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## CONVENTION ENDORSES DRAINAGE CONGRESS

### MANUFACTURERS PASS RESOLUTION

Speech of F. B. Knight of this City Before Clay Manufacturers' Association Brings Results

The third annual drainage convention of the National Drainage Congress, which has for its object, the reclaiming of the swamp and overflowed lands of the United States will convene in St. Louis, Mo., February 26th to 28th, inclusive. Mr. Frank B. Knight, who is the executive member representing the State of Illinois and also one of the Board of five Governors of the National Drainage Congress, recently read a paper on the accomplishments of the Drainage Congress before the 35th Annual Convention of the Illinois Clay Manufacturers' Association at Champaign, Ill. as the result of which that body unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The National Drainage Congress is organized to promote and diffuse knowledge concerning the reclamation of lands where drainage reclamation would be beneficial; to promote navigation; to conserve and impound water for drainage and flood protection; to conserve and control natural resources pertaining to agriculture; to remove the menace to the public health which the presence of undrained lowlands constitutes; to facilitate conference and deliberation concerning drainage and to promote concerted action among organizations interested in the conservation and proper utilization of our natural resources; and to bring the needs of the people before State and Federal governments; and

WHEREAS: The National Drainage Congress has petitioned our representatives in congress to have the Congress of the United States establish a Federal Commission with adequate power and ample funds immediately available to evolve and carry out a comprehensive plan for:

1. The protection of the people of the United States and their property from disastrous floods.
2. The protection of the health of the nation which is constantly menaced by the existence of 75,000,000 acres of swamp and overflowed land.
3. The protection of the navigation interests of our great rivers, and their regulation and control with the subsequent development of hydro-electrical possibilities, all of which is an essential part of this plan.
4. The protection of the material welfare of the people by the drainage of our 75,000,000 acres of swamp and overflowed lands and their consequent reclamation and utilization for growing corn, cotton, and other needed food and clothing supplies; and

WHEREAS: The establishment of said Commission and the carrying out of said plan would be of inestimable benefit to the United States, and the State of Illinois. Be it resolved that the Illinois Clay Manufacturers' Association, hereby endorse the objects of the National Drainage Congress, and requests the Senators and Representatives from this state to urge the establishment of said Federal Commission by the Congress of the United States, and That the Secretary of this organization be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to all commercial organizations in the State of Illinois and to urge their active co-operation and support for this measure.

## STATE BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

Stockholders Select Men to Serve During Year

At a meeting of the stockholders of the State Bank, held Thursday evening, the following officers were elected to serve during the year: C. G. Phillips, president; A. C. Morgan, vice president; W. M. Dooley, cashier; C. F. Grant, assistant cashier. Directors, C. G. Phillips, A. C. Morgan, F. J. Baker, W. M. Gale, and F. M. Steele. The banks quarterly report, published in THE PRESS a few weeks ago, shows the institution to be in an extremely prosperous condition.

## BOY'S BAND ELECTS OFFICERS

Young Musicians Perfect Organization. Will Appear in Public Soon

At their last meeting the members of the Highland Park Boy's Band and Orchestra perfected their organization and elected the following officers: Gervase Brown, president; Wm. Gallagher, secretary; F. Florent, treasurer; Harold Gemmer, Leonard Friebele and Veran Florent are members of the active committee. Under the leadership of Mr. Florent the boys are making such rapid progress that a public appearance is being arranged for.

## NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

### ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR COURT HOUSE

Wisconsin Man Suggests Commission Plan for Counties. New Garage for Half Day

Wants Commission Plan for Counties  
Counties in Wisconsin will have the option of adopting the commission plan if the bill to be presented by Assemblyman Wilber E. Hulbert of Winnebago county, passes at this session of the legislature. Hulbert intends to frame his bill along the line of the present law providing for the commission form for cities in Wisconsin. It will then remain to determine whether they desire the new plan.  
"The present county board system is cumbersome," declared Assemblyman Hulbert. "There are too many committees. There is scarcely one problem that comes up in a county that one or two committees do not investigate. Some county boards have from 40 to 60 members. This is too expensive a system."

### Complete North Chicago Improvement

The \$23,000 subway under the Northwestern at North Chicago, giving an entrance to the Foss Park, has been completed by the railway company. The company built the subway at its own expense, the city paying only \$2,000 to dig the approaches. The structure is of beautiful concrete walls and strong durable iron work that will last for an indefinite number of years. It is intended that the new depot be built near the subway to the park.

### Evanston Progressives at Work

The Progressive party at Evanston took a high stand for good municipal government, when, at a meeting of its executive committee, it passed unanimously the following resolution: "It is the sense of the executive committee of the Progressive Club of Evanston that it does not favor party politics in municipal affairs." The committee, then, to show that the membership of the club was not indifferent to good government in our city, passed a second motion to the effect: "That they do demand that the candidates for office at the spring election shall state explicitly their platforms."  
—Evanston News.

### Electric Lights for Court House

The county courthouse is being wired for electric lights and it is expected that the gas lights will be entirely dispensed with. Last evening in the recording office the gas was so poor that only a dim light could be secured no matter how the lights were adjusted. —Waukegan Gazette.

### New Garage for Half Day

"The concrete foundations of the Just Motor company's garage at Libertyville is complete and work of laying brick for the big building will commence the first of next week. The company's garage at Half Day is under way and Mr. Just informs us he has the sites for two garages to be built in the lake region early in the spring. —Independent

### VICKERS FILES CONTEST PETITION

Makes Munro Target in Statement that he Should be Returned Winner

J. H. Vickers, of McHenry, Republican candidate for member of the general assembly from this legislative district and who was defeated on the face of the returns at the November election, has filed papers in a contest which he will bring before the general assembly in session at Springfield.  
While E. D. Shurtliff, Thomas F. Graham and Fayette S. Munro are named in the contest petition, it is understood Vickers bases his chief hope in showing invalidity in the nomination papers and in the position obtained on the ballot by Mr. Munro, the local candidate.

### GROWTH OF FRATERNITIES

They Now Have Over Ten Million Members in the United States and Canada

The recent attainment in its thirtieth anniversary by the Modern Woodmen of America, founded January 5, 1883, has directed attention to the growth of the fraternal beneficiary system in America the past quarter century.  
In 1892 the principal fraternal beneficiary societies in the United States had a membership of 2,369,134. Twenty years later 396 fraternal societies in this country had 10,122,169 members carrying for the protection of their wives and children \$9,839,909,282.00.

## SENIOR CLASS PLAY NEXT WEEK SATURDAY

### PRESENT "ROSE O' PLYMOUTH TOWN"

Ravinia Theatre Sure to be Crowded. Seat Sale at Schumacher's Drug Store

"Rose O' Plymouth Town," which the senior class of Deerfield-Shields will present at Ravinia Theatre Saturday evening, February 1, has been an exceptionally popular play with high schools throughout the country and some excellent notices have been given it as a good medium for the display of amateur talent in dramatic art. An excellent cast has been selected for the local performance and the following pen picture gives an idea of the characters the members will portray:  
"Rose O' Plymouth Town" is an admirable picture of life in early New England. Each scene is full of incident, both amusing and dramatic. The Captain and his family live in an adventurous period and prove themselves equal to every demand upon their resources.  
Miles Standish and his worthy Barbara are typical colonists with perhaps a keener sense of humor than was usual. Weston Waldo and Irene Stevens dispense hospitality and authority with a gentle hand. Ruth Reichelt, as Aunt Resolute, comes all the way from gay London town to seek a new sensation and verily she doth find it. Frances Kennedy, as Miriam, cousin to the Captain shows herself to be a charming though scarcely bold inmate in this wilderness home. Leigh Bittinger, as John Margeson, is generally regarded as the coming man in the colony though he loses both regard and position because of cowardice and jealousy. Rose de la Noye and her brother Philippe, Evelyn Baily and Harry Eichler, both of French blood, make their home with the captain.  
Rose, who can cook better, spin faster and dance longer than any maid in Plymouth finds the wilderness a place of great interest and proves herself a brave soldier. Philippe ceases to be "little brother" and becomes a man of value to the captain.  
Garret Foster, Lloyd Metzger, a well favored dare devil from Wessagusset Colony finds a greater interest in Rose of Plymouth than in his own colony and by behavior both staid and brave wins permission to remain in the settlement. He and John Margeson are strong rivals in every way—in sharp contrast in bravery and in generosity.

### EXAMINATION FOR MAIL CARRIER

Board Prepares to Fill new Position in Local Post Office

An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the post office in Chicago on February 15, 1913, for the purpose of filling the new position made necessary by the recent addition to our carrier service district.  
Following are a few of the qualifications required by the applicant: Age limit, 18 to 45 years, on the date of the examination. Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced or those who are separated from their husbands and support themselves, but they are eligible for appointment only as clerk.  
Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height without boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.  
For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address:  
Post office, Highland Park, Ill.

### KEEP CHILDREN OFF CARS

Many Cases of Scarlet Fever in Towns About Us

While there are at present four cases of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria in this city and Highwood the towns have been particularly fortunate in view of conditions which prevail both north and south of us. Chicago is experiencing an epidemic which is taxing the hospitals and health department to the limit; Evanston has a number of cases and last week all the school children were vaccinated because a special teacher, who lived in Chicago, was taken ill with small pox. To the north cases are reported in Lake Forest where a number of University girls are quarantined; the Gazette reports a dozen cases in Waukegan and in Winthrop Harbor the schools have been closed following the discovery of ten cases.  
In view of these facts it has been suggested by health and school authorities that children be kept from public conveyances to as great an extent as possible. It is known that at least three of the cases reported here in the past two months were contracted in Chicago.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

### SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT BLOCKED

Meeting was Called Weeks Early for Purpose of Passing Ordinance now Delayed a Month

Plans of the aldermen who called a meeting of the city council for January 17 in order that the ordinance for a supplemental assessment in Special Assessment 73 might be passed were disarranged when Ald. Kimble voted "No" on a proposition to suspend the rules, one negative vote being sufficient to delay the proceedings for one month. In consequence the ordinance will be engrossed and acted upon at the next meeting.  
**Other Business of the Meeting**  
Mayor Oliver notified the council that he had closed the water contract with the Village of Deerfield according to the ordinance passed Nov. 6. The action was approved. By the terms of this contract the city agrees to supply the village with water for a period of ten years at a rate of 8¢ cents for 100 cubic feet for the first year and 9 cents for the succeeding 9 years. The village is to lay mains and supply meter and make all connections.  
Upon recommendation of the Finance Com. the city attorney was instructed to take such action as is necessary to collect \$19,75 which it is claimed Justice of Peace Phillips has illegally withheld from fines collected.  
Ald. Vetter moved, seconded by Ald. Fearing that the Board of Local Improvements be authorized and empowered to employ such engineer service necessary to complete work before Board. Carried.  
The question of the Vine Ave. subway sewer was again brought up and the city attorney instructed to take action which would compel the two railroads to make immediate improvements. At the December meeting the city attorney offered letters from both roads in which the officials promised that the matter would be investigated and needed improvements made.

### OFFICIALS WANT CANTEN RESTORED

Evening Post Prints Pointed Comment on Action which Abolished it

The following article, which appeared in the Chicago Evening Post and has been reprinted in the Lake Forest and other papers, is a well pointed criticism aimed at those who caused the abolishment of the army canteen and who have prevented its restoration by the army officers who believe it necessary.  
"In his annual report Major General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the Army, recommends that the canteen be restored to the service. It is possible that the soldiers hope a Democratic Congress and a Democratic administration may have the courage to do for the army what a Republican Congress and a Republican administration wanted to do, but did not dare. The canteen makes for sobriety in the army and therefore for the good of the enlisted men.  
After the sutler's store and its attendant evils were forced out of the service when Redfield Proctor was Secretary of the War the canteen or the soldier's club was substituted. The enlisted men were able to purchase beer and light wine in limited quantities in the club, and thus kept within the limits of the post and within the limits of sobriety. Misguided men and women connected with the so-called temperance societies forced Congress against its will to eliminate the canteen and deep hurt was done to the morale of the service.  
For years efforts have been made to give back the canteen to the army. Every one of them has been defeated by the influence of persons who, in the main, know nothing about the army nor about the canteen and the good which it did when it was a recognized factor in post life. The profits of the canteen went to the soldiers' mess. The club-room itself kept the enlisted men away from the dives outside of the limits of the garrisons. The canteen was good for the service, and it ought to be restored, but good things frequently have a hard time of it when they run up against the wall of bigotry. —Chicago Evening Post.

### ELM PLACE SCHOOL EXERCISES

Mid-Year Graduation for Eighteen Pupils Next Week Friday

The mid-year graduation exercises of the Elm Place Grammar school will be held on the evening of Friday, January 31st, in the auditorium of the school. There will be a special musical program and among those giving selections will be Miss Anna McPherson, the instructor of vocal music at the school. The members of the class are Helen Warner, Elizabeth Scarborough, Elizabeth Schultz, Mildred Schultz, Anna Bahr, Eva Lundgren, Catherine Sheahan, Bette Bacon, Emma Steinberg, Seymour Goldberg, Walter Tillman, Roland McNamee, Samuel Steinberg, Ervin Clow, Guernsey Curtis, Thomas Rechtenwald, Gervase Brown, Tom Kelley.

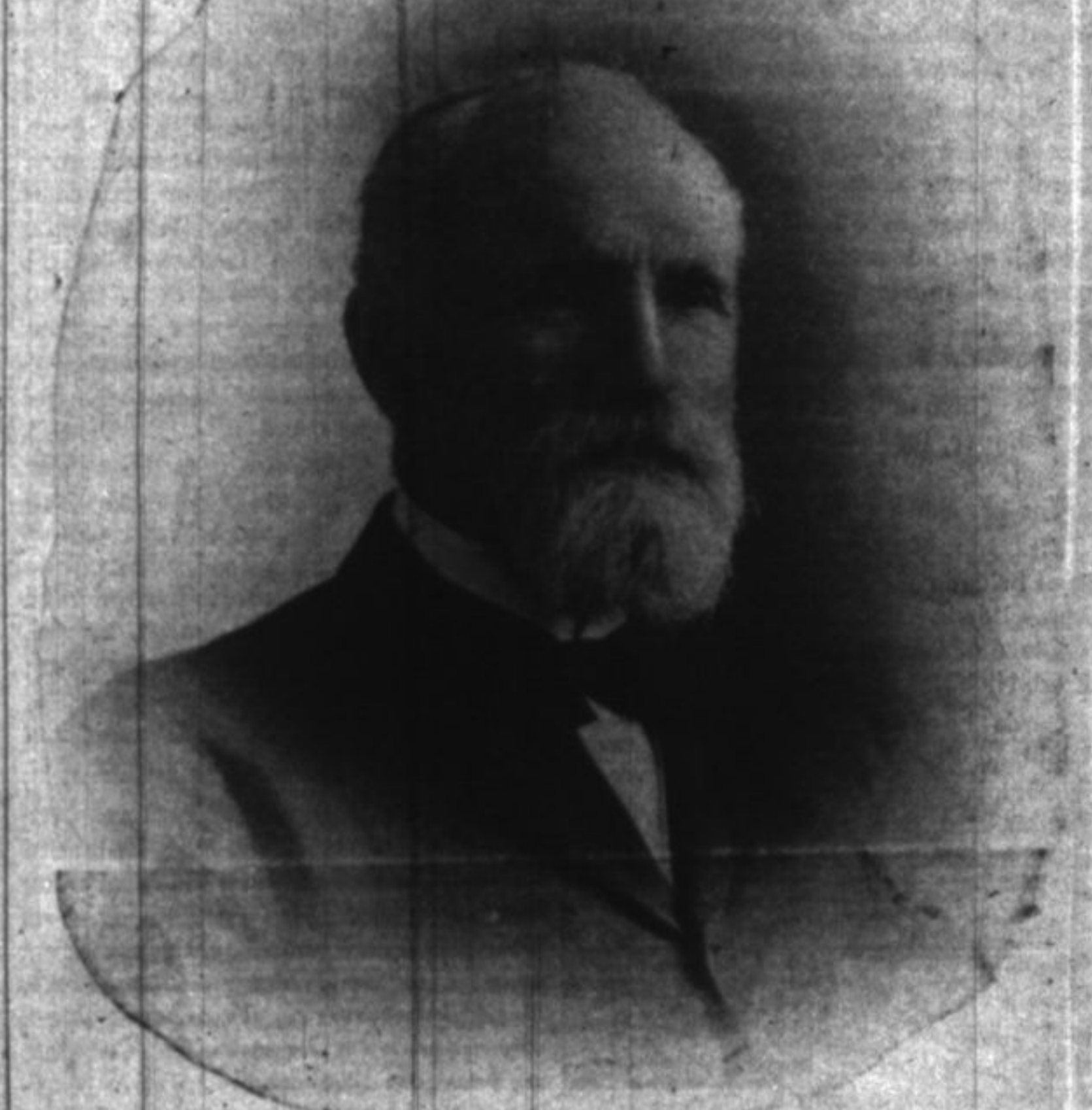
### OPENS PLACE OF BUSINESS

Oriental Rug Cleaner in Store at No. 8 No. Sheridan Road

H. S. Harajian, an experienced oriental rug cleaner and repairer has opened an establishment at No. 8 No. Sheridan Road.

## COLONEL HARLAN P. DAVIDSON

Born September 15, 1838. Died January 19, 1913



Colonel Harlan Page Davidson, founder of the Northwestern Military Academy, and, until the last two years its active head, died of heart failure at his winter home in Avon Park, Florida, at eight o'clock Sunday night. Colonel Davidson was born in Northern New Hampshire, September 15, 1838 and has been actively engaged in school work since his graduation from Norwich University in the early sixties. He came west in 1866, locating at Morgan Park, where he was one year Commandant and one year Superintendent of the Morgan Park Academy. He established the Northwestern Military Academy in 1868. During his life here he was active in the affairs of the city, an indefatigable worker in the cause of prohibition, and at one time the publisher of the North Shore News-Letter. During the past few years he has spent his winters at his southern home where his death occurred. Colonel Davidson leaves a widow, one daughter, Miss Alice S. Davidson and one son, Colonel R. P. Davidson, Superintendent of the Northwestern Military Academy. The body has been taken to Whitneyville, Conn., for interment.

### PRINTED MATTER BY PARCEL POST

Order Issued Placing Certain Forms in Fourth Class

The following order, recently issued, puts certain forms of printed matter in the merchandise class and permits of their being mailed as fourth class, or Parcel Post, matter. The new order gives the mail order house the cheaper rate for its catalogue but it doesn't let down the bars for the man who would like to slip a bible or a history of his country.  
Printed matter relating to an article of merchandise which it accompanies is regarded as descriptive of the article with the meaning of Section 493, Postal Laws and Regulations, and therefore is a permissible inclosure with such article when mailed as fourth class matter.  
Printing on an article of merchandise, or on its wrapper, or on a label pasted to it in such manner as to form an integral part of it, does not affect the classification of the article as mail matter of the fourth class.  
Catalogues in which two or more order forms are bound, as well as catalogues or other printed matter having samples of merchandise permanently attached to them, may be accepted for mailing at fourth class rates of postage.  
Order forms, address tags, report forms, letter and bill heads, insurance and legal forms, cards and other similar supplies, regardless of the amount of printing on them, blank check books, receipt books and other books of forms, partially in print, may be mailed as fourth class matter.  
Directions for taking medicine written on a label attached to a bottle or package containing the medicine or inclosed with it are permissible and do not affect the classification of the parcel.

### DEERFIELD-SHIELDS WINS DEBATES

Score Victories in two Meetings With New Trier

Deerfield-Shields as in past years came out with flying colors, victorious in the debate held on Friday night between New Trier and Deerfield. The affirmative teams debated at their home school and the negative at the other school thus a debate in progress on the timely question, Resolved: That the Initiative and Referendum and Recall as set forth in the National Progressive Platform would be beneficial to the United States.  
Affirmative speakers from the Deerfield-Shields "Forum," Lloyd Metzger, Goodrich Schauflier, Thomas Findlay. Negative speakers, who spoke at New Trier representing Deerfield-Shields were Leslie Schauflier, William Morton, and Thomas Findlay.  
Judges, Prof. James Taft Hatfield, Northwestern University; Prof. John Mantel Clapp, Lake Forest college; Principal Wilfred F. Beardsley, Evanston High school; Presiding Officer, R. L. Sandwick. The judges at New Trier were a Professor of Economics and a Professor of History from Northwestern University and the Principal of the La Grange High school.  
Deerfield won unanimously and easily at both places. The points in superiority especially well brought out by Deerfield's teams were the more finished character of the speaking, possession of more material, more ready and apt in replying to the arguments put forth by the opposite side, called rebuttal. At New Trier the debate was the occasion of the opening of their new auditorium, with a seating capacity for twelve hundred people. Eight hundred persons formed the audience on Friday night.

### FUN FOR THE VILLAGERS

One North Shore Town Takes Advantage of Cold Weather

The following clipping from the Kenilworth correspondence in the Evanston Index is offered as proof that there is some town on the North Shore where the officials take an interest in the welfare of the youngsters and assist them in taking advantage of cold weather.  
**Village Notes**  
"The skating rink has been even more popular than was expected for it is now occupied to its full capacity. During the afternoon the ice is literally covered with happy skaters. Seats are being provided and a shelter is being erected on the west side."

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Mail closes at postoffice daily except Sunday.  
7:11 a. m. from all points north; 8:00 a. m. from all points except for Highwood to Kenosha; 11:41 a. m. from all points north; 12:36 a. m. from all points except for Fort Sheridan to Kenosha; 2:13 p. m. from all points south, east and west; 3:14 p. m. from all points north; 5:42 p. m. from all points; 8:00 for all points; Sundays 5:16 p. m.  
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