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We have seen several "field nights" in our City Council during the last dozen years of our attendance in the same, but last Tuesday night surpassed them all in work done, and when it adjourned one alderman said he was ashamed to be out so late, 10:45 p. m. But he had no good reason for shame, for the work was something prodigious. Twenty-three ordinances for sidewalks, besides one for macadamizing Park avenue from St. Johns down the hill to pumping station, were some of the things done. Put the laurel wreath on Tuesday night's council.

A ladies' magazine mentions twenty-eight things "a girl should learn." Among these are to sew, cook, mend, keep a secret (something no girl ever did yet), darn stockings, not gossip, care for the baby, sweep down the cobwebs, (we have seen homes where they did not do it), make good bread, be a helpmate to her husband, wear shoes that won't cramp her feet, and be womanly always. We commend these to our girls.

It is a great pleasure for us to be able to record for about two hundred and fiftieth time the peace and tranquility of the Philippines, and this condition of peace will endure till there is a fresh outbreak of the poor Filipinos. But when those transport loads of young schoolma'ams get there, thirty of whom were married on the way, they will give the rebels the "Chautauqua salute" and all will be peace.

We have received from De Long Brothers, of LaPorte, Ind., a sample church contribution envelope, or rather book of envelopes, thirteen in a book, and so arranged that the donor can keep a record of his weekly gifts. It seems complete, but we have no idea of the expense. Now if some one will invent some way of getting the money into the envelope and into the church plates the system would be complete.

Rev. S. B. Dexter, a Baptist minister of Chicago, has just published a book in favor of the army canteen. His book is a result of his investigations begun up at Fort Sheridan. We have not made any very thorough examination of the problem, but it is our private opinion that Mr. Dexter is off his base.

Read the NEWS-LETTER.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE.

An ordinance providing for the construction of a plank sidewalk on Deerfield avenue in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois:

SECTION 1. That a plank sidewalk be constructed and laid along the northernly side of Deerfield street east to the easterly line of Green street.

Said sidewalk shall be constructed and laid according to the following specifications, directions and provisions, namely:

Said sidewalk shall be five feet four inches wide. The inside or edge of said sidewalk when completed shall be at a distance of eight inches from the lot or lots which touch or abut upon the line of such sidewalk.

Said sidewalk shall be constructed of good pine lumber of sound quality of two-inch planks dressed on one side, each plank to be not less than six inches wide and not more than six inches long, which shall be laid crosswise with the dressed side up and cut to a true line, so that the inner and outer edges of said sidewalk shall be parallel with the lot line upon which said sidewalk touches or abuts; said sidewalk to be laid on three bearings of hemlock joist of sound quality, set one bearing in the center of said sidewalk and one bearing on each side thereof, said joint to be three by four inches in dimensions and set upon the narrowest side. Each plank shall be nailed to the bearing with six penny nails, two to each bearing.

Provided, however, that the owner of any lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of said proposed sidewalk shall be allowed thirty days after this ordinance shall have been published in which to construct said sidewalk along side of his lot or piece of ground, and thereby relieve the same from the special tax herein provided for the construction of said sidewalk.

Said materials and construction shall be under the supervision of and subject to the approval of the City Clerk of Highland Park.

SEC. 2. That so much of said improvement as shall be made by said owners within the time aforesaid shall be made by said City and the cost thereof be wholly paid for by special taxation of the lot, lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of the proposed sidewalk as shall be levied upon such lot, lots or parcels of land in proportion to their respective frontages on said proposed sidewalk, built as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. A bill of the cost of so much of said sidewalk as shall be built by said City, showing in separate items the cost of grading, materials, laying down and supervision thereof, shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk of Highland Park, certified to by the foreman of street work of said City, together with a list of the lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of said sidewalk, the names of the owners thereof and the frontage thereof as well.

Whereupon the said City Clerk shall prepare a special tax list against such lots or parcels of land, and the owners thereof, by computation of the amount of the special tax to be charged against each of said lots or parcels, and the owners thereof, on account of the construction of said sidewalk, in proportion to the frontage of each of said lots or parcels of land on the line of said sidewalk, which list shall be placed on file in his office, and the same thereupon issue warrants, directed to the City Collector, for the collection of the amount of special tax so ascertained and appearing from said special tax list to be due from the respective lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of said sidewalk, and said City Collector shall proceed to collect said special tax in the manner aforesaid, and in writing to the County Treasurer and ex-officio County Collector of Lake County of all the lots or parcels of land upon which such special tax shall be so unpaid, with the names of the respective owners thereof, so far as the same are known to him, and the amount due and unpaid upon each tract, together with a copy of the ordinance, in the manner prescribed by Section Four (4) of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled, "An Act to provide additional means for the construction of sidewalks in cities, towns and villages," in force July 1, 1875.

SEC. 4. In case of failure to collect said special tax in the manner aforesaid, the City Clerk shall within one year thereafter, make a report of all such special taxes in writing to the County Treasurer and ex-officio County Collector of Lake County of all the lots or parcels of land upon which such special tax shall be so unpaid, with the names of the respective owners thereof, so far as the same are known to him, and the amount due and unpaid upon each tract, together with a copy of this ordinance, in the manner prescribed by Section Four (4) of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled, "An Act to provide additional means for the construction of sidewalks in cities, towns and villages," in force July 1, 1875.

SEC. 5. This ordinance shall be in

force from and after its passage and due publication.

Passed September 3d, 1901.
[SEAL] Approved September 4th, 1901.
ROBERT G. EVANS, Mayor.
Attest: JOHN FINNEY, City Clerk.

SIDEWALK ORDINANCE—AN ORDINANCE providing for the construction of a plank sidewalk on Central avenue in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Highland Park:

SECTION 1. That a plank sidewalk be constructed and laid in the City of Highland Park, in, upon, and along the northernly side of Central avenue from the easterly line of Green street west to the City Limits. Said sidewalk when completed shall be six inches above the surface of the ground in front of the lots where said sidewalk is to be constructed as herein provided.

Said sidewalk shall be constructed of good pine lumber of sound quality of two-inch planks dressed on one side, each plank to be not less than six inches wide and not more than six inches long, which shall be laid crosswise with the dressed side up and cut to a true line, so that the inner and outer edges of said sidewalk shall be parallel with the lot line upon which said sidewalk touches or abuts; said planks to be laid on three bearings of hemlock joist of sound quality, set one bearing in the center of said sidewalk and one bearing on each side thereof, said joint to be three by four inches in dimensions and set upon the narrowest side. Each plank shall be nailed to the bearing with six penny nails, two to each bearing.

Provided, however, that the owner of any lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of said proposed sidewalk shall be allowed thirty days after this ordinance shall have been published in which to construct said sidewalk along side of his lot or piece of ground, and thereby relieve the same from the special tax herein provided to be levied thereon for the construction of said sidewalk.

Said materials and construction shall be under the supervision of and subject to the approval of the foreman of street work of the City of Highland Park.

SEC. 2. That so much of said improvement as shall not be made by said city and the cost thereof be wholly paid for by special taxation of the lot, lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of the proposed sidewalk as shall be levied upon such lot, lots or parcels of land in proportion to their respective frontages on the proposed sidewalk, built as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. A bill of the cost of so much of said sidewalk as shall be built by said city, showing in separate items the cost of grading, materials, laying down and supervision thereof, shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk of Highland Park, certified to by the foreman of street work of said city, together with a list of street work or parcels of land touching upon the line of said sidewalk, the names of the owners thereof and the frontage thereof as well.

Whereupon the said City Clerk shall prepare a special tax list against such lots or parcels of land, and the owners thereof, by computation of the amount of the special tax to be charged against each of said lots or parcels, and the owners thereof, on account of the construction of said sidewalk, in proportion to the frontage of each of said lots or parcels of land on the line of said sidewalk, which list shall be placed on file in his office, and the same thereupon issue warrants, directed to the City Collector, for the collection of the amount of special tax so ascertained and appearing from said special tax list to be due from the respective lots or parcels of land touching upon the line of said sidewalk, and said City Collector shall proceed to collect said special tax in the manner aforesaid, and in writing to the County Treasurer and ex-officio County Collector of Lake County of all the lots or parcels of land upon which such special tax shall be so unpaid, with the names of the respective owners thereof, so far as the same are known to him, and the amount due and unpaid upon each tract, together with a copy of the ordinance, in the manner prescribed by Section Four (4) of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, entitled, "An Act to provide additional means for the construction of sidewalks in cities, towns and villages," in force July 1, 1875.

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The Greenville (Ill.) Sun says: The farmer is the heart of the nation and the food he raises is the lifeblood of the people. It circulates through the arteries of commerce and brings life and activity to every industry of our country. When the farmer suffers, we all suffer. An excessiveness may fatten on the woes of others, but the almost universal rule is that a disaster to the farm is felt to the uttermost parts of the country. The present drought is a general calamity. The shriveling corn, the brown cackling grass, the empty well portend more evil to this country than any steel strike or commercial disaster it might experience and we look and pray for the rain cloud which alone can mitigate the evil. Good heavy rains are our greatest need; libraries and strikes, Filipinos and coyote hunting cannot interest us while we suffer. Rain is our greatest need; that the heart may bound to new action; that the blood may flow more freely through its natural channels, and that the people may rejoice once more in the bounties of nature.

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