

## Highland Park News Letter

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### A Letter From Home.

Before leaving home for your summer vacation, do not forget to subscribe for The News Letter. We will forward it to any address in the United States without extra cost. This will be a weekly letter from home.

### The North Shore For Homes.

The beauty and value of the North Shore for residences has long been recognized. It is, perhaps, not too much to say that at no other suburb of Chicago are there so many advantages for homes for the average business man as can be found north of Evanston. And the rapid growth of the big city with all of its conditions of manufacture and transportation and necessary noise and smoke is moving out so fast that wisdom points to a few miles away in the selection of a piece of real estate for the building of a home. The Chicago papers have recently been calling attention to the beauty of all the residence centers from Wilmette to Lake Forest and advising settlers to look this way. At this season of the year home-seekers are looking around, and we most cordially invite them to Highland Park. Here are all the conditions of an ideal residence. We have the advantages of a natural beauty of scenery, of fine graded property, of wooded environs and the lake within a pleasant walking distance. We have a beautiful little city with excellent departments of local government. We have business houses well conducted by intelligent and obliging people, and competent bankers to handle our finances. Our churches are open to all comers, and our schools are unsurpassed both for teachers and equipment. As to transportation, where can better be found than along this whole North Shore?

### City Regulations.

It is to the interest of all citizens that ordinances aiming at the convenience, comfort and sanitary conditions of the city should be maintained. The notice calling attention to the ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks is one of these. The mayor announces that it will be strictly enforced on and after May 10, and he also calls special attention to the requirement of lights on bicycles and vehicles. The mere announcement should be sufficient for observance.

### Roller Skating on the Streets

We are so thoroughly in sympathy with children's amusements and recreations that we hesitate to say one word that might seem like limiting their pleasure. Children should be as happy and light-hearted as the birds.

But parents know by experience that the prevailing amusement of any season becomes so attractive and contagious that the young folks are in constant danger of excess while there are some pleasures that are positively dangerous.

Our contemporary, the Wilmette Local News, calls attention to the prevalence and danger of roller skating on the public sidewalks. A case of serious malady to a girl of eleven years of age is reported in Wilmette the symptoms of which are similar to meningitis and the attending physician, Dr. Segsworth says:

"Her condition is very confusing and baffling, and in some respects not like meningitis, but I dread to think that roller skating has such serious consequences."

And Dr. W. R. Parks of Evanston who was called in consultation said:

"It is very strange, and it may be the result of the unusual vibration caused by the roughness of the sidewalks and the unnatural movements of the muscles. Perhaps it would be better if the children did not do so much of it."

Meanwhile, says the News, Constance is struggling for life on a sick bed and pleading in her delirium to have her skates buckled on so that she can go out and play. The doctors said last night that they hoped for recovery, but they do not believe she will be skating with the other children for a long time.

### Festival Services

Sunday, the 26th of May is the Dedication Festival of Trinity Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. Wolcott, rector.

The day will be observed by special services at 11 o'clock in the morning, and 8 o'clock in the evening.

The evening service will be a choir reunion service when special music will be rendered by a festival choir of forty voices under the direction of Ernest Sumner.

All are cordially invited. Seats free.

An old ducky, who was asked if in his experience prayer had every been answered, replied. "Well, sah, some pras is ansud and some isnt. Pends on wat you axes fo. Just arter de wah, wen it was mighty hard scratchin fo de cullud breddern, I bsayed dat wen-eber I pway de Lord to sen one o Marse Peyon's fat turkeys fo de ole man, dere was no notice took of de partition; but wen I pway dat he wou'd sen de ole man fo de turkey, de matter was tended to befo sun up nex mornin, dead sartin!"

Bryan's weight is reported to be 250 pounds. Evidently, he is not worrying.

### Saved the Boy.

When our ship was in the dock in Japan, not long ago, a boy fell overboard. Some sailors jumped into the water after him, and when they got him out began to take measures to resuscitate him. I was not far off, and they asked me if their rolling him over, and other things they were doing, were right. "Yes, you are doing all you can, and if you can't bring him around, you've done the best you can."

A few minutes later experiencing a twinge of conscience at my comparative indifference to the lad, I thought I would go over and help them. So I went to the young fellow, and when I rolled him over and saw his face, I saw that he was my own son. I began to work harder than any of the other men. I rolled up my sleeves, took my collar and tie off my neck, and began to breathe into his nostrils, and to use energetically every means known to science for his restoration. I toiled and worked over him for a long time and it was only just as the sun went down that his first gasp of breath came and I knew that his life was saved.

The above is told by the Rev. John Balcom Shaw in "A Story of a Ship's Surgeon."

### North Shore Real Estate.

The progress of any residence section depends largely upon the genius and energy of its real estate promoters. All along the North Shore, from Kenilworth to Lake Forest, property has been improved and new residents settled by the enterprise of the young firm of Murray & Terry. During the past year they have transferred some fine properties—improved and vacant, and they report inquiries for the coming season from prospective citizens of the best class who are intending to buy.

Their recent sale of the Bobolink farm for \$27,500 has brought out one of the finest florists from Chicago, Mr. Ernst Wienholber, who is now arranging to occupy the old Birch home. This property will give the owner great opportunities for his landscape abilities, and Highland Park will soon have another fine place on Green Bay Road.

This energetic firm has an office at 108 Dearborn street, Chicago, and also at Highland Park, St. Johns avenue, opposite the depot. Any one wishing to buy, sell or rent real estate of any description should see them regarding the same.

The play to be given by the Senior class of the Deerfield Township High School promises to be the best yet attempted. The play chosen is "Midsummer Night's Dream." It is under the direction of Miss Sutton. The fairy chorus will be an especially attractive feature. The fairies are being coached in the dances by Miss Eva Egan. The music is under the direction of Mr. George Colburn, who has selected and arranged parts of the Mendelssohn music which will be rendered by members of his orchestra. Patrons will be wise to reserve their seats early.

### The Song Sparrow.

There is a little bird I know so well  
It seems as if he must have sung  
Beside my crib when I was young;  
Before I knew the way to spell  
The name of even the smallest bird,  
His gentle-joyful song I heard.  
Now see if you can tell, my dear,  
What bird it is that every year  
Sings "sweet-sweet-sweet—very merry cheer."

He comes in March when winds are strong  
And snow returns to hide the earth;  
But still he warms his heart with mirth

And waits for May. He lingers long  
While flowers fade and every day  
Repeats his small, contented lay;  
As if to say, we need not fear,  
The season's change, if love is here  
With "sweet-sweet-sweet—very merry cheer."

He does not wear a Joseph's coat  
Of many colors smart and gay;  
His suit is Quaker brown and gray,  
With darker patches at his throat.  
And yet of all the well-dressed throng  
Not one can sing so brave a song.  
It makes the pride of looks appear  
A vain and foolish thing to hear  
His "sweet-sweet-sweet—very merry cheer."

HENRY VAN.

### What They Called It

Grandma says we're right in style  
A-sittin' in our automo-bile.

Grandpa says we're fit to kill  
A ridin' in our automo-bill.

Ma, she says we ought to feel  
Grateful fer our automo-beel.

Pa says there ain't no other man  
Can run an auto like he can.

Auntie preaches near and far  
'Bout our lovely touring car.

Uncle Billy says he ain't seen  
Nowhere such a good machine.

Brother Jim, he keeps a-braggin'  
'Bout the speed of our new wagon.

But, oh, sounds so grand and noble  
When sister Sue says automobile.

"Blended whisky" received a solar plexus blow by the decision of the President, acting with the Agricultural Department heads, that it must be labeled for just what it is, and not as "pure whisky." If there is such a thing as pure whisky the public is entitled to know it and not be fooled by an imitation article, made up of ethyl alcohol, so-called "neutral spirits," and pretty much everything else except whisky. This article has been sold in enormous quantities over every bar for years as the real thing, when, as a matter of fact, it is a fraud of the first water. The safest plan is not to buy or drink either the alleged "pure" or the admittedly impure.—American Farmer.

There is room in a cage for the chatter of a parrot.