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## LAST OPEN LETTER OF CONGRESSMAN THOMSON

### FIFTY THIRD LETTER TO CONSTITUENTS

Regrets That his Service in the House of Representatives is to be Limited to a Single Term. Found Work Enjoyable

By Chas. M. Thomson

As the term of my service as your Representative in Congress will close within the coming week, this will be the last of my open letters to you. This is the fifty-third letter which I have addressed to my constituents generally, through the local papers published in our Congressional District. I wish to take this opportunity of publicly thanking each and everyone of these editors for such cooperation as they have found it possible to afford me in this effort I have made to keep in touch with as many of you as possible.

Of course, none of the papers has published all of these letters, but most of them have published some of them and I realize that often it has not been possible to use them because of press of other matter which has had better claim to the space than they could have had. I could not have kept in touch with the people of my district as I have endeavored to, by means of these letters, without the cooperation of those in charge of these local papers and I am, therefore, indebted to them for their assistance in this matter. I have made every effort in sending out these communications to have an eye single to the purpose I gave to the object of the letters in the first place. I sent out in April two years ago, namely, to quote from that letter, "to keep in as close touch as possible with all of you and to enable all of you to keep in as close touch as possible with me, to the end that I may render you accurate representation and intelligent service as your Representative in Congress in the framing of our National laws." Any deviation that I may have made from that purpose in any one of these letters has been unintentional and an error of the head rather than of the heart.

I would be false to myself and guilty of hypocrisy if I did not confess to a feeling of regret that my service here is to be limited to a single term. In the very nature of things, a member of a legislative body like the House of Representatives cannot reach the point of highest efficiency without more experience in the operation of its legislative machinery than he can possibly have within its first term. However, I have not consciously postponed making an effort to strike out and take an active part in the work of the House, awaiting a possible further tenure of service, but I have made every effort to give you the best representation I could and to put into my service here all the effort of which I was capable, with my limited experience in Congressional work. If I have succeeded in any measure in giving you the service to which such an exceptionally high-class district as the Tenth District of Illinois, I have my reward in that fact. I am not unmindful of the high honor that has been mine in the privilege of representing such a district as ours in the greatest legislative body in the world, for even a single term. I assure you of my appreciation of that honor at your hands. I have found my labors here very enjoyable indeed and of the greatest possible interest.

I trust that the relations between us, as citizens of the Tenth District and our Representative in Congress may always be as cordial as those which I have enjoyed during the time I have been privileged to serve you in that capacity.

### PURDY & SON'S STORE ROBBED

#### Burglars Entered Building Through Rear Window Friday Night

On Friday night, burglars forced an entrance by breaking a 12x12 window pane, into the rear of the D. C. Purdy & Son's Hardware store on St. Johns Ave. The singular part of the affair is that they merely took revolvers and pocket knives, indicating that they had all the cartridges they needed as not a box of cartridges was disturbed. The local police have suspicions as to who the guilty parties are and it is believed that they are young boys. The total value of the loss is estimated at about \$50.

### LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

#### Property Exchanges Recorded During Past Two Weeks

C. E. Brown and wife to Ellen W. Babcock, part lot 6, Thompson's Add, Lake Forest. W. D. \$100.

W. L. Wilson and wife to R. R. Lake, lot 7, blk 75, Highland Park, and part of lot 160, Ravinia. Deeds \$200.

### CHARLES H. KELLER PASSES ON

#### Dies in Hospital Tuesday Morning of Stomach Trouble

Mr. Charles H. Keller of S. Second St. died Tuesday morning, March second, of stomach trouble in the Evangelical Deaconess hospital of Chicago, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Keller was born in Port Washington, Wis., August 11, 1860 and, came to Highland Park twenty-three years ago.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning (Friday), which will include short services at the home for immediate relatives, to be followed by services at the Ebenezer Church at 10:30 o'clock; Rev. F. A. Render will officiate, and burial will take place in Milwaukee.

Mr. Keller leaves to survive him, a wife, two sons, Rueben and Arthur Keller, two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Warren and Mrs. John Wilhelm, all of this city, and many relatives in Milwaukee and Port Washington, Wis.

### PROPOSED RAILROAD PARK

#### Plans Submitted by Fritz Bahr for the Beautification of C. & N. W. Right-of-Way North of Central Ave.

Mr. Orville St. Peter, with a delegation from the Highland Park Business Men's Association today submitted to the officials of the C. & N. W. Railroad Co. plans and specifications for the beautifying of that strip of land, approximately 100x700 feet, located between the railroad tracks and St. Johns Ave., north of Central Ave. and up to Elm Place. The plans submitted by Fritz Bahr of our city call for the removal of the present white fence and laying out a ground out with shrub and flower borders as well as walks, transforming this area into a beautiful park. The press hopes that ways and means may be found to carry out the proposed plans and construct a similar layout south of Laurel Ave. not only on the east but west side of the railroad, for nothing would add more to the attractiveness of our city than the removal of these old wooden fences, and the erection of a neat wire fence near the tracks, screened by proper plantings, with an open sweep of lawn leading to it. The land along the railroad couldn't be used to greater advantage at these points than for park purposes of which no town or city can ever have too much.

### LEPER TO STAY IN HIGHLAND PARK

#### Cottage Will Probably be Built for Him Until his Removal is Possible

At present it looks as though Angelo Lunardi, the leper, will be a steady boarder for Highland Park this summer and possibly longer. According to a verbal report given to the city council Tuesday evening by Mayor Hawkins, a United States Immigration Commissioner has instructed the city of Highland Park to care for this man until he can be deported by the government. Having come to this country on a German steamship it is necessary that he be deported by the same boat. As the German boats are now tied up on account of the war it is impossible to get any immediate action. The City Council, upon the objection of Ald. Moses that this man be kept in the city jail, instructed the police committee to find suitable quarters for him and report at the next meeting. It was suggested that a "shack" be built on some of the city property west of town.

### DEERFIELD LOSES AGAIN TO NEW TRIER

#### Game Unusually Exciting. Local Team Plays Good Game. Score 24 to 21

A very exciting game closely played was won by New Trier from Deerfield Shields High School in the latter's gym yesterday afternoon the score being 24 to 21. At the end of the first half New Trier was in the lead by seven points and during the second half the score was tied and then Deerfield was in the lead. A number of fouls called on Deerfield enabled the opposing team to "roll up their score." A great crowd of Deerfielders witnessed the game while New Trier's rooters were conspicuous by their absence.

On Friday night Deerfield will play Blue Island High School at Blue Island and Lake Forest Academy on Wednesday in the High School gymnasium. On Saturday night the high school team will play the Alumni Association.

### Obituary

Mrs. Charlotte Kesler of Chicago, formerly of 128 McGovern St., in this city, died on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Davis of Chicago. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment was in Rosehill cemetery.

## "JUDGMENT OR THE PUNISHMENT OF SIN"

### SOME SAY "WE GET OUR HELL HERE"

One of the Series of Sermons on "Great Doctrines of the New Testament" by Rev. R. Calvin Dobson Last Sunday

In the Series of sermons on Great Doctrines of the New Testament, Rev. R. Calvin Dobson preached on "Judgment or The Punishment of Sin," last Sunday at the Presbyterian church, taking for his texts, Hebrews 9:27 "It is appointed unto men once to die and after this cometh judgment." II. Cor. 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done whether it be good or bad."

He spoke in part as follows: Now what are we to do with these passages of scripture, and many others like them which give us specific declarations of Jesus and His disciples concerning the judgment of sin?

Now there are in a general way three main theories which thoughtful men and women have held touching the final result of the moral process of judgment which we see at work now. I. First, there is what is called Universalism, which in its crude form a century ago taught, that men are sufficiently punished for their ill deeds in this life, and that when they die they all alike enter heaven. But those of the Universalistic trend today hold that all men reap what they sow according to a justice which knows no slips. All wrong-doing will be punished here and hereafter, but that all punishment for sin is corrective and restorative. So they teach that Hell is a kind of a reform school, and its punishment is neither hopeless nor endless, but salutary, and that eventually all wrongs will be righted, all sins will be duly punished and all sinners and prodigals will eventually reach the Father's house. So we hear men say, "We get our Hell here," and, "If we do not attain to the beatific vision at death, we will get another chance and eventually will attain."

Well, that is a very encouraging and comforting doctrine in a way, to believe. But another way you look at it, its influence would not be very beneficial to society and the common good if all believed that however much men unbridled their passions here and gratified their carnal desires, and left God out of their plans, that eventually they will all arrive at the same place, and be saved anyway. Such a doctrine has never done very much for the spiritual uplift and regeneration of the heathen world. It has never sent missionaries to the heathen. For why should we be concerned about men's spiritual welfare, when that will eventually adjust itself without our ministries, except that such are missing so much of good and peace by not being at one with God.

There is little in the Bible to support that. And in the shadow of the cross on which Jesus died for sinful men how can anyone say that we can disregard that if we want to do so, and we will be saved anyway? And in the light of all of Jesus' words of condemnation of evil, and warning of the terrible consequences of sin, and His appeal to men to strive to enter in at the straight gate, for broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, is it not much more rational to believe that salvation depends absolutely on human choice NOW AND HERE?

And there is nothing in Jesus' teaching that seems to controvert the inevitable inference to be drawn from the teaching of the old and new testaments to the effect that our only chance of forgiveness is in this life. One passage will suffice. When Absalom fled from his father's house, because of his sin, the wise woman of Tekoah came to the king and pleaded with him for the forgiveness and restoration of his son, and this was her argument: "For we must needs all die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again, because God hath not yet taken away his life, he hath also devised means that his banished be not expelled from Him." In this, as in other passages of scripture, there seems to be a note of finality, which would indicate that this life affords the only opportunity of forgiveness and reconciliation.

II. Second, there is the doctrine of Annihilation, or extinction, or conditional immortality. This has been called "The Aristocratic View of Immortality." It teaches that man is by nature mortal. If immortality is ever

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### BE SURE TO VOTE TUESDAY

#### Don't be too Sure That Your Favorite Candidate Will be Elected

Elections are like the weather. They are the most uncertain thing on earth. Therefore just because there is no apparent opposition at next Tuesday's primary election, do not stay at home. Get out and vote if you want the names of your favorite candidates to appear on the regular ballot in April. Following are the polling places:

First Ward: Fire department building, corner Central Ave. and Green Bay Rd.

Second Ward: Burrill's five and ten store, corner Central Ave. and N. Sheridan Rd.

Third Ward: D. C. Purdy's Hardware store, 43 S. St. Johns Ave.

Fourth Ward: Highland Park Press Bldg., 108 W. Central Ave.

The polls will be open from 6:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m.

### NEW ORGAN INSTALLED IN THEATRE

#### Only Three of its Kind in United States. Operated by one Person

A new sixteen stop, nine manual two keyboard organ was installed in the Highland Park Theatre Saturday. The organ which was manufactured by the J. P. Seeburg Co. in Chicago, has the following attachments: Human voice, pipe organ, clarinet, tambourine, mandolin, chimes, xenophone, and xylophone, and is without a doubt the most up-to-date organ ever made for theatre purposes and is the third of its kind in the United States. The instrument can be operated by one person who has complete control of all the stops. The power is furnished by an electric blower.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

#### Unclaimed Mail for the Following Persons Remains in Local Office

Miss H. W. Campbell, Mrs. John E. Earle, Mr. Frumois, Mrs. Earny Jurisan, Mrs. McDavitt, Miss M. D. Reilly, J. P. Ross, M. G. Roach, Mrs. J. C. Stecker, Annie C. Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Andrews, Mr. Geo. W. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Foley, Miss Lulu A. Hanchut, Addison D. Kelly, Mrs. Henry Long, Mr. Thomas S. Sheahan, Mrs. Chas. Schwartz, Wm. Awe, Mrs. Julia Butler, Mrs. A. T. Brown, Mrs. Llavara Brown, Mr. W. N. Edwards, Mrs. B. F. Nichols, Miss Mary Alice Stevens, Sigr Litzra Sarella, Mr. Mattie Kuster, H. N. Kent, Mrs. Landin, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Mines, Miss Sophie Oya, Price & Schmidt, Mr. T. G. Smith, Mrs. A. M. Schmidt, Mr. N. L. Thomas, Miss Mary Warren.

### NEW GYMNASIUM OPEN TO PUBLIC

#### Many Classes to Begin. Tuesday and Thursday Nights for Men. Monday for Women

The new gymnasium and swimming pool of the high school will be open on Tuesday evenings to the local Young Men's Club, while on Thursday evenings the local Chicago business men will derive much pleasure from it. Miss Rieder, who is the girls' gymnastic instructor will meet all women who desire to have gymnastic training, on Monday evenings at eight o'clock. There will be accommodations for as many groups of people as desire to make use of the gymnasium and swimming pool.

### SPECIAL VIEWS SATURDAY NIGHT

#### Mr. Elisha Morgan Secures the Films. Opening of Sheridan Rd. one of the Pictures

Through the courtesy of Mr. Elisha Morgan of Sheridan Rd., Manager Pearl of the Highland Park Theatre, announces that a number of local news pictures, such as the opening of Sheridan Rd., which occurred last fall, etc., will be shown in the theatre tonight (Thursday). On Saturday night remarkable pictures of the Ski Tournament, held in Duluth last fall will be shown in addition to the regular movies. Mr. Morgan took these pictures himself.

### Lake County to Have New Ice Plant

Lake County is to be the home of one of the largest artificial ice plants in the United States, according to an announcement made last week by the Consumers company of Chicago, who have at the present time, plans under consideration which embody the expenditure of \$50,000 for the purpose of erecting a plant at Lake Forest, where they have already secured options on several strips of land. The manufacturing of ice from distilled water is to be the main activity of the new undertaking, but it is stated that distilled water, coal and other articles will be placed on the North Shore after the company have fully materialized their plans in connection with the new project.

## MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HAS A LARGE ATTENDANCE

### OFFICIALS OF CHICAGO & MILWAUKEE R. R. PRESENT

#### Delegation from South End of Highland Park Argue Over Paving. Special Meeting of Council to be Held on Thursday Evening, Mar. 11. Smoke Ordinance Engrossed.

The regular meeting of the city council was held in the council chamber Tuesday evening, officials present: Mayor Hawkins, Aldermen Sheahan, Moses, Nichols, Fearing, Obee, Stevens, and Attorney Holmes, absent, Aldermen Buckley and Putnam.

W. O. Johnson, receiver of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad, and his attorney, Mr. Bull, being present, the courtesy of the floor was extended to them. In a lengthy argument Mr. Bull "sidestepped" the real issue at hand, which is the lowering of the tracks on St. Johns Ave. to street level and the paving of same, and wandered along the line of a new franchise which is two years away. He admitted that his company assumed no rights in St. Johns Ave. and that they stand ready to meet the requirements of the recent resolution passed by the council, but their price for this "magnanimous offer" to obey the law, was a new franchise.

Special Attorney for the city, Mr. Bowen W. Schumacher, pointed out the fact that the railroad has been violating their franchise for a number of years and advised the council to forfeit their rights to run trains through Highland Park. Ald. Obee suggested to Mr. Bull that his company should live up to their existing franchise before asking for another and asked him "if his company stood ready to live up to the present ordinances of the city of Highland Park regardless of a new franchise?" Mr. Bull's only reply was that they were willing to do what the whole city wanted, and not a selected few. In fact about all Mr. Bull did was to "bulldoze" and "sidestep."

It being so near to the end of their terms of office the majority of the council did not feel it their duty to assume responsibility in this matter and Ald. Moses made a motion that the matter be referred to the next administration. The motion was lost, but was followed by the adoption of the following resolution introduced by Ald. Nichols and seconded by Ald. Moses:

"That it is the consensus of opinion of this council that because of lack of time remaining in this administration and the change of Government which is shortly to take effect in this municipality, the matter of the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad be continued for ninety days from this date."

A plumber's bill, presented by Mr. W. G. Searles of Ravinia, for the repair of a water pipe, was turned over to the fire and water committee with power to act.

Ald. Fearing, chairman of the finance committee, having asked the Merchants Loan and Trust Co. for a surety bond to cover city deposits received the following reply:

Your favor of February twenty-sixth has been received. We appreciate very much the desire of some of your people to do business with this bank, but regret to say that we are unwilling to furnish the surety bond required.

Very truly yours,

E. D. HULLBERT, Vice President.

The city already having an acceptable personal security from the bank took no action in this matter.

Upon a motion by Ald. Moses the city clerk was instructed to receive bids for the purchase of printed forms for delinquent special assessments and given power to purchase same of the lowest bidder providing the amount does not exceed \$32.00.

Ald. Fearing moved, seconded by Ald. Obee, that the sum of \$75.00 be appropriated from the miscellaneous and contingent fund for the purpose of enabling the city attorney and Attorney Schumacher to procure such data as they may need in connection with the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric matter. Motion lost. Ayes: Aldermen Fearing and Obee. Nays: Aldermen Sheahan, Moses, Nichols and Stevens.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Fearing, that an ordinance amending Section 520, Chapter 58 of the Revised Ordinances be engrossed. Motion carried. This ordinance is relative to the stopping of C. & M. E. cars on the near side of streets.

Ald. Obee moved, seconded by Ald. Sheahan, that the question of providing suitable quarters for the leper be referred to the police committee for report.

The courtesy of the floor was extended to a number of gentlemen from the south end of Highland Park who wished to urge the council to pass ordinances for the paving of a number of streets in the south end. Some time ago Mr. Frank R. Cain presented a petition to the council, signed by the majority of property owners on Judson Ave., asking that that street be paved with a certain kind of material, a little later Mr. Schoeninger presented a petition asking for the paving of Wade, Bronson and Marshman Streets and Mr. Thur Balch with a petition for the paving of Kincaid Street. It seems that the property owners who signed these various petitions do not agree upon the kind of material to be used for paving thus causing considerable hard feeling. After hearing Mr. Cain, Mr. Schoeninger and Mr. Balch the council decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 11, for the purpose of thrashing out the existing differences in a peaceable manner, if possible to do so.

The smoke ordinance introduced by Ald. Obee, which would prohibit the emission of smoke from any chimney, engine or wagon, for a period of more than six minutes of any one hour of the day, was engrossed.

Ald. Nichols moved, seconded by Ald. Moses, that the question of raising sidewalk in front of ice house on Deerfield Ave. be referred to the Street and Alley committee. This question was brought before the council by Mr. Olaf Lindbom.

Council adjourned until Thursday evening, March 11th, at eight o'clock.

### "UNCLE SAM AT WORK"

#### Wonderful "Movie" Production Being Shown at Auditorium Theatre, Chicago

What would you give to see the United States Navy your navy going through battle practice evolutions—just such evolutions as it would go through in case it were repelling an attempted invasion of the U. S. territory? It is a sight few have seen. One has to be an enlisted man, an officer on a battleship, or possess influence enough with the U. S. government to obtain a permit to visit one of the units of the fleet while engaged in battle practice, in order to see such an action. By going to the Auditorium Theatre, Chicago, within the next week you can see this spectacle, seated comfortably in an orchestra chair, for the same amount of money that most men spend in a day for cigars. It is a great spectacle, one that will thrill you and awaken your pride in your country and confidence in its navy. The North Atlantic Fleet is seen in night battle practice off Norfolk and the camera has caught the bursts of flame spurting out from the muzzles of the great guns as they are fired in broadside.

This is but one feature of "Uncle Sam at Work", which, taken with the consent and co-operation of the government, gives accurate and realistic pictures of the work and of the twenty-seven principal departments and bureaus of the federal government. The three branches of the army are seen under field service conditions; the Senate in session; the operation of the postoffice department; the treasury, the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where all the stamps and paper money is made, the work of the reclamation service, the forestry department, the lighthouse service, fisheries, the bureau of standards, the revenue service, weather bureau, etc. A lecturer explains just what you want to know about each scene.

### BONDS NOT PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT

#### Outstanding Bonds Which Were Payable February 10th not Paying Interest

City treasurer Elmer T. Skidmore wishes to announce that there are a number of bonds outstanding which have not been presented for payment. These bonds do not pay interest after February 10th, as advertised in the treasurer's call published in January. Mr. Skidmore will send you a copy of the call upon request.