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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The regular monthly meeting of the North Shore Advisory Board of the Illinois Children's Home and Aid Society will be held at the new Home, 826 Ridge avenue, Monday, April 6, 1908, at 2:30 o'clock. There will be reports from the various committees by their several chairmen and by the holders of certifi-

and addresses of associate members be fully reported at this meeting. After the transaction of business there will be a social hour.

LOCAL OPTION—A CLERGYMAN'S VIEWS.

The Saloon Advocates of Waukegan have managed to scare up an Episcopal clergyman, the Rev. Wm. Wasson from Long Island, N. Y., to speak on their platform.

Mr. Wasson's chief note is against the term "local option" as applied to the question and he says, it is fraudulent and misleading. Those strong words are directed against the temperance people, but Mr. Wasson does not seem to know that the phrase "local option" was not conceived or adopted by them but by the Great British Statesman, William E. Gladstone, who was the first to apply the term to the liquor traffic as a fair and legitimate method of determining public action on the subject.

Mr. Wasson thinks the question should be settled by the State, and says that the State recognises the business as a lawful one.

Here again, he is in error. The State treats the business as dangerous and unlawful. No man can sell liquor lawfully as a common right. Only by special license and under police regulations can any one sell.

The people are objecting to a privileged business which contributes nothing to the general good and is fruitful of the utmost disorder, poverty and crime.

What more liberal action can be applied to such a privileged evil than to submit it to the will of the people.

SHALL HIGHLAND PARK ANNEX HIGHWOOD?

By a legal announcement which will per it will be seen that a vote is to be taken on the question on April 21.

That vote is one of very great interest to the citizens of both places.

In Highland Park the feeling that the city would be better without such a partnership is very strong among a great number of the citizens. It is held that Highland Park has nothing to gain and everything to lose by adding to its size through the addition of a discredited and bankrupt neighboring city.

The good name of Highland Park is a treasure that ought not to be lightly regarded the present reputable government of the city might be endangered by the admission of a fifth ward made up of a constituency

which has not proved a success either morally or economically.

It would certainly be a disaster to Highland Park if the worse element of Highwood could succeed in electing men as members of the city council who would be out of harmony with the better interests of the whole city.

These conclusions will doubtless weigh and ought to weigh with the electors in casting their votes.

On the other hand there are good reasons for annexation. Highwood, as an independent city, lying right alongside of Highland Park needs to be regenerated for the sake of both places and it is hardly so likely to redeem itself alone as with the aid of the larger city.

To wipe out the very name of Highwood would be a decided local gain and a patriotic act.

But regeneration is a slow process often and it is admitted that the task of annihilating certain unsavory resorts and corrupt habits of Highwood would not be an easy task.

riage of the two places should not be hastily consummated. Let there be a little courtship and a period of promise and probation.

Whatever the verdict of the election may be it will not finally decide the matter. There are legal steps to be taken and conditions to consider that may hold it over for awhile.

A GREAT MEETING AND A GREAT ORATOR. JUST BEFORE THE VOTE AT WAUKEGAN.

Hon. Seaborn Wright of Georgia will be the speaker of the Local Option Rally in the Armory at Waukegan, Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., also at 3 p. m., April 5th

Gov. Hokee Smith says he is the greatest platform orator in the south. He has been the leader in the house of representatives in that state for years. He conducted the campaign which resulted in a dry state. He is the man that quelled the mob of liquor ites who gathered the night before the bill was passed to do violence to the legislators, and after its passage was carried in triumph on the shoulders of the dry people through the "streets" of the capital of Georgia.

The children's chorus will sing. Mr. Wright spoke to a great assembly of ministers and laymen on Monday morning in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, Chicago and his speech aroused tremendous enthusiasm. It will be worth the cost in time and money for our citizens, all along the line, to go to Waukegan on Sunday afternoon and hear this great orator of the south.

Our Outlook

THE SALOON ISSUE

The one dominant issue of the April elections in hundreds of places in Illinois and other states is the submission of the question to a popular vote whether or not the privileged saloon shall be continued.

It is generally overlooked that local option on this subject is in itself a concession to the liquor dealers. That the saloon is inimical to the well-being of the people has long been recognized and for generations past the business has been shorn of the rights of free commerce. Prohibition is the general law since no man in any state can sell liquor as he can sell any legitimate commodity. He can not sell at all without a special permit or license subject to a fee and restrictive measures that are not applied to any other

business.

Now that the people have become generally tired of suffering the woes and paying the costs of a licensed liquor traffic it is clearly a concession to the dealers to submit the subject to a popular vote.

The liquor dealers may, indeed, take warning and set their house in order for the conviction is deepening that the American saloon is Un-American and unconstitutional. Once this thought takes deep root and is confused by the action of the higher courts the whole business will be doomed and the saloon will become an outlaw.

This recalls the words of Goldwin Smith who was never a prohibitionist that "the ultimate issue of the struggle is certain." This he said half a century ago in discussing the outlook of the liquor interest and Charles Baxton the great London brewer also said about the same time "the struggle of the school, the library and the church, against the beer-house and

the war between heaven and hell."

"PERSONAL LIBERTY."

"WE FAVOR THE ENACTMENT OF ALL LAWS WHICH GIVE TO EVERY CITIZEN THE GREATEST MEASURE OF PERSONAL LIBERTY."

Was this sentiment put into the form of a resolution and adopted at the last moment of the republican convention at Springfield?

The Joliet Daily declares that it was and that it was with held from the Associated Press and the newspaper reporters and it was understood that, as a plank in the platform, it was not to be used in anti-saloon territory.

There is only one explanation of such action and we should be pleased to have an official contradiction of it. There is no longer need of an American party to declare for personal liberty or if any party thinks there is it is in its very nature the utterance of a principle that should be heralded with the floating of the flag.

But when the language of the so-called United Societies is adopted with instructions to "keep it dark" from anti-saloon territory and from the press, we understand it as a sop to the saloon interests.

If it were not utterly contemptible it would be amusing to hear the plea "of personal liberty" on behalf of a traffic which prospers in proportion to the measure of its enslavement of men and women and which is the most fruitful source of poverty, crime and consequent restraining of the liberty of many thousands of people.

VOTE TO BE ALLOWED TO BREAK THE STATE LAW CANNOT BE TAKEN

The ruling of Chief Justice Carter in the Supreme Court of Illinois sets aside the vote asked for by the liquor interests of Chicago.

The saloon men of that city have been face to face with the demand that so long as they enjoy the privilege of making money by license they shall be forced to obey the law of the state which prohibits Sunday trading. This law they have persistently fought and have been sustained by the action of the mayor in their resistance. With a view to prevent constant prosecutions for breach of the law, they circulated petitions calling for a vote of the city on this question "Shall all places where liquor is sold or given away in this city upon Sunday be closed upon that

lay?"

They held that such a vote if carried would give the big city the right of exemption from the general law of the state.

Judge Carter's ruling was upon the technical rights of the vote under the petition and he did not discuss the moral questions involved.

That any organization should ask a vote of the electors of a great city to set aside the laws of the state of which that city is a part is in itself an insult, not only to the law abiding citizens of the city but to the whole state.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. Howard Hill will be absent for a week on business during vacation.

The Hermes club team defeated the Marathon club by a score of 60 — 56 last Thursday. The event was exciting, it not being decided until the last relay.

The seniors are sporting an exceptionally neat and artistic class pin. It

ating class for the last time. It has been in the neighborhood of the mystic number "23."

The debating team is working hard for their debate with New Trier, May 1. The team this year is a strong one consisting of Mr. Allan Schaffer, Mr. Robert Shields, Mr. Carl Rommel, Mr. Sandwich and Mr. Hill are working hard coaching the boys.

Preliminary work is being taken up by the base ball men. Capt. Boch predicts the strongest team in years. Manager Greenalade is negotiating games with Wheaton, Hyde Park, Wendell Phillips Y. M. C. A., Lake Forest Freshmen, Northwestern Freshmen, New Trier and Lake Forest. More interest is being taken in base ball than in recent years.

Mr. Wm. Averill delivered an exceedingly instructive lecture last week. The work of the pollines was explained in Mr. Averill's clear and lucid style to the satisfaction of all. Call for track candidates is schedule as soon as weather moderates.

The Junior "Prom" is set for May 2. Great preparations are being made for it.

Lloyd Ray, president of the Junior class, will enter Northwestern university next fall in company with his brother Paul.

James Ganey, captain of the football team will probably enter the University of Chicago after graduation. Allan Schaffer is undecided but leans toward the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Among the improvements hoped for next year is the building of a gaudy ear is the building of a gallery for spectators in the gymnasium. It would fill a longfelt want. When the athletic field is complete the equipment of the school will be second to none in the country.

Work of Commencement is progressing rapidly and all signs point to the most satisfactory commencement in years.

An alumni debating team has been organized to meet the regular school team in practice contests before their debate with New Trier.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES. (Extra)

It is not generally known that the Alumni Association of the class of 1907 has decided to award a medal annually to the member of the graduating class best fulfilling requirements similar to the Rhodes scholarship. Part of the cost is met by the proceeds of the class play of last year, the rest being secured by assessment.

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