May Ravinia in receiving an added importance and many new benefits, contribute a strong influence toward a healthful public sentiment, that should be ever ready to promote all that looks toward the material prosperity of the new city, as well as maintaining the high moral standard of the community.

Mr. Montgomery is interesting a number of property owners on Port Clinton avenue in an effort to macadamize that portion of the street in the vicinity of the Montgomery property. The street there has a hard foundation and it is believed by many that to put the avenue in good shape would not be an expensive matter. Most of the remainder of Port Clinton has not so good a foundation. It seems a great pity to see a start made on Port Clinton toward the betterment of the street for so short a distance and no organized plan being pushed for doing any

thing to the rest of this beautiful drive-way. But, perhaps seeing a part of the road put in first class shape may convince the other property owners on Port Clinton that it is really to their interest to make a modern drive of the whole road.

Next Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church the finest musical treat of the year will be given. The Choral society is too well known to need much advertising to be assured of a large audience. The names of the artists for Tuesday evening are enough to guarantee that the program will prove an exceptional one. Among them are, Mrs. Sheffield, Mr. Garwood, Mrs. Nettie R. Jones, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Yarlott. The Choral Society of which Mrs. H. C. Carver is president and Miss Eva Emmet Wycoff, director, will undoubtedly be given strong support on Tuesday evening by having an unusually large audience.

Two crack basket-ball teams have been having some warm contests at their grounds—on the lawn of Mr. Shields' home—and no doubt the team of young ladies that proves its superiority in these games will be open to challenges to Lake Forest teams or basket-ball teams from other towns on the North Shore. They are playing a great game and a game worth seeing. The following is the make-up of each team:

Captains: Miss Harlow, Miss Shields;

Guardsmen: Miss Owens, Miss Troxel, Miss Helen Boulton, Miss Van Schaick, Mrs. Tiffany.

Basketmen: Miss Hall, Miss Egan, Miss Fannie Everett, Miss Lewinson.

The "Gentle Jury" program of Saturday evening last at the Highland Park Club, was pronounced a great success by the big audience that filled the club rooms. The evening's play, the only criticism of which that could possibly be made, was its brevity, was followed by a chafing dish

supper. Besides the large number of club members in attendance, there were present many of the summer residents of the Park.

Dan Sheahan's spirited little steed caused quite a commotion Thursday just before noon. While standing near the C. & N. W. tracks something occurred to frighten him and he tore down the street and then onto the sidewalk toward the land of the setting sun, tearing down the sign in front of Moore's barber shop and of Mr. P. F. Dooley's in front of his place of business. He continued on his mad career until he reached Dan's home at the bottom of the hill, when he turned into the yard and was captured. The horse was unhurt, but the wagon was smashed into splinters.

Mr. Charles Mason and brother reached the Park last Saturday for a week's stay, preparatory to going to New York. Mr. Mason in reaching here, completed his trip around the world, an account of which will appear in next week's issue of the NEWS-LETTER. Mr. Mason will tell of his impressions of Manilla and of what he saw of the lively work going on at the "firing line" of the American army in that far-away land.

The Sunday night fire that destroyed the Noerenberg and Higgins' barns might easily have proved a costly conflagration, had it not been for the good work of the fire department. The men who compose this organization deserve great credit not only for their work Sunday night, but also for the hard work they have recently done when called out by the alarms to quench the big fires in the woods about Highland Park.

Mr. Rann Winchester is living in Rogers Park.

Mr. Newman has taken the Troxell home for the season.

Invitations are out for a dance at the Highland Park Club tonight.

Capt. and Mrs. O. H. Morgan spent Sunday last at Greenlake, Wis.

Mr. Luther McConnell, of Marshall Field & Co., has taken the Bowen Schumacher house for the summer.