
 * **Editorial Comment.** *

A Harbor for Highland Park.

Real estate operators have felt that the beautiful new hotel now being erected in northern Highland Park would serve to enhance the value of property in this town. Members of the Exmoor Golf club have rejoiced in the assurance of a great gain in the strength of their organization, guaranteed by the coming of the new hotel. Local merchants have vied with each other in plans for great things in the way of additions to their enterprises to be ready for the influx of our guests to be—an instance of these mercantile preparations to be cited being the change in the McDonald block. That ancient landmark has been hard hit by the new order of things, and its present form and features will give way, in the near future, to an edifice more in keeping with the Highland park of today. In place of the one store now located in this building there will be three. In the rear, a flour and feed store, where the present owner will continue to prosper, while the front will be divided into two separate establishments. The west division, occupying the entire southwest corner of the present store, will shine in a new glory of plate glass and interior and exterior embellishments to serve as fitting quarters for a new bank in which Mr. Erskine will exchange lucre in such quantities as will everlastingly make envious Brother Holmes in the rival banking house across the way. The other division of the present store will not lag far behind its progressive neighbors, for it promises to loom for a small Marshall Field's in a dry goods way.

Even the streets of Highland Park will in the summer days to come seem to have shaken the dust of centuries from their smiling, sunny faces to greet the new order of things consequent on the advent of the Hotel Loraine. And a wealth of macadam will stretch from one end of the town to the other.

In a social way the life of High-

land Park will also shine in an entirely new "four hundred."

But of all marked changes that will go to make up the new order of things to make complete this great metamorphosis—the coming of a harbor to be located in the Park is the biggest boon of all. At least so say the jolly fresh water tars living in our midst. Everyone knows that yachtsmen comprise a class that is the very best of everything in a sporting way, and when the new \$50,000 harbor that is backed by Mr. Cushing and Chicago capitalists is in place, when the breakwaters toss back the angry waves of our beautiful but treacherous lake, when on stormy days in a sheltered haven the most perfect and graceful type of beauty that man's mind can design and the hand of man create—the modern racing yacht—shall ride the waves in perfect security down by our bluffs, when the Palmer Boat Co. will be working a big force night and day, and our streets will be alive with enthusiastic yachtsmen; then, indeed, will Highland Park rejoice in having attained all that can be desired in the way of improvements, and the unrivalled, natural beauty of the town will be but one of the charms the possession of which will make Highland Park a residence town par excellence—all due to that new sky line broken but recently in northern Highland Park by the muchly treasured "Hotel Loraine."

Peanut Politics.

Last week in this paper an editorial appeared criticising the city administration for injustice done ex-Marshall Leesch. The following Tuesday evening, at a meeting of the City Improvement Committee, it was decided that the city printing should be done by the county paper bidding the lowest for the same, which would mean that a Highland Park paper should not be given any more support by the city council than any Waukegan paper. The city clerk was instructed to ask the various county papers for bids for the printing of special assessments, and it is said that tonight the paper that has sent in the lowest bid will be given the contract for the work to

be done the coming year.

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It cannot be possible that the first editorial that has ever appeared in this paper criticising any action of this city administration will result in a campaign on the part of the mayor of Highland Park and the Fourth ward alderman to weaken the only paper published in this town. This paper has always editorially given the administration the benefit of the doubt.

Men who would, as city officers, give a home paper city printing so long as that paper kept silent as to any mistakes made by those men in their capacity as servants of the people, and who would take away their support of the paper the instant it betrayed a sign of being independent in its views, such men would deserve the contempt of all self-respecting people, for they would be trying to purchase the character of the editor and the principles of the paper through action such as that.

It cannot be possible that the mayor of Highland Park and the senior alderman from the Fourth ward have been understood in this matter, for we do not believe them that type of men.

Amusement.

The Highland Park Dancing Club will give a "hard times" masquerade ball at Goldberg's Opera house on Thursday, January 18th. Admission, one less than fifty cents. Eight prizes to the wearers of the most fanciful costumes. A fine supper and excellent music.

This evening at Fort Sheridan Park, Highwood, a social club composed of members of Light Battery D, will hold a masquerade ball and cake walk. Good music and a good time is promised. Admission 25c.

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