

# SUPPLEMENT TO NEWS-LETTER.

HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS, FEBRUARY 20, 1904.

## NOTICE FOR LETTING CONTRACT.

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received for the grading, draining, paving with macadam and otherwise improving of Lindin avenue, in the city of Highland Park, county of Lake and state of Illinois, from a point nine feet north of and parallel with the center line of Maple avenue, thence southerly on said Linden avenue to its intersection with the west line of Forest avenue, (except certain street intersections and bridges) as a whole, in accordance with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the third day of March, A. D. 1904, at the hour of four p. m., at the office of the Board of Local Improvements, in the City Hall (not less than 10 days nor more than 15 days from date of notice.)

The specifications for such improvement and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the Board of Local Improvements in the city of Highland Park.

The contractor will be paid in bonds, which bonds will draw interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park for a sum not less than ten (10) per centum of the aggregate of the proposal. Said proposals or bids must be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements in open session of said Board at the time and place fixed herein for opening the same. No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by a check as herein provided.

The Board of Local Improvements reserve the right to reject any or all bids should they deem it best for the public good.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond equal to twenty-five (25) per centum of the contract price of some approved surety company guaranteeing said improvement against defects arising from poor material or poor workmanship, for a period of two years from the date of the completion and acceptance thereof.

ROBERT G. EVANS

President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

Dated February 15, A. D. 1904 12-13

## NOTICE FOR LETTING CONTRACT.

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received for the construction of a connected system of sewers with man-holes, flush tank and house connection stands, on Deerfield avenue, Hickory street, Laurel avenue and McGovern street, in the city of Highland Park, county of Lake and state of Illinois, as a whole, in accordance with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the third day of March, A. D. 1904, at the hour of four p. m., at the office of the Board of Local Improvements in the City Hall, (not less than 10 days nor more than 15 days from date of notice.)

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Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received for the grading, draining, paving with macadam and otherwise improving of Dale avenue in the city of Highland Park, county of Lake and state of Illinois, from the south line of Park avenue southerly to the junction of said Dale avenue with the northerly line of Hazel avenue (excepting certain street intersections, as a whole, in accordance with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the third day of March A. D. 1904, at the hour of four p. m., in the office of the Board of Local Improvements in the City Hall.

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The contractor will be paid in bonds which bonds will draw interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, for a sum not less than ten (10) per centum of the aggregate of the proposal. Said proposals or bids must be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements in open session of said Board at the time and place fixed herein for opening the same. No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by a check as herein provided.

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## Built Like a Bird.

The lizard-like pterodactyl, which had membranous wings, with a spread of 20 feet, is the pattern for the airship which Prof. Langley, of the Smithsonian Institution, has built and recently tested unsatisfactorily.

In speaking of the feats of mighty eaters the suggestion was offered that

**Feats of Mighty Eaters.** there should be uniform rules for eating contests. There

was no way of telling, for instance, whether the banana eater was less or more remarkable than Tammany's champion consumer of beefsteak. It may be presumptuous to hope that that paragraph has influenced the men of mighty appetite, but the course of one of the tribe is along the line suggested. He is a doctor of Marion, O., and his name is Bonner. Realizing that it is impossible for one man to prescribe that all records henceforth shall be measured in peanut brittle, or veal cutlets, or canned corn, he seems to have decided to make a record himself with every separate viand. The stories which come out of Marion regarding Dr. Bonner's appetite were so remarkable that a newspaper of a neighboring city investigated them, and found that the truth was not overstated. The doctor has been known to eat 25 pounds of grapes in an afternoon, or a whole bunch of bananas. At dinner it is his habit to eat a five-pound steak smothered in onions, a quart can of tomatoes, boiled potatoes to match, and some pies. "A friend"—a very undesirable friend, one would say—of the doctor tells of a little incident in the eating line. A chance acquaintance invited the doctor to luncheon, and was a little offended by the suggestion that it should be a "Dutch treat," insisting on paying the whole score. "Very well," the doctor said, and when asked to order suggested a five-pound steak, two dozen fried eggs, a dozen cucumbers, sliced, and several side dishes. The friend thought it a joke of doubtful taste, but gave the order. When the meal was just begun the host rose from the table for a few minutes to speak to a gentleman passing, and the doctor, piqued that his good faith should have been impugned, ate up the entire dinner, just as Sam Weller's friend proved that crumpets were wholesome by eating half a crown's worth, and then blowing his brains out. If any further details are lacking, it may be added, on the authority of the newspaper already quoted, that Dr. Bonner weighs 220 pounds, is 63 years old, and "eats only what he craves and what he needs, as other men do." It is rather a credulous soul, dryly observes the New York Post, that does not ask some further corroboration than the testimonial of an Ohio newspaper, but even after deducting 20 per cent., 40 per cent., or even 50 per cent., for exaggeration, the story is still remarkable enough to deserve preservation.

German publishers have definitely decided not to exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exhibition at St. Louis. The trade fears wholesale piracy of German literary works by American competitors as a result of the alleged looseness of the United States copyright law. Germany produces 25,000 new books a year, against a little more than 5,000 in the United States.

## THE "CITY OF CRICKETS."

Seems to Be an Appropriate Name for San Antonio, Tex.—Insects Are Plentiful There.

"San Antonio ought to be called the city of crickets," said a man who has just returned to New Orleans from Texas, says the New Orleans Times-Democrat, "for I have never found as many crickets anywhere on earth as I found out there. It is not simply a case of the cricket on the hearth. It is a case of the cricket everywhere you go. I have been trying to figure out why it is that these insects are so plentiful in the Texas town in question. At night they swarm around the electric lights like the bugs we are familiar with in other places. It is impossible to walk along the streets without stepping on them. And there is just a bit of poetry about the situation in San Antonio with respect to cricket life there.

The people generally look upon them with a feeling of affection, and it is a rare thing to see a citizen show any sort of indifference to the members of this interesting family. No man would think of treading on a cricket. They take particular pains not to do anything that would in any way injure the lives or limbs of crickets. I was speaking of the poetry of the situation. It is a fine thing to hear the crickets crooning early in the evening. They chirp as cheerfully as if they were hidden away in the weeds of some romantic hedge or on the hearth which has been immortalized in verse and song. Men hurry along the streets; women brush along with their musical skirts, and all the while the crickets keep on crooning their little love songs, just as if the pulses of humanity were not beating about them. It is interesting, picturesque, poetic and, if I had my way, I would christen San Antonio the 'City of Crickets.' I think the name would add color to a city already romantic in its rich coloring."

## ALL DUE TO PHOTOGRAPHY.

How the Art Has Very Curiously Worked Injury to the Trade in Commercial Fertilizers.

The idea that the spread of photography could do severe injury to the trade in commercial fertilizers, and especially to the conversion of raw phosphate into plant food, seems at first sight absurd.

Yet so it is, and in this way, says Stray Stories. Phosphates and bones, to be made available as soil improvers, must be treated with sulphuric acid. Now, sulphuric acid will dissolve most metals as easily as water does sugar. Platinum is almost the only metal upon which it has no effect.

So, in spite of their great cost, manufacturers have generally employed retorts made of a platinum alloy for the concentration of sulphuric acid. These retorts used to be made in Paris and cost \$8,500 to \$13,000 apiece.

To-day such a thing as a platinum retort would cost literally a fortune, for platinum, owing to the introduction of the platinotype process in photography, has gone up from about five dollars an ounce to the present price of \$20 an ounce. It is indeed nearly as costly as gold.