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MR. CUSHING TELLS OF EAST PARK BOARD

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south of the park board's land, finding that the sand and gravel were carried away as soon as accumulated by some entering sand merchants, and desiring of receiving protection from the city. Sreed to build a breakwater similar to that constructed by the park board and dedicate the whole space to the Park District for use as a park in order to preserve the foot of his bluff and did actually expend about \$5000.00 on the work. A final written agreement was not obtained from Mr. Ward before his death but his heirs intimate that his expressed wishes will be carried out when the affairs of the estate are nearer settlement. If this arrangement is completed the board proposes to extend the park from the foot of Ravine Drive around to Beach St. and to the Sheridan Road and finally have a most unique and attractive drive to turn over to the public.

The name of Ravine Ave. has been changed to Ravine Drive in order to give this handsome driveway a little distinction of its own. It was found that there are over 40 avenues in Highland Park of which only a few are entitled to the dignity of the name and when the suggestion of a change was submitted to the property owners the vote for the change was practically unanimous.

Under the law the park board is entitled to four mills in the dollar of the appraised valuation of the district and this amounts to about \$3900.00 per year under the present appraised value. The full amount has not been asked for and in the four years since the board was organized it has received in all \$13,014.17, about \$3,250 per year. The necessary work in building the retaining wall, breakwater and jetties as well as lighting and keeping the drive in repair has cost approximately \$10,500.00 and the treasurer has on hand in cash about \$2,000.00. The board proposes to continue its work at the foot of the Ravine and finally turn over a small park which will afford a perpetual breathing place amid very attractive surroundings. When its work has progressed a little further the board will apply again to the city for control of the Central Ave. park which could do with some improvement and beautifying. It is also the policy of the board to acquire control over all the stub ends of streets running to the lake and reserve them for the future use of the public. These street ends are not of much value now but will be very valuable as our city develops and something can be made of them if nothing more than building paths down to the water.

WALKING TO ASIA.

This is Not Difficult When Bering Strait is Frozen.

On Aug. 15 we sailed through Bering strait and were at last in the arctic. The straits are thirty-six miles wide, with East cape, a rounded, dome shaped mass of black basalt, on the Asiatic side and on the American side Cape Prince of Wales, a headland of sharper outline, but neither so lofty nor so sheer. In between the two capes and in line with them lie the two islands of Big and Little Diomed. Through the three narrow channels between the capes and the islands the tide runs with the swiftness of a river's current.

The Eskimos constantly cross from continent to continent in small boats. In still weather the passage can be made in a light kayak with perfect safety. The widest of the three channels is that between Big Diomed and East cape, and is, I should say, not more than fifteen miles across. While we were passing through the straits we saw a party of Eskimos in a skin boat paddling leisurely across from America to Asia. They no doubt had been on a visit to relatives or friends on the neighboring continent. We were told that in winter when the strait is frozen solidly, the Eskimos frequently walk from one continent to the other. -- From "A Year With a Whaler," by Walter Noble Burns.

TRUE TO THE END.

And After Many Years Came Her Tragic and Pathetic Reward.

A number of years ago some miners in Wales, in exploring an old disused pit, found the body of a young man dressed in a fashion long out of date. The peculiar action of the air of the mine was such as preserved the body so perfectly that it appeared as if he were rather than dead.

The miners were puzzled at the circumstances. No one in the district had been missed within their remembrance, and at last it was resolved to bring in the oldest inhabitant, an old lady over eighty years old, who had lived single in the village all her life.

When she was taken into the room where the dead man lay a strange thing occurred. The old lady fell on the corpse and kissed it and addressed it by every term of endearment spoken to a bygone generation. She was her only love, and she had waited for him her long life. She knew he had not forsaken her.

The old lady and young man had been betrothed sixty years before. Her lover had disappeared mysteriously, and she had kept her faith during the long interval. The miners removed the old lady to her house, and that night her faithful spirit rejoined that of her long lost lover. -- London Telegraph.

Wise Eskimos.

Everything in the Eskimo dress has a reason for its existence, writes Captain Roald Amundsen in "The Northwest Passage." The members of Captain Amundsen's expeditions had become accustomed to the Eskimo dress and had adopted it, but many of them thought it ridiculous for grownup men to go about wearing fringe to their clothes, so they cut it off. I had my scruples about this, says the author, as I had already learned that most things in the Eskimo's clothing and other arrangements had their distinct meaning and purpose. So I kept my fringe and put up with the ridicule. He laughs best who laughs last. One fine day the anovaks, a sort of tunic reaching below the knee, made of deer skin, from which the fringes had been cut off, commenced to curl up, and if the fringe had not been put on again quickly they would soon have looked like neckties.

Astronomy.

If there were any money to be made in astronomy everybody would be studying it. About all we can see in figures, and these are so big that they stagger the understanding. Every child in the United States knows how to find the north star from the pointers of the dipper, but no child can appreciate the statement that this star is distant from the earth 210,000,000,000,000 miles--two hundred and ten trillions! A railroad train traveling at one mile a minute would have to run without stopping for 470,000,000 years in order to traverse this distance. If light really travels 187,500 miles a second a ray from the north star would be thirty-six years in reaching the earth.

Right in His Face.

A group of grieving depositors stood on the sidewalk before the closed doors of a recently defunct bank. It wasn't a merry scene. One man who had lost his all was trying to brace up a colored grandpa whose white wool bobbed up and down into the folds of a bandanna. "Don't cry, uncle," he said, "Banks burst every day, you know." "Yes, sir, I know it, but--bub bub, bub--dis bank--bub, bub--done bub, right in mah face." --Harper's Weekly.

The Wrong Heart.

"Mr. Rubkins," said the proud father, shaking the young man warmly by the hand, "let me tell you that you are a man after my own heart." "Oh, no, sir," protested the blushing suitor, "I'm after your daughter's." London Answers.

A Popular Role.

Girl (to prominent actor)--I suppose there is some role you take special interest in. Actor--Yes, my dear young lady, the payroll. --Boston Transcript.

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Ossoli Club

The Ossoli Club will meet this afternoon. The day is in charge of the Household Economics committee. Subject for discussion "Household Economics." Speaker Mrs. Charles H. Betts of Chicago. The Study class will meet next Thursday morning at 10:00. General subject "Schools." Deerfield-Shields High school, speaker Rev. P. C. Wolcott; Gramma school, Mr. John V. Norcross; Lincoln school, speaker Mr. Ward W. Willits.

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