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REGULARS CLEAN UP CRESCENTS SUNDAY

CHAMPIONS PLAY AT WAUKEGAN OCT. 4

Crescents Play Loose Game and Lose One Sided Battle 9 to 5; Regulars Hit Ball Hard and Often; Crescents Rally Too Late

By "Regular Fan"

The Regulars added another game to their string of victories when they defeated for the fourth time the Crescents. The score was 9 to 5. It was the worst game of the series. "Bob" Greenstade was on the firing line for the Regulars and Ochner twirled for the Crescents. Bob had the better of the argument all the way through the game, allowing 8 safe hits, issued 2 free passes and fanned 4 of the South siders, while Ochner was found for fifteen safe wallops, walked one and wiffed three Regulars.

"Ike" Duffy was the batting king getting four hits out of five attempts, Reed and Collins got three each and Pettis and Harley two a piece while Tierny contended himself with one. Pettis also showed great class around the key stone sack accepting eight chances without a slip. For the Crescents, Richards showed his ability as a shortstop taking ten chances, some very difficult, without an error. Joe played the star game for the Southsiders, without a doubt. Summary of the series is as follows:

"On to Waukegan" is the slogan on every base ball fan in Highland Park. Hop on the car Sunday and slip up to Waukegan and watch the Regulars battle the strong Waukegan team for the championship of Lake County. It promises to be a great battle. Managers Moroney and McCann got together and arranged a series of three games to be played at Waukegan for the title. McCann's warriors eliminated the West Side team from laying any claim to the bunting and the Regulars duplicated on the Crescents, therefore the finals between the Regulars versus Waukegan.

Earlier in the season this team from the North scored a win over the home lads, but the team that played then and are now entirely different. A little later the locals journeyed forth again and took the scalps of the McCannites so as they stand now each has a victory. All you fans have to do is get on a Waukegan car and it will take you directly in front of the base ball park, where you can sit in comfort and watch one of the best battles that was ever booked on the North Shore. The game will start at 3 o'clock sharp.

By "Crescent Fan"

The Regulars won the second game of the city championship series from the Crescents by the score of 9 to 5. The game was staged at Crescent Park. This contest concludes the Crescent-Regular series, and the west siders, having also copped the first game, carry with them to their winter habitat the city championship title.

The combat was characterized by the clouting of both teams. As far as safe hits go, the Regulars had the edge. But the Crescents made more solid connections. They were unfortunate, however. (Continued on page 5)

"A TEACHER ON HIS JOB"

Is Heading of the Following Article from the Petersburg Observer

J. L. Smith, superintendent of the Highland Park public schools, was a Petersburg visitor last week over Sunday. He came down here to learn more about the early life of Lincoln. He made several photographs of places and scenes, especially on Old Salem hill, which he will use in his history class.

Mr. Smith is a collector of Lincolniana. For the last several years he has spent a part of his summer vacation visiting the early homes of Lincoln and gathering information, first hand, of the Great Emancipator and securing views of buildings, places and objects with which he had been associated. These views are afterwards enlarged and placed as mural decorations in the school building at Highland Park, in which Mr. Smith teaches. These are used not only to inspire patriotism in the hearts of his pupils, but also to better teach American history, in which Mr. Lincoln wrought such an important part.

While here Prof. Smith with his own camera secured excellent pictures of Old Salem Hill and the Lincoln trees thereon, the bluff and the Sangamon River Mill site, the ruins of the old dame, the Lincoln cabin, Ann Rutledge's grave, etc. "The material I have gathered here," said Prof. Smith as he bid THE OBSERVER man a farewell, "takes on more than usual value to me because it is all so well authenticated, there is no guess work about it." Petersburg Observer

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASES EXAGGERATED

STATEMENT BY SUPT. JESSE L. SMITH

Only Four Cases in Highland Park and all are Under School Age. Eminent Specialists Called in Conference

A visitor to Kenilworth yesterday reported that very exaggerated statements are current there as to the threatened epidemic of infantile paralysis in Highland Park.

The number of cases here has been variously stated at from twelve to twenty-five and the closing of the schools has been reported. In other North Shore towns, similar stories are rife, and even here in Highland Park, many baseless rumors have been accepted as facts. In view of all this, the Editor of THE PRESS believes that the following statement by Supt. Jesse L. Smith, is timely and will be of interest to all parents.

"Apprehension of danger because of the existence of four cases of infantile paralysis in Highland Park has occasioned the temporarily withdrawal from school of more than one third of the pupils at Elm Place. Not one of the children affected is of school age, but the presence of so dreaded a disease caused many parents to fear the school as a possible source of contagion. All the cases thus far have been of small children, the oldest child affected being only four years of age. The first case reported is now of about six weeks duration and the quarantine can soon be lifted. The child was taken ill at Barrington, Ill., and was not brought to Highland Park until the disease had been in progress six days. During all this time and the following ten days that the case was not quarantined, the children of the household and others besides were freely exposed to contagion, but there has been no unfavorable result, and it is likely that this first case is no longer a possible source of danger."

"The three other cases were early quarantined and it is not likely that any susceptible person has been exposed to contagion from them. The second and third cases are now over two weeks old, and had any one been exposed to either of the affected children, there would have been ample time for the disease to develop. There has been no such development. The second and third cases in question gave greater cause for alarm than the first because they apparently originated in Highland Park and, possibly, while the two families in which the cases occur were living within one block of each other on Onwentsia Ave. Several families with small children live in the immediate neighborhood but no other case has appeared. The fourth case, that of a little child on No. Second St., that has been an invalid for the past two years, has likewise been very carefully safe-guarded. This case is about ten days old."

"The local Board of Health has called in for council during the past two weeks, three of the most eminent specialists in children diseases in Chicago, and the situation has been reported to them from time to time. Acting upon their advice, the Board of Health has not recommended closing the schools, although it has not discouraged parents from withdrawing their children and keeping them in isolation for a time. The Board of Education has had a careful medical inspection of all the pupils in school every other day, this to continue as long as the situation seems to warrant. Every inspection thus far has shown a high standard of physical condition among the children. The Chairman of the Board of Health will recommend that if no other cases develop during this week all pupils return to their place in school next Monday morning."

"The publicity given this disease by the bulletin issued by the Board of Health last week is certainly proving a safeguard to all homes in Highland Park where children are found. Safety lies in publicity. If every home is alert and all guardians of public health are vigilant epidemics may be averted."

LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

Monday Evening, October 5th, at the Church Edifice on Hazel Ave., Near St. Johns Ave.

Monday evening, Oct. 5th, at eight o'clock, in the Church Edifice on Hazel Ave., near St. Johns Ave., a lecture on Christian Science will be given by Virgil O. Strickler, C. S., who is a member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. The lecture is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

THOMSON AGAINST THE WAR TAX BILL

SAYS ECONOMICS CAN BE PRACTICED

A Good Start has Been Made by Squeezing the "Park" out of the River and Harbor Bill. \$119,000,000 in Treasury

By Chas. M. Thomson

The War Tax Bill passed the House yesterday. I voted against it. I believe any such course as is provided for in that bill is unnecessary at this time, either to meet present needs or to provide against future contingencies. The argument advanced as the reason why Congress should pass the bill was based almost entirely on the fact that there was a falling off in the customs revenues of the Government for the month of August as compared with that month in 1913, amounting to about ten million dollars, and on the supposition that a falling off in the customs duties to that extent would continue throughout the fiscal year.

The need of the Treasury for additional revenue, raised by means of further taxation, cannot properly be based on a falling off in customs duties. Of course, those duties are resulting in less revenue this year than was coming to the Treasury from that source last year. That falling off in customs duties is due to the difference in the tariff rates as laid down in the old law and in the new. That is a simple fact admitted by everybody and which has nothing whatever to do with the relative merits of the two laws. The proponents of the new law put the Income Tax Law on the statute books for the express purpose of providing revenues that would make up the falling off in the customs duties, represented by the difference in duties specified in the two tariff laws. So the bare fact that there has been a falling off in customs duties does not demonstrate the need of providing additional revenue through taxation. That need must be based, if at all, on a falling off in revenues from all sources.

Now as a matter of fact, there was a falling off in government revenues from all sources, for the month of August, amounting to about \$10,500,000. We are asked to assume that the revenues are going to continue to show that shrinkage throughout the fiscal year (ending June 30, 1915), owing to the disturbance in Europe, and on that assumption we are urged to pass a bill levying additional taxes which will yield \$105,000,000 during the year.

But that assumption is a mere guess, and I do not believe we ought to lay on an additional million in taxes, based on a guess. Why base such action on our experience as to the effect produced on our revenues by the war in Europe for the first month of that war? Why not, before taking such a step, give ourselves the benefit of at least two or three months' experience? The wisdom of such a course is demonstrated by the fact that for the first twenty-three days of this month, the falling off in the revenues of the government from all sources, as compared with the same period in 1913, amounted to only \$1,730,441.9. In other words, the falling off in revenues, amounting to about ten and a half million dollars in August, will apparently be less than two and a half millions in September. Does not that fact indicate that it is not necessary to levy an additional lot of taxes based on a falling off in revenues amounting to ten million a month for the entire year?

But even assuming that there should prove to be a falling off in our revenues amounting to a hundred million for the year, I would still consider this measure unnecessary. After assuming a falling off in revenues to that extent, the report on this bill submitted by the majority on the committee, goes on to say "This amount, unless replaced by taxes from some other source, will cause a serious deficit in our Treasury balance." I do not agree with that reasoning. Replacing the falling off in revenues by taxes from other sources is not the only course open to us.

Retrenchments can be made and economics can be practiced which will accomplish the same result. A good start (Continued on page 5)

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

Claire C. Edwards Appointed to Succeed Chas. Whitney by Gov. Dunne

By word received from Springfield Monday, Governor Dunne appointed Claire C. Edwards of Waukegan, Judge of the Circuit Court in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit to succeed Chas. Whitney, deceased. Thus, the appointment to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Charles Whitney some months ago has been made and the prolonged campaign for the office waged by various aspirants is ended.

ARTIFICIAL ICE PLANT NEARING COMPLETION

FINE BUILDING ON DEERFIELD AVENUE

Will be Ready for Business About Jan. 1st. Incorporated Firm: Local Men Officers. Will Manufacture Pure, Raw Water Ice

The new local artificial ice company to be known as the Purity Ice and Refrigerating Co., an incorporated firm of which J. A. Raabe will act as president, C. G. Rosenow, vice president, and Edward F. Stuenkel, secretary and treasurer, will be ready for business about January first. The building is located on Deerfield Ave. between Green Bay Rd. and Oakwood Ave. and is to be a brick structure very ornamental with red brick front. The building is being put up by Wm. J. Obee, mason contractor, and Zimmer and Huber, carpenter contractors, will contain an office, engine room, daily storage room, freezing room and storage room, the capacity of which is 12,000 tons a year. This will be one of the most modern and up to date plants of its kind in the state, the object of which is to manufacture pure, raw water ice and not distilled ice.

FREE LECTURE AT HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday Evening, Oct. 3rd. Hear William Mather Lewis on "The Meaning of the War"

William Mather Lewis lectures at the high school Saturday evening, Oct. 3rd, on "The Meaning of the War," for adults only. This new lecture, deals in a comprehensive, gripping way with that Titanic struggle which now shakes Europe. During the past year Mr. Lewis gained much intimate information through his acquaintance in Military and Diplomatic circles abroad.

The underlying causes of the war, its probable effects upon governmental systems, its influence on American affairs, the conquest of the air, the attitude of the working people toward the struggle, these and many other phases are presented in a clear, fascinating manner.

That this lecture answers a popular demand is demonstrated by the large number of bookings which have always been made for it. It is given without charge to the public. Children are not expected to attend.

The College Rambler says of the lecturer: "During the past few months Mr. Lewis has lectured before large audiences in most of the important cities throughout the state, and everywhere his lectures have been received with the warmest approval. He has been enthusiastically welcomed everywhere he has gone, and the press has on various occasions complimented him upon the originality of his lecture and entertainment."

YOUNG MEN'S CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Meeting Held Thursday Evening in Club Rooms. Vote of Thanks to Retiring Officers

On Thursday evening, Sept. 24th, the Young Men's Club of Highland Park had their monthly meeting and election of officers for the coming year. The newly elected officers are as follows: James W. Harrison, president; Bert M. Foote, first vice president; Theo. H. Decker, second vice president; Arthur M. McCaffery, secretary; G. S. Steiner, treasurer. A vote of thanks was given the retiring officers whose labors have been invaluable in the past twelve months. They are as follows: Geo. R. Jones, president; Frank McCaffery, first vice president; Charles Grant, second vice president; Oliver Schaefer, secretary; Oscar Bell, treasurer; F. S. Munro, director, re-elected. These men have many important consultations, for they have brought the club through many difficulties and on retiring, leave it in a better situation and on a safer financial basis.

T. E. PIETSON'S DAUGHTER DIES

Appendicitis Causes Death in St. Ann's Hospital, Chicago.

Mrs. Lillian M. Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pierson died on Tuesday, Sept. 29th at St. Ann's Hospital after an operation for appendicitis. Funeral service will be held Friday at 12:00 o'clock from her late residence 1841 N. California Ave. Chicago and at St. Timothy's Church on Chicago and Monticello Ave. Interment will be in Arlington cemetery. She leaves to survive her husband James R. Wallace, two daughters Neva and Lorraine and one son Albert Wallace, mother and father Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pierson and one sister Minnie Pierson of this city.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

WOMAN BITTEN BY TARANTULA

Large Tract of Lake Bluff Land Sold by Mrs. Scott Durand. Waukegan South Siders Claim City Championship

Waukegan Woman Bitten by Tarantula While assisting at the grocery store of her husband at 5:15 o'clock Friday evening, Mrs. Axel Lybeck, residing at 1220 Lenox Ave., Waukegan, placed her hand on a large bunch of bananas and started to pull several pieces of the fruit from the bunch. She had merely closed her fingers around the bananas when she suddenly felt a stinging sensation in the end of the forefinger on her right hand. She jerked her hand away. A large tarantula fell from the bunch of bananas to the floor. Mrs. Lybeck then realized that she had been bitten by the deadly insect.

Large Tract of Land Sold

Two large parcels of realty along the North Shore figured in transactions in market Friday, indicating unusual activity in that section. Mrs. Scott Durand and the Blodgett estate have sold to Edgar Uihlein, who has been a resident of Lake Forest the last few summers, a tract of 20 acres having a frontage of 300 feet on Lake Michigan and extending back to Waukegan (Sheridan) road and the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric line, which the purchaser plans to improve immediately with a handsome country home. The consideration paid for the tract has not been disclosed, but it was reported about a year ago that Mrs. Durand had refused an offer of \$5,000 an acre for a 25-acre tract. Miss Carrie Blodgett of Waukegan negotiated the deal for her relatives and it is understood their portion of the tract was 10 acres and that they secured \$35,000 for the land, or \$3,500 an acre.

South Siders Claim Championship

The South Side base ball team, before the largest crowd that ever attended a base ball game in Waukegan, at the South Side diamond Sunday afternoon demonstrated their right to assume the title of the Waukegan city champions for the year 1914. The West Siders played a good game but Neimeyer was not in his usual form or the South Siders were batting better than usual. At any rate the West Siders team could not hold back the victorious South Siders. The series was for the best two out of three games with a side bet of \$100. The interest shown in the series, not to mention that shown throughout the season, demonstrates the fact that the advent of a second base ball team in the field at Waukegan has increased the interest a hundred fold.

NEW PAVING FOR SOUTH END

Board of Local Improvements to Push Sheridan Road Contractors

The Board of Local Improvements at a meeting held last evening adopted a resolution providing for the paving with asphalt macadam, St. Johns Ave. from Lincoln Ave. to Beech St., Beech St. from St. Johns Ave. to Sheridan Rd., Wade St. from St. Johns Ave. to Beech St. and Linden Ave. from Forest Ave. to Beech St. Said resolution further provided for a steel type girder concrete bridge across ravine in Beech St.

The question of delay by the contractors for the Sheridan Rd. paving was taken up by the Board and the President was requested to notify the contractors, Golitz and Johnson that they must double their force and equipment and complete the road according to their contract before cold weather sets in.

LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Property Exchanges Recorded During Past Two Weeks

Martha T. Gallup and hus to Theo. T. Woodlens and wf, N. 70 ft, lot 11, blk 67 Highland Park. W. D. \$10.00.
Dennis Driscoll (wdr) to John T. Erickson, Wly 50 ft lot 1, blk "F," City of Highland Park. \$850.00.
John Ott, (wdr) to Edna B. Prost, 50 acres in Sec. 30, Deerfield Twp. W. D. \$7000.00.
Frank G. Zahnle and wf to George Ernst, W 1/2 lot 9, blk 11, Exmoor addn to Highland Park. W. D. \$10.00.
Louis N. Berube, admr. to James L. Swayer, pt blk 24, E. Ashley Mears plat of Highwood. Also lots 3 and 4, blk 1, Hayts resubn, Highwood. Deed \$2600.00.
Lydia J. Hoyt (wid) to Wm. G. Antes, 9.92 acs in S. 1/2 S. E. 1/4 N. E. 1/4 Sec. 29, Deerfield Twp. W. D. \$1.00.

COMMON QUESTION AND THEIR ANSWERS

SHORTAGE OF ASSESSMENTS EXPLAINED

Commission Form of Government Brings Many Queries, a Few of Which are Given Below with Their Answers

In printing the following questions on the Commission Form of Government THE PRESS opens this column for the use of the public for any questions which they might wish to ask on the subject and will endeavor to give answers to all queries mailed to us not later than next Tuesday.

QUESTION: Will the rate of taxation for corporate purposes be higher under the Commission Form of Government?

ANSWER: No. The Commission Form of Government will operate under the same law now in force. The rate is limited to 1.02 per cent for corporate purposes and 5 per cent for bonding purposes on the assessed valuation of property within the city. At present the city is levying taxes for both corporate and bond purposes, up to the limit. Reports received from cities operating under Commission Form show that taxes are greatly reduced.

QUESTION: What are the powers of the Commission?

ANSWER: The executive and legislative powers are the same as possessed and exercised by the present city council, with the following exceptions: the granting of franchises, initiative, referendum and recall.

QUESTION: How much time are the Commissioners required to devote to city affairs?

ANSWER: In cities having a population of 20,000 and under, the Mayor and Commissioners must devote such time to the duties of their respective offices as a faithful discharge thereof may require. Regular meetings must be held once each week.

QUESTION: What Compensation do the Mayor and Commissioners receive?

ANSWER: Where the population is between 20,000 and 50,000 the annual salary of the Mayor is fixed by law at not to exceed \$250 and of each Commissioner \$100. Where the population is between 5000 and 10,000 the annual salary of the Mayor is fixed by law at not to exceed \$600 and of each Commissioner, \$400. The last official census taken in 1910 gave the city of Highland Park a population of 4,209. Bumstead's 1913-1914 City and Lake County directory shows the population to be 5,800.

Shortage in Assessments Explained

A shortage in the special assessment accounts, for which supplemental assessments are now being levied, was caused:

FIRST. By reason of the fact that in many cases the actual cost of the improvement exceeded the amount received from the first assessment.

SECOND. By a natural loss in interest, which in the average assessment of ten installments amounts to approximately 8 per cent of the total cost of the improvement.

THIRD. Because the city in some instances failed to retire bonds in advance when there were sufficient funds to the credit of the various installments against which the bonds are drawn.

This shortage was not caused by dishonesty on the part of any of the former city officials, which has been proved by an audit of these accounts. It was caused by the fact that the manner in which these accounts were kept was incorrect and misleading. This audit, the first publicity ever given to special assessments accounts resulted in the correction of the error which was responsible for the deficit.

Under the Commission Form of Government it is the duty of the commissioner in charge of the department of public accounts and finances, to publish each month an account of the city's financial transactions. The result is that the public are informed of the condition of the various funds, and every taxpayer can tell at a glance the status of the funds in any account in which he has a particular interest.

EX-GOVERNOR PATTERSON TO SPEAK

Wednesday Evening, Oct. 7th, in the Baptist Church, E. Laurel Ave.

In connection with the nation-wide campaign for constitutional amendment for prohibition, the Hon. Malcolm R. Patterson, ex-Governor of Tennessee, will speak in Highland Park next Wednesday evening, Oct. 7th, at 8 p. m. in the Baptist church on Laurel Ave.

For many years Mr. Patterson was one of the ablest defenders of the saloon and saloon interests in his state and throughout the union. He was one of the greatest exponents of the "personal liberty" league. But since his conversion he has been one of the ablest and one of the most popular opponents of the saloon and its allies.