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FACTS CONCERNING

MRS. STEELE'S LETTER

WHICH WAS RECEIVED SIX WEEKS AGO

Was Kept from Public until a few Days

Ago When it Leaked out and

the Chicago Papers

Exploited It

Highland Park ought to be and prob-

ably is proud of the fact that among its

prominent woman citizens are two who

have had the moral and physical courage

to keep their heads and nerve under most

exasperating conditions and help the

government officials to apprehend if pos-

sible a miserable miscreant who has atempted upon them a blackmailing scheme

In fact General Stuart, head of the

ost office secret service department,

characterizes it as the cleverest attempt

at playing upon fear to the end of extort-

ing money, which has ever come to his

Our citizens have undoubtedly read a

large number of true and untrue accounts

in the papers of this week on the subject

of the attempt to frighten Mrs. Frederick

M. Steele of North Sheridan Road into

ving \$2500 on forfeit of her life for a

usal, and later of the receipt by Mrs.

is Rosenwald of a similar letter.

have endeavored to get the

nalism which recently appeared in the

exact facts and to elminate much sensa-

public prints and we feel that the account

on which Chicago, Ill., was embossed.

The letter was posted at the Can St.

so unusual that she turned the page

see who had signed the communication.

There was no signature and she noticed

the letter was written in dark ink

with occasional paragraphs of carmine

ribbon. On turning the leaf, a sticky

substance like gelatine was disclosed,

which had adhered in such a way as to

throw its fluffy portions on to the table

and floor, in consequence of the effect of

stopped the reading of the letter, which

has never been resumed by her to the

present time, therefore she did not

know at that time, nor has she read since,

the information that the opening of the

letter had liberated two million of germs

which had immediately infected her, and

that unless she deposited at a specified

place in the Grant monument in Lincoln

Park, within a given number of days the

sum above mentioned, and as a result re-

ceiving the only cure known to the un-

in three weeks. She went to the tele

specified disease, her life would end with-

hone, notified the nearest govermental

the house and read and take charge of

he communication. He responded im-

rediately, read the whole letter, opened

advised him of what had happened

From that time to date the government,

assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Steele, by their

co-operation in efforts suggested by the

post office authorities, have endeavored

to catch the perpetrator of this diabolical

scheme. For six weeks it was kept from

the public, then when it leaked out and

the Chicago press exploited it, General

Stuart advised, for the safety of others

of the community, that consent should

be given to make public the letters and

the situation. Mr. Steele has never be

lieved that the so called germs were

other than fake germs, except as bacilli

are always to be found on any sticky

substance, or that the attempt was other

ing to the fears of some nervous person.

When they struck Mrs. Steele, the

made an attempt on the wrong lady. She

of publicity, fled the vicinity.

than an effort to extort funds by appear

sub postal station at Chicago,

of the deepest dye.

is substantially true.

but such is the situation.

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ideal heating stove home.

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essortment of English lasts with low heels, in Tan and Black at \$5.00 per pair.

On Your Way

STEP IN and be fitted with a pair of Florsheims.

The shoe for comfort, style and endurance.

\$5.00

J. A. Blomdahl

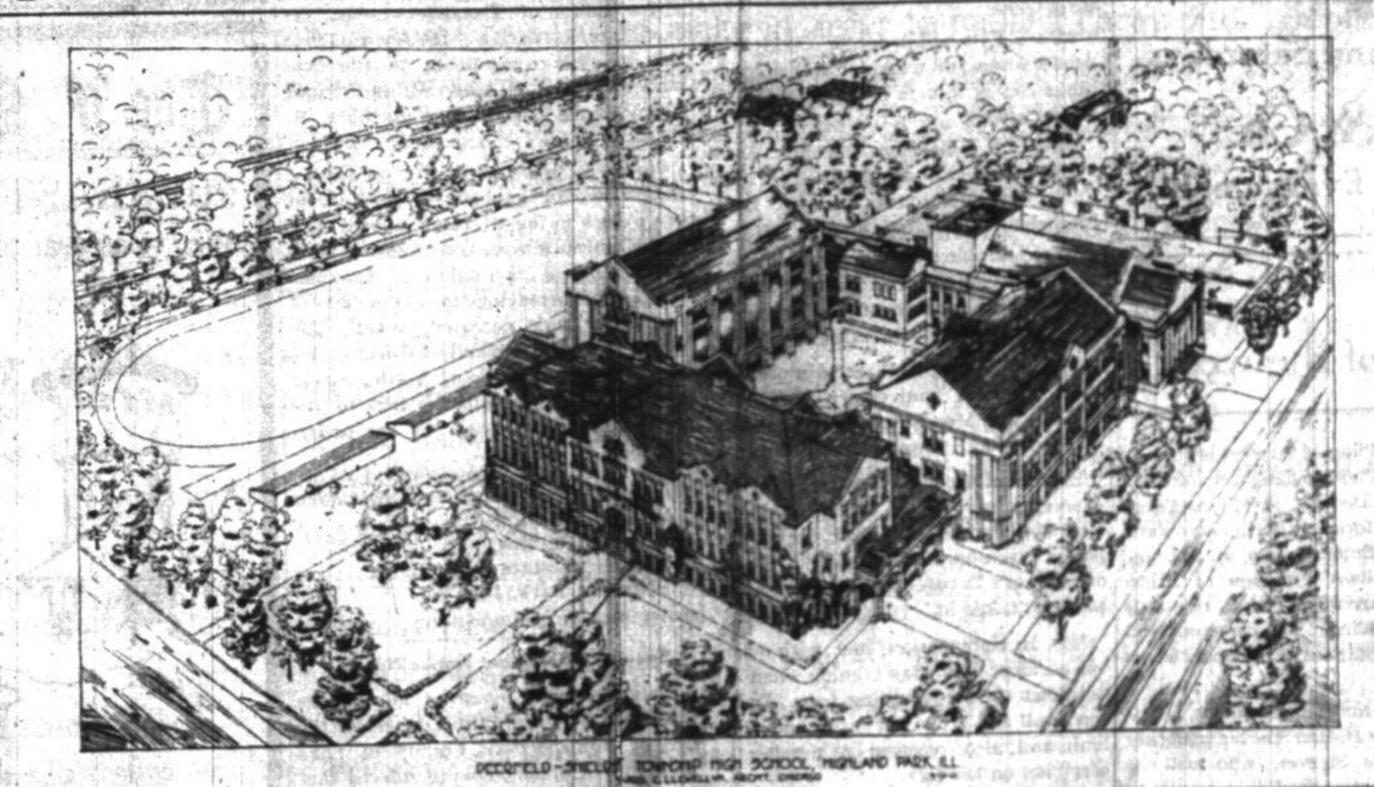
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HIGHLAND PARK, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1913

## Proposed Deerfield-Shields High School Buildings



## NIGHT SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

#### S. H. S. With an Enrollment of One **Hundred and Sixty Persons**

One hundred and sixty young men and It seems strange that the irony of fate women have entered evening classes at the personal affairs of one who has uni- the high school. Large classes were or formly endeavored to keep her name and ganized Monday night, in dressmaking pictures and doings, out of public notice, millinery, stenography and typewriting, On September tenth last a special de-livery letter was received through the Highland Park Post Office, addressed to Mrs. Frederick M. Steele at her home, too few enrolled in gardening and hortispecial messenger. On opening it, she a probable, however, that one or more und a neatly printed typewritten these will be organized later. Persons on handsome white paper terested in any one of these subjects Principal R. L. Sandwick, who will notiread only the first paragraph which was to begin work.

## ACCIDENT AT C. & M. E. SHOPS

#### Mr. Thomas Wright Crushed Between Two Cars Yesterday at Noon

the forcible turning. Mrs. Steele then Wright of Evolution Ave., who is a car repairer fell victim to a serious accident. About twelve-thirty at noon he was repairing some cars when a jack slipped and crushed him between two cars. He was taken to the Jane McAllister hospital, Waukegan and when examined it was found that several ribs were broken and crushed into his lungs. As we go to press Mr. Wright is reported as getting long nicely.

## MAIL DELIVERY FOR LAKE FOREST

#### officer and asked him to come at once to Survey has Been Made but Service will not Start Before Spring

called up her husband at Chicago, and wood, will have free delivery.

## EDITOR IS BACK ON JOB

#### W. M. Lowrie Returns from Lake Breeze Sanitarium

Mr. W. M. Lowrie, who for the past six weeks has been taking treatment at Lake Breeze Sanitarium, has returned to his home here sufficiently recovered from is illness to resume his duties as editor of this paper. For a few weeks Mr. Lowrie will do the greater portion of his work at his home.

## DEMONSTRATE NEW DANCES

## Monsieur Maurice and Miss Florence Walton to be at Moraine

not called for, and it is fair to pre- Tango, Hesitation Waltz and One Step cided in a manner agreeable to the His right leg was cut off, his left shoulder were served and all who attended were rushed to the scene of the accident and sume that the criminal has, in the light at the Moraine Saturday evening at nine property owners upon such route and to broken, and he was bruised and cut in much impressed by the hospitable and lifted the car from the man who was o'clock. Special dinner 6:30 to 8:50. the city officials.

## NEW SHERIDAN ROAD COMMITTEE FORMED

## WILL BOOST COMMISSION CONTROL

A few Paragraphs from the Law Which Show the Absolute Power Diven the Park Board by it

A new committee has recently been acpointed by President Lobde of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association and delivered early in the morning by special messenger. On opening it, she and public speaking to start classes. It and villages and the Lincoln Park Board whereby Sheridan Road will- be over to the latter board. Although the hould send their names in at once to law which made this transfer possit fy them in case there are enough enroled Glencoe, has passed the ordinance necessary to complete the transaction. This is called a "model ordinance" by committee, which is headed by Mr. other towns interested. A copy of it not available at the present time but it is hoped that it will clear away a few of the hazy points which are puzzling local

> THE PRESS of May 29. It is entitled, in part, "A Bill, for an act to enable the commissoners of Lincoln Park to take, regulate, control, improve, locate, extend, diminish, widen, straighten and otherwise deal with the public street or bonlevard known and to be known as Sheridan Road." Section one states that this may he done "provided the consent in writing of the owners of a majority of the frontage of the lots and lands abusting on to said Sheridan Road in each Eaunicipa or park district or township shall be first obtained." Section two has a paragrap which states that: "The commissione of Lincoln Park may enter upon any lan

to make surveys for the purpose locating, extending, widening or straight A trial of the free delivery system in ening or otherwise improving or alterin Lake Forest has been decided upon by said Sheridan Road and may for said covered by oil silk, which gave details of postoffice officials, surveys have been made purposes take and damage property. and routes will be marked out in time Other sections state that the comm sults predicted. This gentleman advised for service to be settled in the spring sioners shall certify to the local taxing Mrs. Steele to wash her hands and table With its establishment in Lake Forest all bodies the amount necessary to make with a disinfectant, and to turn the the North Shore towns from Evanston to the original improvement and later whole matter over to him, for investiga: Waukegan, with the exception of Kenil- maintain it and that "it shall be the duty tion and action, which she did. She then worth, Lake Bluff and a portion of High- of said bodies to levy or gause to levied according to law a special tax or assessment on property benefited for

such sum so certified."

The only thing that appears "hazy" about the Sheridan Road law concerns what the Lincoln Park commissioners will elect to do after they are granted the extreme power which the law gives them. For instance in Highland Park, a portion of what is called Sheridan Road zig-zags through the business center of the town under the names of and many believe that this portion will

## BIENNIAL CONVENTION IS SUCCESS

#### Held at the United Evangelical Church last Week. One Hundred and Fifty Delegates Present

cieties and Sunday Schools of the Illinois Conference of the United Evangelical City Attorney is instructed at Specia church met in their Biennial convention here last week. There were about one hundred and fifty delegates present from all over the conference. Among the visiting speakers present were: Bishop U. P. | Probably the most important business nearly everyone believes in athletics and Swengel of Harrisburg, Pa., Rev. J. G. transacted at the adjourned meeting of the gymnastic exercises for boys and girls, Eller, Rev. C. G. Unangst, Rev. Wm. city council, held Friday evening. Oct. many have questioned the policy of Evans of the Moody Institute, Mrs. Car- 17, was the instruction given the city at spending as large an amount as estimated fie Besserer, Rev. J. W. Michael, Rev. E. torney to take up with the Northwestern ed for such a building and have suggest K. Yeakel, R. J. Munday, Miss Lucy D. Railroad officials the question of placing ed cutting that amount down and som Weis, Dr. H. H. Thoren, Rev. J. H. Kea- lights at all their crossings within the of the money saved, used to enlarge the ble Prot. H. H. Rassweiler and Fred G. tion, which was seconded by Ald. Buck- ing. went into effect in June only one town. Thomas. These speakers all chose in- ley and unanimously adopted. This The question of the assembly hall or teresting subjects and The Press regrets move is in line with the efforts, of the theatre to be used for commencement it hasn't more space to quote some of the officials to get a well lighted city at a re-excreises, lectures, entertainments, etc., impressive phrazes used by them.

kind and hospitable people for the royal ing, at which all officials were present, ing hard for a Community House, which it will be submitted to the Efficials of entertainment. The next convention will was as follows: be held in Peotone. The following offi- Following a suspension of the rules on for all such entertainment. Opposin cers were elected: Rev. J. G. Eller of motion of Ald. Obee, seconded by Ald. this however, are many who favor the Freeport, Ill., President; F. G. Thomas of Sheahen, for the purpose of acting upon assembly hall or theatre, to the Com-Freeport, Vice President; Miss Mary a resolution authorizing the fire and munity House, but who are willing, at a Alice Hev of Sterling, Rec. Secretary; water committee to obtain bids and times to stand by the decision of the M. E. shops in Highwood, Mr. Thomas The law as passed was published in Mrs. H. F. Maechtle of this city, Cor. award contract for re-wiring the pump majority. Secretary and Frank Bover of Reddick, ing station, wires to be placed in iron. There are also many who favor the en-

## BOCK'S STORE NEAR COLLAPSE

#### Brick Wall Settles Several Inches Endangering Lives of Employees

The building occupied by George Bock's grocery store came near colla at noon yesterday when the brick wall on the east side settled nearly a foot to the excavation for Mr. Bock's new cracks and leaving the building in an nsafe condition, W. F. Edwards was mediately employed to brace the walls and put in floor and roof supports, which enables Mr. Bock to move his grocery stock into the new Goldberg Building the proper fund for the payment of them. directly across the street, which he had engaged, and made arrangements for pening of business Friday morning, within an hour after the accident. Carcenters worked overtime until late last night laying floors and getting the new building in readiness.

## CAR KILLS BOY AT LAKE FOREST

#### Milwaukee Limited Strikes Gerald Wells as he Attempts to Cross Tracks

Gerald Wells, sixteen-year-old son of by a Milwaukee limited car on the C. & Johns Avenue and Central Avenue, M. E. at about 3:30 last Wednesday aftersecuring control of the roas through the "Wells was walking along the strip which consent of owners of this groperty, will runs between the electric and Northpower of condemnation, build upon this limited train saw him start running and tion and others on the North Shore. A of the men, John T. Stevens, who was decide on a new route and through their western tracks. The motorman of the new line whether the owners of property concluded he was hurrying to get to a very pleasant and profitable time was enthere like it or not. This is one of the crossing to catch the car. The young joyed by all who attended. The principal the heavy car and was fortunate in es-Monsieur Maurice and Miss Florence "hazy" points and it is said by many that man was running as fast as he could and speakers of the evening were Peter Rand- caping serious injury. Walton will demonstrate the beauty and the ordinance, if it is to be passed, should suddenly swerved across in front of the all, Mr. Kittridge and Mr. McPherson of William Lighthall and William Bracy, at the instance of the Secret Service, was Drawing Room steps including the Maxixe, exact route and width of the road is de-

## ASK RAILROAD TO LIGHT CROSSINGS

#### COUNCIL BELIEVES C. & N. W. SHOULD The workers of the young peoples so-

Meeting to Take up Matter With Officials. Other Business Transacted

gle, Rev. E. O. Rife, C. W. A. Lindemut, city. Ald. Fearing introduced theresolu- \$10,000 estimated, manual training build sonable price.

to purchase a tool for facing valve seats, and study rooms, and domestic sea ost not to exceed \$22.50. Carried. Ald, departments, a gymnasium, a mai the adoption of said resolution. 'Carried and recitation rooms and an

same, Carried, Ald, Nichols voting "no,"

property owners for a gas main on October 25th. Ridgewood Drive, together with ordinance for same, be referred to the city attorney for report. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

## LOCAL BUSINESS MEN ENTERTAINED

#### By Evanston Commercial Association on Thursday Evening of Last Week

Highland Park Business Men's Associa- and turned turtle into the ravine. One

## SCHOOL QUESTION AROUSING INTEREST

#### **ELECTION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**

School Board Urges Both Men and Women Voters to Support Proposition Description of the New **Buildings Proposed** 

In the matter of public policy readers of a local paper not only expect the news but they expect to read the differences opinion on the subject. These opinio are accepted by those readers with whose views they coincide and rejected by those who have ideas at variance with the In expressing their differences, which reach this office from all sides, regarding the \$200,000 bond issue for the new buildings of the Deerfield-Shields High school, we are glad to state that in all matters of public policy, the large majority are for the purchase of anything which is necessary for the improvemen of Highland Park or for the education its future citizens and they are just as much against the purchase of anythin which is unnecessary. One reason for this being, that they have all noticed that when the people of a city or school dis trict discover that they have purchase something unnecessary they usua economize by refusing to purchase some thing necessary, and they all want the necessary things.

In the mafter of what is necessary and tion of our future citizens, a great ma differences of opinion have reached the ears of the writer, making him feel duty bound to his readers to give some argu ments both "for" and "against" some of the proposed buildings. The principa criticisms being about the gymnasium and

A rising vote of thanks was given our Other business transacted at this meet those who have been agitating and workthey believe, will afford ample provision

> conduits. Ald. Buckly moved, seconded tire plans, as outlined by the school board by Ald. Sheahen the adoption of same, in a recently published pamphlet, which

> on of the rules for The proposed improvements, Ald, Buckley inpived, seconded by Ald. hall large enough for commenceme Sheaben, the suspension of the rules for exercises and public entertainments, also amounting to \$45,00, of Dr. F. M. Ingalis plant. The board have expressed their for services rendered Fireman Chas, desire to serve the interest of all th Sheahen, injured while on duty. Carried, people in every way possible. The audi-Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. torium may be used for public meeting Kline that the bill be allowed and that and entertainments and night schools the city clerk be instructed to draw upon will be opened for all who wish to use

> The board, consisting of John J. Halsey. Ald Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. president; Peter C. Wolcott, secretary; Kline, that the matter of placing Liability Oscar, F. Bell, Ira J. Geer, and D. W. Insurance be referred to the fire and Hartman, urge all citizens, men and water committee with power's to act, women voters of the district to give their Ald. Nichols moved, seconded by Ald. it and by coming to the pells and voting Buckley, that the petition presented by for it. Election to be held Saturday,

## AUTO ACCIDENT WEDNESDAY

#### Two Men in Machine Escaped Serious Injury. Car struck Mud Hole and Turned Turtle into Ravine

On Wednesday afternoon two men employed by the Schulze Bakery concern. who were driving a truck met with a serious accident on North Sheridan Road The Evanston Commercial Association and Walker Avenue, near the George P., held an open meeting on last Thursday Everhart estate. The machine running evening and invited the members of the at a moderate speed struck a mud hole

receptacle provided by the blackmailer, wholesomeness of the new Ballroom and not be passed until an agreement as to the