

North Shore News-Letter

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CHANGE OF NAME

This issue of the News-Letter appears under a change of name. This change will not, in any degree, lessen its value and relation to the interests of Highland Park. But it will enable us more directly to represent the various places along the north shore, and thus give to our present patrons a better paper with a wider scope, and at the same time get into closer touch with our neighbors.

We have for some time past issued an edition of our paper under the name of the Highwood News. This will now be discontinued and subscribers in that city will receive the North Shore News Letter, as also will those of Deerfield, etc.

Other cities along the north shore will also have a special place in our paper as soon as arrangements can be completed. We have already taken initial steps to open up at Glencoe, and cordially invite Glencoe citizens to examine the present and recent issues. We propose to go on improving—adding new features and enlarging our space as may seem desirable.

We have for ourselves a high ideal of the character of a local paper for the North Shore, and we most cordially invite correspondence and suggestions in order that no interests may be forgotten. The price of the paper will remain as before, \$1.50 per year, payable in advance, and our advertising columns will be devoted, as far as possible, to the interests of business people along the North Shore.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The letter of our correspondent calling attention to the brutality of some men to whom is entrusted the care of horses calls for the attention of our authorities. In a community like this it ought not to be necessary for citizens to organize a volunteer society for such a purpose as prevention of cruelty to animals. But this reminds us that there is no form of cruelty to horses and dogs worse than to deprive them of water with which to quench their thirst, especially in hot weather. And yet in Highland Park there is absolutely no public provision for this essential relief. We are waiting eagerly for some one to start that fountain fund.

By the way, what has become of the drinking fountain donated to the

town by Mr. Yerkes? Surely that ruin in stone at the south end of the city is not all there is of that gift. What is become of our public spirit and where are the practical men who were elected to positions of trust not very long ago?

If there were no north shore beach at Highland Park we should probably be astir to find bathing accommodations for the people. But being so prolifically supplied by nature with all the essential requisites we do not even provide the simplest and crudest accommodations for bathers. It is idle to ask boys to be decent in their bathing outfit when we take no pains to give them the needful place for dressing or even keep any spot on the coast clean for the purpose.

This leads to a further remark that the park which faces our noble water front is a rich domain which could never have been made at any cost of money. And yet how little we regard it. It is allowed to run to waste, with no more care for it than for a vacant building lot. We attach no value to it until some one tries to steal or use a bit of it for personal advantage. Then we discover that it is the property of the people and loudly denounce the attempted vandalism.

THE CHAUTAUQUA AT WAUKEGAN.

It is gratifying to lovers of good principles to learn that the Chautauqua which closed its meetings in the armory on Sunday was successful, both in point of attendance and the character of its program.

We regret that we were unable to be present and share in the pleasure and profit of some of the excellent addresses delivered by speakers whose reputation is well established. We had the pleasure, however, to be present to hear the lecture of Mr. E. W. Chapin on "Government by Political Parties," and we followed his historic sketch of certain wrongs that have been perpetrated by the party government of the country.

We noticed, too, with interest the argument which he advanced with much plausibility that "no great evil can be maintained unless two political parties support it." Mr. Chapin's arguments in support of his doctrine were well put and seemed to carry conviction.

But it is difficult to see the logic of the argument as applied to a new party, for by the same rule no good can be maintained without the support of two parties.

We are not sure that party government is ideal. Indeed, Mr. Chapin's lecture was a strong indictment against it.

The allusion to Mr. Rockefeller was a smart piece of playing to the gallery, but it was not in good taste. "When he (Rockefeller) dies," said the lecturer, "he will have a pipe line run from the warmer regions to the north pole and sell cold air at so much a yard." That sounds smart when

used as platform decoration, but it is altogether beneath the splendid purposes of a Chautauqua lecture.

We have no admiration for the Rockefeller methods, but as we point out in another column, he has many thousands of copyists, only they are not so successful.

WAUKEGAN AND ITS FETE FIASCO.

We are glad to learn that there are many good citizens of Waukegan who are not happy over their great day of city rollicking. A city is not best served by flattery, and honest criticism of public events cannot be harmful. It does, of course, look a little unfriendly to discount the good intentions of some who worked hard for any scheme in which there is an element of philanthropy. But the good of a city is not served by smiling at its mistakes or approving its faults. If Waukegan desires a good park and seeks to secure it through the generous spirit of the people promoted by a day's pleasure that is laudable. But when to accomplish this it breaks the laws of the state and ignores its own ordinances it is doing vastly more harm than a park can do good.

We are inclined to congratulate Waukegan that its citizens are not all happy over the issue of Waukegan day. We have never met Mr. Tucker and we have no knowledge of his actions other than that furnished by the city papers.

We are not offering him any advice in the matter of prosecuting those who shared in the business of buying and selling in various gambling games of chance and we are not saying but that it might be better to offer a protest and let it go at that.

But protests are generally unheeded, and as a rule the only way to stop an unlawful business is to prosecute the law breakers.

Of course, Mr. Tucker comes in for a full share of kicks. But as a preacher and teacher of morality he will get them anyway. If he sees evil and deplores it men will ask why he does not act; if he acts vigorously and effectively he will be accused of advertising himself and of other personal motives.

We do not share the counsel of the Gazette that in such a case the law may be strained with impunity. It is just when the whole city is in action that the law should be operative. Good motives are no excuse for law breaking and one does not have to be a prophet to see that one such day as Waukegan day, when the city authorities take the lid off and go it blind and wild, does more to bring law into contempt than all the profits of it could outweigh in good had they been ten or twenty times greater than a paltry \$2,000.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Cruelty to Animals.

Dear Sir:—Will you kindly allow me to make an appeal through the columns of your paper on behalf of the poor horses in Highland Park? The many lame and overburdened horses one sees is appalling. Is there no society for

the prevention of cruelty to animals in this place? Or, if such a society exists, will you please state where its officials are to be found? Surely some punishment should be meted out to the driver who ill-uses the horse he is driving, and which is often a better animal than the man. I enclose my card. Yours faithfully,

CONSTANT SUBSCRIBER.

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Our correspondent calls attention to a needed provision. There seems to be no branch of the Humane Society here.

Does This Apply to You?

"What I would tell you is this: You possess the raw material of greatness—but with one element lacking. You may rise to what heights you choose, if you but cure yourself of one defect. Observe, sir! Men are judged, not for deeds, but motives. A man injures you; you excuse him, because no injury was meant. A man seeks to injure you, but fails; and yet you hate him, in spite of that defensive failure, because of the intent. So it is with humanity at large. It looks at the motive rather than the act. Sir, I have watched you. You have no motive but yourself. Patriotism plays no part when you come to this war; it is not the country, but Aaron Burr, you carry in your heart. Whatever you may believe, you cannot win fame or good repute on terms so narrow. A man is so much like a gun that, to carry far, he must have some elevation of aim. There, sir, you fail, and will continue to fail, unless you work your own redemption. It is as though you had been born on a dead level—aimed point blank at birth. You should have been born at an angle of forty-five degrees. With half the powder, sir, you would carry twice as far. Wherefore, elevate yourself. Give your life a noble purpose! Make yourself the incident, manking the object. Merge egotism in patriotism; forget self in favor of your country and its flag."—Washington's advice to Aaron Burr.

A Chinese Proverb Reads:

"Happy the man who knows and knows that he knows; less happy, though wise, he who does not know and knows that he does not know, but deliver us from the learned ignorance of him who does not know and does not know that he does not know."

At a certain noble lord's house in Perthshire there is a stringent rule which forbids the giving of tips to servants. One of the guests, wishing to reward the butler called him into his room, when the following conversation took place: Guest: "I should like to give you something, Donald, for the way in which you have looked after my comfort here; but you know the masters' rule. However (holding out a box of cigars) just give me a penny for this." Donald (after due consideration) "Here's tuppence; I'll take twa."