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FRIDAY, FEB. 27, 1903.

A NEW ORCHESTRA.

The Bendix Orchestra of Fort Sheridan having been duly organized, gave its first concert on Wednesday evening, Feb. 24th, at the residence of Mr. M. H. Miller, Fort Sheridan Park.

The members of this promising organization comprise the following: Oscar Bedix, violin; Richard Bargeon, violin; Earl Cambell, guitar; Richard Dower, guitar; Geo. Plum, guitar, and the well known mandolin soloist, Trumpeter Grant, of the 2d Calvary.

The orchestra will give a series of concerts at each company, troop, and battery of the post, the concerts to be given in the day-room of the respective organizations. For further information address Mr. O. Bendix, hospital corporal, or any member of the orchestra.

GONE OUT OF STYLE.

The card of thanks is past due. In fact it has not been proper, or in fashion, for a long, long time, but still some people believe it is absolutely necessary to tender thanks to humanity for doing what is a duty, and for which no thanks is deserved.

Here are several cards which have lately appeared in the press and are fair samples of the general run of such offerings;

"I want to thank the dear women who helped me in the death of my beloved husband. He was a dear soul and I appreciate their help so much."

"I wish to extend my thanks to those who assisted me in the death of my wife. Their generous aid was appreciated more than I can express."

"We hereby extend our thanks to those who aided our doctor when our little Bennie lost his leg. We can pay the doctor money, but only thanks can pay the others. Nothing can make up for the loss of poor Bennie's leg."

In her "card of thanks" a widow, after thanking everybody else, concluded: "I also thank the band for its consoling music, and Mrs. Good-taste, the milliner, who furnished me such becoming mourning. My dear husband's farm is for sale as soon as proper legal steps can be taken, and will be sold at a bargain. O Death, thou art terrible."

The foregoing shows how silly such things are. Thanks for assistances should be extended in person or by private note.

OUR PRESIDENTS.

George Washington, the chieftain, First of the line he came.

John Adams followed him, His policy the same.

Tom Jefferson, republican, He tacked the ship of state, While Madison, the next in line, Filled out the war-time date.

Monroe, Virginian, good and brave; Then John Q. Adams, friends of slave.

Next Jackson, laurel-crowned by fame:

Van Buren had his aims the same, Then Harrison, who died in chair; His vice was Tyler, not so fair.

Then Polk and war with Mexico, Then Taylor, who had made it go,

And passed away in honor firm, While Millard Fillmore closed the term.

Next Pierce. Buchanan came along; Then Abraham Lincoln, brave and strong,

And Andrew Johnson, always wrong. Then Grant, the great war hero, rose.

And Hayes, whose choice came near to blows.

Next Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, too, And again, after Harrison, Cleveland's due.

McKinley then, third martyr, came; None ever can forget that name; A blow most tragic had been dealt. But that blow brought us Roosevelt.

John Wanamaker, the great Philadelphia merchant, says: "No power on earth is so strong to build up a town so well as a paper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated. The man who overlooks his town paper injures himself by injuring his town and townsmen."

HIGHLAND PARK.

Miss Laura Muhlke has been confined to the house with a severe cold the past few days.

The Epworth League of the Swedish church was a guest of the Epworth League of the English Church.

The congregation were doubly fortunate last Sunday in having Mr. Phanstiel preach at both Epworth League and evening service.

Dr. Elva A Wright will lead the study class of the Highland Park Woman's Club on March third. The subject of the day is "Science and Scientists".

Miss Charlotte Brand writes very interesting letters home each week. She has had the pleasure of seeing the Emperor and other noted personages, and is thoroughly enjoying herself in spite of hard work in her music.

Local Union No. 461, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, have set the union scale at 45 cents per hour to be in effect on and after the 1st day of May, 1903. In accordance with the increase in the wage scale it has decided to take the Saturday half-holiday, thereby giving steadier employment to members of the craft. It has submitted its demands in writing to each of the local contractors in order that they may have a chance to figure accordingly on their season's work if they wish to avail themselves of it. The action of the local has been endorsed by the Carpenters' District Committee of Lake county. At a meeting held on Thursday evening, Feb. 26, Local Union No. 461 took in sixteen new members.

At the firemen's ball briefly mentioned in our last week's issue the names of the prize winners were omitted on account of space. Miss Minnie Westfald won first prize as the most beautifully masked person and represented a fairy. Joe Mooney carried off second best as "Old Santa Claus." Miss McGinty won first prize as the most comically dressed, representing "Topsy." Mr. James Grant second best, as a negro tramp. Music was furnished by H. M. Prior's orchestra. A delicious supper was furnished by the ladies; the table was presided over by the