

COUNTY TICKET FOR BULL MOOSE PARTY

Leaders Here and at Waukegan Declare that Complete Ticket Will be out at Next General Election

MANY REFORMS IN PLATFORM

Other Political News Items. Congress Foss Takes Defeat with Smile but Doesn't Agree With the Voters

There will be a complete Bull Moose ticket in the field at the county election two years from now and at every election to follow according to local leaders of the Progressive Party, men who were active in the campaign which brought such handsome majorities to the entire Progressive ticket in this vicinity and which resulted in the election of Progressive representatives from this district to the state legislature and to congress. At Waukegan a meeting of the Progressives decided that in that city tickets would also be put in the field for town and city elections.

The present plan includes a county organization and a platform which will advocate many reforms in the present method of conducting the county's business.

Some of the leaders of the party assert that the reason a county ticket was not put in the field at the recent election was because all those who were instrumental in organizing the new party realized that it might injure their cause if they sought office because it might look as if they had an ulterior motive in seeking to bring the new party out.

The Waukegan Sun says that according to a decision reached at the meeting in that city on Saturday, assessors will be pledged by the platform to receive \$10 a day with a maximum of \$1,000 for all work and town collectors will be pledged to accept a maximum of \$1,500 and do all collecting. Progressives claim that these offices have been worth \$2,500 and upwards in the past, or from one to two thousand dollars above that allowed by law.

Election Leftovers

Evanston gave Roosevelt 600 more votes than she did all other presidential candidates combined and the Progressive candidates for state and county officials were also given handsome majorities. The Progressive candidate for State Representative received nearly 4000 more votes than his nearest competitor, a Republican, while Thomson was given 200 more votes than all other candidates for Congressmen, the latter vote being as follows: Thomson, 2808; Foss, 1534; Fowler, 919; Larson, Soc., 145 and Hayes, Pro., 58.

A question the next four years will answer. Scene, breakfast table. Time, morning after election. Cast, Teddy, age 5. His father, an ardent Progressive. Teddy—thoughtfully eating breakfast food—"Papa, where did all the Bull Moosers went?" Deep silence. Curtain.

The vote which elected Graham and defeated Vickers, one of the best Representatives this district has had in a long time, was cast in Waukegan and the western part of the county.

Congressman George E. Foss of the tenth Illinois district, is in St. Joseph, Mich., the guest of his father-in-law, George F. Fritzie. A dispatch from that city quotes Mr. Foss as follows:

"It is all in the fortunes of war, declared Mr. Foss, this morning speaking of the election and his defeat. 'The people chose to turn the Republican party off of power. They had that right. Personally I do not agree with the verdict.' I continued with a smile.

POSTAL BANK SHOWS INCREASE

Total Deposits \$28,000,000. Local Office has \$9,500

The success of postal savings banks is shown by a statement made last week by Postmaster General Hitchcock to the effect that the deposits have reached \$28,000,000. There are 290,000 depositors and the average per depositor is \$96. There are now 12,773 main postoffices and 644 branch offices and stations at which deposits are received.

The local office has 151 depositors and the amount to their credit is \$9,500. This is only a slight increase over the amount on deposit six months ago but the amount deposited during the term just passed is much greater than that of the preceding six months. The lack of increase in the amount in the bank is due to the fact many depositors have reached the maximum total of \$500 and withdrawn their accounts.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

STEVENS SETTLES WITH WAUKEGAN

County Judge Persons Holds Parents Guilty for Delinquency of Children

Stevens Settles with Waukegan

In the circuit court last week Ashel G. Stevens, ex-city collector, confessed judgement to the city of Waukegan in the sum of \$2,500 and his attorney gave Commissioner Diver, representing the city, a check for this amount in open court. As a result the case against him for withholding city funds will be dropped.

Judge Holds Parents Guilty

County Judge Perry L. Persons on Saturday, while trying a case of delinquency made the statement that the children who were delinquent and who were brought before him, were not to blame but that the parents of such children were the ones who should really be held to account. Children, claims the judge, who are neglected by their parents, and are permitted to run on the streets, acquire bad habits, and finally are brought before the court for correction.

Nearby Locals

Within a few weeks citizens of Gray's Lake are to have a chance to vote on the question as to whether or not that town is to have a water works and sewer system.

The steamer Manistee of the Northern Michigan Transportation company which has been chartered by the Hill Steamboat company, arrived in Kenosha with a load of 20,000 bushels of upper peninsula potatoes for the Dunnebacke company.

Carl Pfanzstiel will within a few weeks be ready to place a new electric stove on the market, which promises to be one of the most successful ever invented.

Fire of mysterious origin, breaking out about 1 o'clock Saturday morning, practically destroyed the Ambrose Merchant home at 432 South Sheridan Road, Waukegan.

The Sun states that the Waukegan street commissioners plan extensive street improvements next year including the pavement of the following main streets: Grand; Belvidere, Washington, North and Glen Rock.

Adrian Vanderkloot, a well known resident of Lake Bluff died suddenly Tuesday at the home of his brother in Chicago. Feeling badly in the morning he had left his place of business and gone to his brother's for a rest. Physicians give heart failure as the cause of his death.

NORTH SHORE VS. THE C. & N. E.

Many Complaints Made as to Service do not Appear to be Based on Facts

According to the Waukegan Gazette North Chicago is the latest city to plan a war on the Milwaukee Electric, the statement made that the aldermen of that city have planned to enforce the ordinance which provides that cars may not run faster than 16 miles an hour within the city limits. This they claim will be done in an effort to make the Electric Road give their city better service and would seem to be a performance of the old operation of cutting off the nose to spite the face. From a close watch of the Milwaukee Electric road schedule and the North Shore newspapers, which do the complaining, one would judge that Superintendent Bock has been making a good effort to satisfy everybody but that he is attempting the impossible. Some time ago, after many complaints, he made a schedule for Waukegan which was drawn according to the suggestions of the Mayor of that city but the complaints continued. When the road tried to operate the Milwaukee cars as special, stopping only at the main stations, every town entered an objection, the city fathers in nearly every case suggesting that the cars run special after they had left their town. As it is the North Shore is getting a car every twenty minutes, about three cars to every one in operation by other electric roads, and in comparison with other lines and the C. & N. W. they are operated on time. Milwaukee cars are likely to be a few minutes late and crowded, local patrons know this and should make an effort, for their own convenience, to time their trips so that they will catch the Waukegan cars. At present cars are delayed by the repairs being made on the bridge at Winnetka. The same newspapers which consider this a sufficient cause for complaint said nothing when the Northwestern trains were delayed, often for a half hour, while the tracks were being rebalanced. During the big storms last winter the Northwestern could hardly get its trains out of the station. These let alone get them in but the Electric Road maintained its schedule in very good shape. If the North Shore towns would work with the road instead of against it we think they would get much better results.

ARMY MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

No Reason Known for Act of Sergeant Dawson who Killed Himself at Libertyville

Sergeant D. A. Dawson, stationed at Fort Sheridan, at 12:15 o'clock Wednesday, fired a bullet through his brain, killing himself instantly, when he was within a short distance of the home of Miss Agnes Broadhead, a very close friend, of Libertyville. On the remains of the dead man a letter addressed to Miss Broadhead was found. There was also a letter to Irene McFarland, a sister, of Terre Haute, Ind.

The suicide of the young man, who was but 26 years old, was extremely dramatic. He was walking quietly along the streets of Libertyville near the home of Miss Broadhead. A short distance behind him was Marshal Liberty.

He paused, turned around and said something. No one had any idea as to his intention. Suddenly the army man pulled a gun from his clothing, and before any one could interfere placed it to his temple and fired. He was dead when bystanders reached his side, but he was clutching the two letters, addressed to Miss Broadhead and to his sister in Indiana.

Sergeant Dawson has been stationed at Fort Sheridan for the past seven years and is well known in this vicinity. His friends can give no reason for his act. His home is in Terre Haute, Ind. where the remains will probably be taken following the Coroner's inquest which is being held today. Coroner Taylor refused to make public the contents of the letters which may throw some light on the tragedy, till after the inquest.

HIGHWOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH BAZAAR

Ladies of Parish Planning big Affair to Begin November 20

On the evening of Wednesday, November 20, the ladies of the Highwood Catholic church will open a bazaar in the Parish Hall. The affair will last until Saturday evening, November 23, when it will be closed with a grand ball and the awarding of prizes to the winning numbers on the chance books of which about seventy sets have been issued on many useful and attractive articles donated by local merchants and members of the Parish. Supper will be served each evening and there will be booths where many pretty things for Christmas gifts will be sold. On the opening night the Lady Foresters will give a card party.

TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS PENSION SYSTEM

THE BENEFIT FUND IS \$10,000,000

Official Announcement is made that 175,000 Employees are to be Protected

A fund of \$10,000,000 for Pensions, Sick Benefits and Life Insurance will be available on January first, for the 175,000 employees of the Bell System and associated interest, and their families and dependents, amounting altogether to more than a quarter of a million people.

The \$10,000,000 fund will be made good from year to year by annual appropriations on the part of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Associated Companies, and the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Western Electric Company and is made entirely at the expense of these companies without contributions of any kind from the employees themselves. The application of these varied benefits will be strictly democratic and will be for the benefit of all employees of every rank. The plan will provide for free change of employment from one company to another, with full credit for combined terms of service.

The Bell System and associated interests provide employment for about 175,000 people; of this number 130,000 are employees of the Bell Telephone System. The total yearly pay for the whole group is about \$115,000,000, something over \$80,000,000 being paid out in wages by the Bell Telephone System alone.

The plan for the distribution of this fund has been characterized as the most liberal, comprehensive and ideal ever inaugurated, combined benefits for superannuation, sickness, accident and death, being provided.

BOYS BUSY BOOMING BAZAAR

Trinity Church Boys Preparing Posters. Will also run Booth During Fair Next Week

Members of the Boys' Club of Trinity church are proving among the best boosters the ladies of the church have for their bazaar which will be held in the new Parish House next week Friday and Saturday. Besides distributing the advertising the boys are drawing original posters. Each poster will represent one of the booths and after they have been displayed in the store windows they will be offered for sale. Some very clever designs have been developed and they are sure to attract much attention. In addition to the advertising the boys are to be in charge of the Information Bureau which will be operated during the two days the bazaar will run and a feature of which will be a taxi service for the benefit of those who do not care to walk to the church. A number of automobiles have been obtained and with the boys as chauffeurs they will be ready to serve anyone who telephones a request to the Information Bureau. This Bureau will also contain the check room, messenger boy service, public telephone and lost and found department. Among the boys in charge will be Edwin McCauley, Ted Phillips, Percy Prior, John Partridge, Billy Aldridge, John and Homer Scott, John Ten Broeck, Ballinger Fyfe, Luther Louderback, Clarence McKenzie, Fred Spencer, Gordon Buchanan, Rodney Mason, Bowen Schumacher, Jack Merryweather, Eugene Buchanan, Harry Bell, Lee Fearing, Arthur Aldridge, Eli McKenzie, Douglas Warrens, Pardee Jacobson, Allen Mason, Tom Wyles, Darrough Louderback, Donald Buchanan, McKean Cutler, Lemar Fearing, and Walter McElwain.

MODERN WOODMEN RATE ADJUSTMENT

Referendum Vote Postponed until Jan. 1 Owing to Injunction

Officers of the Modern Woodmen, which has nearly 200,000 members in Illinois, are urging upon the members all over the country that they make their choice as to the plan of protection they prefer to carry under the new rate adjustment plan before Jan. 1. They now have the choice of seven plans, adapted to various conditions, but the action of the head camp provides that all members who have not selected one of these plans by Jan. 1 are automatically put on the whole-life plan. The injunction granted by the courts in Chicago against the referendum on the change in rates will necessarily postpone the referendum until Jan. 1, as the injunction was issued on the ground that the Donahue law, under which the referendum was to be made, was unconstitutional and it is held that it can not be dissolved unless the Supreme Court holds it is constitutional.—Exchange.

COUNCIL DISAGREES ON BOND PAYMENT METHODS

SOME WOULD PAY OVERDUE BONDS BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS

City Attorney Declares Method Illegal but Council Vote Favors It. Mayor Addresses Letter to Members of Council

The matter set forth in the following article is of extreme interest to every taxpayer and should be carefully read by all, regardless of the fact that it is filled with figures and legal opinion, generally pretty dull reading. The figures in this case represent the city clerk's recommendation to the city council, assembled as a committee of the whole Oct. 22nd, the legal opinion is the city attorney's advice in the matter which is a proposition to clear up the special assessment accounts and pay off several thousand dollars worth of overdue bonds. At the regular meeting of the council, postponed from Tuesday to Wednesday, last week, the council adopted the following resolution: "Whereas, The City of Highland Park, has defaulted in the payment of certain bonds and interest due July 1, 1912, and

required to redeem the improvement bonds, and interest coupons due July 1, 1912, remaining unpaid against special assessments overdrawn or not having sufficient funds to their credit to redeem the bonds and interest outstanding against the assessment.

I would recommend that the shortage amounting to \$9528.80, be made up in the following manner:

That \$3466.00 be taken from the bridge fund and placed to the credit of Special Assessment accounts that are short. (This amount was collected for various special assessments in the 1906 Tax Levy to pay the city's portion of public benefits but by order of the Finance Committee at that time, was diverted to the bridge fund.)

Transfer the Special Assessment Adjustment fund, amounting to 2,416.68. Transfer the balance to the credit of special assessment, No. 144 (expired) amounting to \$96.56.

Transfer balance to the credit of interest on deposit fund, amounting to \$289.13.

These amounts make a total of \$6268.37. After placing this amount to the credit of the special assessment account, it will leave a balance of \$3260.43, which can be taken care of by a bond issue."

The advice of the city attorney is contained in the following which is a copy of his letter to the council:

GENTLEMEN: From information given me it appears that there is a shortage existing in some of the special assessment accounts to meet the special assessment bonds and vouchers maturing July 1, 1912, the total deficiency amounting to \$13,000.00 or more. It appears that the special assessment accounts kept by the city clerk and the city treasurer prior to the adoption of the new record at the October meeting of the city council, was not kept with the respective installments of each assessment, and that the accounts showed only the receipts and disbursements, in an assessment as a whole, irrespective as to whether the assessment was payable in installments, and bonds drawn against such installments.

The council have authorized an audit of the special general expense fund and all special assessments accounts that are now open, to ascertain the receipts and disbursements in each installment, and amount collected and to be collected in each installment and the bonds outstanding against each installment of each assessment. Such accounts to be transferred into the new record.

I am of the opinion that when such audit is completed, that the rights of the bond holders, the city officials and of the tax payers can easily be ascertained, and a legal remedy found and applied to protect all of the parties in interest.

The personal credit of the city is not extended when special assessment or special tax bonds and vouchers are issued unless it is provided by the ordinance authorizing the improvement that some specific portion of the special assessment or tax shall be paid from the general fund. It is the duty of a city in event that the amount of an assessment is insufficient to pay vouchers or bonds or interest thereon, drawn against such assessment, to cause, so far as it can legally do so, a supplemental assessment or special tax as the case may be, to be levied and collected to pay such deficiency, until all bonds and vouchers shall be fully paid. If the city collects the amount of an assessment levied against the property benefited under a special assessment proceeding, and does not hold the amount collected as a special trust fund, for the payment of bonds and vouchers and interest thereon, drawn against such assessment and such installment thereof, but transfers amounts from such fund to other funds or causes such fund to be diverted and used for corporate purposes then the city would be liable to the holder of the bond in assumption for the amount diverted.

I am of the opinion that the city council is without authority to use funds raised by the city for corporate purposes, to pay or discharge the deficiency existing in the several special assessment accounts or to meet bonds due or to become due in the respective special assessments. The city officials and the citizens of Highland Park are interested in having the

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