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**LAKE FRONT PARK TO BE SAVED?**

On page one of this issue we print a copy of the plat of a portion of Highland Park showing about 600 feet of valuable Lake frontage on Lake Michigan, and the street connecting Ravine Drive with Beech Street. Our readers will observe that this plat shows the street and the land east of it, forming the shores of Lake Michigan as they existed some ten years ago. At the present time the dotted line change this to suit the plat (or the bluffs) east of the platted street shows the waters' edge.

We also desire to call attention to our readers to a strip of ground beginning at about the point where Beech Street reaches the Lake on the plat and extending southward along the Lake approximately 3400 feet to the point where Cedar Street reaches the Lake. This frontage along the shore once belonged to the people of Highland Park, and constituted a driveway, known as Beech Drive. That driveway was afterwards by joint action of the City Council, the Highland Park Building Company and property owners vacated and is now private property.

The Lake Shore in that vicinity is now valued at not less than \$100.00 a front foot, and it is easy to compute how valuable this strip of ground would be, were it the property of all of the people instead of that of adjacent lot owners on Lake Michigan. The City of Highland Park also owns about 600 feet of Lake Shore property in front of the Park on Central Avenue, together with the shore rights adjacent thereto. This strip of ground and the 600-foot strip above mentioned, constitute the entire frontage on Lake Michigan owned by the City of Highland Park and held by it in trust for the public.

We believe that one of the first objects to be accomplished by a Park District should be to restore the strip of ground and street, some, 600 feet in length, between Beech Street and the Little Park at the foot of Ravine Avenue on Lake Michigan, and thereby give to the people a place where they can approach the shores of Lake Michigan without trespassing on private property. At the same time a most beautiful and complete driveway—once the charm of Highland Park—would be restored to the people.

This paper has opened its columns to the discussion of the establishment of the proposed Park District for the purpose of affording both sides an opportunity to be heard. We are heartily in favor of the establishment of the proposed Park District. We believe such an improvement to be vital interest of the City of Highland Park at the present time. We do not know what the future may have in store for our people with reference to the two strips of ground above mentioned, aggregating about 12,000 feet, now owned by the City. It is our firm conviction that this Lake frontage should be preserved, and preserved forever, beyond any possibility of alienation by the City or submergence by the waters of Lake Michigan.

These pieces of ground should be turned over to the Park District, if established. We sincerely believe that the City authorities will turn over said strips upon the creation of the Park District. It is true, the care and protection of these pieces of public ground may entail some small additional tax, which by law we are informed does not exceed four mills on the dollar of the assessment valuation. We know of no proposition before the people at the present time which will so greatly add to the attractiveness and natural beauty of our city as the creation of the proposed Park District for the purposes intended. We know of nothing that will create so great and permanent a benefit for all of our own people, and afford such permanent pleasure and enjoyment not only to our citizens but to the strangers who may from time to time visit us. We know of nothing that will tend to give greater value to the property of our City than the creation of this Park District. It is an improvement for the benefit of all the people of Highland Park, whether they live within the Park District or outside of it. We advocate the establishment of the District, and urge every citizen, who has the interest and welfare of the entire community and the upbuilding and beautifying of our City at heart, to turn out and vote on May 28th for the Park District.

We are pleased to note the improvement the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Road has made at Laurel Ave. Having a north and south platform the cars will stop before crossing the street thus complying with the city ordinance and helping much toward the safety of the public.

E. M. Laing has a good start toward paving Central Ave. It is a good thing to see the old blocks hauled away to make room for the more modern pavement.

**ILLINOIS INVENTORS**  
The following patents were issued this week to Illinois Inventors; reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C.

A. Aagaard, Elgin, fork and spoon kit, I. Anderson, Evanston, collapsible garment-hanger, T. E. Breyer, Waukegan, manufacturing cattle food, C. W. Broughton, Carlton, mail-pouch receiving and delivering apparatus for railway-cars, A. T. Birch, Riverside mortise nail, U. S. DeMoulin, Greenville, combined lifting and sparking machine, F. H. Feraud, Granite City, electric clock winding mechanism, L. C. Freeman, Elgin, breeching-strap fastener, M. J. Garland, Evanston, ash-sifter, H. M. Greener, Streator, paper-bag holder, S. S. Groves, Loraine, convertible ladder, E. W. Hanna, Milledgeville, self-lubricating axle-spindle, D. W. Hopkins, Goncola, egg-tester, J. A. Keck, Decatur, ironing-table, W. N. Luft, Tremont, folding crate, A. F. Meyer, Roanoke, elevating device.

Copies of the above patents will be sent to our readers upon receipt of ten cents, by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C., our special patent correspondents.

**TAG DAY RECEIPTS**

With final reports in from all but three small districts, the total returns from Tag Day amount to \$3,847.35 and it is expected that the districts may raise it to almost \$4,000, although they are small and their returns may not bring the total that high.

The expenses of the day amount so far to \$75. With this subtracted, the share of the Jane McAllister Hospital, the Tuberculosis Institute and the Lake Bluff Orphanage will each amount to \$1,257.45.

**TO BE HAPPY**

Don't worry; eat three square meals a day; say your prayers; be courteous to your creditors; keep your digestion good; exercise; grow slow and grow easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but my friend, these I reckon will give you a good lift.—Abraham Lincoln.

**ECHOES FROM THE PEACE CONGRESS**

At the Peace Congress held in Chicago last week Congressman Richard Bartholdt in his address said, "War Clouds always gather above Washington just before a vote is to be taken by Congress for more battleships, but after the appropriation is carried, invariably the war clouds disappear over night."

Since War decides not who is right, but only who is strong, it is difficult to understand how a moral being can conscientiously appeal to it except in self defense, after exhausting all peaceable means of settlement.  
—Andrew Carnegie.

**Old Hickory Chips**

Seems a pity it couldn't be arranged to have those ice gorges at Niagara in August.

The tariff revolutionists are not exceeding the speed limit.

If cartoons could kill those new hats would be dead ones.

Castro is giving an excellent imitation of a man without a country.

Several towns which have been looking for Carnegie libraries will have to give up their aspirations if the income tax becomes effective.

The young Turks marched up the hill, and then marched down again.

The Weather Bureau claims to be 85 per cent correct—but then it keeps its own score.

Turkey comes nearer going to pieces without going than any other country in the world.

Kansas threatens to elect William Allen White lieutenant governor, whether or no. What's the matter with Kansas.

If there were not so much tariff division, perhaps we should have more real, genuine tariff revision.

It begins to look as if those Senators favoring free lumber will have to be content with something like free knotholes.

Some counterfeit \$100 bills are reported to be in circulation. So, you see, the predatory rich have their troubles, also.

It seems to be up to the good housewives to make two biscuits grow nowadays where one grew yesterday, from a given amount of material.

Discussion is under way as to why Col. Roosevelt never patronized the national game at Washington. Possibly he did not care to see the batter handling the Big Stick.

Oh yes; and there is Prince Henry of Holland. Congratulations, prince! In the general hurrah over the baby, we were about to overlook you entirely.

Like Senator Aldrich, most of us would find new sources of revenue.

Holland has a little queneie just a few days old. Don't that beat the Dutch?

A painting that shocks Pittsburg must be enough to throw "Cultured Boston" into fits.

Isn't that sugar trust a dear, sweet thing?

A man is never too old and a woman is never too young to marry.

Among Mr. Roosevelt's most important discoveries in America may be mentioned a number of hospitable plantations equipped with all the modern comforts.

Mark Twain is accused of trying to revive the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy. Possibly he is right in assuming that the best way to dispose of the matter is to regard it as a joke.

Carrie Nation is going to have a farm in Arkansas. No breweries nor distilleries need seek to make contracts for her crops.

Uncle Joe Cannon is another reminder of the fact that nobody ever annihilated a statesman by hurling the epithet "czar" at him.

Even with the President looking on the Washington base ball nine was unable to defeat the Boston nine, but as he is as much the President of Boston as of Washington he probably felt no depression over the result.

E. H. Harriman is planning to go to Europe for rest. He gets most of the things he goes after, but rest is the exception which proves the rule.

Mr. Aldrich is having a good many "bad days" in the senate.

Public franchises belong to the people—not to the corporations that pay nothing for them.

There are even some Republicans who think that the tariff should be revised in the interest of the consumer.

What'll we do with the clothes lines when they lay out these airship routes?

Those who don't like the design of the new \$1,000 notes will have to grin and bear it.

Now and then Baltimore pauses to point out with pride to the fact that it once had a base ball club in the pennant winning class.

By some process of logic known only to political enthusiasm, some of Mr. Roosevelt's admirers will insist that his success in gathering in African lions leaves no doubt of his recall to the presidency.

The voice of the bleacher is heard in the land.

It looks as though Mr. Roosevelt might have found sufficient excitement by simply stopping off in Turkey.

Judge Landis, of \$29,000,000 fine fame, has now fined a man one cent. There was no appeal this time.

A cutting of freight rates will sound something like an uplift to the farmers.

It cost San Francisco \$1,000,000 to get rid of rats and fleas. But San Francisco knows the value of reform too well to hesitate at expense.

Now and then Paris assembles a "mob" merely out of compliment to tradition.

If the lions are correctly represented by the able African correspondents, they are just clamoring for the honor of being shot by the distinctive American near-chief.

Next comes the Playgrounds Congress. It will be given hearty welcome. We need to learn how to play.

**A Royalist Prayer.**—A Royalist divine, during the Protectorate, was in the habit of delivering the following quibbling prayer: "O Lord, who hast put a sword into the hand of thy servant Oliver, put it into his heart also, to do according to thy word." He would drop his voice at the word "also," and, after a significant pause, repeat the concluding sentence in an undertone.

**Convinced.**—You are charged with larceny. Are you guilty, or not guilty?  
"Not guilty, judge. I thought I was, but I've been talkin' to my lawyer, an' he's convinced me that I ain't."—Catholic News.

**Elizabeth Again.**—Local Elks are having a lot of fun with a member of their lodge, a Fourteenth Street Jeweler, says the Denver Post. The other day his wife was in the jewelry store when the 'phone rang. She answered it.

"I want to speak to Mr. H—," said a woman's voice.

"Who is this?" demanded the jeweler's wife.

"Elizabeth."

"Well, Elizabeth, this is his wife. Now, madam, what do you want?"

"I want to speak to Mr. H—."

"You'll talk to me."

"Please let me speak to Mr. H—."

The jeweler's wife grew angry. "Look here, young lady," she said, "who are you that calls my husband and insists on talking to him?"

"I'm the telephone operator at Elizabeth," came the reply.

And now the Elks take turns calling the jeweler up and telling him its Elizabeth.

**A SPRING TONIC**

*The Nantibus*, a monthly magazine published in Holyoke, Mass., by Elizabeth Towne, gives the entire front cover to those sentiments written by Edson Parker Hadley:

Get into the sunshine!  
Drink it in.  
Absorb it.  
Radiate it.  
The rays of happiness, like those of the sun are colorless when unbroken.  
Be a *Primum!*  
Let the purple of nobility—  
The red warning—  
The yellow of spirituality—  
The blue of health—  
And the violet of peace—  
Shine through YOU.

**DON'TS.**

Don't attempt to punish all your enemies at once. You can't do a large business with a small capital. Don't worry about another man's business. A little selfishness is sometimes commendable.

Don't imagine you can correct all the evils in the world. A grain of salt is not prominent in a desert. Don't mourn over fancied grievances. Bide your time and real sorrows will come. Don't throw dust in your teachers eyes. It will only injure the pupil. Don't worry about the ice crop; keep cool and you will have enough. Don't publish your acts of charity. The Lord will keep the account straight.  
MARK TWAIN.

**IN THE LAND OF EASE**

A northern man, who was traveling through the southern states of America, saw a dandy under a tree by the roadside on the edge of a field of corn. The negro was gazing lazily up through the branches, unmindful of a hoe which lay by his side, and of the weeds which grew luxuriantly in the cornfield.

"What are you doing?" asked the northern man.

"Ah'm out heah to hoe dat cohn," replied the dandy.

"Then what are you doing under the tree?" persisted the traveler. "Resting?"

"No, sah, Ah'm not resting," was the drawled out answer. "Ah'm not tired. Ah'm waitin' faw the sun to go down so Ah kin quit wuk."—Journal of Man.

The City has fixed for a special establishment in Highland Park somewhat of your own. The time the citizen called upon whether the Park district, the of Highland line to Ft. between the & Northw and Lake appointed He attend least one p mitted to establish feated. T years ago gretted th established part of th to the Cit under wat the public land Park.

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