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**Ravine Avenue Improvement.**

It begins to look as if the long desired and much needed improvement of Ravine avenue is about to materialize. It is true there is some dissatisfaction over the assessment, and it does appear quite too expensive for the kind of improvement adopted. The criticisms so far as we have heard, are not only as to the total amount but as to inequalities in spreading the assessment. From our stand point we prefer not to enter into the discussion of the question of total amount or relative distribution among the different owners holding property fronting on the avenue. We prefer instead to allow, if desired, the columns of the *News-Letter* to be used in discussion of the whole question so be it the discussion is carried on in a judicial spirit. Personally we should be very sorry not to see the Avenue improved at once in a substantial manner, and TO THE LAKE FRONT. We simply add that there should be no temptation to slight the job nor on the other hand, to tempt graft or any other dishonesty.

**Those Unsightly Poles**

Some three years ago if we remember correctly we were told that arrangements were being made to have the unsightly wire bearing poles removed and all wires put under ground. We have very patiently waited. So far we have discovered no signs of the promise being carried out. Great changes have been made in the last half dozen years in improving the streets and generally beautifying the city, and it has been done at great cost to the property owners, and now the tax payers have voted a large sum of money to still further beautify the city. Why then should these unsightly poles still disgrace our streets? We are not aware that any company or companies have bought any franchise rights of the city; that they are paying any revenue for the privilege of using public property. On a certain street corner not far from the center of Highland Park many thousands of dollars have been spent in improvements. But just at the street angle a huge unsightly pole stands. Not only is it an eye sore in itself, but it is made still more objectionable by being used constantly as a "bill-board." We do not accuse the owner or owners of purposely disfiguring the streets; or to furnishing an opportunity for such disfiguring. The poles were put there years ago when there was excuse for it and when they were less ob-

jectionable. Very likely in like circumstances the rest of us would do the same thing. Will not our public officials ask to have them now removed and oblige the citizens.

**Those Unsightly Bill Boards**

In a recent issue of the *News-Letter* we called attention to the "unsightly bill boards." We now have put to us a question which we more than half anticipated and in the former article hinted at least one answer.

We will now answer it further by first asking another question. Does not every tax assessor assess property with an eye to its real value; and does not its real value depend largely upon what revenue can be derived from it? A man may purchase an acre lot in the center of a rapid growing village or city. He may refuse to sell at a reasonable price, knowing it will continue to rise. He may also line it on all sides with bill boards and reap a rich rental and at the same time make his lot an eye sore to all the owners of adjoining properties. Is there no way to reach him? If it can be shown in court that it is a nuisance; that is one way. But is there any reason why that lot should not be heavily taxed on the score of the large revenue it brings to the owner? But we do not anticipate the necessity of using any unpleasant measures to secure the prompt removal of what is objectionable to the public. If it is understood that the general public do not want the bill boards we haven't the slightest doubt, but the answer will cheerfully remove them. The same will hold true of the electric poles.

**The International Movement Against Alcohol.**

Many years ago when living in one of the eastern states, we were delivering a lecture against the liquor traffic when the thought came to us that there was a law in that state requiring that every druggist, when he sold any poisonous drug, should paste a label on the bottle, box or package containing the poison, having on it the skull, crossbones and the word *poison*. There was a clause in the law imposing a heavy penalty for neglect to comply with the statute.

As every substance containing alcohol in whatever form, or by whatever name it may be called, is a poison and is so declared by every reputable toxicologist; it occurred to us that consistency, let alone still strange reasons should compel the liquor dealer to make use in like manner of the small sign to show that the goods he was dealing out, whether wine, beer, brandy, whiskey or even hard cider was a poison.

Query what would be the natural effect on, we will say a moderate drinker every time he lifted a glass of liquor to his mouth he should see staring at him the skull, crossbones and in bold letters the word *poison*.

Along the same line we quote the following from the April number of the *Record of Christian Works*.

It rains good news nowadays for the enemies of alcohol, and the news is often of an unexpected sort and from unexpected quarters. Here, for example:

The Duma has ordered that the imperial eagle which is over the entrance of every government drinkshop in Russia shall be taken down and in its place a skull shall be put up. This is very sensible and consequent. All other poisons are labeled in this way and none do a fraction of the injury to society that alcohol does. "Licensed to sell intoxicating (i. e. toxic) liquors," appears in

small letters over the doors of Boston drinkshops. "Licensed to sell poisonous drinks," would be more intelligible. Even more effectively educative would this be in large letters, "Kelly, Burke & Shea, Licensed Poisoners."

Still more practical is the Duma's proposal to put on every bottle with price and per cent of alcohol a statement of the high toxicity of the drink it contains. This plan should be immediately adopted by the United States Congress. The new science should get to the people and especially to the drinking people of America as soon as possible and if not via the press, via the bottle label.

**The World Moves.**

This seems to be a wonderful age of organization. New societies, new combinations of men and women and even of the school children, are springing up every day.

And now comes "The short Ballot" Organization. It starts out with a strong heading on backing whichever it may be.

Woodrow Wilson is President, and such men as Ben B. Lindsey, Winston Churchill, Horace E. Duning, and Clinton R. Woodruff are among the Vice Presidents. They start with the theory that, the more elaborate and complexing you have politics the fewer the people who can afford the time and energy take part.

Much electing, therefore, leads toward oligarch—the rule of the few.

The simpler you make politics the more easily and the more surely will the whole people take part. Simplification, therefore, leads toward the rule of the many—democracy.

The long ballot is the politicians' ballot. The short ballot is the people's ballot.

From this theory they formulate the following:—

The "Short Ballot" principle is—First—that only those offices should be elective which are important enough to attract (and deserve) public examination.

Second—That very few offices should be filled by election at one time, so far as to permit adequate and unconfused public examination of the candidates.

Obedience to these fundamental principles explains the comparative success of democratic government in the cities of Great Britain and other foreign democracies, as well as in Galveston, Des Moines and other American cities that are governed by "Commissions."

The application of these principles should be extended to all cities, counties and States.

**Practical School.**

Down near Rome, Georgia, is a very interesting institution. About seven years ago, if we mistake not a Miss Berry had inherited a small tract of land. With that self-sacrificing spirit so often born of women, she conceived the idea of using this tract of land for a practical school where the poor and uneducated mountain boys could get at least a modest education and at the same time learn farming and the mechanical arts to some practical extent. Through Miss Berry's earnest, courageous and indefatigable efforts the school has grown and grown and far out-grown all its earlier conditions. Today those young men who at home were growing up without knowledge, without ability, without ambition are now being moulded into self-supporting and intelligent citizens.

It costs to support a young man in this institution about \$100 00 a year. The young men are required to raise one half of it and the rest Miss Berry raises by solic-

iting help from those who are able to help. As the institution increases in numbers the demand for larger accommodations and more equipment increases. We believe some of our good citizens could go a long way to find a place where \$50 00 would do more good than it would in the hands of Miss Berry.

**Illinois Versus Missouri.**

A Missourian informed a traveler, who had inquired about corn that each stalk had nine ears on it and fifteen feet high.

"That's nothing compared to our corn," replied the other quickly. "Up in Illinois, where I came from, we always had nine ears to each stalk, and a peck of shelled corn hanging to each tassel; but we never could raise any field beans with it."

"Why?" ask the Missourian.  
"Because," nodded the other, "the corn grew so fast that it pulled the beans up."

This reminds us of a New Englander's report of the wonderful fertility of Illinois made some sixty years ago. He returned home and in substance narrated his experience as follows:—"I went out one morning into a little patch of potatoes of some fifty acres and as I strolled along I kept hearing a faint noise. I stopped and put my ear down to the ground and I could distinctly hear the little potatoes quarreling, and the big ones swearing at them to lay still and stop crowding. On another occasion I saw a squash seed suddenly burst up and the vine chased a drove of pigs over a half mile. They ran and squealed as if the old boy was after them. Unluckily one little pig fell down and could not be found. The next fall when the crops were being gathered the pig was found inside the squash vine."

**Highwood News.**

**HIGH PRAISE FOR HIGHWOOD.**

**Law and Order League Secretary Says There Is No Cleaner City on the North Shore.**

"There is not a cleaner city on the north shore than Highwood."

This was the statement made last Saturday by the Rev. Thomas R. Quayle, secretary of the Lake County Law and Order league, who declared that nearly all the buildings formerly used by blind pigs now are rented to reputable business concerns. Mayor Severson and Chief of Police Kenry are credited for many of the improvements.

"The credit of Highwood also has improved," he said. "All the old debts have been paid. The curfew law is an other thing that should be praised."

**PROGRAM OF ARBOR DAY**

**Exercises of the Highwood Grammar School.**

Roll call answered by Arbor Day sentiments; Recitation, A Spring Welcome, Dick Peters; Recitation, Spring Song, Ruth Cummings; Recitation, April, Tom Morren; Reading, The Governors Proclamation, Chas. Conorton; Recitation, To the April Violet, Willie Rettig; Arbor Day Song, School; Recitation, April Faries, George Rettig; Recitation, What do we plant when we plant a tree, Earl Brady; Song, We Love the Grand Old Tree, School; Recitation, Arbor Day, Isabel Huestis, Reading, State Supt. of Public Instructions Proclamation; Recitation, An April Welcome, Phillip Siegle; Recitation, What I hear in April, Estelle Conorton; Song, We Plant Trees, Committee; Recitation, The Blue Jay, Frances Siegle; A Representation of Woodman and seven Trees by 8 pupils; Recitation, The Arbor Day Tree, Hughes Morren; Reading, Hilda Bloomquist; Song, Keep on the Sunny Side, School; Reading, Arbor Day, Forest Cummings; Song, After School, Bessie Yager; Recitation, Paul Muilik; Recitation, An

ipation, Axel Carstensen; Recitation, Frank Williams; Song, Help it On, School; The Heart of a Tree, Ellen Agan; Recitation, Bert Peters; Recitation, After planting, Theodore Broten; Sing, America, School. Adjourned to urd and planted a Walnut tree with appropriate ceremonies. The Highwood hool should be congratulated upon their interesting program and their great interest taken in the exercises.

**Fort Sheridan News**

The first battalion of the 27th, Infantry returned from their three week's hike Tuesday.

Major B. J. Morse has returned from the Southern part of the State where he has been on a tour of inspection.

Mrs. Wm. Brooks of Lake Forest give a charming card party to the women of the post on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Frances Brinckle who has been the guests of Col. and Mrs. E. T. Brown, has returned to her home in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Brown has been called to Maine on account of the illness of Col. Brown's mother.

Mrs. B. C. Morse entertained the ladies Bridge Club on Thursday of last week.

Lieut. and Mrs. Burt Phillip and child have returned from Cleveland, O. here they have been visiting at the home of Lieut. Phillips parents.

Major and Mrs. McDonald gave a reception on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Patton and Miss Patton of California, and Miss Ayer of Boston.

Mrs. Orborne has returned to the post.

Lieut. W. P. Moffet is entertaining his mother and father from Ohio.

The engagement of Lieut. Patton to Miss Ayer has been recently announced. Miss Ayer is visiting Mrs. Patton at the home. The wedding will take place in May.

Mrs. Franks is visiting in Cleveland, for a week.

Major and Mrs. W. H. Chatfield are enjoying a visit in Washington.

We regret to hear that Miss Amy Holard is ill with the grippe.

The sudden death of Lieut. Col. Carter at Hot Springs, Arkansas, came as a great shock to the post people. Mrs. Carter and her daughter have returned to the post and are with Mrs. Seigle.

**Real Estate Transfers**

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MASONIC TEMPLE BUILDING  
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS  
Louis J. Gurnee, Sec'y.  
APRIL 18, 1910  
Everts Wrenn and wife to Fritz Bahr, lots 3 and 4, blk 6, Wrenn's Add, Highland Park. W D \$2500.00  
APRIL 20, 1910  
Fletcher Lumber Co. to Stephen Yates, 1/2 lot 3, blk 2, Wrenn's Add, Highland Park. Q C \$500.00  
APRIL 21, 1910  
Stephen Yates and wife to A W Fletcher 1/2 lot 3, blk 2, Wrenn's Add, Highland Park. Q C \$1.00  
N H Byam to Gertrude Byam S 103 ft N 203' ft lot 52, Highwood. W D \$1.00  
APRIL 22, 1910  
C W Stoker and wife to Herbert Moon N 50 ft lot 2, blk 14, Highland Park. W D \$1.00  
APRIL 23, 1910  
W R Ruffner and wife et al to W C Gorell, part lots 3 and 4, Oakmont sub, Highland Park. Q C \$1.00  
Estate of Dennis Sullivan (dec'd) to Margaret Sullivan, N 50 ft S 70 ft, lot 5, McDaniels sub, Highland Park, and S 50 ft lot 7, Driscolls sub, in McDaniels sub. Q C \$1.00

**LEGAL NOT**

**SPECIAL ASSES NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given interested that the City of Highland Park, Co. and State of Illinois, having Ravine Avenue, in said City of Highland Park, from the easterly line of Ravine Avenue, easterly to a point hundred feet easterly from the line of Forest Avenue, be ed, curbed, and paved macadam, provided with bridge, and otherwise im- dinance for the same being office of the City Clerk of having applied to the of Lake County for an the costs of said improve- to benefits, and an asse- having been made and r Court, the final hearing had on the 9th day of M or as soon thereafter as the Court will permit. Said assessment is paya- installments, with interest five (5) per cent per ann- installments, from and af- voucher issued for work- sons desiring may file obj- Court before said day, a- on the hearing and make- CHARLES D. Officer appointed to ma- ment. Dated at Highland Park, 22, 1910.

**BOY WITH BROKEN**

**Ten-Year-Old Brooklyn After Lying Nine Plaster Cast**

New York, Mar. 16.—at the Soney hospital of the recovery of Louis G. old Brooklyn boy, who there a year ago with caused by a fall from. Near death for weeks, months, passed with h- in a plaster cast, he is again.

**NEWS ILLIN**

Rock Island.—Notice sued from the head off- ern Woodmen of Am here, that for the first the membership of t- passed the million ma- shows 1,015,569 benefi- good standing on Ju- \$1,625,000,000 insuranc- the society reports 3- uninsured members, m- total membership 1,05- port places the Moder- America at the head- ance organizations do- the United States in- policy holders, and bu- company shows a larg- surance in force.

Evanston.—"England beautiful places and points of interest, but me Evanston every- nothing on the othe- ocean that can beat- it." So said Joseph E- of Evanston, when h- to legal work in hi- month's absence, in v- Springfield.—Adj- who was recently for appendicitis, w- while he was doing r- has been removed, fro- his home. He will re-