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LECTURE SERIES AT RAVINIA THEATRE

HUGH O'DONNELL TO OPEN MARCH 12

Noted Traveler now at Orchestra Hall Will Give Three Travel Talks Illustrated with Moving and Colored Slides

Hugh O'Donnell, a new travel lecturer, who jumped into immediate prominence after his first appearance at Orchestra hall Monday night, has been secured by a number of North Shore men who feel that the convenience and beauty of Ravinia Theatre have been too long neglected and he will give a series of three lectures, beginning next Thursday, March 12, with the subject, "Ireland." Mr. O'Donnell's lectures are illustrated with moving pictures and stereopticon views.

Following his first appearance in Chicago, Eric Delamaster, in the Inter Ocean, stated that "Mr. O'Donnell is the best lecturer since Stoddard," and those who have heard some of the men who have followed the great Stoddard will appreciate that these are words of high praise. Other reviewers in Chicago appear to be of the same opinion, the majority of them praising Mr. O'Donnell because of his ability to see into the heart of things and forcefully and intelligently describe what he saw. In other words, Mr. O'Donnell does not skim the surface of things with the light patter of the streets though he does not neglect the humorous side of his material.

The second and third lectures of the series will be given on March 20 and 26 and the subjects will be, for the second "Egypt," and the third, "Damascus, Constantinople and Athens."

ORATORICAL CONTEST NEXT THURSDAY

Christian Endeavor Society of Evangelical Church to Entertain

The oratorical contest to be given in the United Evangelical church on Green Bay Rd. and Laurel Ave., Thursday, March 12th, by the K. L. C. E. promises to be a very interesting and exciting affair. The program will start at seven forty five o'clock when contestant number one will take for a subject "Christian Endeavor Principles, Confession of Christ, Private Devotions, and Service for Christ." Contestant two will speak on "Our Pledge, Loyalty to Christ's Church, Fellowship with Christ's People, and Interdenominational Loyalty." Contestant three will have for a subject "Prayer." Contestant four, "Bible." Contestant five, "Our Work at Home," and Contestant six, "Our Work Abroad." Admission will be free. Silver offering will be taken. Everybody is welcome.

ARE AFTER BIG SENSATION

Young Men's Club Want Great Attraction for Minstrel Show

If the owners of the copyright can be induced to give their permission for a burlesque on the production one of the biggest sensations of the year will be added to the program of the Young Men's Club minstrel's to be given at Ravinia April 24. President Geo. R. Jones, Secretary John E. Conrad, and chairman of amusements Geo. Schumann, will represent the club in a conference with certain Chicago managers and newspaper men Saturday and by next week we hope to give the details.

ALUMNI PLAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Date for Annual Play to be Given out Soon. May Give Three Plays

At a meeting of the Deerfield-Shields Alumni Association held at the high school last week a committee was appointed and instructed to select three one-act plays to be presented as the association's annual theatrical offering. A second meeting is to be held tonight when an entertainment is to be given following which plans will be more thoroughly discussed.

SEVERELY INJURED BY TRAIN

Army Officer Falls as he Alights From Moving Passenger and is Struck by Trucks

Quartermaster Sergeant Ross of Fort Sheridan was severely injured Tuesday night when he attempted to alight from the 833 passenger as it was leaving the local station, the soldier slipping and falling to the platform in such a position that his head was close enough to the train to be struck by its trucks. His head was badly cut and he is suffering from the loss of a large amount of blood but it is said at the post hospital, to which he was taken, that he will recover.

BUT ONE CANDIDATE MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

LOCAL OFFICE SEEKERS ARE SLOW

John E. Conrad out for Town Collector but no Other Official Announcements are Made. Lively in Other Cities

Local office seekers are either slow in making up their minds or they are waiting for the other fellow to announce his intentions for todate we have heard of but one candidate for any of the numerous town and city offices soon to be elected. That one is Mr. John E. Conrad of the fourth ward who is having cards printed at this office which state that he is an independent candidate for town collector. Mr. Conrad is a young man who, having lived nearly all his life in Highland Park, is well known here. He is a graduate of the local schools, has studied law at Illinois Wesleyan and is at present completing his studies in Chicago while he is engaged in the real estate business here. He has never held a public office although, while he was not a candidate, his friends cast nearly 50 votes for him in the last aldermanic election by writing his name on the ballots. He was at one time candidate for Justice of Peace but withdrew owing to business reasons. This paper knows of no one better equipped to give the office a business administration.

In nearly all the cities and villages around us the game of politics is booming and the politicians are doing their best to side track the local option issue, at least to keep it from interfering with their continued occupancy of easy jobs. Over in Woodstock, the senator from this district, Mr. Olson, who is also mayor of his city, assisted in passing an ordinance limiting the number of saloons there to five and doing away with all blinds and screens. Political enemies claim, and there are possibilities of truth in the claim, that the council simply organized a saloon trust.

Both Waukegan and North Chicago are preparing to hold town and city primaries and, as usual, in Waukegan the talk seems to be entirely on who will get the Republican nominations, occasionally there is a Progressive peep but just occasionally. The same may be said of county politics, two Republicans, one of whom is our own Jas. Hepburn, are in the field for the Treasurer nomination and G. G. Welch is said to be planning to oppose county Judge Persons who will seek re-nomination to the office he now holds, but there is never a word from the Progressives.

A. A. Moses Aldermanic Candidate
At a meeting of the First Ward Protective Association Monday night Mr. A. A. Moses announced himself as candidate for alderman from the first ward.

TRINITY CHURCH NOTES
Oriental to give Address Wednesday Evening. Choir Improving

Father Francis, the remarkable young man who is doing such good work among the oriental factory laborers of Waukegan is to make an address in the parish house directly after the short service on Wednesday evening March 11, at 7:45 o'clock. Father Francis will bring with him a number of his oriental friends, Turks, Armenians, Bulgarians, and others, who will appear in native costume. There will be an opportunity to meet Father Francis after his address and to question him about his work.

Mr. Sidney Arno Dietch, the new organist and choir-master is arousing much interest in the music of the church and is developing a remarkable choir. The boys are doing better work than ever before and the chorus of young people has in it several excellent voices. In addition to these there is a group of soloists which would make any choir distinguish itself. There is Mrs. C. G. Alexander, whose beautiful soprano voice is known and appreciated by most North Shore people and Miss Ruth Pinkerton of Chicago, whose contralto voice has the rich tones of the cello. Mr. Alex. P. Gray, the baritone, is locally well known and will be more widely known to music lovers everywhere before many seasons. Mr. Worth Faulkner of Chicago has an unusually sweet and sympathetic tenor voice and is an accomplished musician and Mr. Charles E. Weeks, the basso, for a long time has been the mainstay of the choir. With such a choir it is no wonder that the music of the Trinity church is attracting attention. Mr. Dietch has several ambitious musical projects in preparation for the near future.

Contributed.

DELAY ACTION ON LAKE FRONT PARK

ORDINANCE ON MATTER IS ENGROSSED

East Side Aldermen Favor Transfer of Park to Commissioners but West Siders Want Legal Question Settled First

At the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night an ordinance giving the east park commissioners authority to take and maintain as a park block 28, the Central Ave. park and beach, was ordered engrossed by a vote of 5 to 2. Aldermen Nichols, Buckley, Putnam, Fearing, and Vetter voting "aye" and Sheahan and Obee "no".

The report of the special gas committee, as given in another column, was referred back to that committee with instructions to consult with the city attorney regarding questions set forth. Ald. Obee was made an added member of this committee.

The requests of A. T. Larson for permission to locate an underground gasoline tank in the parkway on St. Johns Ave. north of Elm and of Geo. Tucker to locate a long distance gasoline outfit in front of his store on Roger Williams Ave. were granted.

In reply to a petition presented at the last meeting objecting to the erection of a stable at Second St. and Laurel Ave. the street and alley committee reported that block 3, where the site is located is a business block and that therefore the proposed building will not conflict with the city ordinance and the city cannot prohibit its erection.

Passed the ordinance for paving East Central Ave. from Sheridan to Dale with macadam.

Passed resolutions calling the city election for Tuesday, April 21, and naming the polling places, judges and clerks.

Supplemental assessments in the following numbers were adopted: 81, water main in Lincoln Ave. 88, paving Linden Ave. 90, paving Brookway and Oak; 91, sewers; 94, paving Green Bay Rd. from the south limits to Central Ave.; 96, paving parts of Walnut, First, Second, Laurel, and Elm; 97, water main in Roger Williams.

Engrossed the ordinance fixing salaries of certain city employees.
Granted high school board permission to make 4 in. tap on water main in St. Johns Ave. upon payment of \$75 to cover cost of inspection, etc.

RAVINIA CASINO IS ENTERED BY ROBBERS

SATURDAY NIGHT VISIT NETS NOTHING

Break Doors and Show Cases Before Frightened Away by Watchman and Leave Two Shirts Stolen from Wheaton home

An attempt to rob Ravinia Park Casino Saturday night failed only because there was nothing in the building which the robbers could carry away without the aid of a truck. Entrance was effected through the south door after a glass had been broken so that the door could be unlocked from the inside and the same method was used in entering the office.

The cigar case was broken as was the cigarette case and here a carton of cigarettes was found but the men failed to carry them away, probably being frightened by the approach of the watchman. In making room in a suit case it is thought, for the cigarettes two shirts were removed and these were found on the floor. From the laundry mark it was learned that they were the property of F. R. Babcock of Wheaton. This gentleman's place is closed but the sheriff stated that it had been entered lately and that insurance inspectors were after the robbers.

Late Saturday night three men robbed a Waukegan restaurant and it is thought that they were the same who visited Ravinia.

WILL GIVE PLAY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Young People of St. Mary's Church to Give "Finnegan's Fortune"

Finnegan, Mrs. Finnegan, Mr. Reilly and Katy, they'll all be there and the brogue will be thick enough to cut. All of which will be appropriate enough for the time will be the 17th of March and the occasion the presentation of "Finnegan's Fortune", by the Young People's Society of St. Mary's church. The performance will be given in the school hall. Tickets are fifty and seventy-five cents.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON GAS MAKES REPORT

SHOWS COMPANY GREATLY AT FAULT

Expert Engaged Differs With Man who Inspected for Waukegan. Franchise Terms Said to be Violated

The following is a report of the council's special committee on gas and contains much interesting data including a condensed version of the expert employed. This gentleman differs with the expert who furnished a similar report for Waukegan in as much as he stated that the cause of sulphur in the gas is poor coal while the Waukegan man says that the sulphur is in the crude benzol used. The local report is more detailed and complete than that furnished Waukegan.

Your special committee on gas lighting appointed by the Mayor on Monday, Feb. 16th, begs to report that on Tuesday, Feb. 17th, it requested Mr. Charles A. Mann, Consulting Engineer of Chicago, to make as thorough an investigation into the gas situation as possible, and we now beg to hand you his report dated Feb. 27th, 1914.

In connection with this report we quote from ordinance of Jan. 9th, 1900, granting to D. S. McMullen and W. Irving Osborne of Evanston, and their successors the right for a period of forty-five years to distribute gas in the City of Highland Park, as follows:

"The gas to be furnished by said grantee under and in pursuance of this ordinance shall be an illuminating gas of standard purity and quality, which shall have an illuminating power of not less than twenty sperm candles, burning 120 grains per hour, and tested within the limits of said city by a standard flat flame burner, to consume for the purpose of this test 5 cubic feet of gas per hour and a bond in the penal sum of \$5,000.00 acceptable to and approved by the Mayor of said city conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of the grantee and provisions of this ordinance shall be kept on file with the city clerk of said city by the grantee or their assigns, continuously during the life of this ordinance."

The report of Engineer Mann shows conclusively, not only from an analysis made by him on Feb. 19th, but also from the records of the Gas Company itself, that since October, 1912, the average candle power of the gas manufactured at Waukegan has been materially lowered. The report further shows that the average candle power of gas manufactured in 1912 was 16 1/2 C. P., which, allowing for the loss in transmission between Waukegan and Highland Park, would bring said candle power in Highland Park down to an average of not exceeding 15 C. P., whereas the city ordinance above quoted provides for 20 C. P. gas in Highland Park.

The report further shows that in August, 1912, the Gas Company was manufacturing at Waukegan approximately 22 millions cubic feet of water-gas per month and approximately 6 millions cubic feet of coal gas per month. It further shows that since September, 1912, the production of water gas has been curtailed so that in the year 1913 the production of water gas was approximately 4 million cubic feet per month, and the production of coal gas 28 million cubic feet per month. In other words, that the gas now being manufactured apparently consists in the average of 90% coal gas, and 10% water gas, whereas eighteen months ago it was composed of 90% water gas and 10% coal gas.

The report further shows that in addition to a loss in candle power in transmission from Waukegan to Highland Park, the gas also loses in heat units, such loss being approximately 4%, thus in the month of December, 1913, gas which according to the records of the Gas Company averaged 585 B. T. U.'s, at Waukegan would average at Highland Park approximately 560 B. T. U.'s.

The Wisconsin State Commission, and other bodies, have fixed upon 600 B. T. U.'s as a fair average in heating power, therefore gas with a heating power of 560 B. T. U.'s would cost about 6% more to the consumer than gas showing 600 B. T. U.'s. The actual test made by Mr. Mann on Feb. 19th showed that on that day the gas being sent out from Waukegan contained 607 B. T. U.'s, which is equivalent to 580 B. T. U.'s at Highland Park.

Your attention is also directed to that portion of Mr. Mann's report in which he says that the extremely unpleasant odor given off recently from the gas used in Highland Park has been due to a failure to eliminate from it certain sulphides, and in Mr. Mann's opinion this is not due to the quality of coal used. It seems that these sulphur fumes given off by combustion, while not harmful to health,

TWO PETITIONS ARE OUT ON SCHOOL SITE QUESTION

WHERE ELM PLACE ADDITION WILL BE BUILT AGAIN UP

One Petition asks that Election be Called for Purpose of Selecting Site While Second States Belief of Signers that Site was Chosen at Previous Election. Site Question at this Time, However, did not Receive Majority

Two petitions have been widely circulated during the present week addressed to the Board of Education of District 107. One requests the Board of Education to call an election for the purpose of voting upon a school site and of authorizing the erection of a school building upon that site. The petition reads as follows:

To the President and Members of the School Board of District No. 107, Highland Park, Ill.:

We, the undersigned voters of School District No. 107, Lake County, Ill., petition the Board of Education of said district to call a special election of the voters of said district for the purpose of voting on the following propositions:

1st.-For or Against the proposition to build a school house.

2nd.-To locate a site for such school house.

It seems that those active in circulating the above petition favor the erection of a four room primary building with a kindergarten on the northeast corner of the present Elm Place school site.

A second petition, circulated by persons actively opposed to this plan has been issued as a protest against the Board's calling an election for the purpose of voting upon a school site, it being contended that the question of a school site was settled in a past election. The petition begins by quoting the petition given above and by calling special attention to the second proposition reading: "To locate a site for such a school house." Then the petition proceeds:

"We, the undersigned, respectfully submit to your Board our protest against such a proposition at this time, to the voters of this school district. We believe this question was settled at a previous election and that your Board has no moral or legal right to submit this proposition to be voted upon again. If the second proposition is voted upon and any other site selected but the one that was selected a year ago, and for which payment has been provided for by a bond issue, we feel that the taxpayers of this district will be unjustly treated as, morally, the question of where a new school is to be situated was decided when the west side site was bought."

We respectfully request your Board to omit in your call for an election proposition No. 2."

It is understood that the site referred to in this petition is the so-called Sheahan site on Green Bay Road. The petitioners, it seems, favor the erection of a school building but only on the Sheahan site. The petition appears to The Press to have been prepared without a clear knowledge of the points in school-law involved. District 107 has three school sites, one at Elm Place, the Port Clinton site, and the Sheahan site. This being the case, the Board must specify when calling an election for the purpose of securing authority to put up a building which

of the sites is to be used. The people must vote separately on the proposition of authorizing the erection of a building and of locating a site for such a building, if the election is to be legal. The Press suggests that the petitioners might have requested the Board to name the Sheahan site when the call for an election is made. There is nothing in the first named petition to prevent the Board from doing this. Of course there is nothing immoral or illegal in the Board's naming any other than the Sheahan site. The people can at the election reject any site named, and that, it seems, is what the Board plans to give the people a chance to do. It would be best to put up only one site so that there need be no danger of an indecisive vote.

At an election in February, 1913, two sites were named, the Sheahan site and the Moseley site, and the question of a bond issue put up. The latter carried by a small majority, the vote being 150 for and 140 against. On the question of a site, however, a much smaller vote was recorded, 105 voting for the Sheahan site and 78 for the Moseley site, a total of 183 votes. The law will not confirm the selection of a site at an election unless the site receives a majority of all the votes cast at that election. As the bond issue had called out a total vote of 290, a majority of which is 146, it will be seen that the Sheahan site lacked 41 votes of having a majority. The Press thinks that when the Board calls an election this time, only one site be put up and that every one vote for or against a site without fail.

The Press has not been able to obtain a formal statement from the Board and such statement will probably not be made until the Board has its regular meeting on Monday evening next, when the two petitions will come before it for action. It may be said, however, that those most active in petitioning the Board for an election claim that a careful study of present conditions in District 107, the financial situation, the distribution of population, etc., shows that it is not feasible to try to maintain two separate schools at this time. Hence they favor putting up a moderate primary building on a portion of the Elm Place site back of the playgrounds, and keeping all the educational forces united in its support and that of a kindergarten until such a time as the pressure of population may call for another move. By that time the finances of the district may permit the erection of a more or less complete building on the west side site, a thing which is impossible now.

As The Press sees the situation, the great majority of voters recognize the need of additional school facilities and that a time will come when a building on the west side will be needed. The only real issue seems to be whether now is the time to do this.

are however suffocating, and are also fatal to plant life.

In view of the foregoing your committee begs to state that in its opinion the gas furnished is not even reasonably in accordance with the franchise agreement above referred to entered into under date of January 9th, 1900.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH L. FEARING,
F. W. SHEAHAN,
R. W. BUCKLEY,
Special Committee on Gas Lighting.

BAHR BUYS TREE SPRAYER

Most Modern Apparatus on the Market Installed by Local Florist

In response to many requests from customers for the services to be given with such equipment Fritz Bahr has purchased one of the most modern tree spraying outfits on the market and will operate it in connection with his landscape gardening and florist business. Mr. Bahr has taken counsel with the state etomologist department and is using the formula recommended by Mr. Stephen A. Forbes, whose experience may also be used at times where it is difficult to discover the nature of the disease from which a tree suffers.

NEW ELECTRIC SCHEDULE PROMISED

Greatly Improved Service said to be due Within Month

According to newspaper reports plans for the reorganization of the Milwaukee Electric are about complete and it is believed that the road will soon be up for sale once more but what is of more importance to Highland Park residents is a statement by General Manager Bock that a new schedule will be put in operation within a month. Mr. Bock claims that this schedule will give better service than any ever provided before; among other things he promises an hourly express service to Waukegan.

NEW OFFICERS FOR ODD FELLOWS

Election Held at Regular Meeting Tuesday Night

At a meeting of the Odd Fellows held Tuesday evening the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: S. L. Cain, Noble Grand; J. W. Simons, Vice Grand; Arch Abercromby, Fin. Secretary; Wesley Fritsch, Rec. Secretary; and Samuel Levin, Treasurer. The five trustees are W. D. Lighthall, J. H. Honaker, Otto Knaack, E. H. Williams, and A. B. Hill.



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