

the gift of one of the greatest cities along this north shore.

That Highland Park is a great city, goes without saying. She is great because of her natural advantages, the enterprise of her people, and her near proximity to one of the greatest commercial cities in the world.

We have made wonderful strides in the last ten or twelve years, and our prosperity in the future, as in the past, lies largely in the hands of those whose duty it is to administer the affairs of the city.

Too much credit cannot be accorded to our Board of Local Improvements; they have accomplished a great deal in the last few years, in fact they have accomplished wonders. But much remains to be done which, no doubt, will be done as quickly as the interests of the people demand. Everything cannot be done at once, and it would not be public policy to undertake it.

I am a firm believer in improvements; nothing tends to build up a city so quickly as good streets, sidewalks and other necessary improvements.

When we build a new street, I consider that it does not cost the property owner one dollar to have it done, on the contrary he is money ahead, as it enhances the value of his property very much more than the cost of the improvement, giving him a nice street to look at and drive over, and the payments extending over a period of ten years, makes it so that it is not oppressive in any sense, and in the meantime his property is increasing in value because of the improvement.

An improvement made in the most remote part of our city is, directly, or indirectly a benefit to all of it.

It may be that I will not be able to discharge the duties of the office, to which you have seen fit to elevate me, as well or satisfactorily as my predecessor has done, but with your assistance and co operation, I will do the best I can. More I cannot say, and I would ask that you bear with my shortcomings for awhile at least, until I become initiated into the working of affairs.

It is my earnest desire that we work in harmony at all times, aiming to obtain the greatest good for the greatest number, and looking to the interests of the city as a whole, knowing no east, west, north or south side.

There may be, and no doubt will be, matters come before this council from time to time, perhaps momentous ones, on which there may be a wide difference of opinion, but it does not follow that because some member of this board may not think as I do, that he is wrong or vice versa. We may both be perfectly honest and sincere in our ideas and expressions, and yet we may both be wrong; but if we discuss those matters in a friendly and harmonious spirit, rather than in a combative sense, I believe we will get results. Harmonious action rather than antagonism will tend to bring about those results.

If we work at cross purposes with each other, it will not only be unpleasant and disagreeable, but the in-

terests of the people will suffer in consequence.

I have no future policy to outline. I have refrained from making any promises before or since election, and will make none now, except to say that I will endeavor to uphold the laws as they exist, according to the oath I have taken here tonight, and the man who will not do so is unfit to hold office, and should not receive the benefit of the laws under which he lives. Without the protecting arm of the law, we would soon drift into a state of anarchy.

We will be guided by circumstances in connection with all matters that may come before us, using our best judgment in the interest of the people.

The retiring mayor, H. G. Evans, has devoted a great many years of his life to the interests of Highland Park, and it is but justice to that gentleman to say, that he has been honest and conscientious in all that he has done, and we have at all times felt that the interests of the city were safe in his hands, and on his retirement I am confident that he carries with him the best wishes of the public at large, and this Council Board in particular.

And now, gentleman, I will once more thank you for the high honor you have seen fit to confer upon me, and trust that your confidence will not be misplaced.

A Sudden Cure.

A melancholy woman lay
In sickness on her bed,
And, in a faint and broken voice,
To her sad husband said:

"Dear David, when my earthly
form
Has turned to lifeless clay,
O wait an' weep a little while,
Nor throw yourself away.

"I know a woman kind an' true,
On whom you may depend;
Oh! marry Amarilla Jones—
She is my dearest friend."

"Yes, Hannah, I have wanted long
To speak o' this before;
For Amarilla Jones an' I
Have talked the matter o'er."

"Then you an' Amarilla Jones
Have been too smart and sly;
I tell you, David Wilkinson,
I am not a-goin' to die!"

Her dark eyes flashed; her strength
returned;
She left her bed of pain;
A week had passed away
When she was well again.

—Eugene J. Hall, in the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Lay has come out from town and has his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clinch and their children, with him for the summer.

Miss Jessie Wilson, who has been visiting her cousin Miss Jean Troxel for several weeks, left on Saturday last for her home in Hamilton, Ontario.

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