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The Coming Boom

O NE of the men most closely in touch with the business life of Highland Park remarked the other day: "I believe that next spring will begin the boom in Highland Park."

Personally we hope this is true. Not that we have real estate to sell, or that we expect to profit largely by the promised boom. These things have their place, but there is a larger pleasure in watching the growth and development of the town in which you live. We should be the last to wish to see our suburban city become anything but a city of homes. There is no reason, however, why Highland Park could not be several times its size and still be a quiet, orderly and beautiful city of homes. With our wide area it is not numbers that we should fear. If our growth is along the right lines, if proper building conditions are imposed, we may retain all our present advantages and still increase in size.

If it is true that next spring begins the boom in Highland Park we should prepare for it. Other North Shore suburbs have had their turn. It may be ours.

A Vanishing City

N December 1st the dismantling of the Louisiana Purchase Centennial Exposition was commenced. Precisely at midnight on that date an army of workmen invaded the great white buildings and began the work of packing the exhibits. The walks which concealed sidetracks were torn up and trains of cars were shunted into the building. Thousands of car loads of cases containing the exhibits will be shipped away in the next few weeks, the great wheels of the 15,000 horse-power generator in the Manufactures Building will cease to revolve, the many-colored dazzling lights will die away and the greatest exposition of the world will have become a memory.

The destruction of the great white city seems a sad task to one who has stayed at the fair a sufficient length of time to study the varying phases and changing multitudes of the long plazas and streets. The scintillating lights, the glistening fountains and cascades, the swift gondolas on the smooth flowing lagoons, the light and gayety of the crowded Pike, the showers of confetti—all have passed forever. No more the turn of machinery, the murmur of millions, the cry of the barkers, sound along the deserted streets. All is given "up to silence and the slow process of decay."

Now that it is all over, what will be done with the hundreds of costly buildings and their furnishings? The Missouri building has already gone up in smoke. Will the others follow, as was the case at Chicago's White City? The Illinois building has been sold for a farthing. The three buildings of the Palace of Fine Arts will remain intact. The redstone buildings occupied by the United States government and the anthropological exhibit will become the home of Washington University. Not all of the buildings can be left standing. But some

could undoubtedly be moved to sites in St. Louis to serve as monuments of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The statuary could perhaps be sold to institutions as souvenirs and works of art.

There have been many world's fairs and universal expositions. None of them has paid, financially, but educationally all have been distinct successes. The St. Louis exposition was probably seen by a larger proportion of the masses of this country than any previous one. And that they studied the fair carefully and conscientiously may be safely assumed. Greater opportunities to study our country and its dependencies and for comparison with foreign nations were never before presented. And so, although the stockholders of the exposition realized no dividends, they have, unconsciously, been philanthropic in this respect.

The Louisiana Purchase Centennial Exposition—now a memory. Long may that memory endure.

Thirteen Killed

R. ROSEWELL FIELD, writing in the Chicago Post, calls attention to the football tragedies of the season in the following words:

"Now that the colleges and universities have given appropriate thanks for the many mercies which have been vouchsafed to them during the year, it is fitting that they should appoint a day for memorial services for the gallant thirteen sons who have fallen on the football field for the glory of alma mater. A record of thirteen killed and 296 injured speaks well indeed for the loyalty and devotion of the collegiate children, and it must be admitted that the sum total exceeds even the most enthusiastic expectations. Harvard University erected a memorial building for her sons who fell in the civil war, and their names and deeds are still held in affectionate remembrance. How much more honor and love should be given out to those who fell in direct defense of the rah rah goal posts, and gladly surrendered their young lives in heroic prevention of a blighting and dishonoring touchdown. Dulce est pro universitate mori."

The Standard Oil and the Bogey Man

HE Department of Commerce and Labor has
at last begun its special work. Commissioner Garfield has ordered an investigation of Standard Oil methods, and two special agents have been instructed to search for material against this trust, which is one of the largest in the United States. With Thomas Lawson and the Department of Commerce after him, John D. may well watch out for the bogey man.

Zion City Notes

O VERSEER Jane Dowie, wife of John Alexander Dowie, accompanied by her son, A. J. Gladstone Dowie, left Zion City this week to spend the winter in the south. Ill health is given as the reason. She has been alarmingly weak for several months, it is said. Her condition and its cause are described in the Leaves of Healing as follows:

"She has been suffering from physical and mental exhaustion, consequent upon the severe trials of the past years and overwork.

"The departure of our only daughter two and a half years ago; the sorrow and shame she felt, as an Australian born, at the vile conduct of the cruel and monstrous mobs during the around-the-world visitation in the cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, Australia, and the further indignities of the mobs in London, England, added to the strain of her official duties as principal overseer of women's work throughout the world, have, undoubtedly,

largely culminated in bringing about her present condition."

Dr. Dowie himself announces his absence from Zion City for a few days, returning Dec. 10. He expresses the hope that his wife will return in the early spring fully restored in health.

Dr. Dowie has received notice that he has been given \$150,000 by a woman in Scotland and other \$10,000 by a second woman. The gifts come at an opportune time, as on Dec. 12 the overseer will have to meet a payment of \$160,000 on the receivership agreement.

The Rasing of "The Maine"

THE Cuban government has awarded to Mr. Joseph De Wyckaff, formerly of Chicago, the contract of raising the ill-fated Maine from her resting place in Havana Harbor. The price to be paid is \$5,000, which is one-thousandth of the building cost of the battleship. It is expected that the work of floating the ship will be completed next summer.

It is deplorable that our government did not keep its rights to this relic, which, when floated, might have been used as a training ship, as was "Old Ironsides" for many years. As it is, it will probably be broken up for souvenirs.

It is a fact not generally known that 73 enlisted men and one officer are still entombed where they died at their post on that fatal February night nearly seven years ago. Their bodies, when recovered, will be turned over to the United States government and buried with military honors. A memorial monument will also be erected in Havana to the memory of the 266 men who died for Cuba's freedom.

This is the passing of the last echo of the war. Less than seven years have elapsed since the tragedy was enacted, and it is forgotten, except in those homes where stands a vacant chair.

Opportunities

W E hear much about opportunities. They your opportunity is the little one that lies are everywhere plentiful. Remember that squarely in front of you, not the large one which you hope to find further along. Many a man is surrounded with opportunities who never seizes one. There are traditions that Adam, William Tell and Sir Isaac Newton each had an affair with an apple, but with different results.

Your first duty is always to that which lies across your path. The only step which you can take in advance is the next one. This leads to a simplicity of action which is commendable. Don't ramble,—Electrical Review.

Commissioner Garfield is out gunning for the packers. What's up now?

¶ John Wesley says: "Many think of being happy with God in heaven, but being happy in God on earth never enters their heads."

I The Mayor of Waukegan has an eye on crap layouts and three arrests have already been made. The seven-come-eleven artists will soon be safely housed for the winter.

The society women of the North Shore have developed the "life" art craze, and have formed a class of twenty which meets daily at the Art Institute for instruction — and gossip.

I General Chaffee believes in disfranchisement as a preventative of desertion from the army. Out of the 5,873 men who deserted last year, how many does the General believe did so with the idea of ever being caught, under their army name at least?

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