

**Municipal Improvements**

HERE has been during the past two years a very commendable amount of improvements to the highways of Lake County, but progress has not by any manner of means been confined to the rural sections. The improvements in our city, thanks to our efficient council and their energetic committees, have been all that the public could ask.

The total improvements in streets and extension of water mains and sewer pipes may be summarized as follows: Street improvements about 12 1/2 miles, cost \$217,813.99, or about \$3.37 per linear foot. Water mains 264 miles, cost \$11,818.64. Sewer about 3 miles, costing \$12,671.00. Total cost, \$242,303.63.

**Our National Disgrace**

TWO facts in our national life which are incomprehensible to the foreigner are our 10,000 railway fatalities in a year and our hundred or more lynchings in the same period. In England not a man was killed by the railways last year or a man lynched by a mob.

Since 1885, according to the *Independent*, there have been 2,875 lynchings in the United States, as follows:

1885.....	210	1896.....	131
1886.....	162	1897.....	166
1887.....	125	1898.....	127
1888.....	144	1899.....	107
1889.....	175	1900.....	115
1890.....	128	1901.....	101
1891.....	193	1902.....	96
1892.....	236	1903.....	104
1893.....	200		
1894.....	189		
1895.....	166	Total.....	2,875

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Utah, are the only states where lynchings have not occurred, though Connecticut, Delaware and New Jersey have but one to their discredit. This speaks well for four of the New England states and our new Mormon state. Is this immunity, however, due to a greater respect for law than the other states have shown, or to the comparatively few negroes in their population? Analyzing the results by geographical divisions, lynchings have taken place as follows: south, 2,499; west, 302; Pacific slope, 63; east, 11.

It will be seen by these figures that notwithstanding the south has more than six times as many lynchings as the rest of the country, the evil is not local or sectional. The mania for mob murder has manifested itself in every state save five, and in Indiana, Kansas, Illinois, and Delaware mobs have been as cruel and savage as in the most remote and ignorant sections of the south.

**The Consumer's League**

There was an interesting discussion at the meeting of the Illinois Branch of the Consumer's League in Chicago last week. Mrs. Charlotte Gillman urged that every able bodied widow should go out into the world and win the bread for her children, and not vice versa. Miss Jane Addams challenged the statement of Mrs. Gillman and said, "Women do not seem to be able to combine the work of supporting the child with the work of giving it the proper home training. The woman must work long hours, and at the age of 10 and 11 she finds her boy in the Juvenile Court or the Parental School. Instead of saying that the mother should not go into the industrial world, we should regulate things so that she can. She will not be obliged to spend so much time away from home. Secondly, the school must be improved for the older children, the kindergarten for the younger children and there must be nurseries for the infants. Thirdly, play grounds must be provided where children may play in safety between the hours that the schools are dismissed and the mother returns from work." We know

what a wonderful work this Consumer's League is doing in endeavoring to see that the State Factory laws are obeyed, that overtime is not worked without extra pay and that children under 16 are not employed in such work as would impair their health. This league has done much toward lightening the work of shop girls by asking employers to close Saturday afternoons in July and August. This work ought to have hearty cooperation wherever it is needed. Some of the officers of the Illinois Branch are well known to Highland Park people. President, Mrs. H. W. Wilmarth, 1st vice president, Mrs. Charles Henrotin, general secretary, Mrs. Harriet Van der Vaast. A few of the directors are Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Bryan Lathrop, Mrs. Harold McCormick and Mrs. Kenneth R. Smoot. The last named of Highland Park.

**Richard Harding Davis and the Czar**

M. R. MACARTHUR of New York in one of his lectures on Russia tells a story of Richard Harding Davis, which is current among Mr. Davis's newspaper friends.

Out of the many American correspondents who applied for admission to the cathedral at Moscow at the time of the Czar's coronation, Mr. Davis was the only one given a pass. And, as may be imagined, he posted himself where he could see and hear to the best advantage.

Just as the ceremonial was to begin, the Czar started to his feet, face white, knees trembling, like one who has forgotten some vital thing.

"Is—is—Richard—Harding—Davis present?" he asked in a tremulous voice.

"He is," answered Mr. Davis, in a ponderous bass, rising to his feet.

A look of grateful relief passed over the Czar's face.

"Then let the coronation proceed."

**The Fanning Mill**

BENJAMIN F. TAYLOR.

Hang up the flails by the big barn-door!  
Bring out the mill of the one-boy power!  
Nothing at all but a breeze in a box,  
Clumsy and red rattles and rocks,  
Sieves to be shaken and hopper to feed,  
A Chinaman's hat turned upside down,  
The grain slips through at a hole in the crown—  
Out with the chaff and in with the speed!  
The crank clanks 'round with a boy's quick will,  
The fan flies fast till it fills the mill  
With its breezy vanes, as the whirled leaves fly  
In an open book when the gust goes by;  
And the jerky jar and the zig-zag jolt  
Of the shaken sieves, and the jingling bolt,  
And the grate of cogs and the axle's clank  
And the rowlock jog of the crazy crank,  
And the dusty rush of the gusty chaff  
The worthless wreck of the harvest's raff,  
And never a lull, the brisk breeze blows  
From the troubled grain its tattered clothes,  
Till tumbled and tossed it downward goes  
The rickety route by the rickety stair,  
Clean as the sand that the simoon snows,  
And drifts at last in a bank so fair  
You know you have found the Answered Prayer!

MR. RALPH I. LEE,  
*Sheridan Road News-Letter.*

DEAR SIR: Eight years ago this week my brother and myself were busy getting out the first issue of the Highland Park News.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to send you my heartiest greeting and wishing you success in your new venture.

I have followed the paper closely and am still interested in its welfare.

Very truly yours  
ARTHUR E. EVANS,  
4335 Vincennes ave.

**Free Delivery**

Highland Park has been entitled to free mail delivery since July 1, 1904, but active steps have never heretofore been taken to establish the system. It is now an assured fact, and the enlargement of the post office will be commenced very soon. This completed, everything will be in readiness for the system as soon as necessary supplies are received. Deliveries will probably be made two or three times daily, with a business delivery additional.

The new order of things is only another evidence of the coming boom for Highland Park, and as such it is of much more importance than at first appears.

**Services at the Post**

Order of services, lectures and entertainments of the 27th Infantry, 21st and 14th Batteries of Artillery at Fort Sheridan, Ill., for the week beginning Sunday morning, December 4, 1904:

Sunday morning, December 4, at 8.45 o'clock, services in the mess hall of the post hospital for patients. Subject of sermon: "Theism to Christianity."

Sunday morning, December 4, at 10 o'clock, service in the post chapel, to which all are cordially invited. Subject of the sermon: "Theism to Christianity." Hodgson, of Co. H, will sing.

Sunday evening, December 4, at 7.30 o'clock, service in the guard house for the prisoners. Subject of the address: "City Slums," illustrated with lantern slides. Hodgson will sing the "Holy City."

Tuesday evening December 6, at 8.45, fourteenth semi-monthly entertainment and lecture. Subject of the lecture, "City Slums," illustrated. Mrs. Richards will recite. Dr. Bourke will present violin solo. Robert Bruce, of the band, will give musical selection.

Christmas tree for soldiers' children.—The commanding officer desires that all the children of the post receive a little present Christmas eve. There will be a special Christmas tree and entertainment for the children of officers, enlisted men and quartermaster employees Saturday evening, December 24, in the entertainment room. Officers and ladies of the post are invited to subscribe to the cost.  
GEORGE D. RICE,  
Chaplain 27th Infantry.

**Big Land Option**

The Exmoor Country Club, of Highland Park has secured an option of purchase on the Birch farm from Hugh T. Birch. The farm contains 225 acres and the price is to be \$90,000.00 or at the rate of \$400 per acre. Of the purchase money \$5,000 is to be paid in cash and the balance in twenty years, bearing 5 per cent interest. The purchase involves an expenditure of \$150,000 for a new club house.  
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