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KENNETH R. SMOOT

### CITY ATTORNEY SMOOT

Kenneth R. Smoot was born at Washington, D. C. In 1879, he graduated from the Literary Department of the University of Michigan and from the Law school of the same University in 1882.

Thus qualified by education he entered the practice of law and quickly fitted himself for the offices he has since filled. He has been City Attorney of the city of Highland Park for 23 years, commencing the duties of the office in 1883 and continuing to do so ever since, with the exception of one period of two years.

Mr. Smoot took an active part in the agitation of Highland Park's early struggle for public improvements and shared in the vigorous work to secure a system of sewerage, water works plant and paving of streets. These things were not secured without considerable effort as there were many property owners who bitterly opposed them.

Mr. Smoot advocated the construction of the water works system by special assessment which, exclusive of mains, cost about \$100,000 and he secured the confirmation of the assessment by the County Court. The great value of this system is now a matter of history.

In addition to other offices, Mr. Smoot was President of the Board of Education of School District No. 107 for five years, during which time the Elm Place school

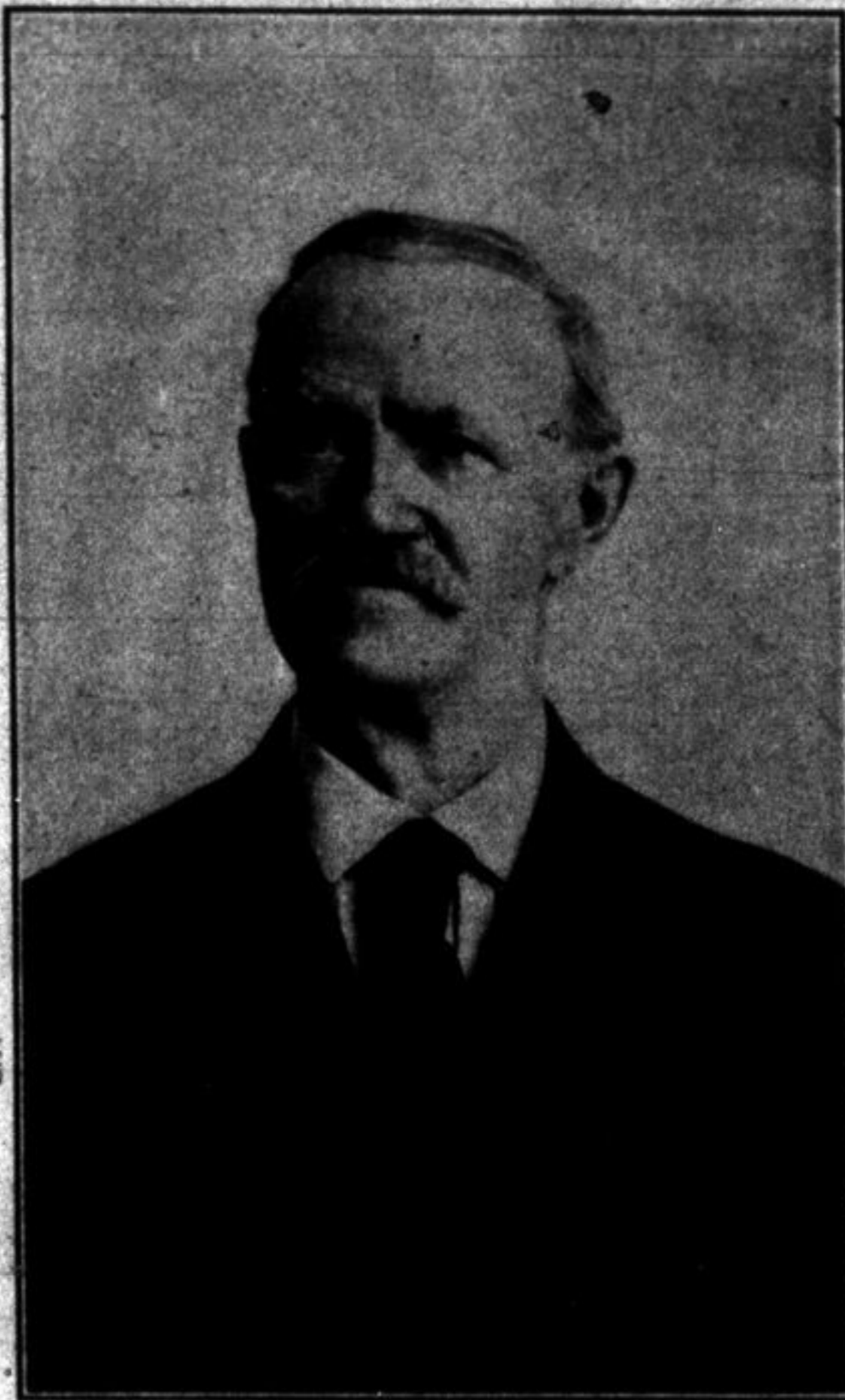
house was built.

He was also a member of the Township Board of Education High School for nine years and was President of the Board during the construction of the present High School Building.

Mr. Smoot stands well in his profession. He is a member of the Chicago Bar Association and the Lake County Bar Association and is well known as leading partner in the law firm of Smoot and Elder of Chicago.

### CITY CLERK FINNEY

John Finney was born at Lockport, N. Y. in 1844 and came west in 1852. He decided to prepare himself for business and when the Civil war commenced, he was in attendance at a business College at Waukegan. In 1862, he enlisted in the 65th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and saw active service for three years. At Harpers Ferry he was taken prisoner and paroled. At Knoxville, Tenn. and through the Atlanta campaign he shared



JOHN FINNEY

the fortunes of war. He participated in the battles of Columbia, Franklin, Nashville, Fort Fisher, Fort Anderson and in the campaign at Raleigh, N. C.

On returning home to Lake County he commenced business contracting as a mason and plasterer. For a time his health failed. Entering into politics he was elected Alderman of Highland Park in 1878. In 1880 he was suc-

cessful candidate for the office of City Clerk, which office, with the exception of an interim of two years, he has filled ever since.

This gives him a record as City Clerk of 26 years. He also acted as Assessor of Deerfield Township for 12 years; thus he has been a public official for a period of 40 years, no mean stretch of a man's life.

Mr. Finney is still active and possesses the unbounded confidence of his associates, his long experience and technical knowledge making him a most valuable officer. We have pleasure in presenting a good portrait.

### HIGHLAND PARK NEWS

Mrs Frank Clark left on Thursday to spend the closing days of the School year with her daughter Estelle at Northampton Mass. They will visit Cleveland and other Eastern cities during their absence

Dr. P. M. Dowd from New York is a visitor at the home of Dr. H. P. Harkin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Adams have taken an Onwentsia cottage for the season. They will move out July 1st.

Many of the towns people are looking forward to the Alumni banquet at the high school with anticipation. A delightful program is in preparation.

Mrs. Lawrence Mills Jr. of Highland Park gave a tea Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Esther Schwarz, who will be married to Carl Bertrand Marshall of Boston a week from to-day. The young women who assisted in the dining-room were Miss Julia Morgan, Miss Theo Schwarz, Miss Willa Lovell, Miss Helen Messenger and Miss Bessie Smith.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Boynton, daughter of Chas. T. Boynton of Highland Park, to Everett Lee Millard on Wednesday evening June 17, at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's father "Ravinoaks." Miss Edith Boynton, sister of the bride, will be maid of honor and Hobart C. Chatfield-Taylor will be best man. The ushers will be Wm. B. Hale, Thomas Sawn, Chas. Blyth, Wm. Dickinson, Donald Boynton, brother of the bride, and Clement Biddle Wood of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hecketsweiler on Second St. are the happy parents of a baby boy weighing eight pounds born Tuesday.

Mrs. Samuel Slade gave a children's party to eleven guests in honor of the fourth birthday of her little niece, Miss Florence Elizabeth Addington of Edgewater.

Mrs. J. Sherwood Seymour and children will leave about June 12th for a summer in the East.

Mrs. Friese, E. Central Ave. leaves next Monday for Louisville Kentucky to be absent until July.

Miss Helen Messenger entertained twelve young ladies at luncheon Thursday of this week in honor of Miss Esther Schwarz.

Mrs. Jack Russel and children have been spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Grant.

Mrs. Beaumont visited friends here last week. Dr. and Mrs. Beaumont are expected to leave soon for Portland Oregon.

Mrs. J. P. Smith gave a tea Friday from four to six in honor of her friend Mrs. Thayer, of Sheridan Road.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Burdick of David City, Nebraska, will visit their parents Dr. and Mrs. Hill of Glencoe Ave.

Mrs. W. Underwood leaves Thursday for Dayton Ohio to be present at the Ruffner-Underwood wedding which occurs June 9th. Mr. Underwood and Mrs. Lovell will follow Monday next.

Miss Catherine Marsh will give a large dancing party at the Moraine, June 12th for Miss Elizabeth Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vail gave a bridge party Thursday evening.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Morgan, and Mr. Tom Wynyard Bellhouse of Amherstbury Ontario Can.

FIRST UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
Corner Green Bay Road and Laurel Ave.  
REV. B. R. SCHULTZE, Pastor.

This being the first Sunday in the month the sermon in the morning will be German. English in the evening. Sunday services English throughout the rest of the month. Morning service at 10:45, Evening service at 7:45, Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. and K. L. C. E. at 7:30 p. m.

The Annual Conference of the Lake Co., Congregational Churches will be held at Rockefeller on Tuesday June 9, General theme of discussion will be "Church problems." The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Jas. Ainslie pastor of the North Shore Congregational Church.

The township Sunday School Convention will be held on Sunday at Grays Lake in the M. E. Church. The program is an interesting one Gray's Lake is one of the pretty villages of this County with its own charming Lake.

Mr. Richard Tillman is erecting a new house on Glenview Ave.