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THOMSON EXPLAINS PHILIPPINE BILL

IT DOES NOT GRANT INDEPENDENCE

Gives the People of Islands Such Rights as are Enjoyed by People of Territories of the United States

By Chas. M. Thomson

After a very lengthy consideration, the so-called Philippine Bill was passed by the House on Wednesday of last week. The bill does not grant independence to the people of the Philippine Islands, as some seem to think. It does not touch the question of independence at all. The bill amounts merely to a grant of a bill of rights to the Philippine people. For instance, it provides that no law can be enacted in the Islands which will deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law or deny to any person therein the equal protection of the laws. The bill gives the people of the Islands such rights as to their persons and property as are enjoyed by the people of the territories of the United States, such as Alaska. It provides for a Philippine Legislature and gives the people of the Islands the right not only to choose the members of the Lower House of their Legislature, as they now do, but gives them the right of choosing the members of a Senate which takes the place of the present commission which is appointed by the Governor General. It covers the question of the enactment of laws by the Philippine Legislature and reserves a veto power in the Governor General and in the President of the United States. It continues the office of the Governor General of the Islands to be appointed by the President of the United States. It prescribes the legislative powers of the Philippine Legislature and specifies the qualifications of electors in the Philippines. It prescribes the jurisdiction of the courts, and gives the United States Supreme Court jurisdiction to review the judgments and decrees of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands in the usual classes of cases.

In other words, this bill extends to the Philippine people such rights as to their persons and property as the people of our territories enjoy and it grants them a somewhat greater measure of self government in their local affairs than they have thus far had. I voted for this bill for I feel the Philippine people are entitled to the rights which it grants them. But unlike any bill ever passed, so far as I know, this one has a preamble. A preamble to a Resolution is all right but, to a bill, never. This preamble recites that it was not the intention of the people of the United States, in the incipency of the war with Spain, to make it a war of conquest or for territorial aggrandizement, and that it has always been and now is the purpose of the people of the United States to withdraw their sovereignty over the Philippine Islands and to recognize their independence as soon as a stable government can be established therein. It was necessary to take a vote on the adoption of the preamble separate and apart from the vote on the bill. I voted in the negative on the preamble. Such a preamble means absolutely nothing—it is no part of the bill—it does not come under the enacting clause and it has no effect whatever and binds nobody to anything. Anything put in the preamble to a bill is merely there to act as soothing syrup on somebody and stop their noise. It is purely a legislative bluff and I do not believe in such things. Certainly we had no idea of conquest in declaring war with Spain. If we had, Cuba would never be what it is today. And I believe the majority of our people are in favor of withdrawing our sovereignty from the Philippines and recognizing their independence as soon as a stable government can be established there, but not until then. When that time comes those steps must be taken by means of properly enacted Acts of Congress and until it comes I believe in urging upon the Philippine people the necessity of a demonstration on their part of the ability to maintain a stable government by a proper and efficient use of the instruments of government already given them. Any false hopes that the independence of the Islands is at hand; held out in the shape of "whereases" that have no more authoritative or legal standing than if they were waste paper, only serves to engender impatience and discontent. If our course in Cuba and thus far in their own Islands, does not give confidence to the Philippine people, mere words will not. For the most part the people of those Islands have advanced with wonderful rapidity. This bill gives them a measure of self government beyond their fondest dreams of a few years ago. The generosity of our treatment of these people thus far should be sufficient guaranty of our good faith for the future.

ORGANIZATION OF NURSE ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD SUNDAY

Money for Salary all Pledged Making it Possible to go Ahead. Hope to have Nurse Installed a Week or Two

Mr. George A. Mason called a meeting

Last Spring the Ossoli Club called a meeting of representatives from the schools, city, board of health, Relief and Aid Society and the Woman's Club to consider the question of a visiting nurse for Highland Park. Nothing definite was done but an effort has been made to get money contributed to pay the salary of a nurse, every one agreeing that one was needed both for the schools and the town. Mr. George A. Mason called a meeting at his home a week ago, the same organizations being represented. It was decided to form a Highland Park Visiting Nurse Association composed of one member from each body contributing to the salary and working fund of the nurse. The money for the salary has all been pledged making it possible to go ahead. Last Sunday the members of the Highland Park Visiting Nurse Association held a meeting. The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. J. Fyffe, president; Mrs. John A. Putnam, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. W. R. Tapper, Mrs. Maud H. Shannon, Mrs. R. S. Kirchberger, Rev. P. C. Wolcott, and Dr. L. M. Bergen, trustees. An executive committee composed of Mrs. Fyffe, Mrs. John Putnam, and Dr. L. M. Bergen will have full power to take charge of securing a nurse and all matters concerning the salary, work, etc. The towns employing visiting nurses all agree that they could not get along without them. We feel sure Highland Park will be no exception and hope to have our nurse installed in another week or two.

HENRY COOLIDGE SAMPSON DIES

At his Residence in San Diego, Cal., Friday, October Ninth

Henry Coolidge Sampson, for a long time a resident of Chicago and later of Highland Park, died at his residence in San Diego, Cal., Friday evening, Oct. 9th. Mr. Sampson for years had been a sufferer from facial neuralgia and was compelled to leave Highland Park on account of his health ten years ago. He was born June 30, 1843, making him seventy-one years old. He served through the war of the Rebellion in the Second Kentucky Infantry and after the close of the war, engaged in the real estate business in Chicago where his father had large realty holdings, especially in the Sampson and Greene Addition. During the years he lived in Highland Park and did business in Chicago, it was his custom to bring baskets of flowers made up in small bouquets for distribution, and especially to the children in the neighborhood of the present Medill school where his office was then located. He was known to all the children there as "the Flower Man" and they showed their love and appreciation for what he had done when they voted their playground be named "The Sampson Playground."

He married in 1876 Miss Janet Forrest who now survives him with two sons, William F. and Harry C., both engaged in business about Chicago, and one daughter, Ruth Adele. He belonged to the George H. Thomas Post, No. 6 of Chicago, and was also a member of Cleveland Lodge 211, A. F. and A. M. and of the Chicago Commandery, 19, Knights Templars. —Contributed

LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Property Exchanges Recorded During Past Two Weeks

John A. Chapman and wf to John Griffith and wf, 41 lots in Washington Circle Subn, Lake Forest. Deed \$10.00.
Hannah B. Johnson (wid) to Hilda Elm, lots 10, Hubbard Subn of lot 44, Plat of Highwood. W. D. \$500.00.
Everets Wrenn and wf to Anna S. Johnson, lot 4, (ex. S 20 ft), blk 2, G. L. Wrenn's Addn to Highland Park. W. D. \$10.00.
Michael H. Kelly and wf to Bowman Dairy Co., E 20 ft, lot 8, Resub lots 5, 6, 8 and 9, blk 8, Exmoor Addn to Highland Park. W. D. \$900.00.
Samuel Martin and wf to Bowman Dairy Co., lots 9 and 10, Resub lots 5, 6, 8 and 9, Exmoor Addn to Highland Park. W. D. \$2300.00.
James Ryan and wf to P. H. Moffett, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, blk 6, Deerfield Park and Land Improvement Assn Sub. W. D. \$1.00.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

LAKE COUNTY FAIR CLEARS \$1,000

County Hospital Nearing Completion. Sheridan Rd. Plan Blocked. Assessment Roll Confirmed Last Week

"White Way" for Waukegan

That the merchants and owners of the property on Washington and Genesee Sts. are voicing their approval of the installation of a white way system on the two streets is shown by the success of Mandy Schwartz, who is collecting the assessments from the various merchants and property owners. Mr. Schwartz has been engaged in the work of collecting the assessments for several days. He is experiencing little trouble in making the collections, as the merchants and others apparently realize the necessity and value of the placing of the boulevard lighting system. —Waukegan Sun.

County Hospital Nearing Completion

The new Lake County hospital which is being built in connection with the Lake Breeze Sanatorium, recently purchased by the county, is nearing completion. It stands in the center of a large free space and will be back from the road about two hundred yards, insuring pure air free from dust and a quiet neighborhood all conducive to ease, comfort and the necessary serenity that is best for many ailments in the patient life. It will accommodate about 26 patients and is so constructed that additional floor can be added when it is necessary to increase its capacity.

Sheridan Road Plan Blocked

The closest vote in the history of the North Shore was cast in Winnetka last Saturday, when the plan for the turning over of the Sheridan Rd. to the Lincoln Park Board of Commissioners was defeated by a vote of 527 to 526. In spite of the rainy weather fully forty per cent of the vote was cast by women. The outcome of the vote was a great surprise to those who favor the proposition. Glencoe, some months ago, turned the road over to the Lincoln Park commissioners, as has Winnetka. In Evanston, nine-tenths of the property holders along the drive have signed a petition in favor of the scheme. The city council will soon act on it officially. —Winnetka Talk.

Assessment Roll Confirmed

The work on the Waukegan Ave. paving improvement at Highwood is to start in the near future, according to present plans. The assessment roll was confirmed by the county court and a jury on Tuesday of last week, ruled with regard to benefits. The street car company was the principal objector. The jury reduced the entire assessment about \$2,000, the principal petition being in the street car company's portion. This \$2,000 will be taken out of the public benefit fund which will permit the work to go on without interruption.

Lake County Fair Clears \$1,000

While the official report has not been completed and probably will not be for several days to come, incomplete returns show that the annual Lake County fair held at Libertyville this year was a success in every sense of the word, particularly in a financial way. These facts are not held as a money making proposition and if the heads of the association are able to clear expenses they are satisfied. It is said the profits this year after all the bills have been paid will amount to approximately one thousand dollars. —Grayslake Times.

LECTURE AT MORAIN HOTEL FRIDAY

Benefit Winter Work at Arden Shore. Russia Will be the Subject

On Friday evening at 8:15 o'clock, at the Moraine Hotel, there will be given an illustrated lecture on Russia by Miss Mary B. Humphrey. Miss Humphrey went to Russia to write up the "Imperial Library" and had many unusual opportunities to see Russian life as well. Miss Humphrey's experience in Germany at the outbreak of the war, and her efforts to return to America will make a most interesting story. The slides with which the lecture will be illustrated were handed her by a Professor of Russian literature at Ann Arbor University as her own photographs are still in Europe. To give an "atmosphere" the ladies in charge have secured a most unusual exhibit of Russian embroideries and toys at most reasonable prices, specimens of sacred icons and jewels, characteristic bronzes and haneses. Of course a "samovar" is included and real Russian tea will be served at half after four o'clock in the afternoon in the parlor of the Moraine Hotel by a committee of young ladies who will wear the native costume. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the winter work of Arden Shore Camp now in its fourth year.

LETTERS FROM PROMINENT CITIZENS ENDORSING COMMISSION FORM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

ALL EXPRESS CONFIDENCE FOR THE SUCCESS OF NEW VENTURE

The Following Opinions Seem to Have an Almost Unanimous Backing in Highland Park and the Various Committees are Confident that Election Saturday will Carry by a Big Vote

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

BIDS IN FOR PUMPING STATION ADDITION

City Engineer Hands in Estimate for the Draining of the Vine Avenue Subway. Other Business Transacted

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Monday night the following business was transacted:

Ald. Stevens moved, seconded by Ald. Sheahan, that the matter of granting the Board of Education of the Deerfield-Shields Township High School permission to make a four inch water connection without meter to the city water main on St. Johns Ave. for the purpose of only fire protection, to public school property, be referred to the Fire and Water Committee with power to act. Carried. To the Hon. Mayor and City Council, of Highland Park, Ill.

I hereby estimate the cost of constructing a storm water sewer in Green Bay Road for draining the Vine Ave. subway as follows:

390 ft. of 18" No. 2 vitrified sewer pipe, laid @ 80c.....	\$312.00
80 ft. of 10" No. 2 vitrified sewer pipe, laid @ 60c.....	48.00
2 catch basins repaired and brick traps build @ 10.00.....	20.00
Engineering and inspection	30.00
Total	\$410.00

I would recommend that bids be asked for and when secured the C. & N. W. Ry. and the C. & M. E. Ry. be communicated with and asked to contribute towards the cost.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. E. RUSSELL, Engineer.

Ald. Sheahan moved, seconded by Ald. Moses, that the City Clerk be directed to advertise for bids for the construction of a storm water sewer for draining the Vine Ave. subway in accordance with the specifications prepared by the city engineer and submit the same to the city council at its next meeting and that \$200.00 be appropriated from the sewer fund to pay the city's portion of said work. Carried.

Ald. Buckley, chairman of the Fire and Water committee reported that the committee had received bids for addition to pumping station as follows:

A. J. St. Peter (complete)	\$ 4,177.00
H. A. Bishop	4,325.00
Stoddard Constr. Co.	5,000.00
Fred. Clow	3,790.00
Wm. Noerenberg (masonry only)	1,455.00

Ald. Buckley moved, seconded by Ald. Sheahan, that the bids be referred to Mr. W. McMunn and the Fire and the Water committee with power to act. Carried.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Sheahan, that the matter of heating the city jail be referred to the Building and Grounds committee for report at the next meeting of the city council. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

WOMEN MUST REGISTER

Will not be Permitted to Vote Unless They do. Tuesday is Last Day to Register

The women must register in order to vote November 3rd. The last registration day is Tuesday, October 27th. Register in your own respective precincts which are as follows: First precinct, Prior's Undertaking Rooms; second precinct, Highwood city hall; third precinct, Highland Park fire station; fourth precinct, Brand Bros. paint store; and fifth precinct, Purdy's hardware store.
JULIA I. OLIVER,
MAUD H. SHANNON,
JULIA L. GREGG,
Chairmen of the Civics Committee of the Women's Clubs of Highland Park.

Having been requested to express my views on the proposed commission form of government, I take pleasure in saying that I am heartily in favor of it. I believe that every citizen of Highland Park should take an active interest in this progressive movement that has for its object the betterment of civic conditions in Highland Park. The experience of many cities having adopted the commission form of government suggests the wisdom of giving this modern method of municipal control a trial.
Yours very truly,
D. F. Kelly.

What I believe to be the most redeeming feature of the former when compared with the latter is the elimination of partisan politics, the ward lines from which you must naturally expect the lack of harmony in the council from time to time or else trading of favors between the incumbents in office whereby oftentimes the community as a whole will have its best interests jeopardized in behalf of the ward constituency.

Another very redeeming feature in the commission form is the observance of the rights of the people to vote on such questions as the granting of franchises under specific conditions and other matters of like importance. The administration of affairs of this kind under the aldermanic form oftentimes places the representatives of the people in a false position for, though they may have stood pat for the best interests of the public in the community they are, nevertheless, liable to criticism for what may be termed "bartering the people's rights."

The same protection is extended to the representatives of the people in the passage of proposed ordinances under the commission form because of the requirement to publicly report the ordinance as proposed and give a certain length of time in which the people may protest same.

The same may be said of such measures as may from time to time be deemed advisable to consider by a reasonable percentage of the voters and to which the administration may possibly be adverse. Conditions in this case are taken care of by the initiative clause in the commission form.

The adoption of the commission form of government in preference to the aldermanic form is solely a matter of putting in practice a simplifying process to administer the affairs of a community with the least red tape and no dodging of responsibility on the part of the representatives of the people.

R. J. O'Brien.

The principle of the Commission Form of Government is the right principle of Municipal Government for cities the size of Highland Park and I am heartily in favor of it.
Robert W. Buckley,
Alderman Second Ward.

I most heartily endorse the Commission Form of Government for this city, for the following reasons:

First: It will do away with the sectional considerations and sympathies in the administration of city business.

Second: The waste of time in committee wrangling will be eliminated.

Third: The responsibility for the execution of the duties of the commissioner for each department is fixed upon one man or woman.

Fourth: The monthly report of each commissioner will be published in the public press and if he is incompetent he can be recalled by the people who elected him.

Yours truly,
W. Dudley Putnam.

I have no selfish interests in the government of our beautiful city—outside of the interest of a citizen and taxpayer who wants to see the city government administered in the interest of all concerned. I have read most all the provisions of the statute provided for the Commission Form of Government and will say, I don't know at this time how they could be improved upon in theory, if we can get patriotic, good citizens to take hold, for the munificent salary, as commissioner.

There is a great deal of good in all of us, and some good in most of us, and I believe the tendency under this form is to bring out the best—if we will get general representation. Some propositions, which will be put up to the people to vote upon, under this form, will be subject to selfish interests and persuasions which oftentimes warps the good judgment of voters. At present, this to my mind is the only bad feature, and this is not serious because the majority rules. Therefore, I believe it puts the government more directly in the hands of the people themselves, while it throws details on the commissioners. There isn't any question but that the more you concentrate government, the more efficiency you get—because you can put your finger on the controller.

While I am a member of our present city council, it behooves me to say, that I believe all present officers of our city have worked for the interest of the city in general, unselfishly in effect, and graciously bow to the will of the people.

Alfred A. Moses.

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WAUCONDA LINE IN RECEIVER'S HANDS

Road Never was Bonded but Company Notes for \$100,000 had Been Issued

It is believed that receivership of Wauconda Line may result in Northwestern making purchase of the 13-mile stretch—road never was bonded, but company notes for \$100,000 have been issued during past year or so. U. S. court appointed receiver for "strictly locally owned railroad" in Western Lake County. Wauconda and other residents of southwestern Lake County as well as those in northern Cook County near Palatine, who, a few years ago, were led to see small fortunes for all and great development of business as a result of the coming Palatine-Wauconda railroad, woke up Tuesday morning to learn that the road had gone into the hands of a receiver. And thus their hopes are all gone glimmering—excepting that the road is there and likely will continue business under a receivership.

STRENUOUS WEEK AT LOCAL POST OFFICE

Clerks and Carriers Busy This Week Making Semi-Annual Reports

Last week the local post office handed in their semi-annual detailed statement of parcel post mail handled from October 1st to October 15th, showing the total number of parcels during that period to be 2815, those mailed at Highland Park being 1214 and weighing 1539 pounds and 2 ounces, the receipt being \$87.89. This week the carriers will compile statistical data showing a complete report of all mail delivered by them, which means the counting of all letters, cards, circulars, parcels, etc., the weighing of each class separately. The report must show number of miles traveled, time spent in office time spent on routes, average number of daily stops, also number of trips. This means extra work, and lots of it, for the carriers this week. If your mails have been delayed don't blame the mail man, the post office department requires these reports.