

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Bids will be received by the clerk of the Board of Local Improvement of the city of Highland Park on or before 12 o'clock m. of January 10, 1900, for the furnishing of all materials and labor necessary for the construction and laying of a cast iron lateral main water supply pipe six inches in diameter, to be laid along and under Dean avenue, from Cedar avenue to Cary avenue, in the city of Highland Park, Illinois, in accordance with an ordinance passed July 7, 1899.

Bids will be opened at 8 o'clock p. m. January 10, 1900.

Plans and specifications of the improvement may be found with the clerk of the Local Board of Improvement at city hall.

The contractor may calculate on receiving in compensation for the amount of contract time warrants drawing 5 per cent interest, payable on July 1, 1900.

The Board of Local Improvement reserve the right to reject any or all bids received.

JOHN FINNEY, Clerk of Board.

Dr. Conger goes to California soon to spend the winter. It is so "awful healthy" out there that little pills are all the people want.

W. W. Flinn, an old time iron manufacturer, has identified himself with the hardware company of North Chicago in which Messrs. Shields and McCormick are so largely interested.

There was a scarlet fever scare in the school Thursday when it was learned that Barbour Brown's little girl was sick with it. Some thought it was communicated by the Grippe child, but she has not been there for about a month.

The Christmas tree exercises for Highwood and vicinity will be held in the Fort Sheridan Park pavilion Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock when every one of the 375 children of that beautiful young city will receive a present. At least 350 of them will be there, the rest will be at home with the measles or toothache. One little girl has asked President Hogan if "that old man from Highland Park will be there to help them sing?" Yes, he will be there and sing like a Trojan. It is everybody's tree up there. No matter where people come from.

A West Side Skating Rink.

Alderman Van Riper has shown considerable spirit in the work he is doing to give the young people of the west side of the Park a suitable place to skate. Mr. Van Riper will see that \$100 worth of water is contributed to fill a skating pond if some one owning a properly situated lot on the west side will donate the land for winter uses. Mr. Van Riper will also give an arc light to furnish what is needed in the way of light.

There is no public skating pond in Highland Park, although on the east side there is a skating club.

The young people of the west side need a suitable place for evening out-of-door diversion such as skating, and if Mr. Livingston or some other owner of desirable property will show the public spiritedness that Alderman Van Riper is displaying, by donating the place, undoubtedly such action will be appreciated. Something in the way of a good skating pond where, on winter evenings, the young people can go, and, not only enjoy the skating, but also have a place to rest and "warm up"—such a place as the little shanty on the Drumtochy rink affords—is a necessity in Highland Park.

Any person who will aid Alderman Van Riper in his efforts in this undertaking will be contributing to the public welfare in a cause that is worthy of liberal support. Perhaps something in the way of a club organization would help more than any other plan in the way of keeping the ice in condition after the club is once started.

Lemuel Rudolph is home from the military school in Watertown, Wis.

Mr. W. B. White will leave in a short time to spend a portion of the winter in California.

Herbert F. Evans will spend the Christmas vacation in the Park. He is a "soph" in Colgate university.

We are glad to know that we were in error last week in saying that Mr. Shields had sold his home. It is only his south lot where his brindle cow used to run, and his elegant home is intact.

The report that the Park electric light plant has been sold is not true. Nothing definite as to changes in the company's management has been decided by the company. The electric light company is planning to make improvements in their plant the coming spring.

The city council met on Thursday evening to consider the "gas company's" ordinance. The aldermen were all present excepting Alderman Stubbs. An ordinance was submitted, but in a long evening's discussion nothing in the way of decisive action was arrived at. At 1 o'clock the council adjourned.

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