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**The Park Commissioners.**

A meeting was held in McDermald's Hall last Saturday evening by some of the voters of Highland Park east of the railroad track, to decide the question whether the east side of the city from the railway to the lake, and from the northerly line of Cook county to the government grounds, should be converted into a park district, to be governed in part by park commissioners.

S. M. Millard, Esq., was named chairman, and Mayor Cobb secretary.

The law authorizing such a park district formation was explained and some informal discussion held concerning the advisability of such a course. The voters present were resolved into a sort of caucus and candidates for the park commissioners nominated, to be voted on the 10th of January.

On motion, a nominating committee was appointed by the chair, which reported ten names to be voted on. The five receiving the largest number of votes were S. M. Millard, F. W. Cushing, Geo. D. Bolton, F. C. Everett, and B. Rice. Whether such an organization is desirable or not it behooves the voters east of the railway to decide in their own minds.

Some years ago we bored an artesian well, involving the expenditure of considerable expense. It proved substantially a failure. Then we adopted another plan to secure our water from the Lake. Next came a scheme for a sand filter, which the public turned down.

Unfortunately, it is not always possible for a community to know what will be successful, and what not successful; what changes are desirable, and what undesirable; but it is always the part of prudence to go slowly, thoughtfully, and cautiously, in making changes that may add seriously to public taxation. There is a happy medium between fogginess or fossilism on the one hand, and recklessness and extravagant experiments on the other hand. So long as there is doubt, it is generally advisable for a community to remain where it is. We don't make these remarks to throw cold water upon the undertaking, but simply to provoke thought and discussion. Many years of experience, and not a little study, with a good degree of observation, has forced upon us a tendency to some degree of conservatism.

**Unique Thanksgiving.**

We enjoyed a unique Thanksgiving dinner last week and give some of its salient points for the benefit of any interested in such matters. It was strictly a family gathering and we were invited to see it. There was the aged father and mother, both octogenarians, their three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in all a company of twenty-two. The dinner was ready and we sat down to it at 2:20 o'clock.

The host, one of the sons-in-law, is a practicing physician, a man of culture, of rare wit and skilled at repartee. He had arranged the menu on large sheets of wrapping paper about 18x24 inches, one course on a sheet. Thus course number one was "blue points on shell, one cracker to each guest" printed in large letters and all hung on a nail back of his chair at the head of the table, so any guest could read it. After the first course was disposed of that sheet was removed and number two was exposed, bouillon,

two crackers to each guest and so on; no one knew what was to follow till each course was taken. Occasionally a course was scratched off as the "cook" was sick. Also no "social conversation" remarks by the grandfather. The large family, including the six children, joined, an arrangement which afforded much amusement.

Some of the courses were comical; The third was almonds one almond to each guest served on an old style small butter plate. Course six was a plaster, sedlitz plaster, and "on call," and course five was pig-pork, (roast) with fixings. Number ten was turkey at fifteen cents per pound with cranberry sauce and etc. Course twenty was a collection of assorted colors: one cake extra. Number twenty-one was a collection for the house resulting in scraps of cake, nuts, etc., and twenty-five was a course read "Seat; git; till" and then it was 6:15 o'clock. Though we have known the host for thirty years, we confess that his stores of wit and fun were a constant surprise to us.

The adults of the company were all old Vermont friends and neighbors and so the cheer was genuine, specially important for the occasion, Vermont sages. All the Thanksgiving festival ever enjoyed this was far and away the most striking, full of surprise and a constant delight from first to last; may we all be there in 1901.

After being with the boys at a jollification at our office the poet had the following: "Song of swelled head, a fellow, home at 4 a. m. him in. His are full of tangle-foot; his head is around the knob, he is on the porch, his head upon the ground, and all the time with his 'mug' the wheels go round and everyone is tight, and this is in his bedroom, instead of a dollar and will buy a dollar's worth of drinks, and various other things he thinks. But when the son at that, he looks around and murmurs: 'Great snakes!'

**ELECTION NOTICE.**

Public notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of an order of the County Court of Lake County, State of Illinois, entered on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1900, an election will be held at the Public Library building, on Fort Clinton Avenue, in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, on Thursday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1901, between the hours of seven o'clock, A. M. and five o'clock, P. M. of that day, in all that portion of the Township of Deerfield, in said Lake County, described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the boundary line between the Counties of Lake and Cook, in the westerly line of the right of way of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway crosses said boundary line, and extending east along said boundary line to Lake Michigan, and to low water mark, and further extending easterly and at right angles to the shore line, at said boundary line, over the submerged lands of said Lake Michigan three hundred (300) feet from said low water mark; thence northwesterly parallel with the western line of the shore of Lake Michigan and three hundred (300) feet east of said low water mark on said shore line of said Lake Michigan over said submerged lands to the north line, extended, of the south fractional one-half (1/2) of the Fractional Section Fourteen (14), Township Four (4) North, Range Twelve (12) East of the Third Principal Meridian, said north line being the south boundary line of Fort Sheridan, thence west on said north line, extended east, and along said north line of said fractional one-half of said Fractional Section Fourteen (14), to the west line of said Fractional Section Fourteen (14), thence south along the west line of said Fractional Section Fourteen (14) to a point where the said west line of said Fractional Section Fourteen (14) intersects the westerly line of the right of way of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway; thence southeasterly along the west line of said Fractional Section Fourteen (14) to said County line, or place of beginning of said land lying and being in the Township of Deerfield (sometimes called East Deerfield) in the County of Lake, State of Illinois; for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of said described territory the question whether said described territory shall be organized as a Park District, to be known as Sheridan Park District, to be under an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Organization of Park Districts, and the Transfer of Surplus Lands to those Bodies of Water," passed July 1, 1896, and amended April 22, 1897, and to elect five (5) commissioners to be provided under said Act.

D. L. JONES,  
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