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NEWS NOTES OF NEARBY CITIES

Items of Interest Concerning our Neighbors as Printed in Various Local Papers

DANFORTH GETS LIFE SENTENCE

One Killed in Waukegan Auto Wreck. Will Start Fight for Cheaper Gas. Protecting the Sweets

Waukegan gets \$43,500

Recommendations for 1914 appropriations for public buildings and river and harbor improvements in Illinois and surrounding states sent to Congress last week by Secretary MacVeagh, include the following appropriations for Waukegan: \$25,000 for Waukegan's proposed federal building; \$18,500 for improvement and maintenance of harbor.

Appellate Court Judge Named

Judge Carnes of De Kalb county has been appointed by the supreme court as a member of the appellate bench from this district with Judge Charles Whitney of Waukegan and others who, since the death of Judge Willis have anxiously awaited the appointment.

Sell Light Plant

The electric light plant in the village of Waukegan has been sold to the Commonwealth Edison Company, of Chicago, the price paid being \$33,000. This, it is said, is the first move on the part of the big Chicago company to secure a string of light and power plants west from Chicago to Harvard, north from Harvard to Delevan, east from Delevan to Racine, and south from Racine to Chicago.—Woodstock Republican.

Protecting the Sweets

State pure food inspectors are visiting cities throughout the northern part of Illinois warning confectioners that they must not make displays of uncovered candies in windows or show cases, as it is contrary to the state law. Candies may be exhibited only when the pieces are wrapped in paper or when the tray or box in which they are exhibited is covered with a protection against germs and dirt.

Fight for Cheaper Gas

Waukegan people are starting a Gas League with Attorney C. C. Edwards and E. V. Orvis as prime-movers, with a view to reducing the price of gas. The claim is made that the price of \$1 per 1000 feet is too high considering the poor quality of gas the company has been furnishing for some months. The Waukegan League is to be patterned after the Seventy Cent Gas League in Chicago, which won a lower price for gas for consumers of that city.

One Killed in Waukegan Auto Wreck

One man was killed, another was fatally injured and two others were painfully hurt, when the automobile in which they were returning to their homes in Zion City struck an obstruction in the road just north of Ridgeland Avenue on Sheridan Road, Waukegan. The accident occurred at 5:30 o'clock Monday evening. The four victims of the accident are all prominent Zion City men.

Danforth Given Life Sentence

After the evidence in the case was all in Lemmon Danforth, the Waukegan negro accused of killing his common law wife, on the advice of his attorney changed his plea of not guilty to guilty and was given a life sentence.

Nearby Locals

John Smith, an inmate of the Elgin insane asylum, who escaped three months ago from that place, was captured in Libertyville by Marshal Dennis Limberry Friday.

President Taft has recommended the re-appointment of Charles H. Watrous as postmaster of Waukegan.

Miss Anna Valis, 24 years old, wife of John Valis of South Park Avenue, died in the Jane McAlister hospital Saturday morning at 6 o'clock, her death being attributed to the shock she received when she viewed the remains of the sugar refinery victims in an effort to identify the body of her cousin, John Dadascisis, whom she had been told had perished in the blast. Mrs. Valis was soon to have become a mother and in this critical condition, the shock of seeing the horribly mutilated and charred bodies was too much for her. As a matter of fact the cousin did not succumb to his burns.

PICTURE EXHIBIT IS GREAT SUCCESS

PURCHASE SEVERAL PRINTS FOR SCHOOL

Lincoln Pupils and Teachers Raise Money for Collection. Many Attend Teachers Meeting

Through the exhibit of copies of famous paintings, held in the school auditorium last week, the pupils and teachers of Lincoln school raised considerable over sixty dollars which they plan to invest in a collection of the prints on view at the exhibit, in fact several have already been purchased and will soon be hung in the school rooms and halls.

Many Attend Teachers Meeting

Over one hundred teachers from all parts of the county attended the teachers meeting held at the school Saturday, beginning with demonstrations by the classes of the school under the guidance of Principal McKenzie and continuing through an afternoon session which was addressed by Prof. E. C. Page of DeKalb Normal who gave a talk on "Fundamentals in the Teaching of History." Two excellent papers on "Local Geography of the County" were given by Mr. Townley of Winthrop Harbor and Miss Alice E. Smith of Gurnee.

The officers elected to take charge of the work of the teachers' association next year follow: Alice E. Smith, chairman, Grayslake. Fairfax Townley, secretary, Winthrop Harbor. Executive Committee, W. N. McKenzie, of Highland Park, and Emma Studer, of Grayslake. At noon, the guests, most of whom carried basket luncheons, were served with coffee by the members of Lincoln division, Parents and Teachers' Association.

BEGIN CHILD PURITY CRUSADE

Field Day Meetings Held in Waukegan Churches Sunday by Illinois Vigilance Association

Rev. William Burgess, formerly of this city and at one time editor of the News-Letter, was one of the principal speakers during the field day meetings held at Waukegan Sunday by the Illinois Vigilance Association of which he is secretary. The meetings marked the beginning of a state-wide campaign "for the purity and conservation of childhood." The morning session consisted of sermons in nine of the city churches. Besides Rev. Burgess, Rachelle Yarros, Rev. Ernest M. Bell, Rev. Dr. Crosby, Deaconess Lucy Hall, Rev. Mr. Tingwald, Arthur Burrage Farwell, Miss Kate Adams, and Mrs. Ida Evans Haines, all of Chicago, were the speakers. The Presbyterian was the only Protestant church which did not join in the meetings. Rev. Chidester of this church advanced the opinion that he did not believe it necessary to spread tales of Chicago vice in order to purify other cities.

A meeting of young people at night was addressed by Dr. Josephine Young of Chicago; a woman's meeting by Dr. Rachelle Yarros, chairman of the social hygiene committee of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. Arthur Burrage Farwell, president, and William Burgess, secretary of the Illinois Vigilance Association, addressed a men's meeting. Clifford G. Roe, general counsel of the American Vigilance Association, and the Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan, vice president of the Illinois Vigilance Association, addressed a mass-meeting in the armory.

CONFIRM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT 96

Certificate of Completion for Improvement made in 1904 just Granted

After being in court since 1904 Special Assessment No. 96 has been confirmed and those property owners who filed objections to the improvement, made on Walnut Ave. Second and other streets, after paying their first installment will now have a lump sum equaling eight installments and interest to pay.

A certificate of completion was filed in 1906, following which the objections were filed but the matter was permitted to lie dormant until City Attorney Gail took it up. Two dis-interested engineers, Frank A. Windes, and James A. Anderson, Jr., made a thorough examination and test and found that there had been a wear of three to four inches along the center line of the street in the last eight years and there still remained ten inches or more of macadam and, the depth on the side being full, the engineers were of the opinion that the improvement was properly constructed.

The action of the court will make more than \$1,000 available, when collected, to meet special assessment bonds maturing.

AUDIT OF COUNTY BOOKS ORDERED

ACTION IS TAKEN BY SUPERVISORS

Sims Auditing Company Bids \$900 and Will Probably be Awarded the Work

The Sims Auditing Co., on bids of \$900, will probably be awarded the contract for auditing the books of all county officials for a period of two years back. At the meeting Tuesday afternoon the board of supervisors decided that the audit should be made and turned the matter over to the committee, which reported on it, with power to act. The last audit of the county books covered a period of ten years and cost the county \$4,000 and on that basis this bid seems reasonable. The officials whose books will be audited are circuit clerk, states attorney, county clerk, county superintendent of schools, sheriff and county treasurer. Only one member, supervisor Deacon, who expressed the belief that it would be cheaper to delay the work for another two years, raised an objection to the audit.

Shortage of J. P.'s

Supervisor Chittenden reported that there is a shortage of justices of the peace in Warren township, saying there has been but one justice for four years because those who have been elected to office have failed to qualify. He asked the board to make an appointment. The matter was referred to the judiciary committee.

WOMEN WOULD BUILD INCINERATOR

Sesame Club of Waukegan Plans to Finance Deal

Their patience exhausted with man, the women of Waukegan propose to undertake the task of financing a deal for the construction of a garbage incinerator. Now by request of the Waukegan Sun, the Sesame club sent a delegation of four women to the city hall for the purpose of ascertaining, if possible, the reason why the city commission had not launched a plan for the construction of a garbage-disposing plant. They were told that the city of Waukegan has passed the zenith of bonded indebtedness and that no city philanthropist has offered to construct the plant free of cost to the city. Now the women are looking for fifteen men who will each lend the city or the club \$1000. If they succeed the plan is to erect the incinerator and lease it to the city at a rental in proportion to the cost of the improvement. During the past few years Waukegan garbage collectors have dumped their loads on the flats along the lake north of the city but the E. J. & E. Railway, which owns the property, has called a halt on this, making the garbage incinerator proposition particularly pertinent at this time.

SCHOOL LAND VOTE DECEMBER 28

District 107 to Vote Again on Proposition to Increase Elm Place Property

201 voters of District 107, about one fourth of all in the district, have signed the petitions calling for a special election for the purpose of voting on the proposition to purchase the tract of land north of the Elm Place school. The same proposition submitted at an election some months ago was badly defeated and whatever its merits there is every reason to believe that it will be defeated at the coming election which will probably take place on Saturday, Dec. 28. The property is that which was purchased by Mr. Carleton Moseley at the suggestion of members of the school board in order that it might be held until the voters could be asked to sanction its purchase for school uses. The price is \$46 per foot, and it is said represents no profit to Mr. Moseley. Land a few blocks north of this is held at \$55 and \$60 a foot.

MERCHANT'S DELIVERY MAKES GOOD

100,000 Tags used in First Six Months of Operation

100,000 shipping tags used in the first six months of its operation seems proof that the Merchant's Delivery system has found its place in Highland Park and is filling it. The average for the working days of the six months is about 660 packages but the concern is delivering nearly twice as many packages daily at present as it did during the first month and doing it with one less delivery wagon. That Mr. Stunkel, the manager, expects the increase to continue is evidenced by the fact that a new lot of tags, 400,000 in number and all printed by THE HIGHLAND PARK PRESS, has just been received.

JURY EXONERATES CORN PRODUCTS CO.

ALL ORDINARY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

Judge Persons Says he Will not Allow Attorneys for Heirs to Collect Large Fees

The coroner's jury investigating the starch mill explosion returned its verdict Saturday after being nearly four days in session and hearing many witnesses, principal among whom was Supt. Eberts of the Corn Products Co. The verdict stated that the jurors believed the explosion to have originated from a spark of unknown origin in one of the conveyers. It did not censure the company, explaining that the dust collectors in use seemed familiar to those in general use. The verdict endorsed the suggestion of State Factory Inspector Fitzsimmons in regard to the installation of vacuum cleaners and also the substitution of iron cars for the wooden trays now in use for carrying starch.

In spite of the fact that the new Employers Liability Act makes the payment of damages compulsory and that the casualty company, with which the company insured against such loss, has stated that all claims would be paid in a lump sum and that there would be no litigation many of the heirs of the victims have engaged attorneys. According to the Waukegan Sun these persons do not know of the Liability Law and believe they will have to bring suit. Chicago attorneys are said to represent a majority of the claimants. According to Judge Persons, however, these attorneys will not reap a great harvest. The judge states that if the claimants receive their money in a lump sum he will not allow any attorney to collect over \$40 in fees. In estates of less than \$1700 the regular fee allowed is \$25. In this case the amounts will be about \$2,500 with which the increase in fees correspond.

W. ALLEN HOSPITAL ASKS SUPPORT

Withdrawal of Assistance by City and County Causes Financial Embarrassment

The Jane McAlister hospital association has made an appeal to the public for assistance. Records for last year show a deficit, due largely to the fact that both the county and city withdrew their support. Entertainments are to be given this winter in an effort to raise funds but it is known that the money raised will not be sufficient. For this reason it has been found necessary to make the plea for aid to the public.

The wonderfully efficient work of the hospital in caring for the injured in the recent explosion at the Corn Products plant is still fresh in the minds of Waukegan people and it is very probable that the plea will not fall on deaf ears. The necessity for a hospital was very clearly demonstrated on that occasion.—Waukegan Sun.

SANTA CLAUS GETS ROYAL WELCOME

Five Hundred Children Greet Him as he Ailights from car

Santa Claus, of his representative, received a royal welcome when he arrived in this city Tuesday at the time announced in this paper. No other announcement was made so it looks as though all the children in Highland Park read THE PRESS, at least five hundred of them do for there were fully that many at the car when Santa arrived. The gentleman appeared to have visited us in advance for two reasons, to show us how good a sprinter he is and to advertise The Beehive Bargain store. After a long run through Central Ave. with the mob of youngsters close at his heels the merry gentleman stopped at The Beehive. The announcement is made on another page that he will visit this store several evenings between now and Christmas.

GRAIN MEN WANT O'CONNOR

Members of Board of Trade want Dunne to Appoint Expert Chief Grain Inspector

Many Highland Park members of the Board of Trade and friends of Mr. Patrick O'Connor are interested in the attempt to have Governor-elect Dunne appoint him chief grain inspector for the state. Mr. O'Connor is very popular with members of the Board, who regard him as the most likely candidate for the office, and many of whom have signed a petition which will be presented to the newly elected governor asking him to select their choice for the position.

WHAT THE PARCELS POST MEANS TO THE COUNTRY

INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICE TO OPEN JAN. 1

Will Carry Most Anything that can be Done up in Package not Over 11 Pounds in Weight nor Larger Than 72 Inches in Length and Girth Combined

Postmaster General Hitchcock and his department officials are just now engaged in what is probably the most troublesome problem they have ever handled, the establishing of the Parcels Post over the entire country by the first day of 1913. From year to year the department has asked Congress for an appropriation with which to establish a Parcels Post system and this year it was granted, \$750,000, and with it came the command that the system be in complete operation by Jan. 1, 1913.

As the new Parcels Post will carry anything for domestic delivery that can be done up in a package not exceeding eleven pounds in weight, nor greater in size than seventy-two inches in length and girth combined, and provided it is not of a form likely to injure a postal employee or damage other mail nor perishable within a period reasonably required for the transportation and delivery, it will be seen that the task before the department is a big one.

Information Concerning Service

The minimum weight permissible is four ounces and the maximum eleven pounds.

An issue of Parcels Post stamps is being struck off and every package must bear one of these stamps or it will be held for postage. Ordinary stamps will not do in any case. As all matter now called fourth class, except that weighing less than 16 ounces, will be handled by the Parcels Post after Jan. 1, there is certain to be considerable confusion among senders who do not take the trouble to learn the new law.

Parcels will be mailable only at post offices, branch post offices, lettered and local named stations, and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster.

All parcels must bear the return card of the sender; otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

For the purpose of carrying this law into effect the United States is divided into zones with different rates of postage applicable to each, as follows:

Distances	Each additional lb.	
	First 11 lbs.	Over 11 lbs.
Rural and city delivery	\$.05	\$.01
Within 50 miles	.05	.03
Within 150 miles	.06	.04
Within 300 miles	.07	.05
Within 600 miles	.08	.06
Within 1,000 miles	.09	.07
Within 1,400 miles	.10	.09
Within 1,800 miles	.11	.10
More than 1,800 miles	.12	.12

Packages may be insured to an amount not to exceed \$25.00 upon payment of a fee of 5 cents.

As soon as possible after the establishment of the system a C. O. D. plan will be adopted so those using the Parcels Post will have all the conveniences offered by the express companies.

In order that the postmasters may know in what zone the city to which a package is sent lies the department furnishes each office with a large map which is divided as follows: First a line is drawn around the location of the office so as to include a territory fifty miles square. Then at a radius of 150 miles, by scale, a circle has been imprinted on the map and after that a number of other concentric circles successively with radii, respectively of three hundred, six hundred, one thousand, fourteen hundred and eighteen hundred miles. Thus is established for each Postmaster from his post office.

At the same time there will be furnished to each postmaster a supply of copies of the official Parcel Post guide, a publication that will show the unit of area in which every post office in the United States is located. The guide will contain full information as to its use in conjunction with the map, and will also contain the regulations approved by the Postmaster General for the conduct of the Parcel Post service.

Copies of the Parcel Post map and guide will be forwarded through postmasters to each rural carrier.

On account of the increase in the weight limit from four to eleven pounds it will be necessary to supply postmasters

with scales of adequate capacity. It is expected that every presidential post office and the majority of the offices of the fourth class will be properly equipped in this respect by January 1, 1913. Offices of the fourth class that do not receive suitable scales by that date will be supplied as promptly as possible thereafter, and in the meantime postmasters will be expected to meet the emergency with their present weighing facilities or by such other means as they may be able to devise without expense to the department.

Tape lines six feet in length for measuring the size of parcel post packages will be furnished to all postmasters.

Many Problems to Settle

Here are a few of the problems which, according to the Postmasters Advocate, must be settled by the postal authorities before January first.

At the designated time, there must be on hand a sufficient number of rural mail wagons, city mail wagons, express cars and employees to handle the new mail matter. Rural mail carriers now cover their routes either in light wagons or on motorcycles. Obviously they are not equipped to assume the role of express wagon drivers or teamsters. The city mail carrier completes his route on his feet, and his leather pouch scarcely has room for the regular mail, much less crated fruit or boxes of eggs and what-not.

In making its appropriation, Congress must not only take care of the "express drivers" only, serenely unconscious, or doubtful that by so wording the bill it failed to provide for employees to handle the parcels, to feed and attend to the horses or to care for the packages in transit. Wherefore, some way must be found by which the salaries of these other employees can be paid.

The railroads at present build and pay for the cars in which United States mail is carried, after a design and specifications furnished by the Post Office Department. They must be constructed of steel and they are costly. The express companies use any kind of a car a railroad sees fit to provide them. But U. S. mail can be hauled only on the special cars. Now, the postal authorities are scratching their official heads and asking how the vast number of extra cars that will be necessary can be built in time for the "grand opening" at the first of the year. What arrangements will be possible in isolated sections of the country where dwellings are so far apart that at present one mail a day is regarded as the height of luxury? Problems of this sort are of grave importance for the Parcels Post is intended primarily as a convenience for the farmer and the ranchman.

A classification of all articles that can be accepted for transportation must be made. The mode of packing must be carefully prescribed and special facilities must be provided for the carrying of fragile articles. It is probable that hampers, similar to those in vogue in Parcel Post systems abroad, will be extensively used, so the style, size and material of such hampers, and of other necessary equipment, must be determined and advertisements issued for their purchase.

Provision for the collection on delivery of the price of the parcel, as well as the postage thereon, and regulations governing this phase of the question must be arranged. Since the law provides indemnification for lost or damaged articles and since many of the articles to be carried will be of a fragile or readily perishable nature, the question of indemnity looms up large on the horizon of those at the Department who are wrestling with such problems.

NEW PICTURE SHOW OPENS

First Exhibition in Highland Theatre Given Tuesday Night

The second picture show for this city was opened Tuesday night when the first exhibition was given in the new Highland theatre, next door to the post-office. No matter how many "movies" there are all seem to attract an audience; last night the Central had its usual crowd and the Highland was also filled. The new house is seated with opera chairs, is well ventilated and the management states that only the best pictures will be shown.

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