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SATURDAY, JANUARY 12.

### H. C. Basye Made Collector.

The following are the minutes of the meeting of the town board held on Monday evening last.

Present: Justices Dooley, Holmes and Comstock, Town clerk Prior and Supervisor MacDonald.

The following motion was made by Dooley and seconded by Holmes. "Whereas W. E. Cummings, collector, in a communication to the supervisor has signified his inability to perform the duties of collector owing to restrictions imposed on him by the post office department of the U. S. (he being postmaster at Highwood, Ills.) Be it resolved that in the opinion of this board this action amounts to failure on his part to qualify. And in accordance with laws made and providing for such cases, that we, the town board of auditors, issue an warrant of approval for said office to Henry C. Basye as collector for the next pending year."

The motion being put by the chairman, was carried by the following vote of 3 to 2. Ayes, Dooley, Holmes and Comstock; nays, MacDonald and Prior. Motion to adjourn, carried.

### An Open Letter.

FROM HENRY K. COALE.

I am authorized to offer one hundred dollars (\$100) to any person who will prove that the title to Hitchel's Fairview Subdivision is not good.

This property comprises 170 fifty foot lots and was originally the south 40 A. of the old Hamilton 80 A. lying on the Green Bay Road, west of Dr. Sweetland's place. The lots were put on the market on the very reasonable terms of \$5 down (when a complete abstract was furnished to the buyer) and \$5 a month without interest. About thirty lots were sold and a number of payments made, when a mysterious rumor got around that "the title ain't good." This reaches the ears of every prospective purchaser. Some one tells him that "so and so" "says that the title aint good" and as a result he loses a chance to get the best bargain ever offered on the best terms in the world, by believing what has no foundation in fact. The party who loaned \$9,000 to the Hamilton's, had the title examined by one of the best lawyers in Chicago. It was good then. When the Hamiltons did not pay it when due, he took the proper cause through the court, and got a master's certificate from the master in chancery in Waukegan. Marcus Hitch paid \$12,000 cash for it, and put in as much more in grading streets, putting in city water and sidewalks. His attorney examined the title. It was absolutely perfect then; it is clear of incumbrance now, and all taxes and assessments are paid up to date. No one can make one hundred dollars easier than by proving what they are so positive in asserting that "the title aint good," a great injustice to Mr. Hitch. Respectfully,

HENRY K. COALE,  
Agent for the Owner.

There was a special council meeting Tuesday night but not much done. The clerk was instructed to call for bids on some of the city's printing.

Miss Dorothy Upham of Boston, is a guest of Mrs. G. D. Boulton.

A fellow citizen taxpayer who has been obliged to construct a lot of cement sidewalk, asks us why the Highland Park Club folks should not be required to build a sidewalk of any kind. He says there is a broad, hard, beaten path where a sidewalk should be, which shows that people would use one if it was there. We pass the question along to those older, wiser and better than ourselves. But give us the sidewalk.

Mr. Kraft and Dr. Bergen attended the big chess games in Chicago on Wednesday evening last. Pillsbury, the ex-world's champion, played sixteen games of chess and several games of checkers blindfolded, directing the moves although he had to carry the positions of each set of chess men and checkers in his head as he was blindfolded. Mr. Kraft came back to the Park with great plans for defeating the now Highland Park champion, F. B. Green.

If our old neighbor, E. H. Denison should come back, he would not know his old home. Lots of those big trees on the west lot have been cut down. Wood is worth \$5 a cord in some places; the house has been painted white, the fad just now is house painting, and a new porch is being built by Joseph Rioux's men and the grounds are being filled with shrubbery. That old checker board walk up to the front gate has been taken up and benches set out. The inside improvements we have not seen.

The Highland Park Council 1066, Royal Arcanum, met on Monday evening for election of officers. The men now installed are Regent, E. E. Parrott; Vice-Regent, Ed. W. Laing; Orator, C. H. Baker; Secretary, F. B. Green; Collector, Henry Denzel; Treasurer, C. A. Kuist; Chaplain, J. H. Duffy; Guide, Arthur St. Peter; Warden, C. O. Larsen; Sentry, Ed. Moore; Sitting Post Regent, L. O. Van Riper. C. H. Baker and E. E. Parrott both made interesting speeches during the evening exercises as also did a visiting Chicago Royal Arcanum officer. The Highland Park Arcanum Council is certainly a live and energetic organization.