

CLARENCE W. DIVER ON NEW GOVERNMENT

THINKS THE COMMISSION FORM IDEAL

Waukegan Commissioner Explains How System Has Worked Out in His City. Believes it Would Benefit Highland Park

To the Editor: I have been requested to write something with reference to the Commission Form of Government in the City of Waukegan and to give my reasons for its superiority over the old Aldermanic System. I understand that there are a number of people in Highland Park who are interested in municipal affairs and who are seeking information which may be of future benefit to Highland Park. The Commission Form of Government is not new in principle. It marks a return to the ideal conditions found in towns in the early history of the republic when the citizens governed themselves in mass meetings where the chosen leaders were instructed by the popular vote to do or not to do certain things. It is a return to that period which was the crowning glory of municipal government in America, therefore it is in harmony with our democratic institutions and is not, as some insist, a departure from the fundamental ideas of democracy and a blow at representative government.

When we realize how rapidly we as a nation are becoming urbanized when we reflect that during the last century the population changed from three per cent city dwellers to about forty per cent we can easily see the immense importance of City Government to our people.

In fact there has been a general awakening to a realization that the old form of City Government, based upon the general model of our national government is weak, inefficient and undemocratic and that the necessary result of such a cumbersome form of Government is that it easily falls a prey to unscrupulous bosses and special interests. In order to rescue our Cities from the rule of such as these the Commission Form of Government was devised.

The fact that there are more than two hundred and thirty cities operating under the Commission Form of Government with the prospect of that number being doubled within a year is evidence of the success of that system. It is interesting to know that among these cities adopting it are large centers of population, such as Galveston, Texas; Spokane, Washington; Kansas City, Topeka, Kansas; Springfield, Illinois; Dubuque, Des Moines, Iowa and many others that could be named which would seem to contradict the statement, sometimes made, that the Commission Form of Government is not practicable in large cities.

The first city to adopt the Commission Form of Government was Galveston, Texas. It is unnecessary for me to state the circumstances which culminated in the Commission Form of Government for Galveston, inasmuch as the story of the great storm on September 8th, 1900 when the tidal wave struck Galveston is known to all. It is sufficient to say that at that time the city was practically bankrupt. It had defaulted in the payment of interest upon its bonded indebtedness, script saleable only at a big discount was being used to meet current bills and the public buildings, streets, and city property in general were in a ruinous and deplorable condition. Although these conditions were known to the population in Galveston the appalling disaster brought it home to them with terrific force. Crushed in everything but superb courage the City of Galveston buried its old form of Government with its dead and almost before the storm waters receded from their homes its citizens formed this new and as yet the best type of City Government America has known. In its conception selfish interests, special privileges and attending ills were eliminated and resolute and undaunted these people proclaimed a Government entrusted to a few men upon whom the welfare of the municipality rested and who were responsible collectively and individually to the entire City for their official acts.

It is admitted that the Government of the American cities has been drifting away from the control of the people and the councils of those cities in (Continued on page 2)

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE PASSED

Ordinance Being Prepared to Stop Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Cars on Both Sides of Roger Williams Avenue

Alderman Buckley moved, seconded by Alderman Sheahan, that the reading of the minutes be postponed until after the opening of the Bids for Boilers.

Carried. Bids received for furnishing two new boilers for the Pumping Station were as follows: The Babcock & Wilcox Company \$4,072.00 Krosschell Brothers Company 4,673.00

Alderman Buckley moved, seconded by Alderman Nichols that the bids be referred to W. N. McNunn, engineer in charge, with request that he report to the Fire and Water committee regarding same and that the Fire and Water Committee report to the City Council at its next meeting.

Carried. Alderman Stevens moved, seconded by Alderman Sheahan, that the petition presented by the Edw. Himes Lumber Company requesting permission to lay a switch track across Walnut street be referred to the Street and Alley Committee for report to the City Council at its next regular meeting.

Carried. Alderman Putnam moved, seconded by Alderman Stevens, that Marshall Field & Company be compelled to pay vehicle tax on two machines.

Carried. Alderman Sheahan moved, seconded by Alderman Buckley, that the Business report relative to Vine Aves. drainage be referred to the Finance Committee.

Carried. Alderman Buckley moved, seconded by Alderman Fearing, that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Public Service Company to put the street light located on Linden Park Place back to its original position.

Carried. The Street and Alley Committee reported as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Highland Park, Illinois: Gentlemen: With reference to request for street lights on Deerfield and St. John's Avenue we find upon investigation, that the Street Lighting Fund is overdrawn and recommend that the request be denied at this time.

Carried. Alderman Obee reported that a horse had been purchased for the City at a cost of \$135.00 also that the Toilet House and plumbing at the Lake Front Park had been completed as directed at a cost of \$410.00. As the \$300.00 appropriated by the Council for this work was not sufficient, your committee have transferred the balance of \$109.00 remaining in the amount appropriated for the purchase of a horse, to make up the deficit for Toilet houses and plumbing.

Alderman Fearing moved, seconded by Alderman Stevens, the suspension of the rules for the purpose of acting upon the report.

Carried. Alderman Fearing moved, seconded by Alderman Stevens, that the report of the Chairman of the Street and Alley Committee be accepted.

Carried. Alderman Obee moved, seconded by Alderman Stevens, that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for the construction of a Cement Sidewalk on the easterly side of Dean Avenue to complete the walk (Continued on page 5)

LECTURE AT HIGHLAND HALL

By Bessie Stuart Campbell Enjoyed by Fair Sized Audience

The Lecture on Education in the Twentieth Century by Bessie Stuart Campbell as told at Highland Hall last night proved exceptionally good. While the audience wasn't as large as it should have been to hear a speaker of Miss Campbell's reputation, it was fair in size. The program included piano selections by Miss Jessie Green and Mr. Leo Sowerby. Miss Campbell recited, "The Last Rose of Summer" most pleasingly accompanied on the piano by Miss Anna Bahr. Besides other beautiful poems Miss Campbell recited some of her original ones.

CONGRESSMAN THOMSON ON MERCHANT MARINE

OPPOSES BILL AS IT NOW STANDS

He Claims that the Present Plan Would Be Courting Difficulties with the World Powers Now at War in Europe

In this letter I wish to call your attention to another bill having to do with our foreign commerce which is pending in the House and which I understand is soon to be reported favorably by the Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries. This bill proposes that the Federal Government shall subscribe to the capital stock of a corporation "now or hereafter organized", the object of which corporation "shall be the purchase, equipment, maintenance and operation of merchant vessels in the trade between the Atlantic, Gulf or Pacific ports of the United States and the ports of Central and South America, and elsewhere, (presumably Europe) to meet the requirements of the foreign commerce of the United States." The bill provides that the Government "shall subscribe for fifty-one per centum of the stock of this corporation at par and the balance shall be offered to the public."

The bill authorizes the Government through a "shipping board" consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Postmaster General and the Secretary of Commerce, "to purchase vessels, suitable for the purposes of such corporation, with a view to transferring them to such corporation," in payment for which vessels, "such corporation shall issue to the United States its (the corporation's) gold bonds bearing interest at not less than four per centum per annum."

My present inclination is to vote against the passage of this bill unless some changes are made in it. You will note that the proposed corporation is not authorized to "build" additional ships for our foreign trade but to "purchase" them. In the main, ships available for purchase at this time, suitable for the purposes in question are those belonging to the countries of Europe now at war and which are now useless for the purposes of trade. Nearly all these ships are German vessels.

In my last letter I called attention to the Convention of London (1909), in which our own Government participated, which declared the transfer of an enemy vessel to a neutral flag effected after the outbreak of hostilities, to be void unless it is proved that such transfer was not made in order to evade the consequences to which an enemy vessel, as such, is exposed.

Of course the interests now owning these idle ships would sell them, if at all, because of the dangers to which they would be exposed from enemy vessels if they engaged in commerce under their present registry. The belligerent nations will regard these transfers as void. If the transfers are made to this proposed corporation and the vessels attempt to sail the seas under our flag they will be seized by the war vessels of Europe and claimed as prizes of war, and that action would seem to be justified under the terms of the Declaration of London.

The argument may be made that our foreign commerce needs more ships. Granted, but what is to be gained when under the emergency conditions now prevailing, which furnish the reason for proposing this law, the ships available will be subject to capture by the Powers at war, even after coming under our flag and under American registry? We will be greater losers rather than gainers under such a plan, it seems to me.

But more important than that consideration is the following. Under the terms of this bill the corporation is not to purchase these ships but the United States Government is authorized to purchase them and then transfer them to the corporation. In other words, this transaction of purchasing and securing the transfer of ships now belonging to interests of the belligerent countries, which transfers are void under the terms of the Declaration of London, and which the belligerent Powers of Europe have notified our Government they shall consider void, are to be made not by the proposed corporation but by the Government of the United States, as such. And therein lies the danger of this bill. If we persist in going ahead with such a plan, we are court- (Continued on page 5)

H. P. REGULARS CLAIM COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

WIN TWO RATTLING GOOD GAMES

Crescents Receive Two Trimmings. No Gains for Latter Scheduled for Next Sunday. Two Local Teams May Play Series of Games.

By a Crescent Fan. The Crescents received a neat trimming at the hands of the Waukegan City team at Waukegan last Sunday by the count of 9 to 1. Too much Niemeyer and their own ragged playing were the chief factors in the locals' defeat. Dorfer and Chambers hurried for the Crescents and were touched up for 12 bingles, while the Crescents' infield committed 10 bobbles.

On Labor Day the Crescents again met defeat, the Federal Lifes of Chicago turning the trick by the score of 5 to 1. Good pitching and rank fielding were again responsible for the setback.

The Crescents will be idle next Sunday, no game being scheduled because many of the players and fans want to see the two Waukegan teams in one of their city series games, which starts next Sunday.

The Regulars have been approached for a series of games to begin a week from Sunday. There is no doubt but that satisfactory arrangements can be made and that the games will take place soon, as Regulars are just as anxious to meet the Crescents as the Crescents are to meet the Regulars.

By a Regular Fan.

The Highland Park Regulars scored a decisive victory over the strong Glen View team Sunday by the score of 11 to 3. This is the first time that a Highland Park team has ever defeated a Glen View team and the victory will surely go down in history never to be forgotten. Just think of it, for the last six years a series has been arranged between these two teams and this is the first win for Highland Park, hurray the "jinx" is off. Our neighbors from over west certainly had it on us for a long time and it looked as though they were going to slip it ever again judging from the way Sunday's game looked for a short while but the Regulars finally got together and the way they pummeled that ball around was a very pleasant sight for the local fans.

Glen View opened the game with a rally right at the start when Coulan double, Grimeberg fanned, Wold hit a grounder to Christenson who played it to third and caught Coulan, Wold safe on first. Greenlade, pitching for Highland Park threw low to first and the ball rolled into the crowd, Wold going all the way to third and scored when Cal Christenson booted Shannon's easy grounder. Shannon was caught napping off first, Greenlade to Berger to Pettis.

The Regulars duplicated when Reed led off with a single. On the hit-and-run Pettis missed and Reed was out at second. Pettis laced the next ball pitched for a clean single. Ike Duffy followed with a terrific smash to right which eluded Wold and Pettis scored, Ike pulling up at third. The next two men were taken care of by the infield.

Nothing doing from the first inning to the sixth when Wold skied to deep left, Duffy getting the put-out. Shannon doubled to right, Perry sacrificed. Goldbach singled, Shannon scored. Goldie stole second and scored on Clark's single. Bierbaum struck out. Score Glen View 3, Regulars 1. It looked bad for the locals, as up to this time Ragan was going fine, holding the Regulars to four hits, three of which were chalked up in the first inning.

Anyway at the finish of the home half of the sixth every one of the Highland Park rooters wore a happy smile because when the side was out the score stood 5 to 3 in favor of the Regulars. This is the way the Jinx went off: Pettis opened with a single, but was forced at second by Duffy. Roger Kilby smashed a single to left, Duffy holding second. Tearney rolled one to Coulan but it got away from Benny and everybody was safe. Three men on and one out. Berger fanned. Henry Kilby ripped a scorcher through Grimeberg, Duffy and R. Kilby scoring, and H. Kilby went to second on the play at the plate. Tearney held third. Coulan muffed Cal's grounder and Tearney and H. Kilby scored. Greenie rolled out. (Continued on page 6)

PERSONS, HENDEE, McDONOUGH AND SIMPSON ARE VICTORIOUS

FOSS GETS NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS 10th DISTRICT

Small Vote Cast Throughout the County, Especially the Democratic and Progressive Parties. Returns are Yet Incomplete

The votes at primary elections in this county are said to usually run about 60 per cent of the registered voters but it was expected by those closely informed on things political that owing to the active campaign conducted by most of the candidates and the introduction of the "wet" and "dry" question that at least 7,500 votes would be polled instead of less than 5,000 as now indicated by reports of 30 out of 37 county precincts.

The returns from 34 Precincts out of the 37 in Lake County give the following: For County Judge—Persons 3131; Orvis 1208. For Superintendent of Schools—Simpson 2732; McKenzie 1233. For County Clerk—Hendee 3016; Westerfield 1318. For County Treasurer—McDonough 1771; Rosing 1459; Hepburn 1053. Up to the time of going to press we are unable to get the Progressive and Democratic vote, although it is conceded that Munro, Pro., Graham, Dem., were nominated and that Vickers and Shurtleff, Rep., are winners for Representative.

NEARBY NEWS NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST

LAKE BLUFF ORPHANAGE GETS \$20,000

Four Year Old Boy Killed in Evanston Last Week. House Bill No. 17,267 Was Passed by the House. Now Goes to Senate.

Will of James R. Hobbs.

The will of the late James R. Hobbs, who with his wife were instrumental in founding the Methodist Deaconess Orphanage at Lake Bluff, was made public in Chicago last week and as expected, it made a substantial bequest to the orphanage, the amount being \$20,000. The amount of money left in trust and merely the income is to be used for the support of the institution.

Prof. J. J. Hakey Resigns.

Unwilling to stand for the methods followed in obtaining the decisions as to whom the Lake County Law and Order League shall endorse, Prof. J. J. Halsey of Lake Forest University, one of the foremost educators in this part of the country, formally, announces his sudden resignation from that organization whose existence is partially due to his efforts—Waukegan Sun.

Killed at Evanston.

While picking coal from the Northwestern railroad tracks at Greenwood street and the "Y" division of the railroad, Evanston, Adam Milecki, the four-year-old son of Anton Milecki, 1535 Wilder street, was run over and instantly killed by a team belonging to the Edinger & Speidel Coal company.

New Toll Bridge.

House Bill No. 17267, introduced before the House of Representatives on June 15, 1914, by Congressman Chas. M. Thomson of the Tenth district, authorizing the construction of a toll bridge across Pistakee and Nippersink lakes near their point of intersection, was passed by the House on Tuesday of last week and now goes to the Senate. At the time the bill was introduced by Mr. Thomson it was referred to the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The committee submitted a favorable report and the passage of the bill took place.

D. A. R. Rummage Sale

The D. A. R. of Highland Park announce their annual Rummage Sale, for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 29, 30 and October 1st. Contributions are earnestly solicited.

LOCAL MERCHANTS GET CONTRACT

High School Supplies to be Purchased in Highland Park

William Anderson and Charles L. Harder, Jr., were the successful bidders for supplies for Deerfield Shields High School during the coming term, the former getting seventy-five per cent of the contract and the latter twenty-five per cent. The supplies are such as paper towels, ink, chalk, pens, pencils, ruled and unruled paper, flags, soaps, drawing material, etc. This is the first time that local merchants have had an opportunity to bid on these supplies and it goes to show that the lowest bidders are sometimes at home.

LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Property Exchanges Recorded During Past two Weeks

Mary Hill Terwilliger to Martha Estelle Hennison Q. C. \$1.00. 1 acre in Lot 12, City of Lake Forest.

Thomas Pester and wife to Fanny L. Quayle W. D. \$10.00. Lot 15, Block 2, in C. L. Harder Jrs. Subn. City of Lake Forest.

Frederick P. Boynton and wife to J. A. J. Whipple W. D. \$10.00. Pl. Lots 5 and 9, Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 79, City of Highland Park.

Thos. P. Rafter to James Ryan W. D. \$1.00. Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 6, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 2, and Lots 38 to 42, Block 5, all in Deerfield Park, Land & Improvement Assn. Sub., Village of Deerfield.

Margaret Miller and husband to Edward A. Mechling W. D. \$1.00. W. 1/4 S. E. 1-4, Sec. 21, and N. W. 1-4 N. E. 1-4 and E. 1-2 S. W. 1-4 N. E. 1-4 Sec. 28, all in Deerfield Twp.

Henry Ewart and wife to Archibald McPherson and wife W. D. \$10.00. Pl. Lot 11, Block 18, City of Highland Park.

Samuel R. Arens and wife to Harry Wilkinson W. D. \$2500.00. Lot 6, Block 2, Ridgewood Park Subn., Highland Park.

Thos. R. Quayle and wife to Thos. Pester W. D. \$10.00. Lot 4, Green Bay Addn., City of Lake Forest.

Chas. F. Fishback and wife to Wm. J. MacDonald W. D. \$10.00. 150 acres in S. W. 1-4 Sec. 26, Deerfield Twp.

C. W. Buckley and wife to Margaret S. Lafean W. D. \$10.00. E. 200 ft., Lot 1, Block 45, Highland Park.

W. J. MAC DONALD BUYS VALUABLE LAND

Adjoining the C. N. Kimball Estate on So. Green Bay Rd. May Be Used as Golf Links

An important transaction of real estate was negotiated last week when the sale by Chas. F. Fishback to William J. MacDonald of a tract of 150 acres of rolling land in the southwestern section of this city was made. This land adjoins the Curtis N. Kimball estate near Green Bay Road and is said to be valued at \$1,000 an acre or a total of \$150,000. The tract comprises part of what is known as the old Bobink farm. It probably will be used as sites for large country residences, but there are said to be two groups of men conducting negotiations for its purchase for use as golf links. If either one of these transactions materialize it is said it will involve more than \$200,000. In part payment the purchaser conveyed part of his subdivision in Glenoac.

ARRESTED MONDAY NIGHT

After Breaking Lock and Stealing Auto from Ravinia Park

Harold Anderson of Evanston was arrested here Monday night by Policeman Grant, upon complaint of his uncle, John Anderson, whose automobile he stole from Ravinia Park early in the afternoon. He was given a hearing before Justice Smith and bound over to the grand jury on \$1000 bonds. Upon failing to get bondsmen he was taken to the county jail at Waukegan.