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\$8000 SUBSCRIBED FOR PLAYGROUND

ENTIRE AMOUNT NEEDED IS PROMISED

Elm Place Playground Association is Formed and Young Men Take up Work of Securing Further Subscriptions

The movement started by Mr. W. E. Blesch at the Elm Place school meeting two weeks ago has been taken up by the young men of the city with the result that the Elm Place Playground Association has been formed and a rapid campaign for additional subscriptions is being made.

Up to date over \$8,000, which is more than half the amount needed, has been subscribed and it is believed that the business-like methods being pursued by the men in charge will bring the balance in short order. Subscription cards have been issued and it is the duty of each member of the association to make a personal appeal to from twenty to thirty residents of the district. What the members want is to have every family in the district which will benefit through the purchase of the playground property subscribe something toward that purchase; and they are not overly particular as to the amount, large and small, all will be welcome. Payments of the amount subscribed are asked for as follows: One-half or more on or before Oct. 1, 1914, balance on or before May 1, 1915. Howard Smith is chairman and Thomas Clements treasurer of the association.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

WILL RETIRE FROM APPELLATE COURT

Physicians Advise Judge Whitney to do so. Volo Women's Fines are Remitted. Girl sets Fire to Home Many Times

Girl sets Fire to Home

The nine fires which in the last two weeks have attacked the residence of Charles Olds, gardener for Louis F. Swift, were explained last Thursday when a policeman caught Olds' eleven-year-old daughter, Phyllis, setting fire to the kitchen steps, and she confessed that she had set all the others.

Remit Volo Women's Fines

Information was given the public last week that the fines of \$100 each, assessed in the cases of the Volo women accused of rail riding, were remitted on the motion of State's Attorney Dady. The five women convicted still have about \$200 each to pay as costs.

Will Retire from Appellate Court

Following the advice of his physicians, Judge Charles Whitney will shortly retire from the Appellate Court, where he has served for nearly two years, having been appointed in June, 1912. According to his plans now Judge Whitney will end in his resignation after he reads his opinions before the court on April 7. He will still retain his position as Circuit Judge.

Nearby Locals

The population of Wilmette, according to figures supplied by the compiler of the new North Shore directory, is 8,421 persons.

PREPARING BIG MOTION PICTURE

Young Men's Club to Present Original "Movie" at Minstrel Show

Owing to the fact that President Jones and Chairman of the Amusement Committee Schumann seem to be unable to make any headway in obtaining permission from the owners of the copyright, it appeared for a while that the Young Men's Club would be forced to abandon one of the features for their minstrel show but at a meeting last night it was decided to go ahead without permission and so Mr. Lowrie will continue his preparations for the presentation of the great motion picture, "The Adventures of Catherine Among the Wild Animals of the North Shore."

The scenario for the picture has already been written and many wild but familiar animals secured for the production which will require about 200 men and women. According to the present plans the picture will be in three reels and will be shown at the conclusion of the minstrel performance. It is also planned to publish the story in THE PRESS some time before the performance which will be given on April 24th.

VOTE ON THE SCHOOL QUESTION IS LIGHT

GOES 5 TO 1 FOR EAST SIDE SITE

Only About One-Third of Estimated Voters in District 107 Record Choice. Women Outnumber Men 3 to 2

Result of School Election		
	BONDS	Against
Men	242	25
Women	314	10
Total	556	35
BUILDING		
Men	245	23
Women	320	6
Total	565	29
SITE		
Men	East 63	West 63
Women	204	30
Total	267	93

About one-third of the estimated number of voters in District 107 exercised their options and voted on the three questions submitted by the school board. Perhaps the rain kept many back and then again many who had strenuously opposed the questions at a previous election changed their opinions this time and many more who strenuously opposed kept silent, probably prompted by the thought that opposition was of little use. And it was, for, as is shown above, the most important question and the one against which the greatest fight was waged carried by better than 5 to 1 while the other two questions received an even better majority. Thus endeth this controversy and once more we may forget that there is a railway running through the center of the town.

COUNCIL ENGROSSES NEW PARK ORDINANCE

SPECIAL MEETING HELD MONDAY

New Measure Modifies one Passed at Regular Meeting Last Month, only Placing Management in Board's Hands

At a special meeting called for that purpose Monday night the city council ordered engrossed a new ordinance on the transfer of the lake park to the east park district which modifies in some respect the one ordered engrossed at the regular meeting and which will come up for vote next Tuesday. This transfers the title of the property involved to the park board while the new ordinance merely places the management of the park in their hands.

While the city attorney has not as yet given an opinion it is not believed that it will be possible for the council to vote on this new measure at the next meeting, such action it would seem would defeat the purpose of engrossment, and there is therefore some wonder over the call for a special meeting. If the first ordinance is defeated Tuesday night it seems probable that it will be necessary to postpone voting on the second until the next regular meeting.

The report that one or two of the board members have expressed themselves as favoring a driveway through the grounds on top of the bluff has aroused considerable opposition to the plan for turning the park over to them. There are many among those favoring board control who do not believe a driveway in this small space feasible or desirable and perhaps it would be well for the board members to make some statement of their intentions before any ordinance is passed.

WILL LECTURE AT LEXINGTON

Prof. Jesse L. Smith to Assist Library he Helped Found

Prof. Jesse Lowe Smith will leave Friday morning for Lexington, Ill., where he will deliver a lecture in the evening for the benefit of the public library of that city. Prof. Smith was for four years superintendent of schools there and was one of the founders of the library he will assist. His subject will be, "From Mt. Vernon to Yorktown."

BANK ADDS TO CAPITAL STOCK

Directors Double Amount at Meeting Held Last Thursday

At a meeting of the directors of the Highland Park State Bank, held last Thursday, the capital stock of the institution was increased from \$30,000 to \$60,000. At the meeting, also, the Highland Park Safety Deposit Company was dissolved, the bank taking over the business of the concern and also the building and fixtures which it owned.

CALL A MEETING OF VOTERS AND CANDIDATES

ELM PLACE SCHOOL SATURDAY NIGHT

Committee Invites all Candidates for Town Offices to Address Voters in Open Meeting. Other Political News

The old order changeth in some measure. Instead of going about with his pockets filled with campaign cigars, seeking the voter wherever he may, the candidate is now invited to, by the voter, meet the voter. This is happening all over the state and a call is out for such a meeting to be held in the Elm Place School auditorium Saturday night.

While the call is signed by the following men and women—Elizabeth Hawley Everett, Elinor B. Fyffe, Agnes L. M. Spencer, Alina C. Olesen, Julia L. O'Grig, Grace R. Page, Katherine F. Peyton, Carrie O. Scott, Mabel B. Noerenberg, John V. Norcross, E. B. Metzler, Harry D. Faxon, Alfred A. Moses, George O. Fairweather, Charles H. Warren, Arthur W. Vercoe—there is a well defined suspicion that the women started the movement.

The object of the meeting is the same that starts the candidate on his cigar-giving trips and calls the political meeting of any kind, to get acquainted; only in this case the meeting will be strictly non-partisan. It is hoped by the committee that all candidates and supporters of all candidates will be present.

Other Political Notes

Alderman R. W. Buckley is circulating a petition for renomination in the Fourth Ward, and A. W. Olson is seeking signatures for nomination in the First. If Mr. Olson files, the First will have three candidates, A. A. Moses and Harry Frebele being the other two.

Two women and one man in each precinct will represent the committee working for the proposed sanitary district at the polls next Tuesday, and a strong effort will be made to get every voter to mark his ballot on this question.

James H. Duffy is considering getting out one-sheet posters advertising the fact that he is running for collector, not assessor, as many of his friends seem to have taken it for granted that, as he holds the latter office he is out for it again.

It is odd, but it is a fact, that many voters believe the two candidates for assistant supervisor whose names hold the same relative position on the ballot are opposed to each other and that only one of them may be voted for. For the information of these it may be said that any two may be voted for, and the two receiving the greatest number of votes will be declared elected.

Besides the township officers we will vote, next Tuesday, for the establishment of a sanitary district commission in part of the township, and in the east park district for two commissioners. The voting place for the latter is in Green's store, while votes for the former may be cast in all precincts.

Mr. Edward Larson today announced his candidacy for alderman of the Fourth Ward.

WANT SECOND-HAND FURNITURE

Benevolent Society Could use Articles for Furnishing Home

If, during the spring house cleaning, you discover any articles of furniture, kitchen utensils, dishes or linen, that you think are useless do not throw them away for they may prove very valuable to the Benevolent Society which is trying to furnish a house for a deserving family. If you can help them out you are requested to notify, Mrs. E. A. Bournique, 315 East Central Ave.

"THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN"

Subject of Free Lecture at Elm Place School next Thursday

Next Thursday evening, April 9th, Dr. R. A. White of Chicago, will give a stereoscopic lecture at the Elm Place school at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Land of the Midnight Sun." Mr. R. Z. Cade, also of Chicago, has been engaged by the association to operate a special lantern for Dr. White's unusual pictures. This will be a rare opportunity to enjoy a delightful and profitable evening. The Parents and Teachers' Association aims to give the public at least one such treat a year.

No admission will be charged, but owing to the limited capacity in the Elm Place auditorium, only adults are invited to attend. Keep this date open, April 9.

A COLUMN FOR THE USE OF EVERYBODY

PROTESTS METHOD OF SCHOOL VOTING

Writer Thinks Voters are not Given Proper Opportunity to Select Ballots. A Boost for Congressman Thomson

Objects to Method of School Voting

In your column "For the Use of Everybody," which you so kindly devote to the discussion of affairs in our little town, permit me to make a protest against the manner of balloting in our school election last Saturday. An election to be fair and an expression of the real sentiment of a voter should be by secret ballot, and it is the right of every voter, man or woman, to demand such a privilege. On Saturday, all the interested parties who had been actively working for weeks for the east side proposition were out in force and it was made a personal issue between friends and neighbors if one did not vote the three ballots handed out to them upon entering or if they even ventured to express contrary opinions, therefore very few had the courage to protest when it was made such a personal as well as public matter. Even when the ballots were folded and ready to deposit they were opened by the clerk and examined before being placed in the ballot box. It was the same at the recent high-school election—the voter was met on the sidewalk—given the right (?) ballot and upon entering was escorted to the ballot box and watched until that special ballot was deposited. An open ballot is legal in school elections, but personally the voter will never again vote in a school election and a number of others have expressed a like determination. It is perfectly legitimate to work for a candidate or a cause, but in view of the election on April 7th, when many of the women will cast their first vote by all means allow the voter the privilege of voting as he or she thinks best—without being asked "how are you going to vote?" G. S. T.

Two Congressmen

When Mr. Foss represented this district in Congress he was, and probably is now, an affable sort of a chap who slapped the voters on their backs and beamed on them in a manner that made each and every one of them think that he was going to be appointed to some high government position as soon as Mr. Foss was returned to office. In office Mr. Foss said little and voted with his, the Republican party.

The present representative from this district, Mr. Thomson, had little affableness to display to the voters, in fact, he had little to say to them, passing through the district distributing his cards and remaining but a few moments in each place. He was elected by a large majority probably because he was on the Progressive ticket with Mr. Roosevelt and up in this district the voters all decided that they wanted to be Progressives with Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Thomson is in Washington now taking part in all the business of his government which comes within his line of duty. When it comes time to vote this gentleman seems to forget that he represents a party in Congress but remembers that he represents a district and he carefully sends to all the papers within his district the reasons why he intends to vote so-and-so on a question and he sends them in ample time for any of his constituents who may so desire to take issue with him. Readers of this paper will remember the carefully prepared articles on the currency question, the Alaska railroad bill and the tolls repeal question and that Mr. Thomson voted as he wrote, for all three bills. On the repeal question he was one of two Progressive representatives to vote with President Wilson, and this a bill which, if the newspapers can be depended on, was favored by the entire middle west. Congressman Copley, of our neighbor, the eighth district was the other. When Mr. Copley returns to his district he will find that the Progressive party has not died in it but that it will probably have candidates for every county office. When Mr. Thomson returns he will find, judging from the manner in which the Progressives are side-stepping county politics, that he will have to depend on his record to win his votes. Personally we believe the record worth our vote and we hope there are enough others of the same opinion to give the maker another trial.

OFFICER BUYS SHOE STORE

Frank Rechtenwald takes the Business Formerly Run by Ald. Kline

Officer Frank Rechtenwald will resign from the force about April 15 and devote his time to conducting the shoe business formerly owned by John P. Kline and which he purchased yesterday, April 1.

VOTE "YES" ON THE SANITARY DISTRICT QUESTION TUESDAY

ONLY MEANS APPOINTMENT OF MEN TO PREPARE PLANS

Highland Park and Lake Forest Must Vote "Yes" if Question is to Win as Waukegan Factories, Which do Most Toward Polluting Water, are Fighting it

If the proposition to appoint a sanitary district commission is to win next Tuesday all the voters south of North Chicago must cast a vote for it for the big factory owners in Waukegan again oppose it. These are the places which do most toward polluting the lake water and it would cost them considerable to turn their private sewers away from the lake. Through the Waukegan Gazette and their employees they are urging the defeat of the question. The influence of the Gazette, if the people judge by past performances will not amount to much but personal work among employees will. The newspaper articles state that the workman is asked to take up a tax-burden for the rich but it may be that the workmen will remember the burden of taxation for doctor and hospital bills during many typhoid epidemics and the cost of treating the water which they helped to pay.

The members of the local committee request the publishing of the following:

By David H. Jackson

The population of the territory north of Chicago, at least as far north as Waukegan, is growing very rapidly. Most of the people reside and the municipalities are located on the narrow watershed which drains into Lake Michigan.

All of the inhabitants of this territory draw their water supply from the lake, and all are therefore interested in the protection of this water supply. Surveys have been made which demonstrate beyond the shadow of a doubt that the water supply of every municipality on the North Shore is frequently dangerous and very seldom safe, and it seems clear that unless steps are taken at an early date to change the present methods of sewage disposal, conditions in a few years will be deplorable.

The towns in Cook County will soon be connected up with the Chicago Sanitary District, but that will not help Lake County. Besides, the population along the Lake Shore in Lake County is increasing so rapidly that they alone will contaminate the lake so as to make it dangerous for even the Cook County towns.

It may not be commonly known, but it is a fact that the population residing in the proposed North Shore Sanitary District was in 1890 approximately 9000; in 1900, approximately 16,000; and 30,000 in 1910, and by 1920, probably will be 50,000. It hardly seems necessary to present any arguments to show that some radical steps must be taken to abolish the present practices in regard to sewage disposal. The question then arises as to how this should be done. Some of the towns have already installed septic tanks but they have proved unsatisfactory in some instances, and conspicuously so in Lake Forest. It is probably true that almost none of these tanks, at all times, take care of all the sewage from the districts they are supposed to serve. It may be that septic tanks, if large enough and if properly operated, will take care of the sewage of the district, but they are not doing it today.

Now the result is, that some towns are spending their money to help conditions, while other towns, because their finances will not permit, are not doing anything, and there is no way at present to force them to do it. In other words, no city, acting alone, can solve the problem; there must be cooperation of all the towns. There is no need in half the towns spending their money when the other half refuse, or are unable, to do anything. It seems that the wise thing to do is to cooperate in what seems to be the only effective way, namely, by joining together legally in a Sanitary District.

If this is to be done, it is important that it be done at an early date. As said before, conditions are getting worse so rapidly that soon they will be deplorable. Now a large problem such as confronts the territory in question cannot be solved in a day, nor in a month, nor in a year. The mere matter of getting the machinery of a district in operation and raising the necessary taxes will require several months. After this is done, it will be necessary to employ experts to make complete surveys and investigations, not alone to settle engineering questions, but to determine the cost of the various plans which will be proposed. It certainly would not be wise to adopt

any plan until all possible plans had been investigated thoroughly, not alone from an engineering standpoint, but also from an economic point of view. This will take many more months, and finally, after a plan has been tentatively adopted, it will be necessary to have an election on the question of issuing bonds, which together with the advertising for bids letting contracts, etc., will take many more months. It seems evident that this is a matter which, if it is to be settled in the most intelligent way, will require a long time at best.

In the meantime, sanitary conditions are growing worse and worse. But on top of all is the prospect that at a not distant date, the Federal Government will step in and forbid the pollution of Lake Michigan. Those persons who read the Record-Herald will have noticed articles by Arthur M. Evans indicating that sentiment demanding such action is rapidly crystallizing. As a matter of fact, the Government has already indicated its attitude in such matters by asking cities located on certain navigable streams in Illinois to prepare plans showing how they will stop polluting such streams. In the cases mentioned, only a few months time was given, which indicates that if the Government does step in, the towns on the Lake Shore will not be given much time to arrive at a solution of their problems. Everybody knows that a complicated problem of the kind we have on our hands cannot be solved wisely and economically if done in a hurry.

Every dollar which today is being spent by the various municipalities in attempts to relieve the situation, is wasted to a great extent for the money is being spent on temporary makeshifts. Sooner or later the problem must be treated on a large scale and the tax-payer who cares to have something permanent for his money should insist on the organization of a Sanitary District at this time.

If formed, the District will be divided into five wards, so that each part will be represented, and a Board of Trustees appointed, one Trustee being from each ward. These Trustees will have full charge of the District.

No plans have been adopted yet for taking care of the sewage and none can be until the Trustees are appointed. Without doubt, every plan which has been or shall be proposed will be thoroughly investigated by them and the most practical one adopted.

LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

But few Deeds are Recorded During Past Two Weeks

A. W. Paraski to P. N. Perry, lots 12 and 13, blk 16, Deerfield Park. W. D. \$10.00.

S. M. Coe to B. A. Leisinger, lot 167 and 1/2 lot 177, Ravinia. W. D. \$3000.00.

J. M. Grant and wife to Lela L. Bamforth, lot 9, blk 10, Highland Park. W. D. \$4800.00.

Rev. T. F. Quinn to Charles Olander, lots 38 and 39, blk 8, Deerfield Park. W. P. \$1.00.

Estate of Elizabeth Grant, decd., to Mary Breakwell, part lot 47, Highwood. Deed \$400.00.

LET CONTRACT FOR PAVING

Concrete for Highwood Ave. and High St. in Highwood

The city council of Highwood has awarded the contract for the paving with concrete of Highwood Ave. and High St. to Edward Laing of this city and it is believed work will be commenced at once. A public hearing has also been had on the paving with brick of Waukegan Ave. and Washington St.

MOTION PICTURE FEATURE SUNDAY

Three Reel Colored Pathe Picture called the Passion Play

The Highland Park Theatre will have special afternoon and evening shows Sunday when Mr. Pearl will present a three reel colored Pathe picture entitled, "The Passion Play" which depicts the story of the life of Jesus. The pictures were made in Jerusalem and vicinity.

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