Mally

this mine together, and when I came of the opposing forces was Mexican v back he gave me over my share."

Ruth on the Porch of the Bungalow.

out interference from the authorities.

and then sought out Wilkerson.

very likely bloodshed.

away from ber."

"But you want it all," the sheriff EDITOR, HIGHLAND PARK PRESS, said dubiously.

THE MASTER KEY

CHAPTER XIX.

A Message From the Grave.

dead a couple of the Mexicans had

quickly stipped down the hill to him.

They found him still alive. Without

paying any attention to John Dorr's

men, who were still doubtful of the

outcome of the battle, they dragged

their fallen leader away and up into

It was not long before Wilkerson re-

vived. He was terribly bruised and

almost insane from physical pain and,

wild rage at his defeat. It was with

difficulty that the unsmiling outlaws

restrained him. Their chief took upon

himself the task of making it plain to

Wilkerson that this was no time for

"They have beaten us so far, senor?"

he said quietly, "and you are very

The next morning's sun had scarcely touched the peaks of the mountains when Wilkerson stretched his stiff. sore lin bs and began a fresh campaign. He made it clear to the leader of the Mexican outlaws that they must work

"It won't be long before the news of this fighting gets out and the authorities take a hand," he said. "But if we can just get this mine into our possession in the next three days I can hire you and your men as penceable workmen and swear that Dorr and his gang

are trying to take our property away by force. I guess my word will be as

"Very well," agreed the Mexican after thoughtfully considering the matter. "We can get back into Mexico in twenty-four hours from here. So long as you pay us and let us-what do you call it-loot, my men are with

Wilkerson covertly studied the desperado's impassive visage. Jose Vigas bore a renowned name on the border

for daring, shrewdness and wicked-

ness. He was known as "The Merciless." For five years be had had a price set on his head, yet because of the loyalty of his adherents and his

No man better fitted for a sinister

purpose could have been found. Yet

mingled with Wilkerson's satisfaction

at having such a tool to his hand was

a dread of the man himself, and his

calm insistence on the privilege of loot-

ing the camp when it was captured

After all, they were Americans down

there in the "Master Key" camp,

Ruth on the porch of the bungalow.

Vigas, too, saw her. He took no paints

to concest the cruel interest in his eyes.

advantage to either side. John Dorr

could not reopen the mine nor even

On the other hand, Wilkerson found

it impossible to seize the camp with-

out precipitating a battle, from which

he shrank. Deeply involved as he al-

ready was in crime, he dreaded to

cross the border line which would for-

ever place him beyond the pale and

asserting that he had been driven from

his rightful property by violence and

that the situation was such that, with-

make him an outlaw.

warning that they were vigilant.

The next few days resulted in little

gave him a sense of nausea.

own fearlessness be had escaped.

their own temporary camp.

rash and unorganized attack.

sick. Tomorrow we shall see."

swiftly.

good as his."

you."

ILKERSON'S fall from the

"Sure; it's all mine," persisted the Dear Sir: other. "Didn't Gallon use all the money he got out of it while I was away? trestle had not been unno-And when we came to a settlement he ticed by his outlaws, and befound that the mine wouldn't pay half fore any one in the camp he owed me." could make sure that the man was

"I'm simply a peace officer." the sheriff said finally. "I don't know who's in the right. That's for the court to decide."

"Wasn't I in possession?" demanded Wilkerson. "Haven't I been driven

out by force, me and my workmen?" "From what I've seen of your workmen," was the curt response, "I don't tike their looks. And there are tales going around that Vigas is in the

"How can I help who's in the coun try?" demanded Wilkerson, much injured. "That's your lookout, not mine. All I'm asking for is protection."

The sheriff departed without giving him any satisfaction, and Wilkerson determined that he would act. Th



"Ruth aughtn't to be here."

Mexicans were getting restless, and the sardonic Vigas hinted sharply that he was impatient.

"All right." Wilkerson agreed. "We'll just go down to the road in the morning and then walk into the camp. Leave it to me. I'll simply say I've come back to take charge and you are my miners."

Vigas twirled his wiry mustaches. Through his binoculars he could see "And then?"

> The men looked each other in the eye. That evil glance was sufficient. John Dorr and Tom Kane, meanwhile, had been in constant consultation. One thing was constantly in their thoughts.

send in for much needed supplies be-"Ruth oughtn't to be here," John cause of the constant menace of the would say dismally, "If it weren't foroutlaws, who occasionally fired scather we could quickly settle these outtering shots down into the gulch as a laws, for that's all they are."

"I reckon nobody would cry at the inquest." the cook returned, "if we did pot a few of them. But, as you say, the girl is here, and that puts fighting out of the question. Unless they start it," he added cautiously.

"Wifkerson is bound to make som kind of a move mighty soon." sale Dorr. "He can't satisfy those fellow Instead, he used every method to of his for long."

put himself outwardly in the right. He | Yet when Wilkerson appeared at the sent plea after plea to the sheriff of entrance to the camp one morning the county to come and restore order, with a motley train of followers Dorr was at a loss to know what to do Wilkerson was apparently peaceful and expected a peaceful reception His boldness had almost carried him through when the ignorance and cu pidity of one of Vigas' men gave John and Kane the sorely wished for open

> The Mexican peered into the win dow of one of the cabins and saw gold watch on the table. Instantly he broke the glass with the butt of his carbine and reached in for his booty.

> Dorr and Kane had warned the miners at the first appearance of Wilkerson that there might be trouble brewing, but that the first blow must come from the other side.

> "Boys," said the old cook, "you. know the sheriff. He's listened to both sides, and he don't rightly know which is the one to take. But one thing is certain the's got to keep order. and protect human life and our property. If those fellows make a wrong move we've got the sheriff on our side.

> See?" They had seen the point, with many mutterings. They had quietly prepared themselves for just the occasion which the Mexican's act now gave. As the bandit pulled his arm back with the watch in his hand a revolver cracked, and the arm fell shattered to his side. And as Wilkerson gisheed furiously about him he saw the camp ready. He cursed the maddened Mexi-

can and grasped Vigas by the arm. "Stop your men!" he implored "Don't let them fire a shot or we are

there would be serious trouble and It was too late. Passions long restrained now broke out, and within a These pleas availed only partially, minute a battle was raging between The sheriff made a trip into the mine, the walls of the guich.

talked with John Dorr and Tom Kane | The miners had the advantage. They fought from the shelter of their own "It looks to me as if this was a case cabins, and they were united by a for the courts," he said slowly when common purpose. Their attackers he had examined Wilkerson's forged were scattered, were divided between deeds.) "I knew old Gallon pretty well, lust for loot and thirst for blood and and he thought a sight of that Ruth had no sure refuge, nor rendezvous. girl. Fact is, he told me he intended Yet they would eventually have made her to have the mine and left it to her the camp untenable had not the in his will. Now you toddle along thoughtful sheriff prepared a surprise with these papers and want to take it for both parties.

After consultation with his advisers "Gaffon and I were partners years in the county seat he had appealed to ago." Wilkerson insisted. "We located the governor on the ground that as one

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Highland Park, Illinois.

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Highland Park held on January 29th, 1915, I was instructed to order the printing of the subjoined report showing rebates due and payable in certain special assessments which report is as

Yours respectfully,

E. A. WARREN. To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City Council of the City of Highland Park. Gentlemen:-The recent audit of special assessment accounts disclose the fact that rebates amounting to \$4,614.94 are due various property owners affected by the following Special Assessments, Warrants Nos. 87, 99, 102, 103, 107, 124, 131, 136, 137, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 148, 150, 152, 153, 154, 159, 16 164, 171, 173, 178, 185.

I herewith submit itemized statement showing the distribution of the \$4 614.94 due in rebates. Of this amount \$2,849.81 is payable in cash and the ba ance, \$1,765.13 to be rebated by cancellation. I recommend that the cash rebates be paid and that the City Collector

authorized to make the cancellations. Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Warren, City Comptroller. Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, this 29th day of January, 1915. DALE AVENUE PAVING Assessment No. 87

ae	Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property. Lot	of the Charles of the Control of the	Amount originally assessed.	Rebate due.
1	Geo L Wrenn	24	\$356.00	\$ 20.95
1	Lucy C Underwood	24	356,00	20.95
	A S Dresden	25	667.50	40 28
	Edw Wendling, No. 1/2	26	350.66	20.64
31	D M Erskine, S ½	26	350.66	20.64
3	D M Erskine	27	356,00	20.95
흲.	Daniel Cobb 9 Ellen W-Hipwell, N 1/2 8	27	281.00	16.53
됔	Ellen W. Hipwell, N 1/2	1 52	133,50	6.86
돭	M W Harlow, S ½	52	151.30	8.90
	W D Messinger	. 52	567.82	33.42
	Contract the April 1 to 10 to	53	373.80	22.00
3	M A Ives	53	584.00	31.42
	(C C Chseney) (E M Snow)5	58	338.20	19.90
	F C Brown	58	201.14	DOMESTIC DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF THE PE
	Mrs. R H Babcock, N 190 ft	59	338.20	11.84
H	L B Hibbard, Middle pt. 1&2	59	62000 2000 PM PM PM PM PM 100 CO	19.90
	City of Highland Park	99	213.60	12.57
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	Total		\$6425.00	\$378.12
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	Assessment No. 99		
	Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property. Lot. B George L Wrenn, City of H P	Amount originally lk. assessed.	Rebate due. 8 4.13
	J M Wrenn	1 50.00	5.50
	Tarellie Silliul, 529	1 25.00	2.7
취	B Richards, Treas., N 1/6	1 25.00	2.75
Ħ	C D Wrenn Frank Stuppe, N 1/2, E 1/2.	1 50,00	5.50
듾	Frank Stuppe, N ½, E ½	25.00	2.75
盘	Louis Derube, 5 %, E %	1 25,00	2.75
B	Mrs H Hewitt, E1/2	1 25.00	2.75
3	C D Wrenn, E1/2	1 50.00	5.50
3	J H Wrenn, E1/2	1 50.00	5.50
d	Harriet Cammack, N 1/2, E 1/2	1 25.00	2.75
54	LAMELY MERING IN 72; E2 72 STREET, STR	25.00	2.75
ţ	The state of the s	25.00	2.75
1	M J Duggan, S 1/2, E 1/210	25.00	2.75
IF.	[1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [2] [2] [3] [4] [4] [4] [4] [4] [4] [4] [4] [4] [4	50.00	5.50
4	Elof Lindstrom	1 35.00	3.85
N.	Lindstrom	1 35.00	3.85
e	Higgins & Lewis, Ex. sub.	20.00	2.20
e.	A J St. Peter, Ex. Sub.	103.00	11.34
4707	City of Highland Park, Pub. Benefits	1594.50	175.64
	Total	\$2300.00	\$253.26
6	WATER MAIN—LINCOLN PLACE		

Assessment No. 102	V.		
Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property. Lot.	Bik.	Amount originally assessed.	Rebai due.
Geo. L Wrenn, G L Wrenn's Add	4	\$ 33.80	8 11.7
Geo L Wrenn, G L Wrenn's Add. 2	4	58.50	20.3
Aug DeBona, G L Wrenn's Add 3	4	49.50	17.1
John Wilhelm, G L Wrenn's Add	4	45.00	15.6
Geo L Wrenn, G L Wrenn's Add. 5	4	45.00	15.6
Geo. L Wrenn, G L Wrenn's Add	品 4年	78.70	27.3
City of Highland Park	<b>推想</b> 重	689 50	239 5

## ONWENTSIA AVENUE SEWER Assessment No. 103

\$1000,00

\$347.36

Total

ne id	Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property. Lot.	Bik.	Amount originally assessed.	Reba
	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add.	6	\$ 45,00	\$ 18.
3	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add 9	6	60,00	25.
ne	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add10	6	60,00	25.
非	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add11	6	60.00	25.
rr.	S. ah A Higgins, Exmoor Add.	6	40.80	16.
o	Nelson Mowers, Exmoor Add13	6	75.30	31.
ul	Nelson Mowers, Exmoor Add	6'	119.80	50.
n.	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add	6	15.00	6.3
m	Arthur St. Peter, Exmoor Add.	7	60.00	25.
u.	Arthur St. Peter, Exmoor Add	7	60.00	25.
E13	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add 3	7	56.00	23.
121	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add 4	7	60.00	25.
D÷	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add	7	60.00	25.1
湖	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add 6	7	45.00	18.8
Die	St. Peter Bros., Exmoor Add2	8	30.00	12.
#	Sarah A. Higgins, Exmoor Add	8	60.00	25.1
ie	Sarah A Higgins, Exmoor Add	8	60.00	25.1
ls	City of Highland Park		33.60	
		1	90.00	14.0
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WATER MAIN—FIRST STREET	NOR	TH	
Assessment No. 107			
Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property. Lot.	Blk.	Amount originally assessed.	Rebat due.
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub1		\$ 21.51	\$ 1.1
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub2	1523	23.90	1.2
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub		23.90	1.2
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub 4		23.90	1.2
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub	是3分别	23.90	1.2
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub	10000	23.90	1.2
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub 7	作品进	23.90	1.20
Danie! Pease, Pease Sub		23.90	1,28
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub.	1533	23.90	1.28
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub10	1000年	23.90	1.28
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub.	數三清	23.90	1,28
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub	<b>搬运</b> 机	23.90	1.28
Daniel Pease, Pease Sub	100	23.90	1.28
M T Lainey, Plat of Highwood44	200	189.83	10.18
Sarah A Higgins, Ex. Add.	2	113.99	6.11
Sarah A Higgins, Ex. Add.	5	113,99	6.11
Sarah A Higgins, Ex. Add.	6	23.90	1.28
City of Highland Park	eres I	984.12	52.76
Total		\$1784.14	\$92.95
SEWER—CHICAGO AVENUI	3		

T B Sleeman, Exmo Murray & Terry,	f Highwood	2 3	96.90 58.65 82.88 159.27	38.41 23.25 32.85 63.17
Total			\$515.00	\$204.18
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	SMOKE A.L R15.N	54xr
	SKOKIE AVENUE WATER	MAIN
	Assessment No. 131	
person	assessed as per original war-	

ame of person assessed as per original war-	Amount	Rebate
int for collection. Description of property. Lot. Blk.	assessed.	due.
W Hawkins 4	\$145.00 87.00	\$ 31.68 19.01
G Richards 5 rank Evans, E 50 ft, of W 76 ft. 2 6	29.00	31.43 6.34
rank Evans, E 50 ft. of W 76 ft 2 6	1955 ETP-001000 00 (000010)	PAGE THOROUGH

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Wm. Fossbender, All Ex. the W 76 ft. 2 6 John P. Kline, W 26 ft. 2 6	28.42 15.08	6.21 3.30
J J Condon	38.86	8.51
W M Inman	58.00	12.68
M Carlson	58.00	12.68
M Carlson 6 6	58,00	12.68
Arthur St. Peter	58.00	12.68
City of Highland Park	34.80	7.60
City of Highland Park	22.00	4.86
Total	8776.00	\$169.66
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SEWER-BLOCK	\$ 20 AND 29 AND LINDEN		
Total		\$776.00	\$169
Highland Park		22.00	
St. Peter	III i i	34.80	12

~~3	Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property. Lot	. Blk.	originally assessed.	Rebat due.
	Mary E Brand, City of Highland Park 4	20	\$ 28.00	\$ 7.6
	D M Erskine	20	28.00	7.6
be	Kenneth Cowan, N 200 ft	20 20	192.00 192.00	52.1 52.1
	H L Taylor, S 100 ft.	20	96.00	26.0
	A G Purdy, N 50 ft. of S 100 ft.	29 29	41.00 41.00	11.1
	Mrs. W A James, Nlv. 100 ft. S of Ravine 8	29	65.00	11.1 17.6
	W H Baldwin, W 150 ft	29	47.00 727.00	12.7 197.5
	.Total		\$1457.00	\$395.7
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y of Highland Park	727.00	19
.Total	\$1457.00	8391
SEWER-LINCOLN PLACE AND LINCOL	N AVENUE	
Assessment No. 137		
the of market and the state of	Amount	14.5

1	Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property. School Dist. No. 108, G. L. Wrenn's Add.	Lot	Blk.	Amount originally assessed.	due.
j	Everts Wrenn	17	. 0	\$187.50 123.75	\$ 25.64
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B	Everts Wrenn	9		97.50	13.33
ğ	PAUE DeBona	100 St. 100 St. 100	题情	82.50	11.28
g	John Wilhelm		語響	75.00	10.26
ķ	John Wilhelm Everts Wrenn	5		75.00	10.26
ij	Liverts wrenn	450 P 355	特別	112.50	15.39
ğ	PANCAGO VELCHILL	\$1000 W. Co. 192	图 锡	75.00	10.26
ğ	D A Holms	2		75.00	10:26
ă	Everts Wrenn	T-200 (100 (100 to 100	242	75.00	10.26
37	Everts Wrenn	10	4	135.00	18.46
4	Everts wrenn the second second	DANSEY ROSES IN	6	89.25	12.20
3	D A Holmes	2	6	75.00	10.26
3	Lverts Wrenn	12 CH 19 CH	6	75.00	10.26
l	Everts Wrenn	4	6	75.00	10.26
1	Everts Wrenn		7	75.00	10.26
1	Everts Wrenn	2	7	75.00	10.26
J	Everts Wrenn	3	7	: 75.00	10.26
1	Everts Wrenn	4	7	75.00	10.26
ļ	Everts Wrenn	1	8	150.00	20.51
ſ	City of Highland Park		SALLS	47 00	6.49

# SIDEWALK-VINE AVENUE

Total

Lot. Blk. 3 9 1 10 4 10	Amount originally assessed. \$ 90.00 90.00 90.00 152.00	Rebate due. \$ 41.11 41.11 41.11 69.44
3 9 1 10 4 10 6 10 Pub. Ben.	\$ 37.50 \$ 37.50 37.50 37.50 87.50 63.20	\$233,88 \$213,20
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## SIDEWALK-ST, JOHNS, LINCOLN, FOREST AVENUES

Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property.	Lot	Bik	Amount originally assessed.	Reba due
A W Wheeler, F. P. Hawkins Add.	9	75	\$259.08	8 73.0
3 W Wheeler		75	84.09	23.9
A W Wheeler	.10	75	84.09	23.9
A W Wheeler	12	75	84 09	23.5
A W Wheeler	13	75	84.09	283
A W Wheeler	.14	75	84.09	23.9
A W Wheeler	.1.15	75	84.09	23 9
A W Wheeler	16	75	84.09	23,9
A W Wheeler	17	75	84.02	23/9
A W Wheeler	.18	75	84.09	23,9
City of Highland Park	生多程	diam.	3.11	.8
Total			\$1019.00	\$289.7
SIDEWALK-SHERIDAN	AVEN	UE	10000000000000000000000000000000000000	思想。他

SERVICE SOLVENSION		originally assessed. \$118.80.	due.
	Total	\$125.80	\$ 20,77
	WATER MAIN-M'DANIEL AVENUE SO	UTH	

Name of person assessed as per original war- rant for collection. Description of property.	Lot. Blk.	originally assessed.	Rebate due.
Catherine Bock, McDaniels Sub.	12	\$ 70.95	\$ 18.95
Laura A Baker	13	70.95	13.95
Peter Balarin	14	70.95	13.95
Barbara Weber	.15	69.66	13.69
Barbara Weber	.16	69.66	13.69
Barbara Weber	17	70.95	13.95
Barbara Weber	18	70.95	13.95
Jacob Vetter	19	70.95	13.95
Jacob Vetter	.20	70.95	13.95
Catherine Bock, S 8 rd. N E %, S W %, N W	7 1/4	56.76	11.16
Robert Bock, S 8 rd. of N 32 rds. of N E 14, S W	%. N W %	13.20	2.59
City of Highland Park		6.07	1.20
Total .	100	\$712.00	\$139.98

## WADE STREET WATER MAIN SOUTH OF BEECH STREET Assessment No. 146

Name of person assessed as per original war-, rant for collection. Description of property. Lot.	Blk.	originally assessed.	Rebate due.
Baird & Warner, City of Highland Park	79	\$161.65	\$ 20.14
Baird & Warner	79	164.70	20.52
Baird & Warner	80	67.10	8.36
Baird & Warner 8	80	91.51	11.40
R W Hawkins, W 175 ft. of N 50 ft 9	80	30.50	3.80
Baird & Warner, Ex. W 175 ft. of N 50 ft 9	.80	61.61	7.68
R W Hawkins, Wly. 175 ft10	80	92.11	11.48
Baird & Warner2	86	292.19	36.41
Baird & Warner 4	87	292.19	36.41
City of Highland Park		14.44	1.81
Total		\$1268.00	\$158.01

## WATER MAIN-GUENCOE AND LINCOLN AVENUES ssessment No. 148

rant for collection. Description of property. Lot. Blk.	Amount originally assessed.	Rebate due.
C J Streiber, G. L. Wrenn's Add. No. 50 8 3	\$ 35.00	\$ 3.82
G L Wrenn, S 50 ft	35,00	3.82
Aug DeBona 9 3	70.00	7.64
W A Garrity, N. 1/2	35.00	3.82
J D Garrity, S 1/2	35.00	3.82
G L Wrenn11 3	70:00	7.64
G L Wrenn 12 3	70.00	7.64
G L Wrenn13 8	70.00	7.64
G L Wrenn 14 8	- 70.00	7.64
G L Wrenn	70.00	7.64

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