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Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Highland Park was held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, June 5th.

Communications from G. L. Vetter, Clerk of School District No. 108, requesting that said board be granted permission to lay a plank crossing on Dean Avenue and connect with sidewalk on west side of said street. Referred to street and alley committee with power to act.

An Ordinance was introduced by the Board of Local Improvements providing for the construction of a sewer to be laid in St. Johns Avenue connecting with sewer now laid in High Street at the point where said sewer turns from St. Johns Avenue and runs west on High Street, and thence south on St. Johns Avenue for a distance of 523 feet, with man-holes, flushing connection slant, with estimate of said improvement attached thereto. Carried.

Board of Local Improvements recommend and submit for adoption an ordinance providing grading, draining and paving with macadam and otherwise improving a system of streets consisting of Onwentsia, Homewood, Glenview and Midlothian Avenues.

Ordinances were introduced for the construction of concrete cement sidewalks on the north side of Beech Street from St. Johns Avenue to Lincoln Avenue; the north side Vine Avenue from Sheridan Road to the alley in Block 19, south side of Ravine Avenue, east side of Sheridan Road from Beech Street to Cedar Street.

Adjournment.

John Finney,
City Clerk.

Lake County and Life Insurance

One hundred and ninety-eight cities in the United States and Canada received from the hands of the life insurance companies more than \$100,000 each in the year 1905. New York standing at the top of the list with over \$27,000,000.

The Insurance Press of New York has issued a statement of life insurance policies paid in every city and village in the United States.

Among other figures are those for Lake county, given by towns.

The table is as follows:

Barrington, \$1,288.
Fort Sheridan, \$3,500.
Highland Park, \$18,333.
Highwood, \$3,199.
Lake Bluff, \$2,428.
Lake Forest, \$6,793.
Libertyville, \$4,681.
Waukegan, \$14,049.

This makes the total of life insurance paid beneficiaries in Lake County, \$54,171, for the most part from the treasuries of fraternal societies.

All told, life insurance companies distributed \$307,018, 972 to policy holders. Besides these there was \$100,000,000 for foreign policy holders.

Highland Park

Mr. Culver Shields arrived home from Campaign on Thursday.

Mrs. A. O. Mason has gone east to attend the Commencement Exercises at Wellesley.

The "Twelfth Night" play given by the Seniors of the High School at Ravinia Park tonight bids fair to be exceedingly good. The Class has been working hard and deserves a good house.

Death of Mrs. Wilcox

Mrs. Emma Wilcox, wife of Mr. Charles E. Wilcox, died early on the morning of Thursday, June 7th, of heart disease.

She was born in Lennox, Mass., 56 years ago, and came west when a young girl. Her last illness was of about three week's duration, although she has been in poor health for two years.

For nine years she has been a resident of Highland Park and had a large number of most loyal friends here.

Mrs. Wilcox leaves beside her husband, a brother and sister and two daughters, Mrs. John B. Washburn and Mrs. W. R. Cregier, both of this place.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock at the late residence. Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl will conduct the services.

Flower Show

The Flower Show at Ravinia Park on Thursday next will be worth going to see. It will be an all day affair for the benefit to the Lake Bluff Orphanage, and dinner and supper will be served. The Lake Forest Horticultural Society will take charge of the Flower Show, and a flower parade by the children of the Orphanage will be a pretty feature.

Some of the other attractions are candy, ice-cream, lemonade, tea, etc. A very attractive program will be given by the children in the theater in the afternoon. The evening's entertainment will be a concert by Grace Church Choir. A good time is insured to all.

A June Wedding

The first June wedding of the year was solemnized at the Baptist church last Saturday evening, June 2nd, when Miss Frances Kirby and Mr. Albert Larson were united in marriage by Rev. George D. Rogers, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride wore a dress of white silk, and carried a bouquet of brides roses, and was attended by her bridesmaid, Miss Grace Garbolet, and her maid of honor, Miss Mabel Cole. The groom was attended by Mr. Frank Brown of Glencoe. Mrssrs. Charles Grant, Fred Moon, Ted Decker and Leon Beardsley were ushers. The chancel and altar were banked with a profusion of beautiful flowers.

After the ceremony a reception and wedding supper were held at the home of the brides parents on Laurel Avenue, where the newly married couple received their congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson left on the 9:03 train for Sarnia, Ontario, where they will spend a three weeks' honeymoon with relatives of the bride, and on their return they will reside at Mr. Larsons' home on McDaniels Avenue.

Quite Clear

Mary—Have you written to explain?

Ann—Yes, I apologized for making him think I didn't mean it when I told him it was all a mistake about my not having changed my mind.

Chicago Packing-House Exposures

Horrifying details of packing house methods in Chicago have filled the papers during the week, in connection with the leaking out of information gathered by a committee of investigation appointed by the President. The appointment of this committee was in consequence of the publication of a novel, "The Jungle," by Upton Sinclair. Upon completing this novel, the scenes of which are laid in the slaughter house district of Chicago, Mr. Sinclair met with great difficulty in securing a publisher, owing to his revolting revelations as to the conduct of the slaughter house industry. One publishing house, Doubleday, Page & Co., sent the manuscript for verification to a Chicago lawyer, who in returning it, described it as a tissue of falsehood. The publisher then commissioned a New York lawyer, Thomas H. McKee, to investigate. In his report, this lawyer declared that Sinclair had not told half of the scandalous story of the filth and disease of the meat industry. The manuscript was consequently published and a copy of the book fell into the hands of the President, who, of his own initiative, appointed Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill and Mr. James B. Reynolds, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to investigate. He gave immediate publicity to his action, and as he was quoted in the press at the time he expressed himself indignantly rather at the author than at the accused packers.

Meanwhile, the packers brushed the accusations aside, even to the extent of ignoring a challenge by Sinclair, in which he said: "One hundredth part of what I have charged ought, if it is true, to be enough to send the guilty man to the gallows; one hundredth part of what I have charged, ought if it is false, to be enough to send me to prison; if the things which I have charged are false, why has Mr. Armour not sued me for libel? All that I ask of Mr. Armour is a chance to prove my charges in court."

After a time the investigators made their report. But it was not given out for publication, and the Washington dispatches foreshadowed a report denouncing Sinclair's revelations as 95 per cent lies. A little later the Washington dispatches began to announce, that of the Chicago Tribune of the 19th of May for example, that "the President is much more stirred up over this matter than the people generally know. He had believed in the beginning that there was no foundation whatever for the charges made by Mr. Sinclair; but subsequent information has lent at least sufficient credence to what has been said by that author, to cause him to determine to insist upon legislation to correct the abuses which have been discovered actually to exist." The same dispatch told of a bill which had been introduced by Senator Beveridge, providing for drastic reform in the Federal meat inspection service, and following the lines of the Sinclair revelations.

The Beveridge bill was passed by the Senate on the 56th as an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, and is now before the House. It virtually places the entire packing industry under national inspection.

Thackeray truly remarked that the world is for each of us much as we show ourselves to the world. If we face it with a cheery acceptance we find the world fairly full of cheerful people glad to see us. If we snarl at it and abuse it, we may be sure of abuse in return. The discontented worries of a morose person may very likely shorten his days, and the general justice of nature's arrangement provides that his early departure should entail no long regrets. On the other hand, a man who can laugh keeps his health, and his friends are glad to keep him.