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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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nd, \$10,658; street and alley fund,
\$90; street lighting fund, \$8,100; public
library, \$2,100; bonded indebtedness,
\$747; general and contingent fund,
\$000. Total, \$50,965.

Viaduct Ordinance
With only Alderman Kimble voting
against the ordinance, as published in
other columns of this paper, governing
the Laurel Avenue subway was passed.

Report of Fire and Water Committee
That the city contract with the village
Deerfield to furnish that village its
supply of water at the rate of 10c per
100 cubic feet, the village to pay all costs
making connections. That \$68 be ap-
propriated for the purpose of purchasing
2-foot and 2 1/2 foot meter boxes and
connections.

That the bill against A. W. Fletcher be
reduced from \$114.53 to \$90.00 subject to
immediate payment. That the bill against
F. Payton be reduced from \$19.32 to
\$4.32. That the bill against A. W.
Frong be reduced from \$24.10 to \$19.10,
subject to immediate payment.

Street and Alley Committee Report
That 24 street signs to cost \$3.16 each
be ordered. That 500 feet of sidewalk
be built in Ravinia before cold
weather. A request for further time for
consideration of repairs on Prospect
venue at bluff.

Finance Committee Report
Recommended that \$57.24 be taken
from miscellaneous and contingent fund
to meet deficit in special assessment
fund. Appropriate \$50.00 for incidentals
City Clerk's office.

Sidewalk Ordinances
Ordinances calling for the laying of
sidewalks on the following streets
were passed: Dean Avenue from Cary
Cedar; west side of Green Bay Road
100 feet south from Deerfield Avenue;
east side of Waukegan Avenue from
Deerfield Street north 1000 feet; north
side of Orchard Street from St. Johns to
Waukegan; south side of Maple from
Deerfield 225 feet east. There were many
objections to the Dean Avenue walk but
the council deemed it a needed improve-
ment.

With Alderman Kimble, Fearing and
Waters voting against an ordinance
calling for a sidewalk on the west side of
the Avenue from Central to Prospect
venue was withdrawn. This was the third or-
dinance passed within twelve months
concerning this particular spot. At the
time the first ordinance was passed Mr.
Waters, owner of property on the corner
Central and Dale, complied with the
ordinance and it was decided to ask the
property owners who object to building
the sidewalk to reimburse Mr.
Waters. Alderman Doty will interview
the property owners regarding the laying
of a sidewalk on the west side of Linden Ave-
nue from 166 feet south of Prospect 220
feet.

Other Proceedings
A communication was received from
R. D. F. Kelly stating that the excava-
tion on the Catholic Church property on
North Green Bay Road would be filled at
once.

An incandescent light was ordered
placed in front of the D. C. Fete residence
on Waukegan Avenue.

Alderman Fearing requested that the
seats in the council room be changed to
their old position up and down the room,
giving a view of the visitors as well as
of the Mayor.

Police Magistrate Boylan's report show-
ing a total of \$83.40 collected as fines and
turned over to the city during July.

YOUTH IN COLLEGE
Success Depends on Individual Character
Exemplified in "Putting It Over,"
Olympic, Chicago

Survival of the fittest in college educa-
tion is proven in "Putting It Over," the
college comedy now playing to big
audiences at the Olympic Theatre, Chi-
cago. Lee Arthur and Frank Hatch, the
stars of the play, in an amusing way
show that after all it is the personal
qualifications of each student which
determine his proper groove of life.
It so transpires that James Bagby, who
enters college with the avowed intention
of becoming a minister, fails in his chosen
line and blossoms out as a sporting
boy of a live dailly. Launcelet Jones,
a youth to dunk in a class of forty-
two, considered the biggest blockhead by
fellow students, develops into an in-
fluential banker with wealth enough to
buy and sell his former college mates.
Nikolai Petroff, the brightest student in the
college, finds himself in the employ of
a boy, in the capacity of chauffeur, a
position magnanimously given him, by his
father in an hour of need. The
college love story which runs through
"Putting It Over" deals with Ross Sterling,
a student, who forsakes his profes-
sion to play professional ball, to win the
hand of Ruth Noel. No play presented
this season contains more heart interest
and comedy than this play.

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MISS FRANCES INGRAM, Contralto



APPEARING IN GRAND OPERA AT RAVINIA PARK

MAY SUE CITY FOR FIRE LOSS

Owners of Ice House Burned Thursday Night Claim City did not Furnish Adequate Protection

SECOND ICE HOUSE DESTROYED

Property of Jas. Bowden Burned Friday. Now is a Good Time to Subscribe to the Truck Fund

Claiming inadequate fire protection, F. D. Gallagher and Oscar Larson, proprietors of the Highland Park Ice Co., are consulting lawyers with the intention of bringing suit against the city to recover all or part of the loss, estimated at \$7,000, in the fire Thursday night, which destroyed their ice house and several hundred tons of ice and a barn belonging to August Benson, rented and used as a livery by J. J. Minds of Chicago.

The buildings were located south of Laurel Avenue between Green Bay Road and McGovern Street, the ice house being about forty feet from the barn where the fire started. Mr. Gallagher claims that had the fire department arrived in time the ice house would have been saved.

The fire was discovered by Edward Conrad who, from his home on McGovern Street, saw smoke coming from the barn window. Mr. Conrad called to the members of the family asking them to notify the fire department and then ran to the barn intending to liberate the horses which he thought were there. At this time he was the only person present and being unable to open the barn he ran to the station house to learn what was delaying the department. At the station he found the doors closed, but not locked, as has been reported, and no firemen present. Calling Central he asked if the alarm had been turned in and was told that the operator had called the park where most of the volunteer firemen were celebrating Highland Park Day. After this Mr. Conrad and Bert Brand pulled the truck from the station and then ran to the scene of the fire where they notified Rolly Bleimel, John Conrad, Winnie Zimmer and all the men in the neighborhood who were not busy protecting their own property and with these men returned to the station and pulled the truck to the alley at Laurel Avenue. Being inexperienced in the handling of hose they were unable to make the connection and it was not until the arrival of the first firemen, variously estimated at from thirty to forty minutes after the alarm was telephoned, that water was being thrown on the fire. At this time the barn was almost completely burned but the claim is made that the ice house had not caught. With the arrival of more firemen two leads of hose were put in use but by this time the fire had attacked the second building. At this time the Highland Department was notified and shortly after ten o'clock an automobile drawn by a horse and carrying several firemen arrived. With this assistance the fire was controlled but not until it had completely gutted the ice house, leaving only three walls standing. Nearby residences were saved by the occupants who mount-

ed the roofs and kept them soaked by using their garden hose. During the progress of the fire telephone messages were received from Supt. Bock of the Milwaukee Electric and Manager Lowrie of Ravinia Park offering additional hose if needed. Officer Rechtenwald received the first message but whoever answered Mr. Lowrie's call at the police telephone did not report the offer. However, the hose would have been of little use as the firemen experienced difficulty at first in getting sufficient pressure to properly operate the four leads which they had working after the arrival of the High-wood department.

Mr. Gallagher places the loss of his company at about \$7,000; \$5,000 representing the loss on the building and the balance covering 300 of the 400 tons of ice which was stored in it. It was not insured. It is understood that Mr. August Benson, who lately moved to Holton, Mich., had his property fully insured. Mr. J. J. Minds, who rented the barn, is a Chicago liveryman and his loss is represented by four rigs, several sets of harness and a quantity of feed, fully insured under a policy which also protects several horses which are in his Chicago barns as well as the horse and rig which is kept for local use and which he was driving at the time of the fire. Mr. Minds, it is understood left the barn at about seven-thirty.

Many persons who know that the city pays a fireman and that this man or his substitute is supposed to be at the station at all times wondered why he was absent Thursday night and many others are asking why the fire whistle, which the city possesses, was not blown. The fireman, having worked a year, was allowed a two weeks' vacation and the officials were unable to find a man who would keep the job. Two tried it for a few days but decided that it was too monotonous. The fire whistle, following the failure of the fire alarm system, was placed at the Reliable Laundry, as was stated in THE PRESS at the time, and it will do its duty whenever there is steam to operate it which is about ten hours a day except Sunday and holidays.

The Second Ice House Fire
Shortly after eleven o'clock Friday night the firemen were called to the Bowden ice house which is located at the foot of the hill and north of Central Avenue. The fire had gained such headway before the alarm was turned in that the department could do nothing and the building and contents, about fifty tons of ice, were a total loss. It was owned by Mrs. Jane Mills and rented by James Bowden.

MUCH SMOKE, LITTLE FIRE

Department Breaks Record on Extinguishing Burning Tar Wagon

With only a tar wagon, in the rear of Larson's store, on fire the firemen were able to locate a horse to pull the truck and get to the fire in less than five minutes at about ten o'clock this morning. The burning tar sent up clouds of smoke and caused plenty of excitement but there was no need of the firemen's services.

FREE SPACE TO CHURCHES

County Fair Officials Offer Societies Opportunity to Make Money

The Lake County Agricultural Board offers free to all church and fraternal societies space and privilege for serving meals during the coming fair, September 3 to 6. Application for space should be made to Ray L. Hubbard, Secretary, Libertyville, at an early date.

NEW QUESTION DELAYS SUBWAY IMPROVEMENT

COUNCIL HOLDS A SPECIAL MEETING

Advance in Assessed Valuation May Make Bond Issue Possible and Save Money

Tuesday night the members of the city council met at the city hall to discuss the question of financing the Laurel Avenue Subway improvement, a question raised by Alderman Kimble at the time the ordinance was passed. Since that meeting information has been obtained by City Clerk Warren from the County Clerk which gives the present assessed valuation of the city as \$1,748,640, an increase of over \$60,000 over the old figure. With this addition it is possible for the city to issue bonds to an amount covering the cost of the improvement and by paying cash effect a considerable saving in the matter of discounts which are usual when the contractor is paid in bonds. The entire matter has been referred to the City Attorney for an opinion.

Improvement Board Meets

Following the meeting of the council, at a meeting of the Board of Local Improvements and the property owners on Sheridan Road between Roger Williams and St. Johns Avenues, the question of improving that portion of the thoroughfare was discussed and the Commissioner of Public Works instructed to prepare an estimate covering the cost. Many of the property owners are in favor of a permanent improvement provided the city improves one or more parallel roads, supplying additional thoroughfares for the heavy automobile traffic. Two routes were suggested Tuesday night and it is probable that an ordinance will be introduced at the next council meeting for the immediate improvement of one of them. The first suggestion is to improve Lincoln Avenue from Beech to Cedar and Cedar from Lincoln to Sheridan Road; the second covers St. Johns from Lincoln to Cedar, an improvement already in court, St. Johns, Cedar to Ava; Ava, St. Johns to Judson; Judson, Ava to Roger Williams.

COMPLETE REPAIRS ON SHERIDAN ROAD

EIGHT MILE STRETCH IS IMPROVED

Work Undertaken by Improvement Association in This City and Glenview. Cost \$16,000

Temporary repairs to about eight miles of Sheridan Road from Highland Park to Glenview, which were undertaken by the Sheridan Road Improvement Association, have just been completed at a cost of approximately \$15,000.00, according to the statement of President Edwin L. Lobdell.

Until the temporary repairs were made, said Mr. Lobdell, "it was practically impossible to drive to Ravinia Park, despite the fact that the country traversed is the most picturesque, perhaps, of all that in the environs of Chicago, skirting the lake for the thirty-three miles from Chicago to the Naval Station. Splendid as are the possibilities of such a highway, they have been completely squandered in the divisions of authority under which the road has been maintained. Every village board has had a separate and distinct method of maintenance, which was largely no maintenance at all. The result is seen in the condition of the road before the repair work was attempted.

Under the present system property owners are taxed to build the road and a few years later they are taxed to build it again. No adequate maintenance has ever been attempted. If it were taken over by the Lincoln Park Commission, the fine road making organization of that body, could keep the drive in good condition at a slight cost. Chicago has recently turned over its section of Sheridan Road lying between Devon and Foster Avenues to the Lincoln Park Board. The Park Board promptly accepted this new responsibility. It is interesting to notice that the value of property along that portion of the road which was recently turned over to the Lincoln Park Board has increased—in some cases to the extent of \$50.00 a front foot. This is something of an offset to the fears of property owners that the special assessments for a reconstruction of the road will be burdensome.

The necessity for some real improvement of the road is shown by the situation in Evanston. In one place in Evanston, Sheridan Road is 'lost' for several blocks. The property owners nearby are willing to dedicate sufficient land to the Lincoln Park Commission to straighten out the tangled road. This is an evidence of the attitude of the people along the road toward the improvements we advocate."

NEWS NOTES OF NEARBY CITIES

Items of Interest Concerning our Neighbors as Told in the Local Papers. Lotus Plants Soon in Bloom

\$5,000 FOR SHERIDAN ROAD

Waukegan and Kenosha get Adverse Reports on Lake Water. Kills Companion With Shot Gun

\$5,000 for Sheridan Road

Kenosha County is to do its share toward the completion of the Sheridan drive between Milwaukee and Chicago. Thursday night under the direction of the Kenosha Automobile club, \$5,000 was paid into the town treasury of Pleasant Prairie and Somers for the improvement on the lake shore road through the county.

Two Injured by C. & M. E.

Two persons had narrow escapes from death Saturday night when the automobile in which they were riding was demolished by a Chicago & Milwaukee electric car at Elmwood Avenue, Wilmette.

J. J. Weber, 1303 Gregory Avenue, Wilmette, a painting contractor and driver of the automobile, was thrown fifty feet by the collision and incurred several bruises on arms and body. His son, Max, who was riding with him, also was thrown and was cut on the face and arms.

Kills Companion With Shot Gun

As a result of a violent quarrel the two friends had at Pistache Lake, near Fox Lake late Friday night, over the division of a string of fish which the two men had caught, Gust Anderson, known as Shorty Anderson, of Chicago, aged 40 years, is dead while his companion, Charles Bjornsen is in the county jail charged with murder in the first degree. The men had been the best of friends for several years and had fished and hunted in the Fox Lake region together.

Anderson, the murdered man, who was a giant nearly 7 feet in height, had the best of the argument, but Bjornsen nursed anger in his bosom and about 9 o'clock last night, while Anderson was asleep in his tent in their camp along Pistache Lake, Bjornsen crept upon him and as he slept poured three shots from a heavy 12-gauge shot gun into his body. Two of the shots took effect and death was instantaneous.

Lotus Plants Soon in Bloom

The famous lotus beds in Grass Lake are expected to be in full bloom within the next few weeks and, according to persons who have inspected them, they will be as extensive and beautiful as in former years. Owing to the high water it was thought for a time that the beds would not be in blossom this year.

Two Reports on Lake Water

Kenosha Dr. J. J. McShane of Kenosha has received word from the state hygiene laboratory at Madison, that the water provided patrons of the Kenosha Water company is polluted. The report recommends that a filtration plant be installed as it is thought that the evil cannot be overcome by extending the intake pipes further into the lake.

Waukegan As a result of several tests of lake water that have been made here, Commissioner E. V. Orvis, who is the head of the water works department here, has about reached the conclusion that an extension of the intake would not give the city unpolluted water. His latest reason for thinking this is the result of a test made of water secured in fifty-six feet of water by City Engineer M. J. Douthitt, who is making the daily tests in the absence of Water Works Engineer W. J. Allen. A test of the water is said to have shown that it contained a large number of bacteria and typhoid fever germs.

Library for Lake Forest Perhaps

The well-filled bookcases of Lake Forest millionaires, while they may supply the literary needs of the immediate families of their owners are not a benefit to the city at large, according to a decision of the Lake Forest city beautiful commission which has begun plans for raising money to build a public library, in connection with the Lake Forest beautiful plan.

Nearby Locals

Between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock Thursday evening a lone burglar looted the dental office of Dr. P. C. Regan of Waukegan, carrying off in spoils fully \$300 worth of gold and silver.

The work of extending the road that extends south from Antioch to Lake Villa has been started and is progressing with all possible speed, the biggest hindrance being the inability to get crushed stone.

NEED OF FIRE TRUCK IS DEMONSTRATED

ONLY \$55 ADDED TO FUND THIS WEEK

Perhaps Thought That Truck Would be Useless With no one to Operate it Holds Back Subscribers

Following the big fire Thursday night many thought that the subscription list for the Fire Truck fund would receive a big boost but the fact is that only \$55 has been received this week. This may be due to an opinion which is held by many interested, and which is substantiated by the facts related in the account of the fire, which is published in another column that an auto fire truck would be of little value unless there is to be a man at the station at all times ready to operate it. A clause in the subscription heading states that the city will keep a competent man permanently employed for that purpose, in fact such a man is now employed but he is not nor can he be expected to be permanently on the job and as was the case last week, it is not always possible to find a man to relieve him. How much of the big Thursday night could have been prevented had the fireman been at work is a question difficult to answer but many claim that the amount would pay a fireman's salary for several years.

The need of a fire truck is still apparent but the recent fire demonstrated clearly the need of an additional paid fireman and of a fire alarm which would also be permanently employed.

Following are the subscriptions received this week: Earl W. Spencer, \$25.00; H. H. Chandler, \$15.00; Frank Siljestrain, \$5.00; John O'Keefe, \$5.00; W. G. Ewig, \$5.00. The total amount subscribed is now \$4,077.

FINE PROGRAM FOR RAVINIA NEXT WEEK

BIG FEATURE FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

Opera to be Given will Include Familiar Works and They Will be Welcomed

For the average person, who could not get a diploma from a college of music if it could be obtained for the pronouncing of the scale, sitting through a performance of one act from La Boheme or Madama Butterfly and seeing the curtains close just as he is getting interested in the performances of grand opera as given at Ravinia Park have furnished little enjoyment. For the grand opera regular who always enjoys the libretto and often the score these excerpts may be sufficiently long to furnish transportation to those rhapsodical heights the music lover is said to occupy but Mr. and Mrs. Average Person look foolishly at each other as the curtains close then, after joining in the applause, in order to keep up appearances, wend their way to the picture show where the story which the films tell is at least finished and they know what happens to the villain. Next week, though, Mr. and Mrs. Average Person will have their day, or several days in fact, for at least two of operas, Martha and Trovatore are so familiar and contain melodies so well known that they will care little whether they hear the beginning of the end and one, Cavalleria Rusticana will be given entire. With no intention of criticizing, for we confess ourselves ignorant, we believe this the entire score of such works as Madama Butterfly would please Mr. and Mrs. Average Person and bring them back with the children for a second performance, and if the management will take the trouble to inform them that excellent artists are going to sing the familiar melodies from the older operas, which are printed in nearly every copy of "Fifty Best Songs" etc. they will do the same thing.

Big Parade for Children's Day

For next Thursday afternoon the busy workers of the Ravinia Club are arranging a children's carnival which will be held on the athletic field at the park, beginning at two o'clock.

There will be a grand parade of children in costumes, headed by the bands of the Abingdale and Glenwood schools. Any child wearing a costume will be admitted to the parade and all varieties of fancy dress will be included. Those who have not a costume worn on some former occasion can appear in some simple tissue paper dress representing flowers or vegetables. The ladies of the club are planning a very interesting program and a delightful afternoon is promised. There will be Boy Scout maneuvers and folk dancing by groups of young folks from each town on the North Shore. Every child on the North Shore and children from Chicago are cordially invited to take part in this great fete day and it is expected every town in the vicinity of the park will be well represented.

CELEBRATION COST EXCEEDS RECEIPTS

Business Men Spend Over \$1,700 and Take in About \$1,500 During two Highland Park Day Celebrations

THE LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS

Postponed Celebration is Held With Monster Crowd Enjoying Festivities at Lake Park

It took two shots but the Business Men's Association beat the weather man and won out in the contest for the grand celebration prize. Highland Park Day number two was as great as number one could possibly have been had the weather man allowed it to proceed as per schedule and the members of the Business Men's



MR. S. A. ST. PETER, General Chairman Highland Park Day Committee

Association are as happy now as were their guests on the second day. It takes more money to celebrate on two days, however, than it does on one and when the part of one day on which money is supposed to be taken in is rudely interfered with the chances are some one is going in the hole. "Some One" in this case is the association but the members will stand the loss, represented by the difference between \$1,500 receipts and over \$1,700 expenses, with a smile because the day was a great success and everybody is happy. At a meeting Tuesday night the members extracted the difference from the treasury, balanced all accounts and then began preparations for next year's celebration which will be bigger, grander, better, and all the rest of the "press agency" adjectives, than ever.

If one man can be picked out from among the many who enthusiastically propelled the celebration to a successful end the man selected for the post of honor is S. A. St. Peter, general chairman of the committees and the members of the association gave him three rousing cheers as they wound up the business end of the Second Annual Highland Park Day.

It was found impossible to keep a complete list of the winners of all the scheduled events but the following are the prize winners in the grand drawing:

- No. 1, Miss A. Meierhoff, 2, Mrs. Andrews, 3, Mrs. C. Gates, 4, Mrs. M. Hart, 5, Mrs. A. E. Smith, 6, S. P. Hutchinson, 7, Miss R. Flaherty, 8, Mrs. J. W. Jacoby, 9, C. Derfus, 10, M. Hicks, 11, J. Broadhead, 12, F. Browne, 13, K. Redine, 14, B. Harbaugh, 15, F. Sordyl, 16, L. Eckert, 17, H. Carpenter, 18, A. McCarthy, 19, F. W. Burkitt, 20, M. E. Maiman, 21, S. Anderson, 22, J. D. Jones, 23, H. Parker, 24, M. French, 25, J. Mooney, 26, A. R. Schimable, 27, E. G. Burrill, 28, A. Belske, 29, J. Bernheim, 30, Alma Johnson, 31, W. Fosbender, 32, Marta Olander, 33, G. Edmunds.

LOCALS WIN AND LOSE

New Pitcher Allows C. T. Wileys Only Two Hits Saturday

With a new pitcher, Nichols of Fort Sheridan, on the mound the Highland Parkers won a game they expected to lose Saturday when they defeated the C. T. Wileys 4 to 1. Nichols had a bit of every thing and the Wileys were easy for him. Sunday, with their regular line up the locals lost a game they expected to win, largely through the wildness of Ahlstrom. The opposing team got only three hits and the locals made only one error yet the Lowells won 5 to 4. Saturday afternoon the Mandel Bros. team will battle with the locals at Lincoln Avenue and on Sunday they go to Rogers Park.