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**Optimism vs. Pessimism.**

As we read the literature of today, one is prone to think that as a people we have all gone to the bad, or at least we are rapidly heading that way. That graft and greed, grinding monopoly and gross impurity have taken full possession of us. Not at all! We have just as intelligent men, just as great men, just as wise statesmen as we ever had. There is more charity, more philanthropy, more generosity, more of true Christianity than there has ever been before. We are naturally deceived by the fact that never before has wrong doing been so openly exposed, so condemned as it is in this land to-day. And if it is not as severely punished as it was a century ago, it is because we have become more cultured, more refined, more charitable, more after the similitude of the Christ. We must not become pessimistic. An ounce of optimism is worth more in the effort to better conditions than a pound of pessimism. We must continue to expose, to condemn, to punish wrong doing; but we must also continue to be patient, to be kind, to be charitable, to be forgiving and to do as we would be done by.

**Enforce Law or Repeal It**

If we mistake not there was an ordinance passed some years ago against riding bicycles on the sidewalks. At that time there were none or not more than one or two streets paved. The law was too drastic under the conditions: for not unfrequently the streets were too muddy to use a bicycle. For that reason a little later the ordinance was either modified or not rigidly enforced.

Now our streets are nearly all improved and there seems to be no reason why the bicyclists should not keep in the carriage drive and leave the sidewalk to the use of the pedestrians. When some thoughtless young man on his bicycle with its noiseless tread dashes past a person it is annoying especially if the person is a lady and in the evening.

**The Bible and Man.**

There is but one question and that is the Gospel—it can and will correct everything that needs correction. My only hope for the world is in bringing the human mind into contact with divine revelation.—Wm. E. Gladstone.

There are but two direct channels of communication between man and his God—the Bible and the instinctive soul longing. The one great source of "divine revelation" is the Bible. Deprive a child of Bible knowledge during his first twenty years and the chances are that he will never be interested in it. Nor is an hour's lesson once a week sufficient. The Bible must remain a prominent factor in our educational system whether public or private.

The great bugbear about the use of the Bible in our schools is the fear that some teacher will unwisely use it to proselyte. We have had more than the average opportunity to study this point. We have never, so far as we can recollect, known a teacher in public schools to make a direct or indirect use of the Bible to inculcate denominational beliefs. We have many times put the question to others, if they had known such instances and invariably received a negative answer.

But suppose it did sometimes happen that an injudicious teacher should make some unwise remark, shall we on that account banish from our educational system this first and greatest source of "divine revelation"?

**A Dangerous Sidewalk**

Two or three evenings ago an elderly man was walking on Sheridan Place eastward. When he reached the viaduct under the trolley tracks he suddenly fell striking his head on the cement walk. When the city put down the cement walk under the tracks recently, a 7-inch step was made in the walk just where the steps on the west side of the trolley lead down to the carriage drive. The man was partially blinded by the strong glare of the electric light before and a little above him and of course did not expect steps in a street sidewalk. It was almost a miracle that he was not seriously hurt. We fail to see why the sidewalk was not allowed, as before, to incline on the same grade as the drive. As it is, surely some gradual incline made of plank should take the place of the step lest there should happen some day a double calamity—somebody receive a sad injury and the city have a damage bill to pay.

**Lend a Hand.**

No city ever becomes beautiful by law. There must be a hearty co-operation of all the property owners individually, each making his own property neat and attractive. Where some do beautify their own premises and others do not, the untidy places take from the value of the others.

Of course a young city cannot become beautiful all at once. It takes time. But it is safe to say that the most unsightly spots in Highland Park are vacant lots owned by persons who do not live here; and who too often are holding the lots till the thrifty residents have increased their value. One of the unsightly features of the unimproved lot, if uncared for, is the growth of rank weeds.

These weeds, especially, the Canada thistle, the sweet clover, the burdock, and some others if allowed to grow along the streets, whether within or without the street boundaries, become a nuisance. They are almost certain to anchor all the scraps of paper by chance caught in the winds and thereby cause an unsightly appearance. But even worse; some of them especially the thistle and the burdock if allowed to mature, the seed by nature's arrangement is certain to scatter far and near much to the annoyance of people who try to keep their lawns clean and in neat condition.

Let every citizen "lend a hand" in making Highland Park the most beautiful city on the North Shore. Nature has done her part and made it possible for us to accomplish the rest.

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**Death of Wm. B. Wrenn**

Friends of Wm. B. Wrenn will be surprised to learn of his death which occurred Friday morning at six thirty. Mr Wrenn has been a great sufferer of late with stomach trouble and his death was not a surprise to his family. He was very prominent along the North Shore and in Chicago.

The funeral services will take place some time Monday morning at the residence on Oakwood ave. Rev. Columbus Polk Goodson, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will have charge of the service. The body will be laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery.

**Lake Co. Fair Not to Close**

On account of several light cases of scarlet fever in Libertyville report has become current that there will be no fair this year. In a conference with Mr. J. B. Morse, Secretary of the Fair, we learn that such is not the case.

The fair will take place and a splendid program has been provided which will be carried out as near as possible to the letter on Thursday, "The Big Day." The Highland Park stores will close.

**Moraine Bus Wrecked by Car.**

On Tuesday morning the Moraine automobile bus was struck by a south bound C. & M. E. car and badly damaged, to the extent of at least half its value. It was in charge of a licensed chauffeur, and he had just unloaded passengers at the Northwestern depot and had started on the return trip. The shrubbery at this place hides the cars from view and it was owing to this fact that the accident happened. The car smashed into the bus from behind and jammed the front end into a telegraph pole. The chauffeur jumped in time to save his life. Miss Grace Glidden, a guest at the Moraine, was the only passenger, and as she was in the back seat she kept her place and was uninjured. The accident has roused a great deal of comment relative to the clearing away of the shrubbery which makes the crossing a dangerous one.

**Grays Lake Reunion**

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fletcher attended the Soldiers' and Sailors' reunion at Gray's Lake this week and they report one of the best gatherings of the kind they ever attended. Grays Lake did itself proud as a city for entertainment, furnishing beautiful grounds, food and music for its visitors.

The speeches of the day were well received, Prof. Graham being the principal orator. He spoke at the camp fire and recited a great many pieces. A. K. Stearns and George Edmund Foss also made splendid addresses. Foss paid a glowing tribute to the Navy and what the sailor lads had done for our country. It was the note which made his speech so popular, as the Navy has been in past years forgotten on occasions of this kind. He also paid a glowing tribute to the Women who fought the battles of loneliness and care of the home while the soldier was away at the front.

**Exmoor Country Club.**

Below will be found a list of several events to occur at Exmoor Country Club during the next two months, submitted to members at this time so they may plan accordingly, and the Club be assured of a large attendance on each of the several occasions listed.

Tuesday, August 24—The Traffic Club will hold a tournament at Exmoor, giving a dinner to their members in the evening.

Saturday, August 28—Putting Contest for Women and Men, followed by a dinner-dance in evening.

Tuesday August 31—Association of Commerce tournament at Club House and Association Dinner in the evening.

Wednesday, September 1—The annual Children's Party will occur at the Club House; music, dancing, refreshments and novel entertainment will be provided for the afternoon.

Monday, September 6—The annual Labor Day events will occur during the day, followed by a dinner-dance in evening.

Saturday, September 11—"Get Together" Stag Dinner at Club House.

Tuesday, September 14—Glen View Match at Exmoor, followed by Stag Dinner in evening.

Saturday, September 18—Special dinner and dance in evening.

Saturday, October 2—Annual "Harvest Party."

Ignorance is bliss when a fellow kisses a girl and doesn't feel her cold nose.

Mrs. Frank R. Partridge of 340 Prospect Ave. gave a children's party last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Friese of Central avenue returned Monday from a trip to the Thousand Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans formerly of Highland Park will return here this fall for an indefinite stay.

Miss E. V. Wallenberg of Chicago is staying with Mrs. D. C. Purdy for the Damroch season.

Mr. David Mininger, one of the popular conductors of the C. & M. E. R. R., was married last Wednesday at Lake Forest to Miss Josephine Walsh of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Mininger have leased a new cottage on Glenview avenue from Mr. Gustave Leftert and will be at home after October 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLimont left last Tuesday for a short trip in the West.

A drunken sailor is generally wise enough not to cross a fairy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fagan of Green Bay Road are the happy parents of a son born Wednesday.

The Coroner's inquest over the body of Tom Boyle, who was struck by a Chicago & Milwaukee Electric car last Friday, was held in the undertaking parlors of Conrad & Larson at Waukegan. The jury after hearing the evidence exonerated the company from all blame. Mr. Boyle was taken to the Jane McAllister Hospital where he died from his injuries last Monday. He had just come over from England, being here about six weeks. The funeral services were held Wednesday morning in the Catholic church.

Relatives would be all right if they didn't have any.

Wm. Madison, "The Lone Fisherman," probably catches more fish with hook and line than any other fisherman on the North Shore. He recently made an unusual catch of a "Jack Salmon" measuring 18 inches.

Albert Larson, the wide awake news dealer, has taken himself off to Michigan this week. We received a card from him saying he was having a great time.

A man never knows how many enemies he's got until he makes a success of some undertaking.

Miss Hazel Simmers entertained about twenty of her young friends at a birthday party Tuesday evening. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were served. It was her 14th birthday anniversary. The young people had a most enjoyable time.

Some fellows get an awful jar when they're canned.

St. Peter Bros. were in Chicago Tuesday attending the L. N. A. convention at the Auditorium. They report a fine time and came home with a number of new ideas for doing good laundry work.

C. H. Woodruff, of the Highland Park plant of the North Shore Electric Co., has been transferred to the Evanston plant.

The worst thing about hot weather to a man's the fact that he can't keep his tobacco day in his back pocket; to a girl, the fact that her chamois skin doesn't work the way it ought to.

Prof. R. L. Sandwick announces the opening of the High School for Tuesday Sept. 7, instead of Monday, as Monday is Labor Day. Several improvements are being added to the building this year among which is a large dining Hall.

Miss Mary Sedgwick, 854 Sheridan Road is giving a house party to continue till Monday. The names of the guests are as follows: Mr. Hiram Cody, Helen Cody and Carroll Cody from Chicago and Mr. Robt. Baker and Mr. Cyler Baker from Manhattan, Illinois.

Wanted—The ladies of Highland Park to know that Mrs. Bohl is selling the Hoosier Kitchen Cabinets, the best and handiest kitchen cabinets on the market today. The American Lady Corsets in all the latest styles. The Fall Quarterly Style Book including one 15c Ladies' Home Journal Pattern free for 20c. The Fall Quarterly is full of all the latest fashions of the day. Call and get a copy at the Ladies' Bazaar, No. 11 St. Johns Ave.

Don't forget that a pinhead is perfectly harmless.

J. F. Curtis won the blind bogey handicap ball sweepstakes at the Exmoor Golf Club with a score of 80 plus 1, 90, hitting the exact number drawn. Second and third prizes were divided by W. J. Louderbach, A. E. Anderson, D. S. Keily, E. P. Cobb, G. E. Marcey and R. R. Gilkey.

Mrs. W. W. Willets gave a dinner last Saturday evening to a limited number of guests.

Mrs. W. C. Egan entertained at dinner last Sunday; covers were laid for ten. The decorations were green and white.

Mr. Herbert R. Smith, who is visiting at his home in Corning, expects to return to Highland Park Sept. 5th.

"I've noticed," says Mrs. Pestus, "that most old maids deserve their fates. I never saw one yet that could cook a hamburger."

There will be an entertainment at the Moraine Hotel Friday, Sept. 3rd, for the benefit of the relief work of St. Mary's Mission of the Episcopal Cathedral. The program is to be in charge of Burr McIntosh, who will bring with him some rare talent and it will be worth while the time and money to attend. The price will be, adults \$1.00 and children 50c.

Miss Kathleen Paine, of this city, with thirty of her pupils, enjoyed a picnic at Lake Forest Park last Tuesday afternoon. Miss Paine is an instructor in French and music.

A son was born, Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Daggitt of Ravinia.

Mrs. Hess-Burr of Rogers Park was the guest, on Saturday, of her pupil, Miss Estelle Clark.

Wilbur Hundley, who has been on the sick list the past week, returned to work last Monday.

Rev. C. P. Goodson has been spending the week at Winona. He will be in his pulpit Sunday morning.

Mr. Wm. Knigge, postmaster at Rockefeller, was a visitor in Highland Park Friday. He called to pay his respects to Postmaster A. W. Fletcher. He is very much pleased with the appearance of Highland Park.

Mr. F. W. Cushing and daughter left for a trip to Macanaw, Michigan, to spend Sunday. They will return some time Monday.

There were to be 13 guests at the table and Mrs. Jones was very much worried. "Don't mind that, dear," said her husband. "You surely are not superstitious."

"No, that isn't the trouble," said his wife. "But you know we have only a dozen knives and forks."

A. A. Moses is sending out a circular this week announcing some wonderful bargains he has to offer. It will pay you to watch for it.