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"NOTHING BUT A GREAT AND UNAVOIDABLE CAUSE CAN JUSTIFY WAR"

Since our last issue Memorial Day has come and gone. We have paid our respects to those patriotic heroes who fought the nation's battles in behalf of human freedom one half century ago. It was eminently fit that we should. But may we not also here with emphasis call attention to the words of President Benjamin Harrison, without in the least detracting from the gratitude justly due those who fought in the "cruel war."

"Let those who would die for the Flag on the field of battle give better proof of their patriotism and a higher glory to their country by promoting fraternity and justice."

We are also in this connection reminded of a speech made by Honorable Elihu Root at a banquet of the Peace Society of the City of New York last February.

"Peace can never be except as it is founded upon justice. And it rests with us in our own country to see to it that the idea of justice prevails, and prevails against the declamation of the demagog, against the interested exhortation of the politician, against the hot temper of the thoughtless and inconsiderate. If we would have peace, it is not enough to cry 'Peace! Peace!' It is essential that we should promote and insist upon the willingness of our country to do justice to all countries of the earth. In the exercise of those duties in which ambassadors of Great Britain, of Brazil and of Japan have played so great a part in the last few years in Washington, the great obstacles to the doing of things which make for peace have been not the wish of the diplomatist, not the policy of the government, but the inconsiderate and thoughtless unwillingness of the great body of the people of the respective countries to stand behind the man who was willing for the sake of peace and justice, to make fair concessions."

ANOTHER FOUNTAIN NEEDED

It has been suggested by several citizens who have their eyes open to necessary improvements of Highland Park, that a fountain be placed near the freight house as there are a great number of men and teams employed there. The two fountains which we now enjoy were donated. The one on Central near St. John's Ave. by W. B. White and that opposite the City Hall through the efforts of Miss Ruth Ewing. Who will be the next one to fall in line? Such gifts are a benefit to the public and a blessing to the donor.

PARK COMMISSION

The recent election for the organization of the Park District resulted in a victory for the promoters of the plan by a substantial majority. The County Judge has canvassed the returns and declared the district duly organized and the commissioners duly elected. While there was considerable difference of opinion prior to the election as to the merits of the proposed plan, the matter was fairly fought out at the polls and it is the duty of all good citizens to forget their differences and to give their support to the newly elected commissioners. The personnel of the commissioners and the fact that they represent different sections of the district are a guarantee that the affairs of the district will be economically and wisely administered and that each part of the district will receive its share of the improvements and benefits to flow from the organization of the district.

The creation of the Park District marks a decided step in advance in the history of Highland Park. If the commissioners move slowly and cautiously we have no doubt the improvements they will institute will amply justify the creation of the district. There is much work to be done, such as sprinkling of streets, the care and maintenance of park-ways, the planting of trees, the taking over of streets and the construction and maintenance of boulevards and public parks, the restoring of the submerged street connecting Ravine avenue with Beech street and the filling in and reclaiming of the shallow waters of the Lake opposite the public park at the foot of Central avenue and the restoration of the beautiful Ravine drive. It is not expected of course that the commissioners will do everything at once but it is believed that their conduct of the district affairs will vindicate the wisdom of their selection and the creation of the new district.

The following is the result of the election of Park Commissioners:
 Ward W. Willits, 169; Fred N. Baylies, 150; W. C. Egan, 148; Joseph L. Fearing, 141, Fred W. Cushing, 140.

A Fort Sheridan Romance

A Private Soldier bequeaths his death benefit to Miss Helen Gould for Charity.

No more interesting story to North Shore people has been given for a long time than that of the will of Private John James Bennett of Battery F, Fourth Field Artillery. The Will reads as follows:
 "To Miss Helen M. Gould, the friend of all soldiers, I hereby give and bequeath my death benefit, to be paid to her by the United States government and to be used by her, her heirs and assigns as she or they may see fit."

Bennett died a few weeks ago at the Fort and the will has been made known this week through a communication from Washington.

Every commissioned officer and soldier in the army, when his death occurs "in the line of duty," is permitted to designate some one to whom shall be paid his death benefit, the equivalent of six months' pay. Usually the money is paid to a near relative; sometimes to an army "pal" who has stood by and helped during his comrade's last illness.

But Bartlett, who was a private in Battery F, Fifth Field Artillery, had been in the Spanish war and had seen Miss Gould at Montauk Point when she took charge of affairs there and went down to the

camp in person to work for the wounded soldiers. Miss Gould has not been much in the public eye of late, but Bartlett had not forgotten.

Miss Gould has received word from the government of the facts in the case and she has replied in a letter of great appreciation and says that the money will be used to furnish a room in a new wing of the naval department of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association.

The new wing which has just been dedicated, is the gift of Mrs. Russell Sage. On the door of the "Bartlett room" there will be a bronze tablet bearing the soldier's name and giving the circumstances under which the room was furnished.

Highland Park Looks Up

The city of Highland Park is decidedly on the upgrade. Business is good and new department of trade are opening up the offices and stores of the Erskine bank building which for a time seemed to find no tenants are now being occupied and new stores are in course of building in the immediate vicinity of that building.

That property is growing in value is noticeable not only because new houses are going up in every part of the city but real estate agents are opening new quarters and all of them seem to be getting busy. The street improvements on West Central Ave. are increasing the value of property on that street and if all we hear is gospel there will be new buildings erected there soon and some of the old shacks removed.

Notice of Letting Contract

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received for the furnishing of all labor and materials necessary for the construction of a sewer in Skokie Avenue from a point eighty-eight feet east of the west corporate limits of the City of Highland Park, thence east along the center line of said Skokie Avenue and said center line extended east to and connecting with the public sewer in Green Bay Road (formerly known as First Street) together with manholes and house junctions as a whole, in accordance with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the 17th day of June A. D., 1909, at the hour of 7:30 p. m. at the office of the Board of Local Improvements in the City Hall of said city.

The specifications for such improvement and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the City Clerk of said City in the City Hall.

The contractor will be paid in bonds which bonds will draw interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park for a sum not less than ten (10) per centum of the aggregate of the proposal. Said proposals or bids must be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements in open session of said board at the time and place fixed herein for opening the same. No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by a check as herein provided.

The Board of Local Improvements reserve the right to reject any or all bids should they deem it best for the public good.

WILLIAM M. DOOLEY,
 President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.
 Dated June 3, A. D., 1909.

Notice for Letting Contract

Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received for grading, draining, curbing, paving with macadam and otherwise improving of the public alley running east and west through Block 18 in the City of Highland Park and said alley extended respectively into St. Johns Avenue and Sheridan Road as a whole, in accordance with the ordinance therefor. Said bids will be opened on the 17th day of June A. D., 1909, at the hour of 7:30

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Dramatic Notes

To those who have read George Barr McCutcheon's famous book, "Beverly of Graustark," the first dramatic presentation in Chicago, Sunday evening at the Studebaker, was an unusually pleasant surprise and those who had failed to read this interesting novel witnessed one of the most likeable and entertaining plays of many seasons. The dramatization was done by Robert M. Baker, a talented writer of considerable fame, and his stage story carried with it more enthusiasm and lively interest than any offering of the year. Sunday night's audience at the Studebaker applauded every act with enthusiasm which left no doubt regarding the immediate success of the play and the laughs were prolonged and frequent. The four acts fairly bristle with good, pungent, wholesome humor at which the most blasé could laugh, and laugh heartily, and throughout the evening the call for "author" and hand-clapping for the players was unmistakable in sincerity.

A. G. Delamater and William Norris, who produced "Beverly of Graustark" have given their offering the most elegant stage mounting of any play ever seen in Chicago and the picturesque principality of Graustark, with its wooded slopes, its rugged mountains, and its enchanted castles, seemed like a fairyland of romance and laughter. Jessie Busley, late star of "In the Bishop's Carriage," achieved a most notable triumph as "Beverly" and the members of her supporting company carried off a share of the glory entirely commensurate with the position in American stage artistry to which they are entitled.

Real Estate Transfers.

Estate of D R Holt, dec'd to W G Dickinson lots 22 and 23, blk 2, Holts sub, Lake Forest. W D \$1750.00
 Sarah A Higgins to Deutchen Evangelical St. Johannes Gemeinde lot 4, blk 13, Exmoor, Highland Park. W D \$1065.00
 N H Byam and wf to Maria H Byam S 103 ft B 203 ft lot 52, Highwood. W D \$5.00
 J W Byam and wf to N H Ayam S 103 ft lot N 203 ft lot 52, Highwood. W D \$3500.00
 Myra J Hubbard to Joseph Delhaye lots 3 and 4, Hubbards sub, Highwood. W D \$1000.
 Christian Hansen and wf to W S Miller lot 53, Green Bay Add, Lake Forest. Q C \$1.00
 State Bank of Lake Forest to W S Miller lot 53, Green Bay Add, Lake Forest. S W D \$750.00
 J C Ender and wf to Catholic Bishop of Chicago lots 29 to 33, blk 2, Deerfield Park. W D \$1.00
 Adam Dernbach and wf to Catholic Bishop of Chicago lots 26, 27 and 28, blk 2, Deerfield Park. W D \$1.00

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