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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Port Clinton avenue, or what is now that portion of Sheridan Road bounded by Central avenue on the south and the northern limits of Highland Park on the north, is to be thoroughly improved before another spring has passed, if the property-owners can come to an agreement as to just what shall be the nature and extent of the street improvement.

Last Wednesday evening, at the Young Men's club, a large number of the property owners met, and as a result of the opinions expressed and the action taken by those present, it is now practically certain that "Port Clinton" will soon be a boulevard in fact as well as in name. Next Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mr. F. W. Cushing—to whom, by the way, too much credit cannot be given for the work he has done toward making possible this needed improvement—the following men, named at last Wednesday's meeting as a committee to settle on a definite plan to be followed, will report what they will have accomplished by that time: P. A. Montgomery, chairman; James McDonald, F. W. Cushing, E.

Rudolph, T. M. Clark, C. B. Rice and O. H. Morgan.

Property in northern Highland Park will be greatly enhanced in value by having Port Clinton avenue macadamized.

The work hinted at in our columns a fortnight ago is announced in the advertising columns of this issue. The author, we understand, has been a resident in Glencoe some eighteen years and does not need to be introduced in that part of the NEWS-LETTER'S demesne; but it may serve to make him better known in some other of our North Shore towns to reprint the following paragraph from a recent issue of the Wheeling (West Va.) Intelligencer:

NEW WEST VIRGINIA AUTHOR.

West Virginia's products are not confined to coal, timber, coke, iron and oil. Many of her sons and daughters shine in the circles of polite literature and ethics, and none, we are sure, will take higher rank in these pursuits than Mr. Granville Davisson Hall, who announces the publication of a novel from his pen about Christmas, entitled, "Daughter of the Elm, A Tale of the Virginia Border Before the War."

The atmosphere of the work is local, the scene being laid in the upper Monongahela valley, and the work promises to recall forgotten tragedies in which some real people and events figure. Mr. Hall is a graceful and interesting writer, and his debut as a writer of fiction will no doubt add to a reputation already secured in the state of his birth and in communities of his former activities.

It will be seen by reference to the advertisement that the book is now ready for delivery.

Fort Sheridan Park.

The second indoor baseball game of the season will be played at Fort Sheridan Park next Wednesday evening, December 20, between the Iroquois and Stuckards of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Erskine attended the wedding of Mr. Robert Erskine and Miss Caroline Griffiths in Chicago Tuesday.

Highland Park Woman's Club.

The Highland Park Women's Club held its third study class at the club's rooms on Tuesday morning, December the 12th. The topic was Oliver Wendall Holmes; leader, Mrs. Harriett Montelius Hudson. Miss Myrta Sweetland rendered most charmingly a Nocturne "Sunday in Switzerland" by Franje Bendel, and Mrs. Warren sang "There are no Times like the old Time." A poem of Doctor Holmes that has been set to music and it can be truthfully said of Mrs. Warren that she "gave to the charm of the poem, the beauty of her voice." Mrs. Hudson in introducing the topic, told the story of the poet's life. She was followed by Mrs. E. H. Brown, who took up the thought of Holmes as a poet, illustrating her topic with readings which were so attractively rendered that they seemed all too short to the class.

Professor Russell gave a scholarly resume of Holmes as an essayist and novelist, stopping here and there, to show what mental force in song and story has done for the world in all ages of civilized thought. Mrs. Fessenden spoke of Holmes as a scientist, told of the horror expressed in religious circles when his pamphlet on Pre Natal influence was first introduced, also the stir that was made in medical circles, when Dr. Holmes publicly insisted that puerperal fever was contagious. Mrs. Frank Green closed the morning's study with a few admirable suggestions. Mrs. Green spoke of the excellence of Doctor Holmes English; its Addisonian simplicity, always giving the impression to his readers that he made no effort to appear learned, and that this very simplicity of style was the perfection of literary art, and that Dr. Holmes often spent hours in the final finishing of one little verse. She said that he advised his literary friends not to express themselves in rhyme, because in prose one could say what he would, but in poetry the rules and limitations were severe and positive. At the conclusion of Mrs. Green's remarks the study class adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, at the usual evening hour for assembling (in the Academy drill hall.) It is to be a Sympos-

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