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## Out Door Notes

Bird lovers of this vicinity will be interested in the report that evening grosbeaks have recently been seen here in Highland Park. On Sunday, Nov. 18, a flock of seven were discovered feeding in a box-elder in the west part of town and as they obligingly rested there for more than an hour a number of persons had a chance to admire the handsome birds. A few days later a single pair visited the same tree, but they have not been observed there since. It may be that careful watching will reveal their presence at other places in this vicinity where food to their liking is abundant. The purpose of these notes is to enlist interest in watching for and reporting the appearance of these birds. Any one discovering a flock of them will confer a favor by telephoning at once to the editor of this paper.

The evening grosbeak is a rare visitor in this part of the country. Three years ago it was reported at Lake Forest and also at LaGrange, west of Chicago. At that time Mr. Ruthven Deane, President of the Chicago Audubon Society, searched this vicinity carefully but was unable to find any specimens. The evening grosbeak is a bird of the far northwest. Its range is in the interior of North America from Manitoba northward, and it is only in the winter that it appears in the northern limits of the United States. In Chapman's Manual it is stated that these birds at irregular intervals invade the northern Mississippi valley in numbers, but that they wander as far east as the north Atlantic States. In the current number of Bird Lore, published at Harrisburg, Pa., the editor, Mr. Chapman himself, states that the evening grosbeaks have lately been reported in the east, but he advises that this report be accepted only upon incontrovertible evidence since the occurrence of the bird in the Atlantic states is so exceptional. All this makes their appearance here in Highland Park a noteworthy event to those who study birds out-of-doors.

The evening grosbeak is about the same size as the rose-breasted grosbeak which is a familiar bird here during the summer months. It has a stout greenish-yellow bill which distinguishes it at once. A flock of these birds feeding in a box-elder or an ash tree may not at first attract attention because they are as fearless as the English sparrows which usually monopolize such feeding grounds. At first glance the bright yellow of the males makes one think of the goldfinch, but another look betrays the presence of a stranger bird, handsome in color and of distinguished hearing. The males have black and yellow for predominating colors with a conspicuous white patch on the wings. The bill, forehead, belly, and shoulder patch are yellow, and the crown, wings, and tail are black.

The female birds while still handsome are much less conspicuously marked with yellow.

Closely related to the evening grosbeak is the pine grosbeak which is also a rare visitor here, but which has a wider winter range than the former. Pine grosbeaks appeared in Highland Park about the first of December, three years ago, and were seen four or five times during that winter, the last date being Feb. 28. They have not been reported here since but it may be that some one will be lucky enough to find them this winter. The adult males are conspicuously rose-red in color, the females and young males being strongly marked with olive yellow. Observers should look for these birds in ash trees or in pines and cedars.

## Special Assessment Notice

SPECIAL WARRANT No. 6.

NOTICE:—Public notice is hereby given that the County Court has rendered judgment for a special assessment upon property benefited by the following improvement; being for the construction of a Ten (10) inch sewer in Waukegan Avenue, North of Highwood Avenue and South of Washington Avenue, an eight (8) inch sewer in that portion of Waukegan Avenue, South of Highwood Avenue and an (8) inch sewer in Highwood Avenue from Waukegan Avenue running west to Jeffrey's Place with Manholes House Junction Branches and other appurtenances thereto pertaining as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the Judgment on file in my office; that the warrant for the collection of such assessment, is in the hands of the undersigned. All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the City Collector's office, located in the the City Clerk's office in the City Building, City of Highwood, within thirty days from the date hereof. Dated this 8th day of December, A. D. 1906.

EDWARD A. MCTAMANEY

City Collector.

## Baggage Man A Thief

William Hind, baggageman at the Highland Park station for a short time is now in the county jail awaiting trial for the theft of railroad tickets from the C. & N. W. Railway. Hind secured a position as baggageman at the station on November 28. The next day while the station agent was absent for a few minutes he helped himself to two tickets from the case. A few days ago he repeated the action, it is said.

The tickets he sold and secured \$26.60 from the transaction. This he kept himself.

But when the monthly report was made out the absence of the four tickets were noticed and reported into Chicago. Investigation by detectives of the road resulted in a confession from Hind and he was brought here Saturday night.

This morning he was held by Justice Van Deusen to the grand jury in bonds of \$200 and is now in the county jail.

## Thirty-Two Warrants For Saloons

Patriotic citizens of Waukegan have banded together to stop the Sunday opening of saloons and the result is that thirty-two warrants against three-fifths of the saloonkeepers of Waukegan have been issued and served from the offices of State's Attorney Hanna and Justice Weiss.

Contrary to the general idea, the work of cleaning up the Sunday joints is not that of the Lake County Law and Order League.

"I was requested by certain citizens of Waukegan to aid in the work," said Rev. T. Quayle Tuesday, "and the League has nothing to do with the movement."

He further stated "Citizens of Waukegan are planning and executing the move alone, with the aid of J. W. Haythorne, of Chicago, a member of the Citizens' Association, who has had wide experience in the work in Chicago and who was invited in."

The papers are all signed by Mr. Haythorne, who is not a detective.

Exactly who is the chief backer of the onslaught is not to be determined.

It is believed that members of the Men's Bible Class of the Baptist church and of the Men's Christian Union, a survival of the Williams-Beiderwolf meetings last winter may be supporting it.

This is not positively known.

Rev. Quayle, as the one known leader, declared that private citizens had gathered the evidence by making the rounds of the joints on Sunday.

"I myself gathered very little," he said.

The warrants were served Tuesday by Assistant Chief of Police Tyrrell.

They were issued Monday at the instance of Waukegan people, Rev. Quayle, Mr. Haythorne and Detective Elder, who has been working on the evidence, gathering in Justice Weiss' office for the purpose. Detectives gathered some of the evidence.

One by one the saloonkeepers for whom warrants were issued appeared before Justice Weiss and were released on their own recognizance until Friday, December 21, when the hearings will take place.

## A Few Suggestions

For Christmas at Dale Sweetland's. French stag toilet sets, books, booklets, Japanese china and vases, perfumery in fancy baskets, cigars in special packages, pipes, Gillette's Safety razors, Sweetland's Chocolate Creams, fancy boxes, bonbons, Huylers' Chocolates, Pearl-handled pocket knives, combs and brushes, fountain pens, graphophones, harmonicas, hot water bags, broad cloth covers, games of all kinds, fancy stationery.

We have a nice line of all articles mentioned above, and numerous other articles. Store will remain open late evenings until after Christmas.