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He who says advertising does not pay puts his prejudice against the experience of thousands.

### The New C. & M. E. Office

Just north of the city of Highwood, and a little west of the electric car tracks, surrounded by grounds beautifully laid out, stands a new two story brick building. This is the newly completed general office building of the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railroad where all the large and rapidly increasing business of the road is transacted.

Ground was broken last spring, and the building operation has been rapidly pushed that the officers might move from their old cramped quarters just north into the comfortable and commodious offices before cold weather. The building is of brick, two and one-half stories and basement, and is beautifully finished in flemish oak throughout. The front faces west and is just a few feet east of the new right-of-way, which will be used next spring.

Entering through the large front portico, the main offices of the company are on either side, to the right are the train dispatcher's, superintendent's and accountants, "Central" of the company connecting with desk telephones, through which one may reach any other office in the building or outside the building. The cashier's office occupies the northwest corner of the floor, and is fitted up with the most modern devices. A large vault-eight feet square, with entrances on three floors is used by the cashier on the first floor, the chief engineer, on the second floor, and for the storing of "found" articles in the basement.

On the left of the entrance are the chief clerks and the stenographer's offices, with the airy, well lighted office of General Manager A. L. Drunn occupying the southwest corner of the building.

The southeast corner of the first floor of the building is taken up by the trainmen's room,—a large smoking and lounging room, with a well equipped library and reading room beyond. There are at present about three hundred volumes in the library, but constant additions are being made.

A wide stair case in the hall leads to the second floor, where the chief and assistant engineer's offices and the drafting rooms are located. The office of the advertising and claims agents are also on this floor.

A winding stair leads to the blue print room in the cupola, which is thoroughly equipped for the work. A dark room with ruby windows is a feature of this department, while a door leads to the gravelled roof, which is equipped with racks and frames.

In the basement is further evidence of the thoughtfulness of the company in behalf of its employes. Half the space is taken up with a well equipped gymnasium, with horizontal and parallel bars, horses, rowing machines, lifting machines and punching bags.

Off the gymnasium is the toilet and bath room, with hot and cold water, shower baths and bath

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tubs. The dressing room has individual iron lockers with combination locks. There are toilet rooms on each floor, both for ladies and gentlemen, and each has individual iron lockers.

The building is heated with steam from the car barn, a few yards north, and is as comfortable and beautiful as one could wish.

The architect of the building, which cost \$30,000, was Fritz Foltz of Chicago, and the construction done by Fred and Paul Mueller of Chicago. The grounds were laid out by the landscape gardener who laid out the beautiful grounds at Ravinia Park.

### The Library Building

Work on the new Carnegie building for our public library is progressing very rapidly. The excavation is finished and the men are putting in the concrete foundations for the walls. The water pipe connections with the mains are made, and unless there is delay in getting the stone and brick for the walls, that work will go on next week. Messrs. Bulley and Andrews of Chicago, the firm which erected the elegant new State Bank building, have the contract at \$11,421.00 for the general work to be done at present. The Schaffer Co., also of Chicago, have the metal and tile roofing contract at \$787.00 and the McFell Electric Co. have the electric wiring contract at \$395.00. The other contracts are not yet fully decided, though Archibald Abercromby of this city has the plumbing and sewerage contract at about \$550;—some of the original specifications being omitted, his bid for the entire work being \$5,90.

Messrs Bulley and Andrews hope to have the building ready for the roofing by Dec. 1st, and at the rate of progress so far, their hope will be realized. The public can rest assured that all material and work will be first class.

The President, and Mr. Robertson of the Building Committee are, one or both of them, on the ground, several times every day. As an expert builder Mr. Robertson's services are of the highest value to the board and the public, and Mr. Sleeman, the contractor's foreman and local manager, is a superior workman in every respect, and being now a resident of Highland Park, he has a loyal, public spirited citizen's interest in securing a first class structure, the present outlook therefore is for a library building of which any one may well be proud, one which will be a credit to the city, and worthy in every respect, to stand as a monument of Mr. Carnegie's noble and generous gift to our people.

### City Council Meeting

Minutes of the regular meeting of the city council of the city of Highland Park held on October 3rd, 1905.

Minutes of the meeting held in September read and approved.

Invitation to exercises celebrating the installation of Edmund J. James as president of the University of Illinois is read and placed on file.

Petition of property owners on the south side of Onwentsia avenue requesting that a concrete walk be laid on said street payable on the five year installment plan. Motion made that petition be referred to Board of Local Improvement. Prevailed.

Communication of E. P. Sedgwick concerning his driveway to Sheridan Road. Matter referred to Street and Alley Committee.

Reports of Treasurer and Police Magistrate are read.

Moved and seconded that reports be accepted and placed on file and that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Police Magistrate to make monthly reports up to date hereafter. Motion prevailed.

Bids of Fritz Bahr in the sum of \$1,500 for Public Library building and grounds on Sheridan Road is opened and read. Action on bid is postponed until next regular meeting of the City Council and City Clerk was instructed to notify bidder for Library property of postponement of action on same.

Moved and seconded that Sewerage Committee be authorized to call for bids and let contract to lowest responsible bidder to put in a Septic Tank, according to plans prepared by W. S. Shields, and connect the Sewerage Main, and Lake outlet to same in Sewerage District "D", and make necessary repairs on said sewerage outlet, all in Block 52, the cost of same not to exceed \$400. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the sewer leading from Second street and Walnut avenue being too small to carry off sewerage during flood times, an additional six or eight-inch pipe should be laid from Second street along Walnut avenue to Oakwood avenue, and the Sewerage Committee be authorized to lay such additional pipe. Carried.

Sewerage Committee report having received bids on Ravine Drive outlet sewer and that action will be taken at once.

Moved and seconded that action be deferred or Ordinance amending Ordinance granting the Chicago Telephone Co., its successors and assigns, the right to operate a Telephone Exchange and main tain lines for Telephone purposes in the City of Highland Park. Ayes, all.

Moved and seconded that the Street and Alley Committee be empowered to have additional street lights placed as follows: Arc light on St. Johns Place south of Orchard street. Arc light on Moraine Road and St. Johns Place. 32 C. P. Incandescent light on Moraine Road and Waukegan avenue.

32 C. P. Incandescent light on Moraine Road between St. Johns Place and Sheridan Road.

32 C. P. Incandescent light on First street and Laurel avenue.

Arc light on Walker avenue and West street.

32 C. P. on Incandescent light on Prospect avenue. East end.

Moved and seconded to amend resolution by placing an Arc light at intersection of Green Bay Road and Elm Place, also at Laurel avenue, and First street. Amendment carried; ayes all. Resolution also carried.

Moved and carried that all bills properly audited be paid and that the Clerk be authorized to draw warrants on the proper funds to meet the obligations.

Moved adjournment.

JOHN FINNEY,  
City Clerk.

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The first of the week Tony Lencioni will move his fruit store to the corner recently occupied by the Highland Park State Bank and the Chicago store will have the room vacated by the fruit store.

It is expected that the Ravinia Park Winter season will this year have the champion hockey team of the north shore. As H. Chandler Egan will be at home this winter, in addition to the players of last year, the prospect of good hackey this season is exceptionally bright.

The Ravinia Park Winter Season is getting into shape at Ravinia Park. Work is being rushed on the skating rink and toboggans slide for the first cold weather. Membership applications will be received from now on by Mr. E. C. Welsh. The price will be the same as last year being \$5 for individual and \$10 for family tickets.