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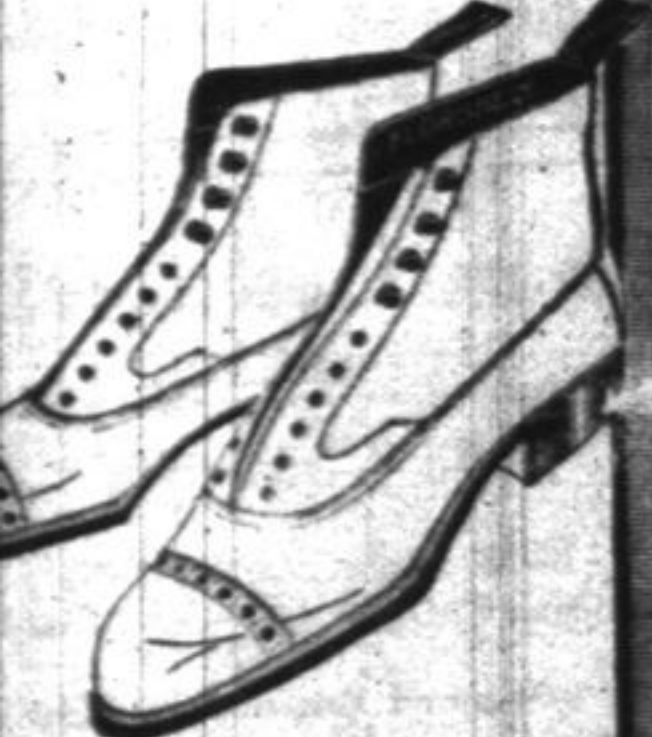
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FACTS CONCERNING MRS. STEELE'S LETTER

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 probably 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 possible a miserable miscreant who has attempted upon them a blackmailing scheme of the deepest dye.

In fact General Stuart, head of the post office secret service department, characterizes it as the cleverest attempt at playing upon fear to the end of extorting money, which has ever come to his attention.

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 paying \$2500 on forfeit of her life for a refusal, and later of the receipt by Mrs. Julius Rosenwald of a similar letter.

We have endeavored to get the exact facts and to eliminate much sensationalism which recently appeared in the public prints and we feel that the account is substantially true.

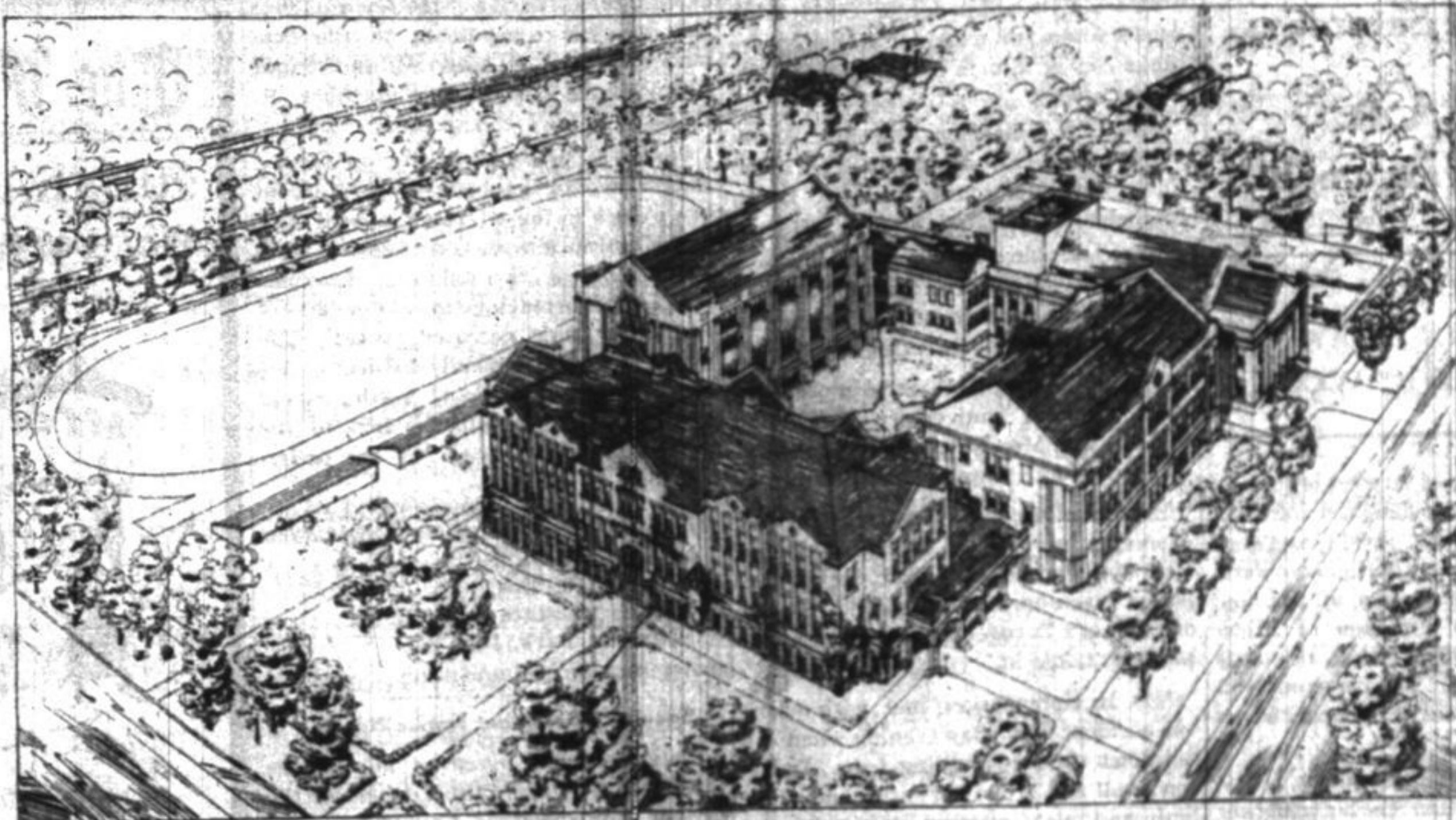
It seems strange that the irony of fate has forced into the limelight of publicity the personal affairs of one who has uniformly endeavored to keep her name and pictures and doings, out of public notice, but such is the situation.

On September tenth last a special delivery letter was received through the Highland Park Post Office, addressed to Mrs. Frederick M. Steele at her home, and delivered early in the morning by special messenger. On opening it, she found a neatly printed typewritten letter on handsome white paper on which Chicago, Ill., was embossed.

The letter was posted at the Cau. St. sub postal station at Chicago. She read only the first paragraph which was so unusual that she turned the page to 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 the forcible turning.

Proposed Deerfield-Shields High School Buildings



DEERFIELD-SHIELDS HIGH SCHOOL, HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.

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 of opinion on the subject. These opinions are accepted by those readers with whose views they coincide and rejected by those who have ideas at variance with them.

In the matter of what is necessary and what is unnecessary for the proper education of our future citizens, a great many differences of opinion have reached the ears of the writer, making him feel duty bound to his readers to give some arguments both "for" and "against" some of the proposed buildings. The principal criticisms being about the gymnasium and the assembly hall or theatre.

The question of the assembly hall or theatre to be used for commencement exercises, lectures, entertainments, etc., has met with opposition from many of those who have been agitating and working hard for a Community House.

There are also many who favor the entire plan, as outlined by the school board in a recently published pamphlet, which has meant over a year's study of the situation on their part.

The proposed improvements, arranged in a quadrangle will consist of a class room building with additional recitation and study rooms and domestic science departments, a gymnasium, a manual training building with shops, drawing and recitation rooms and an assembly hall large enough for commencement exercises and public entertainments, also a building for the heating and power plant.

The board, consisting of John J. Halsey, president; Peter C. Wolcott, secretary; Oscar F. Bell, Ira J. Geer, and D. W. Hartman, urge all citizens, men and women voters of the district to give their support to this cause both by approving it and by coming to the polls and voting for it. Election to be held Saturday, October 25th.

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 and Walker Avenue, near the George P. Everhart estate. The machine running at a moderate speed struck a mud hole and turned turtle into the ravine.

William Lighthall and Willard Bracy, both employed by Frank L. Cheney, heard the distressing call for help and rushed to the scene of the accident and lifted the car from the man who was under it.

NIGHT SCHOOL OPENED MONDAY

At D. S. H. S. With an Enrollment of One Hundred and Sixty Persons

One hundred and sixty young men and women have entered evening classes at the high school. Large classes were organized Monday night, in dressmaking, millinery, stenography and typewriting, bookkeeping and penmanship, and arithmetic and English.

ACCIDENT AT C. & M. E. SHOPS

Mr. Thomas Wright Crushed Between Two Cars Yesterday at Noon

On Wednesday afternoon at the C. & M. E. shops in Highwood, Mr. Thomas 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.

MAIL DELIVERY FOR LAKE FOREST

Survey has Been Made but Service will not Start Before Spring

A trial of the free delivery system in Lake Forest has been decided upon by postoffice officials; surveys have been made and routes will be marked out in time for service to be settled in the spring.

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 his illness to resume his duties as editor of this paper.

DEMONSTRATE NEW DANCES

Monsieur Maurice and Miss Florence Walton to be at Moraine Saturday Night

Monsieur Maurice and Miss Florence Walton will demonstrate the beauty and wholesomeness of the new Ballroom and Drawing Room steps including the Maxixe, Tango, Hesitation Waltz and One Step at the Moraine Saturday evening at nine o'clock. Special dinner 6:30 to 8:50.

NEW SHERIDAN ROAD COMMITTEE FORMED

Will Boost Commission Control

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

A new committee has recently been appointed by President Lobdell of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association in an effort to hasten to a conclusion negotiations between the various cities and villages and the Lincoln Park Board whereby Sheridan Road will be turned over to the latter board.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION IS SUCCESS

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

The workers of the young peoples societies and Sunday Schools of the Illinois Conference of the United Evangelical Church met in their biennial convention here last week. There were about one hundred and fifty delegates present from all over the conference.

BOCK'S STORE NEAR COLLAPSE

Brick Wall Settles Several Inches Endangering Lives of Employees

The building occupied by George F. Bock's grocery store came near collapsing at noon yesterday when the brick wall on the east side settled nearly a foot into the excavation for Mr. Bock's new store, which is adjoining and nearly toppled over, leaving a number of large cracks and leaving the building in an unsafe condition.

CAR KILLS BOY AT LAKE FOREST

Milwaukee Limited Strikes Gerald Wells as he Attempts to Cross Tracks

Gerald Wells, sixteen-year-old son of W. W. Wells of Lake Forest, was struck by a Milwaukee limited car on the C. & M. E. at about 3:30 last Wednesday afternoon and was so badly injured that death was almost instantaneous. The accident occurred just north of Westminster Ave., where, according to the Lake Forester, "Wells was walking along the strip which runs between the electric and Northwestern tracks. The motorman of a limited train saw him start running and concluded he was hurrying to get to the crossing to catch the car. The young man was running as fast as he could and suddenly swerved across in front of the fast moving electric car. The train struck him and he was dragged several yards. His right leg was cut off, his left shoulder broken, and he was bruised and cut in many places."

ASK RAILROAD TO LIGHT CROSSINGS

COUNCIL BELIEVES C. & N. W. SHOULD

City Attorney is Instructed at Special Meeting to Take up Matter With Officials. Other Business Transacted

Probably the most important business transacted at the adjourned meeting of the city council, held Friday evening, Oct. 17, was the instruction given the city attorney to take up with the Northwestern Railroad officials the question of placing lights at all their crossings within the city.

Following a suspension of the rules on motion of Ald. Obee, seconded by Ald. Sheahan, for the purpose of acting upon a resolution authorizing the fire and water committee to obtain bids and award contract for re-wiring the pumping station, wires to be placed in iron conduits, Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. Sheahan the adoption of same. Carried.

Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. Vetter, the suspension of the rules for the purpose of acting upon a resolution authorizing the fire and water committee to purchase a tool for facing valve seats, cost not to exceed \$22.50. Carried. Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. Kline, the adoption of said resolution. Carried.

Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. Sheahan, the suspension of the rules for the purpose of acting upon the bill, amounting to \$4500, of Dr. F. M. Ingalls for services rendered Fireman Chas. Sheahan, injured while on duty. Carried. Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. Kline, that the bill be allowed and that the city clerk be instructed to draw upon the proper fund for the payment of same. Carried. Ald. Nichols voting "no."

Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. Kline, that the matter of placing Liability Insurance be referred to the fire and water committee with power to act. Carried.

Ald. Nichols moved, seconded by Ald. Buckley, that the petition presented by property owners for a gas main on 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.

The Evanston Commercial Association held an open meeting on last Thursday evening and invited the members of the Highland Park Business Men's Association and others on the North Shore. A very pleasant and profitable time was enjoyed by all who attended. The principal speakers of the evening were Peter Randman, Mr. Kittridge and Mr. McPherson of all, Mr. Kittridge and Mr. McPherson of Evanston. They spoke very interestingly on "Business Methods." Refreshments were served and all who attended were much impressed by the hospitable and pleasing way they were entertained.