

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Easter is one week from Sunday. Easter plants and flowers at the Highland Park Greenhouses. Telephone 85.

This is Friday, March 21, the first day of spring.

Ladies' own materials used for millinery purposes at the Ladies' Bazaar.

Miss Anna Goldberg was the guest of Miss Mary Walsh at the Bazaar Sunday.

Telephone 85 for your Easter decorations. Don't wait until the last moment. Highland Park Greenhouses.

Mrs. S. C. Dorsey is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Davis, in Milwaukee this week.

Easter lilies and other blooming plants at the Highland Park greenhouses. Fritz Bahr.

Rev. George Schmid was housed the last few days, nursing a vaccination on his left arm.

Leave your orders for flowers and plants with the Highland Park Greenhouses in time to be supplied on Easter morning.

Fred Moon, of this city, is working in the Press office in Evanston, going back and forth every day.

Mr. Bahr, of the Highland Park Greenhouses, will take your orders for Easter lilies and see that they are promptly delivered. Phone 85.

Mrs. Muhlke has been sick for the past week. She is improving rapidly under the good care of her daughter, Laura.

Fritz Bahr will leave for Oskaloosa, Iowa, shortly after Easter to lay out a landscape plat for the Oskaloosa Cemetery Association.

The Dr. R. H. Babcock house on Prospect avenue has been rented to the Forsythes, the patentees of the spring shades for street and parlor cars, etc.

It is reported that Frank Gibbins, a former blacksmith of this place, who has been working in Springfield, Ill., died Thursday, of pneumonia, in a hospital at that place.

The second twin baby of John C. Rogan died this week at the St. Vincent home, where the little ones had been placed since the death of their mother, a short time after their birth.

The weekly balls given at Goldberg's opera house are proving a success beyond the most sanguine expectations. Mr. Goldberg spares no time or expense to make these balls the most enjoyable affairs, to both young and old.

If you wish to get on our special circular, which will be mailed to those who have rented residences in other suburban towns in the last two years. Call up telephone 92 or 773. No charge unless we are successful. North Shore Renting Agency in NEWS-LETTER office.

William King, of the postoffice, was at Oberlin (Ohio) College, forty years ago with the late Professor Elisha Gray, of this city. The church had a choir of 120 members

and no one could enter the choir without passing a thorough examination in vocal music. They did not intend to have Mr. King in the choir, but as he passed a very thorough examination without a scratch they had to receive him.

Fritz Bahr, of the Highland Park Greenhouses, has placed a fine display of Easter plants and flowers in Fred Schumacher's drug store. Mr. Bahr says there is a great demand for Easter decorations this year, and although he has made special preparations for a large sale, he fears that his stock will all be sold before the demand is supplied. Mr. Schumacher has been taking a great quantity of orders for Easter that must be supplied before rush orders are filled.

A representative of the NEWS LETTER called on Colonel Davidson this week to see if he was alive after being accused directly or indirectly of cowardice, duplicity, etc., and there he sat as serene as could be. Oh, no; he did not feel hurt or insulted. He won't accept an insult from a person ignorant of the first principles of good breeding.

See the display of Easter plants and flowers from the Highland Park Greenhouses at Fred Schumacher's drug store. He will take your order and see that it is promptly filled.

Henry K. Coale, the enterprising real estate dealer, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, has had a lot of Rudolph's maps of Highland Park engraved in small form and his card printed in the corner, and has placed them in public places to the best advantage. The map is 22x28 inches, and is thoroughly up-to-date. Mr. Coale says he will mail a map to any Highland Park who will send him 10 cents and the postage for mailing, with the understanding that the map will be posted in as conspicuous a place as possible. These maps must have cost at least 25 cents each.

Mrs. Bohl, of the Ladies' Bazaar, has taken especial pains to decorate her store windows, the effect is very pleasing and should be seen to be appreciated.

MR. SHIELDS' STATEMENT.

At the citizens' meeting held in McDonald's Hall, Saturday evening, March 15, Mr. Shields, president of the township high school board of education, made the following statement:

"Our school has been unfairly and unjustly criticised for years by people in our own community, and the board of education has had but little commendation from

the people at home, while on the other hand visitors from all parts of the United States have complimented in the highest terms the plan and scope of our building, the complete and up-to-date equipment, and the work that is being done by our students; and it is almost a universal expression by those who are familiar with other high schools that we have the most complete and up-to-date school they have ever seen for the money expended.

"There is and has been more or less criticism by certain citizens of this township as to the cost of our building and equipment, and the high tax levy, which it has been represented is for the year's expenses.

"You are all familiar with the position thrust upon the board of

proceedings begun against them in 1897 by sixty citizens of the township, who lived west of the Skokie. The board of education was compelled to defend the suit and carry the same through the circuit, the appellate and supreme courts before a final ending of the case. This lawsuit cost the taxpayers of the township the sum of \$3,400, for which they can thank the farmers. On account of the two years' delay the building was erected after all building materials had advanced from 25 to 30 per cent, and consequently the cost of our building and equipment was from \$12,000 to \$15,000 more than it would have been had our farmer 'friends' not instituted that suit, and therefore the taxpayers have the sixty farmers to thank for this little item.

"While it is true that our tax levy for 1901 was \$19,225, as frequently stated by the SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER, it is not so (as intimated) that that sum represents the expenses of running the school for one year. On the con-

trary about one-half the levy goes toward paying the extra bills forced upon us by our farmer friends, and the other half represents the cost of maintenance.

"In comparing our school with others, I call your attention to the New Trier school, at Winnetka, which was built the same year as ours. That school, I am informed, has cost the sum of \$85,000 for building alone, and \$16,000 for land. Yet in our opinion we have a much more convenient and better arranged building, have a fine gymnasium—which they lack—and our manual training rooms are far superior to theirs, as well as many other rooms and laboratories. The New Trier school opened last year with an enrollment of less than eighty scholars, while we had 100. This year they have about 115, and we have ninety-seven enrolled. The New Trier school employs ten teachers, five men and five women. We employ six regular teachers, and one drawing teacher who gives us one day in the week. The average pay of the teachers at New Trier is much in excess of what we pay, and the aggregate pay for teachers is therefore a very greatly increased cost over

our pay roll. We employ five of their teachers more than we pay our seven. The rate of taxation for high school purposes is 2.54 in New Trier township, while ours is 1.65, so that it will be observed that in spite of all that has been said about the extravagance of our board we are giving this township as much as the New Trier board is giving that township for 65 per cent of what they are paying, and the people down there don't seem to be kicking very hard over their taxes, either. In fact those I have seen seem to be well pleased over what they are getting for their money, claiming that good schools and public improvements have greatly increased the value of property in Winnetka, and have been responsible for the remarkable increase in their population."

Only a few days more in which to pay your special tax.—
J. J. BRAND, City Collector.

WANTED—Cotton rags for washing presses. Will pay 2½ cents per pound. Apply at NEWS-LETTER office.

