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Highland Park.

Bazar patterns at Mrs. Bohl's. The public library will be closed on Dec. 25th, 1900, and on Jan. 1st, 1901.

A grand display of Toys can be had at cost at Dale Sweetland's.

James Everett is home for the holidays from Indianapolis where he has been attending school.

Schumacher's Peppermint Creams are the finest made.

Miss Lottie Brand is home for the holidays from Naperville where she is attending college.

\$1.25 Drums at 90 cents, and other Toys in proportion can be had at Dale Sweetland's.

Miss Alice Atwood, daughter of Col. E. B. Atwood, has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. B. A. Pratt.

Do not buy Candies that has laid in shops for weeks when you can buy Schumacher's Famous Chocolate Creams made fresh daily.

Ebenezer Evangelical—Sunday subjects: a m. (German) "Christ Prophesied." p. m. (English) "The Times Propitious for Christianity at the Birth of Christ."

Leave your order for Schumacher's Creams.

A few of Henry Maechtle's boy friends came to his home on Wednesday evening to remind him of his birthday. The boys had a good time and lots of good things to eat.

Toys, Dolls, etc., at cost can be had at Dale Sweetland's.

The two year old child of Mrs. Vaughn died Tuesday and was to Highland Park from Chicago where they have been living, and thence on Thursday to the Northfield cemetery. Mrs. Vaughn is very ill also.

Have your dressmaking done at Mrs. Strook's for the holidays.

Olney Moore paid the NEWS-LETTER office a visit on Monday. A few years ago Mr. Moore spent a good deal of time in this office for he with the Evans boys were deeply interested in the welfare of the paper. He left here to attend college at Milton Junction, Wisconsin, and also became interested in a paper up there.

Anyone doubting the method of washing by the Reliable Steam Laundry is kindly invited to come and watch it done. They will be shown everything in connection with the washing and ironing, and can see for themselves.

Mr. Levin the jeweller has just cleaned a very fine clock for B. F. Gump. It is in a heavy marble case, French made, with three dials and a set of chimes separate from the regular clock movement. The interior is very elaborate and complicated in structure, more so than we ever saw except in tower clocks. It took two men a day to handle it and get it from their home up to the shop.

The Concert.

Tuesday evening's concert in the Presbyterian church was a fine success. The weather was perfect; the house was full; the artists generally in good trim and everything was at high water mark. Then the audience was in good humor and while kindly critical, it was strongly disposed to be pleased, and that disposition to be pleased goes far toward making an entertainment of this kind a success.

The concert started off with our new local male quartette, composed of Messrs Wykoff, Messinger, Anderson and Boulton, all home talent. It "struck fourteen" the first thing and captured the audience with its droll, taking and pointed song of the tack. Its staccato passages punctured the sensibilities of the audience as would a tack their cuticle, while the story of Johnny's fishing for a whale of a Sunday morning was irresistible.

The renderings of Miss Carpenter were very fine, and there were strains in her Cradle Song which forcibly reminded us of Annie Louise Cary in her best days. Miss Dunlap is of course a favorite here, and well she may be for she has a strong, rich voice of great compass and power, well trained and under fine control. Miss Peixotto's recitations developed new interest and power as the evening advanced. At the first she seemed to be getting the "hang of the school house," but that once secured, she marched to complete victory over her audience and closed the evening in full triumph.

Then we enjoyed very greatly Miss Harrington's piano renderings, the selection on harp, organ and violin, by Miss Cole, Miss Everett and George Jones we think surprised the audience by its fine rendering, though all liked the encore better than the original. Miss Everett was at the piano all the evening and we need only say, as often said before, she more than satisfied her audience. As to technical expression and similar features, we leave them to musical experts. The boys in the "encore corner" held themselves well in leash, but the audience needed no prompting in that respect. We hope the "Male Quartette" is a permanent feature of our social life.

There were a score of ushers, girls from the high school, chiefly, we suppose, to aid Misses Miller, Clark, Smoot, Smith, Shields, Helen and May Clark, Messinger, Mason, Tuttle, Bond, Green, Cole, Mauck, M. Pherson, Schaffer, Boyington and Newman. We trust the "King Daughters" will be so well pleased with this effort that they will give the public another delightful two hours intertainment in the very near future.

There will be a school for dancing opened in Goldberg's Opera House next Thursday evening. Dancing taught children and beginners on Saturday afternoons. Lessons from 8 to 10 p. m.; reception from 10 to 12 p. m. Admission, 25 cents. Private lessons at home or in the hall by appointment.

MISS JACKSON
Care Mrs. Inman, Second St.

Editor News-Letter.

The publication in this issue of the act governing the formation of park districts, brings to the attention of taxpayers resident in this district how complete would be the power of such commissioners, not only to levy taxes, but to absolutely control the disbursement of such funds.

While the law provides that park commissioners shall receive no salary as commissioners, it nevertheless allows them to employ a secretary, a treasurer, an attorney, a superintendent, laborers and a police force for boulevards and parks exclusively. All this to simply carry out what the city is now doing.

In addition the law allows the park commissioners to purchase and annex property for park purposes, and to improve same.

The taxpayer within the limits of this district would be liable to the four-mill general park tax, which is at the rate of \$4 on every thousand, they would be subject to special assessment at the discretion of the park board, and they would be liable also for an issue of bonds to the amount of 3 per cent, of the total taxable property within the district, which bonds could draw interest at 5 per cent, and furthermore, the time for their payment could be fixed by said park board.

Would the submerged lands lying along the lake shore and extending 300 feet beyond the riparian rights of the lake shore property owners be an acquisition to the park district, if it was thereby made possible to use park funds to build piers, fill in and make any desired improvement, including the power to maintain police patrol along the shore?

Park commissioners would have full power to control the use of such piers by the people, even to the extent of prohibiting their use by the public.

But to the knowledge of the writer, Park avenue is the only means of access, over public grounds, to the shore.

It is desired to prevent the dumping of rubbish, tin cans, etc., on vacant lots. The city would soon put a stop to the practice if properly notified, and in case of their failure to do so one man with a good team at \$4 a day would soon remedy the evil at much less expense than to maintain such an elaborate governing power.

This is not a question to be lightly passed upon, and every taxpayer owes it to himself to be on hand to vote January 10th, 1900, at Library Hall, Highland Park.
TAXPAYER.

Dale Sweetland carries a fine lot of Toys which he is going to sell at cost, as he is closing out that stock.

Mr. Editor—It is far from my natural disposition to criticise and find fault with other people and it is still further from my custom for me to air any grievance through the public press or in any other matter, write for it. But I have been so much pleased during the last year to see the NEWS-LETTER steadily improving both in size and quality and see it becoming so valuable in a general way to the public that I am disposed to make my complaint through your columns.

There was a time since I have lived in this town, when our post office did not pay a good business man to devote his time entirely to it. But that time has gone past.

When Mr. Brand was in the office he gave his time to it, and the office was well conducted, and so far as we ever heard was satisfactory to everybody. Mr. Wm. Dooley was made postmaster under a Democratic administration. Mrs. Dooley was his assistant. I do not believe our post office was ever run any better or more satisfactory to the public than it was run by Mr. and Mrs. Dooley. I doubt if in the last twenty years there has been so much complaining about the office as there has been since the present incumbent took charge.

Many people in Highland Park, though friendly to the present postmaster on personal grounds, were not altogether pleased to have him take the office, because they feared that what has come to pass would happen. Instead of attending to the office himself and personally looking after the accommodation of the public he turns it over first to one party and then to another, and another and another, until, if we mistake not there has been some seven or eight different clerks in the short time since Mr. Dooley turned the office over to his successor. By the time one assistant begins to know something of the business and to become familiar with the people of the city another takes the office.

Result: No end of annoying mistakes. If the postmaster did not intend to attend to the office in person, as his predecessors had done, he should not have asked for it. The people have some rights.

We have never been in sympathy with the Democratic party, but no community could have a better postmaster than Mr. Dooley proved; and we were by no means alone in sincerely hoping he would be allowed to remain in charge. The post office is supported by the general public and should be run in their interest, and not made a sinecure for the benefit of some individual, or a certain something to pay political debts.

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