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## CONVICTS AVAILABLE FOR ROAD BUILDING

### INTERESTING LETTER FROM WARDEN

After Conference of Authorities, Statement is Made That 240 "Trusties" can be Secured by First Counties Applying

At a conference held at Springfield in the office of the Governor on January 8th, 1914, between Edward F. Dunne, Governor, Edmund Allen, Warden of the Penitentiary at Joliet, and the three members of the State Highway Commission it was shown by the Warden that there were two hundred and fifty trusty prisoners who could be relied on for faithful services and good deportment if permitted to work on the public highways in different parts of the state.

It was first determined that the chief benefits to the commonwealth to be derived by using the convicts outside of the prison walls would be to rehabilitate the men themselves in their own manhood thus preparing them again for citizenship before leaving the penal institution.

It was then shown that the men to be selected were not vicious characters at heart and would not require much guarding and that therefore their keep outside of the penal institution would not exceed fifty cents each per day. It was therefore decided to only charge the communities who should call for their services that amount per day and that this should cover every expense that the communities would incur from the time the convicts left the penitentiary until their return.

It was also decided that it would not be very profitable to the localities to take them to any community for the purpose of constructing less than five miles of highway.

It was further shown that the greatest saving to the locality employing them would be to have them construct macadam roads and that the state could furnish the crushed stone for making such roads by the community paying the freight on the stone from the prison to the railroad station nearest the scene of the improvement to be made and furnishing teams to haul the stone from the station or stations and scatter it along the route to be improved.

It was further shown that the only added expense to the communities employing the labor would be the freight on the steam rollers, tools and machinery to carry forward the work to completion and pay the expenses of the engineers from the Highway Department while supervising the work.

Therefore it was determined that for the city or cities, community or communities who would provide a fund to meet the expense necessary under the provisions above stated for the construction of not less than five miles of highway, provided the local highway commissioners call for the prisoners, as required by law, the State Highway Commission will at once undertake the construction of such highway or highways. Said road, however, not to be taken over as a State Aid Road, but to be left to the maintenance of the community or communities where it is located.

It will not be necessary for any community to employ more than fifty convicts at any one time to entitle them to this service. This would enable five different localities to work in the manner above provided at the same time.

The construction work may be done on any road under the jurisdiction of the local highway commissioners, which would include any state aid road not under actual construction by the state and county.

All of the cities, counties and communities of the state are hereby given the opportunity to compete for this improvement and to the first community or communities complying with the terms above mentioned, the services will be rendered. Estimates of cost for construction per mile will be given as soon as the location of the road is ascertained. It is desired that such a highway of from ten to eighty miles should be constructed in 1914.

EDMUND M. ALLEN,  
Warden, State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.  
State Highway Commission,  
By A. D. GASE,  
S. E. BRADT,  
JAS. P. WILSON,

### NEW LUNG MOTOR ARRIVES

Life Saving Device Recently Ordered Arrived Friday

The new lung motor recently ordered purchased by the city council was delivered Friday and the firemen and policemen given instruction in its use. Present plans are to keep the device on the fire truck where it will be available for instant use.

## NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

### ARE HARVESTING A GOOD ICE CROP

Kenosha has Nine Cases of Small Pox. Many Other Interesting News Notes from Nearby Cities

**Aged Resident of County Dies**  
J. W. Whitney, aged 80 years, one of the best known and wealthiest residents of Lake Zurich and vicinity, died at his home on the south bank of the lake at 2:30 today. He had been sick for a week and his death was not unexpected.

**Are Harvesting Good Ice Crop**  
The ice on Tuesday was about twelve inches thick but was planed to ten inches. This took off all the slush ice and the snow. With reasonably good luck the houses will be filled by the tenth of March.—*Grayslake Times*.

**Small Pox in Kenosha**  
Two more quarantines for small pox bringing the total of the cases in the city up to nine, were established on Tuesday afternoon.

**Correcting an Error**  
The Antioch News in copying an item of news from a Chicago paper conveys the idea in its community that at Grayslake the sewage is being dumped into the lake in the village and says that we get water for various usages from the same lake and we believe that we justified in a correction of that item. The Chicago and Waukegan papers contained the same item, but they have no limit.—*Grayslake Times*.

THE PRESS also printed the article referred to above and we assure Grayslake that we are glad to "take it back."

**Nearby Locals**  
Kenosha has awakened to the fact that she turned down a good proposition in refusing to accept the offer of the Northwestern railroad to elevate the tracks through their city, and on Wednesday evening an informal meeting of the aldermen met in the office of the Mayor and went over the matter again.

Kenosha voters defeated the proposed commission form of government by a majority of 801 voters. The liquor element in the city made a strong fight against the plan and its friends had no organization.

Dr. J. L. Taylor, county coroner, left his home in Libertyville Thursday night for Los Angeles, Cal., after he had received word from that city of the serious illness of his sister. Deputy Sheriff Ed Conrad will have charge of the coroner's work during the absence of Dr. Taylor.

### NEW DEPARTMENT FOR DRAMA LEAGUE

North Shore Dramatic Club's Director Asked to Cooperate

A new department of the Drama League of Chicago which will soon be organized will include the grouping of the dramatic clubs in Chicago and vicinity. Mr. W. M. Lowrie, who is director of the North Shore Dramatic Club which will give a performance of the Rex Beach-Paul Armstrong farce comedy "Going Some" at Ravinia tomorrow, Friday night, has been asked to cooperate in building up the organization. The plans are in charge of Mrs. John R. Buckingham, chairman of the membership committee.

### DANCE FOLLOWS "GOING SOME"

Is Free to all Those Who Attend the Performance

Wishing to correct an impression, which seems to prevail generally, regarding the dance which will follow their play "Going Some" at Ravinia tomorrow, Friday night, the North Shore Dramatic Club announces that the casino will be open and dancing will be free to all those holding reserved seat coupons whether of the fifty or seventy-five cent variety. You are asked to retain these coupons as you will be requested to show them.

### VOLUNTEERS LOCATE HERE

Capt. Oliner Establishes Branch for Purposes of Collection

Capt. Walter Oliner of the Volunteers of America wishes to announce that he is located at 225 No. St. Johns Ave., and that he will be glad to call for old newspapers, magazines, cast off clothing, etc., and assures the donors that the same will be put to the best possible use. As the wagon will make the rounds on Friday notification should be made before that day.

## TO ENGAGE SINGERS FOR RAVINIA PARK

### MANAGER LOWRIE LEAVES FOR EAST

Many old Favorites to Return but new Voices will be Heard as Company will be Considerably Larger

Mr. A. M. Lowrie left Saturday night for New York City where he will present contracts to a number of the best singers now with the Century Opera Company in an attempt to complete the company being organized for Ravinia Park's 1914 season. While no definite announcements have been made it is understood that the company will be larger than in former seasons and that the opera excerpts to be given will be of greater length, in fact there is a possibility that some will be given entire. It is believed that Mr. Kreidler, Mr. Samoloff and Miss Ewell will be among those returning as will Mr. Schuster, the stage manager. It is said that there will be an additional basso and tenor as well as soprano.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra will again occupy the shell during the entire season and Mr. Stock will conduct for the four weeks preceding the opera season. The opera director has not been selected, but it is known that he will be a man of more prominence than any who have previously conducted at the park. The date of opening will be about the same as last year.

### NO DUCK HUNTING THIS SPRING

New Federal Law Says Close Season for Water Fowl is from December to September

According to a letter recently received by the secretary of the Illinois Gun Club from the department of agriculture there will be no duck hunting in Illinois this spring. The letter which explains itself, is as follows: "The attorney general has referred to this department your letter. The regulations on October 1, 1913, for the enforcement of the act of March 4, 1913, specially provided that the close season for water fowl in zone No. 1, which includes Illinois, shall be between December 1 and September 1. These regulations become effective on the date of their promulgation, namely, October 11, 1913, and any shooting of water fowl after December 16 last is a violation of the federal law."

### Highland Park Club

The largest and most enthusiastic audience ever assembled in the club house turned out Saturday evening to hear Mr. Emery Kolb of the Kolb Bros. give his remarkable lecture on their fourteen hundred miles of daring and thrilling experiences through the Grand Canyon of Arizona.

On Saturday evening at eight fifteen o'clock Col. Geo. O. Shields, president of the League of American Sportsmen, will deliver his stereoscopic lecture on "Wild Animals and Birds." This association is organized for the protection of game. Col. Shields has lectured on this topic to a large number of state agricultural colleges, teachers, sportsmen and clubs. He is a very fine speaker and handles his subject in a most delightful manner.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 24th, the pre-entertainment will take place; as this is the last dance until Easter the committee looks forward to a large attendance.

On Thursday evening the 26th, at half after eight o'clock the bridge party will be held.

### Westminster Guild

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Westminster Guild was held last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Henry L. Glidden, 437 St. Johns Ave. Miss Rumsey of Lake Forest, who is a member of the National Council of the Westminster Guild addressed the society on "The Work of the Guild through the Entire Country and how it had grown"; there being at the present time a membership of twelve thousand in the United States. Rev. R. Calvin Dobson gave an interesting talk on "Immigration."

The study of "Mexico" will be the subject for discussion at the next meeting which will be held March 2nd at the home of Mrs. Robert Buckley, Maple Ave.

### Woman's Club

The Woman's club will hold its regular fortnightly meeting in the assembly hall of the library building next Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 24th at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Frank B. Green will have charge of the day.

## HIGHWOOD WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

### DRESS CATCHES FROM STOVE FIRE

Mrs. Carolina Roberg, 82 Years of Age, Meets Death in Horrible Manner. Son Tries to Save

Rising on Monday morning to attend to the fire Mrs. Carolina Roberg of Highwood, stepped so close to the stove that her clothing caught fire and before it could be extinguished she had suffered burns from which she died about fifteen hours later. In an attempt to save his mother, Charles Roberg was severely burned about the hands and arms. Mrs. Roberg was born in Petersburg, Sweden, April 24, 1832, her maiden name being Peterson. She was married to August Roberg, who died July 20th, 1899, in 1857, five children being born to them; four of whom, Ida Nafe, Tillie Swanson, and Charles and Axel Roberg, survive. Funeral services were held today at two o'clock from the Swedish Lutheran church; interment being in Waukegan.

### CHANGE IN POSTAL REGULATIONS

New Ruling on Printed Matter and Unstamped Letters

Announcement has been made by Postmaster General Burleson of the following amendment to the postal laws, affecting the rate on third-class mail or miscellaneous printed matter:

"The limit of weight for miscellaneous printed matter, constituting the third-class mail, the rate of postage on which is one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof, is four pounds. Parcels of miscellaneous printed matter weighing more than four pounds, which are within the limit of size and weight for matter of the fourth-class, (parcel post) come within that class and are available at the pound rates of postage prescribed for fourth class matter in section 456."

### WANT BOOK WARNING REPEATED

Librarian Wants Further Publicity Regarding Infected Books

As there are a number of cases of scarlet fever in our city, may we ask the cooperation of all, and especially of the physicians of Highland Park, in keeping any infected books from finding their way back into the library. If all who have such books will communicate with Miss McKenzie, the librarian, arrangements will be made by which those drawing books can be fully protected from any illness through them. If the physicians could find it possible to notify the librarian of the cases as they come to light, we could be more certain that the library does not expose anyone. This would be the ounce of prevention, as always, better than any amount of cure.

### TWO ITALIANS HELD HERE FOR MURDER

Supposed to Have Killed Man at Northfield. One Seriously Shot

This afternoon Chief of Police Genest received a telephone call from Deerfield telling him to start west at once to capture two Italians who committed murder in Northfield. The Chief and Officer Geo. Wing started off, and just this side of Bllogget, stopped two suspicious looking men and questioned them. They both denied the crime, but a wound was discovered on one of the men's shoulders which looked like a wound received from a shot. They were brought to Highland Park and at present one is in the city cell while the wounded man was taken to the doctor and sent to the county hospital. The man held captive gave his name as Frank Sicoli of 1015 W. Polk St., Chicago.

### Obituary

Mrs. Newton C. Dubbs, wife of a former pastor of the local United Evangelical church, who is now superintendent of missions in China, died at Shanghai, China, on February 7, after an illness of many months. Interment was in Shanghai.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends for the kindness shown us in the loss of our baby.

MR. AND MRS. E. GARLING AND FAMILY.

## ADJOURNED MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

### APPOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GAS

Manager of Gas Company Addresses Members and Promises Better Condition. Pass Sheridan Road Ordinance

Aside from passing the Sheridan Road paving ordinance and appointing a special committee to investigate the gas, little business was transacted at the adjourned meeting of the city council Monday night. The paving ordinance has been reported in full in these columns and the appointment of the committee on gas followed a long address by the general manager of the company. At the order of the council the mayor selected three members, Aldermen Fearing, Buckley and Sheahan, and the council appropriated \$50 for their use. This committee has secured the services of Mr. Mann, gas expert of Chicago, who is now investigating the gas trouble.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted by a rising vote: WHEREAS it has pleased the Great Creator of all, that our esteemed friend and fellow member of the common council of the city of Highland Park, Alderman John P. Kline, that he should be called upon to answer to that final roll call to which sooner or later all must answer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, his friends and fellow members of the common council of the city of Highland Park extend to his family and friends our sincere condolences in their bereavement and express to them our appreciation of the faithful and sometimes arduous duties which he uncomplainingly rendered in the discharge of his official duties. No hours were too early, or too late; no days too hot or too cold for him to give to the public when called upon to do so, and we all can say that justice, truth and honesty were the characteristics of this amiable man.

And having thus done his duty as a good and faithful public officer, he has left behind him an everlasting memorial of the truths he has spoken, and of the good he has done.

Alderman Obee moved, seconded by Alderman Sheahan, that the resolution be adopted and spread on the records of this council, and that the city clerk be instructed to have the same engrossed in book form, and that a copy be presented to Alderman Kline's family.

### "PINAFORE" PERFORMANCE SATURDAY

High School Pupils to Present Opera at Ravinia Theatre

With a full stage equipment of new scenery and bright, fresh costumes, the high school chorus is ready for its performance of "Pinafore" on Saturday evening. De Wolf Hopper, the well-known star, with his manager, Mr. Rennev, visited and supervised the rehearsal of last Friday and both expressed surprise and pleasure at the cleverness of those taking the principal parts and the singing of the girls' chorus. Mr. Rennev was so pleased that he said he wanted to come out again to review the dress rehearsal. Many who have visited rehearsals have remarked that the boys and girls taking the principal roles are more than usually clever.

The plot of Pinafore is thin in itself but the operetta is rich in satire, and the lyrics are delightful always. The little play never seems to grow old and has continuously delighted audiences for more than thirty years.

The managing committee is headed by Goodrich Schaeffer aided by Wm. Morton, Harold Oleson, Allen Durborrow, Leslie Schaeffer, Paul Barker, Julius Bosold, Phillip Siegeley and George Cumming. The scenery has been especially made for the performance by the Richard Guthmann Co. of Chicago and the Auerbach orchestra will furnish the accompaniment to the singers.

### FIRST GUN IN WAR ON SALOONS

"Dry" Forces Will Hold Patriotic Rally in Waukegan Sunday

On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p. m. in the Armory at Waukegan there will be held a county rally for all who are interested in the preservation of the republic. The meeting will be addressed by Hon. John G. Woolley, Geo. W. Moore, Field Secretary of the National Anti-Saloon League, and Rev. F. Scott McBride, Superintendent of the Illinois League. Prof. Alvin M. Thatcher, the greatest bass singer in America, will sing "Bury Him Deeply Down" and other songs.

This meeting will be the opening gun in the war on Lake County saloons. No admission fee. Everybody cordially invited.

## POOR GAS IS CAUSE OF MUCH COMPLAINT

### COMPANY IS REMEDYING CONDITIONS

Mayor Asks for Assurance of Immediate Betterment and Manager Goodnow Addresses Council

The newspaper office is usually a repository for kicks of all kinds, but we have been fortunate in the case of the present complaints about the sulphur in the gas. Evidently no one considers the matter important enough to write about but many are those who "call" the local office of the gas company. These include the Mayor and the head of the board of health, Dr. Bergen, who wished to find out what steps were being taken to remedy the situation. At the council meeting, reported in another column, General Manager Goodnow, who now lives in this city, addressed the members and explained that the company is doing everything in its power to remedy conditions, which would seem to be only natural as the company is probably losing thousands of dollars every day on account of the condition of the gas.

Experts of Chicago and Milwaukee have been called in, and it was found that the trouble arose from the dock company or the mines having mixed the high grade Yougahieny coal which the company uses, with Hocking coal high in sulphur content. The purifiers could not remove all of it, hence the disagreeable smell. Entirely new coal has now been put in, and the trouble is disappearing, though it has lasted longer than the company expected and has tried the consumers patience. The cold weather made the matter seem worse on account of difficulty of ventilating and the company has blown out as much of the gas as it was able to.

## COUNCIL CONSIDERS PARK PROPOSITION

### MATTER SURE TO BE DECIDED SOON

Question of Turning Lake Front Park Over to Park Commissioners Favorably Received But Legality Questioned

At a special meeting of the members of the city council Tuesday night the question of turning the Lake Front Park over to the East Park Commissioners, as requested by the president, Mr. F. W. Cushing, two weeks ago, was discussed in full and the matter will probably come up at the next regular meeting of the city council for final settlement.

While a majority of the aldermen present appeared to favor the transfer there is some doubt as to the legality of such an act; Mayor Hawkins pointing out that the property was given the city by the Highland Park Building Company to be used as a park by the residents of the entire city. This of course the East Park District would do but is believed that the fact that these commissioners represent only a small part of the community would make it illegal to over to them property needed to the usage of the entire city.

A committee from the Oswell Club was present and the park commissioners were represented by Attorney Geo. A. Mason.

### FRED MOON ELECTED DELEGATE

Will Represent Civil Service Employees at Washington Convention

At the meeting of Branch 11, National Association of Civil Service Employees, held in Masonic Hall Saturday night, Fred R. Moon of this city was elected delegate to the national convention which will be held in Washington beginning March 6th.

Delegates from all the north shore towns attended and they were handsomely entertained by the local members who served refreshments following the business of the meeting and a short program of speeches including an address by Postmaster Dooley.

### COUNTY ODD FELLOWS MEET HERE

Local Lodge Entertained County Organization Tuesday Night

One of the best attended meetings of the Lake County Odd Fellows ever held was that of Tuesday night when members from all over the county gathered at Masonic hall as guests of the local lodge. After business of the order had been transacted refreshments were served.