

Answer to Citizen

March 9, 1909.

North Shore News Letter:

We notice in your last issue under the head of "The Public Park Scheme" that certain questions are asked concerning a park system and especially the proposed park at the Lake end of Ravine avenue. As would seem from the first paragraph, the News Letter had invited such discussion. Therefore, we assume that the writer of the above mentioned article may or may not have given expression to his own personal views, and therefore, he will take no offence at any criticisms made respectfully and in good faith.

Question I. "Who would use this park if located at the point mentioned?" (that is, at and about the foot of Ravine avenue.)

If "Citizen" lived in Highland Park say fifteen years ago, and had taken a stroll down Ravine avenue to the Lake any pleasant summer afternoon, especially a Sabbath afternoon, I am certain he would easily have answered his own question, and the answer would have been substantially this: If the church pastors are not satisfied with their forenoon audiences, let them come here in the afternoon and preach.

Question II. "Are there not better locations for a public park centrally located and where the citizens would have better access to same?"

We can perhaps answer this question indirectly better than directly. The only streets built or likely ever to be built in this city leading down to the water's edge are Broadway avenue near Col. Turnley's place; Park avenue leading to the Pumping Station; Ravine avenue and Beach street. The last two are practically one and the same, and for that reason they furnish the best location for a park; but there are other strong reasons for having a public park at this point. It is nearer the center (north and south) of the city than any other locality.

Again referring to Ravine avenue especially, the descent from high grounds to near the water's level is several hundred feet from the lake, and one of the most picturesque localities in Highland Park.

Question III. "Would the expense at which the city, in other words the general public, undertake such a scheme be warranted at above location?"

If we understand the question, it amounts to this: can the city afford the expense of such a park? We can best answer that by putting it in negative form: can the city afford not to do it?

In answer to the fourth question, we do not understand that any one is opposing a park at or near the city pumping station. In the spirit of an article in the last issue of the News Letter, I would say the more parks the better, and our posterity will not fail to appreciate our labors.

Question V. "Is there not a selfish motive prompting this action, which is purely against the working men of the City, who are enabled by hauling sand and gravel off the beach to make a living also against those not having been fortunate to have erected a home before this?"

Did not the sand and gravel used about the premises of the author of the letter published, come from the beach of Lake Michigan with their knowledge and consent? Why now try to put a stumbling block in your neighbor's way?

Citizen." I am bound to assume that this question was put seriously, although I confess it is doubtful in my mind. When the writer came and settled in this most beautiful suburb of Chicago, all the lake front was as delightful a beach as could be found on any side of Lake Michigan. It belonged to some one. If it did not belong to the private individual owning the lake front, then it belonged to the city. But who are the city? We, you, I, and all of us. Is there any difference in the sacredness of private ownership of property, morally or legally, whether the property belongs to the citizen individually or to the citizens collectively? Nor do we see that it involves the question directly or indirectly of teamsters making a "living." If they could not get gravel on the lake front, they would find a supply some other way and the cost of supply and delivery

would come out of the consumer (property owner) in either case, and would not affect the teamster.

It seems to me the latter part of the fifth question has no bearing. Let us have Ravine avenue improved as soon as possible, and let us have a park in connection. If other parks are wanted elsewhere, good. Let us have them.

H. P. Davidson.

CITES EXAMPLES OF HIGH-TYPE MAYORS.

Springfield, Ohio, February 27. Believing that citizenship and good government form a good text for pulpit discourse, the Rev. Dr. Newton M. Hall, of the North Congregational church, recently preached a strong sermon in favor of higher ideals in public life. In the course of his sermon, Doctor Hall cited as examples of a higher type of public men some mayors of cities, including several who are active workers in the National Municipal League.

Said Doctor Hall: "The Mayor of a city should be a man to whom every teacher of the public schools could point as a model for the developing manhood of the pupils. The Mayor of a city should be a man who would command the respect and arouse the civic pride of every citizen. Anything less is unworthy of the high ideals of democracy."

"There never has been any great difficulty in any American city where the citizens have been really in earnest in electing good men. Strong and Low in New York, Jones in Toledo, McCormick in Harrisburg, Guthrie in Pittsburg, and Logan in Worcester are men not only of the highest kind of business ability, but of the noblest kind of personal character as well. "An example of the moral courage of such men is in point: When Mayo George W. Guthrie went into office he found the saloons and the social

evil controlled by a gang of corrupt city officers who laughed in his face and dared him to do his worst. In one night he caused the arrest of one thousand offenders against the law and later sent at least one member of the Common Council to jail.

"Now, it is no use to say that what has been done in Worcester and in Pittsburg can not be done in Springfield which we are so proud. It is an insult to the citizenship of Springfield to say that we must forever put up with men of low ideals and worse morals. It is the worst heresy an American can utter. It is doubting the very basic principle of democracy to say that the people can not be trusted with their own government. Men of the highest type can be found in every city, but the mass of citizens must back them. We need moral character and energy of action in the average voter as much as in our political leaders. Indifference is the curse of American citizenship, both in politics and in religion.

"How does the boss win? By work, by organization, by patience and devotion and courage. The same qualities should characterize the good citizenship of the country. There should be good government clubs in every precinct. There should be loyal and patriotic citizens who will work for high ideals and civic righteousness as earnestly as the boss works for low ideals and corruption. The city calls today for men to serve her."

Some Suburban Philosophy

Overtake progress rather than let it overtake you; in other words, don't try to go forward by backing up.

A magnate is a man whose ambition is to get so rich that he can get famous some day by putting some of it back.

There can be no high and holy living without high and holy thinking.

We should always remember the kindnesses received, but forget those we have done for others.

A word spoken in earnest may change a man's whole life—particularly if the girl says "No."

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

There is no man so friendless but that he can find a friend sincere enough to tell him disagreeable truths.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.

To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die.

Men are apt to be more concerned for their credit, than for their cause.

Opportunity is coy; the careless, the slow, the unobservant, the lazy, fail to see it, or clutch at it when it has gone. The sharp fellows detect it instantly and catch it when on the wing.

Religion is the best armour a man can have, but it is the worst cloak.

To make laws complete they should reward as well as punish.

Good temper is like a sunny day; it sheds its brightness everywhere.

A man that hath no virtue in himself ever envieth virtue in others.

To mind your own business and do the square thing with your neighbors is an extremely high order of patriotism. If every man were to do this, flags, governments, powers, domination and thrones would take an indefinite vacation.

When things get perfect they perish.

What is dignity? A mere myth of the imagination.

All pleasures wear out except one, and that is the joy of doing good.

"Oh, my!" exclaimed the excited woman who had mislaid her husband, "I'm looking for a small man with one eye." "Well madam" replied the polite floor walker, "if he's a very small man, maybe you'd better use both eyes."

After the Christians are fairly civilized we are in favor of attacking the heathen.

Some men are so awed by the dignity of labor that they keep a respectful distance from it.

If you take the conceit out of some people, there will be nothing left.

People wouldn't borrow so much trouble if they had to put up good collateral.

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COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED.

On March 5 the County Court at Waukegan appointed David A. Holmes and Robert G. Evans as condemnation commissioners to appraise the value of land to be condemned as a site for the settling works of the new Ravinia sewer system. The commissioners will now proceed to make up and file their report, giving the value of the land to be condemned and land which will be benefited by the proposed improvement.

City Attorney Mason has set for trial for Tuesday, the 16th inst., at Waukegan the following cases:

The opening and widening of West Park avenue from Green Bay road to the corporate limits.

The paving of Waukegan avenue and Bloom street.

The paving of Laurel and Prospect avenues from St. Johns avenue to the lake.

A cement sidewalk on the north side of Bloom street from St. Johns avenue to the lake.

A cement sidewalk on the north side of Bloom street from St. Johns avenue to Oak street.

The paving of Central avenue from Green Bay road to the C. & N. W. Co's right-of-way.

LUCK

"Luck means rising at 6 o'clock in the morning, living on a dollar a day, if you earn two, minding your own business, and not meddling with other people's. Luck means appointments you have never failed to keep, trains you have never failed to catch. Luck means trusting in God and your own resources."—Max O'Rell.

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C. E. GEARY

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February 15, 1909.

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(Signed) LEWIS B. HIBBARD.

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