

Highland Park Department

A Famous Trial.

Last week the mayor with the marshal, one or two policemen and workmen on the streets, went up and demolished the wire fence Mr. Geo. P. Everhart, a Chicago capitalist, had erected across Lake avenue, at its junction with Walker avenue, up in the north east corner of Port Clinton. Mr. Everhart sued all but the mayor before Judge W. E. Cummings of Highwood and the summons were returnable Wednesday at noon. When called, a change of venue was taken to Judge Daniel Pease, the Sir Matthew Hale of Highwood, who reached the scene of strife about 4:30 p. m., and proceeded to the business in hand. E. K. Smith, an erstwhile resident of Highwood, managed for Mr. Everhart, while City Attorney Knox looked out for our Park boys.

To make the matter plain to all we will say, that when that lake shore drive was built ten years ago, to save filling the deep ravine on the corner, a bit of lot 1 belonging to the Thompson estate was taken and perhaps a thin slice from Mrs Monohan's lots 2 & 3 and it gave the street that bit of a curve. Mr. Everhart had fenced in those corners cut off and put into the street. He claimed that his fence was set on the old original survey lines of the lots. The city claimed and seemed to prove, that Walker avenue had been opened over 20 yrs. Old Mr. Sullivan, and John Duffy had both worked on it from 25 to 30 yrs. ago and John Finney's memory ran back to time immemorial.

On the other side, Mr. Everhart claimed those corners: Col. Turnley had a plat he made on his workbench—where he made those military coffins probably—showing that the city had taken off the corners as Mr. Everhart claimed. J. S. Prall said Walker avenue was "Sam Walker's balloon" and several other illuminating remarks. Mrs. Monohan said they took off the corners of her

lots when they fixed the street ten years ago and she built a new fence south of the street and had told "John Finney a thousand times she ought to be paid" for the land taken but had never presented her bill. Emil Rudolph had made a plaint for Mr. Everhart, who said his damages he thought were about \$10, though he had not been over there to examine it.

After all the "allegations and proofs" were in, Judge Pease leaned back in his big office chair and revolved the complicated case in his capacious mind that he might see it from all angles and points of view, and so render a just decision. Finally he said when Mrs. Monohan built that new fence south of the new street about the corner she thereby surrendered her claim to the slice Mayor Turnley and the council appropriated, and so logically Mr. Everhart was entitled to the little sharp "pint" of land in lot 1, the city had taken. Hence the boys were fined \$5.00 for damages to Mr. Everhart's fence. Some "cuss" words were spoken after the trial by sundry wicked persons. Mayor Cobb and Attorney Knox will carry it up if anything further is done to sustain that fence.

Willis Bachelder Cummings, having completed the first year of his existence last Thursday, invited a few friends of the same mature age as himself to help celebrate. The conversation during the afternoon was most interesting, as each spoke a language all his own. There was a birthday cake with one candle, and the guests were presented with souvenirs suitable to their age.

Editor Burke and his force take a vacation this week after the herculean labors of getting out the assessment list for the towns in the northwest part of the county. Hence the Antiochers will have no "News" this week. J. J. deserves a respite.

Miss Emma Raymond, of Grand Rapids, is visiting Miss Louise Floyd.

Miss Maude Phillips, of Milwaukee, is the guest of Mrs. George Brown.

Mrs. Schmus and two daughters, of Rockford, are on a month's visit at Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brand's.

A picnic party of 25 came down from St. Paul Friday of last week and spent the day at the railway men's home.

Mrs. James Grant and family, former residents who removed to Chicago some time ago, have returned to the Park.

A little card announcing the arrival of a son, No. 4, at the home of Mr. Frank M. Forgo, reached his friends in Highland Park Monday.

Mrs. Frank Le Feber, of Indianapolis, daughter of Mr. T. B. Watson, has returned to her home after a pleasant visit with her parents at the Railway Men's Home.

Our assessment list of the property of Deerfield, issued last week, is universally commended as the finest piece of work of that kind ever issued in Lake County. Excuse our blushes, but we think the popular verdict about right.

Waukegan has some cooks imported from Boston to teach the people up there how to boil eggs and bake beans, which shows that the denizens of the Bluff City are tired of poor living.

A returned missionary lectured on his field, China, and his work there for sixteen years, in the Baptist meeting house Sunday night. We are not informed as to the size of the audience, or the lecture either.

Seventy-five unlicensed dogs paid the death penalty in one day in Chicago this week, for being on the streets without a license. When will the crusade begin here? We have several curs that ought to be shot instanter.

Remember that the license on your dog was due July 1st. The marshal wishes owners of canines who have not already paid to do so at once. Blanks may be had at city clerk's office.