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PENSION FUND FOR ILLINOIS TEACHERS

WOULD PROMOTE GENERAL EFFICIENCY

Ten European Nations Pay Annuities to Teachers. Eleven of our States Have Teachers' Retirement Systems

A movement which is likely to make itself felt during the present session of the legislature is that in behalf of a statewide teachers' pension and retirement fund for the teachers of Illinois. An aggressive group of teachers from the city schools of Freeport and near-by rural schools must be credited with the initial impetus given this movement and they are today receiving the generous support of teachers all over the state. Many boards of education and students of the educational situation in general have endorsed the movement and at the annual meeting of the federated boards of education of Illinois at Urbana in Nov. the delegates present committed the boards they represented strongly to the support of a teachers' retirement fund bill.

The publicity and promotion committee of the Freeport teachers has prepared a bill which with minor modifications has just been introduced into the legislature. The provisions of the bill apply equally to rural teachers and to teachers in city schools, and all teachers are placed upon the same footing regardless of rank or of salary conditions. The fund is to arise from an annual tax of three fifths of one mill upon all the property of the state and from a graduated system of annual payments thereinto made by the teachers themselves.

In favor of some such bill there is an argument from the teacher's standpoint and another from the standpoint of the interested public, and a careful analysis of both arguments shows their substantial agreement. For the public it is maintained that the definite assurance of some provision for the future would tend to attract to the profession more of the best talent and check the constant drift away from the profession of those whose services the state so greatly needs. Then, too, pensions would make possible the retirement of the aged and disabled without hardship, and so promote the dignity and general efficiency of the corps. They would tend to eliminate the great abuse so common now of having inexperienced teachers in the rural schools, as teachers would be more willing to remain there if the service could be credited toward a pension, the same as in a city. For the teacher it is claimed that pensions are merely a part of an adequate compensation and that they relieve the teacher's mind from the fear of an old age of poverty and dependence. They tend to enable teachers to live in a manner to some extent becoming their extremely important and useful profession, to spend more money for books, for additional professional training, etc. It is seen by these arguments that the interests of the public are to be as well served as those of the teacher by the action proposed.

An inquiry as to what has been done in other states and in foreign countries show that there is abundant precedent for Illinois adopting the proposed legislation. (1) Ten European nations pay annuities to teachers. (2) Eleven of our sister states have state-wide teachers' retirement systems. (3) Twenty of the largest cities of the U. S., having more than one ninth of our population and employing one twelfth of our entire force of public school teachers, support teachers' retirement laws of various types, created and regulated by state enactment. It is argued that the teachers of smaller cities, towns, villages and rural districts should have the same protection. That is the purpose of the proposed teachers' pension and retirement fund bill.

Patagonian Pony

The dandiest little pony that ever gladdened the heart of a small boy has been making friends in his new home this week. He is a shaggy-haired little animal and came all the way from Patagonia, which is "farthest south" on the South American continent. The pony was bought and brought here by Louis F. Swift as a gift to his little grandson, the son of Alden Swift, who is manager of the St. Louis plant of Swift & Co. The little boy has spent each of his three summers at "Westleigh." It was eight months ago when the pony started from South America for Lake Forest. To get him here it was necessary to first take him to England, where, because of quarantine regulations, he was kept under observation for three months before being allowed to proceed. The pony was shipped from New York by express, after having blood tests made. He is waiting now until his master grows a little bigger and can ride him.

A COLUMN FOR THE USE OF EVERYBODY

LETTER DEALING ON RAVINIA TROUBLE

The Writer of the Following Article Points out, as She Sees it, the Cause for Division of the South End

For several months past "The Differences in Ravinia" or the south end of Highland Park, has caused considerable discussion along the North Shore. Many of our readers are not familiar with the cause of these differences. For this reason The Press has opened this column for those interested in civic affairs and in the community and its progress, and print the following letter with the interest of Highland Park at heart:

"The Differences in Ravinia" Contributed by "E. K."

First of all, there is the name itself. Some believe that Ravinia is destined for self-government and fame, and a unique place in social history; others that the real name, Highland Park, stands for dignity, distinction and governmental efficiency, and the name Ravinia (or Ravinia Station, as the train and car conductors call it, to distinguish it from Ravinia Park) means a jumping off place for summer campers and picnic parties of low character.

There are those who came to this beautiful section of Highland Park several years ago, when there were few houses, no sidewalks nor paved streets, nor immediate likelihood of any, and fascinating paths lead from one habitation to another. They devoutly hoped it might always remain so, thus affording a quiet and secluded retreat for the chosen few. But so charming a location, convenient to the city, was bound to grow, and with its growth make demands for cleaner, and more sanitary conditions. The seductive path had, with greater use, become a mud wallow and some cried loudly for sidewalks or hard, unyielding cement. The country roads, winding picturesquely under leafy trees lost their greater charm, and became a menace to horse and man alike who fetched, carried and delivered to the slowly but surely increasing population. A few walks and fewer streets, with bitter protest from disappointed "nature lovers," were laid.

So discussions arose, and there came an idea that if town meetings were called where all citizens could get together and talk things over the village could be KEPT beautiful or MADE beautiful, according to one's idea of how such an object could be attained. A meeting was called and a body known as the Ravinia Commission was created with instructions to prepare suggestions and plans for the progress and development of this section, such plans to be submitted to the people for their acceptance or rejection as indicated by majority vote at meetings to be called by any ten citizens signing a petition for same.

There were those who believed in closing Kincaid street in order to give more land to the school grounds. According to a large majority vote there were more who did not.

There were those who believed certain side walk spaces were more serviceable to mankind planted in beautiful shrubs, thus ministering to his esthetic sense than laid in the customary cement walk specified by our city council. A large majority vote indicated the people's preference for clean boots and safety for the pedestrian public from hurrying automobiles, raising dust and dirt in mid-street.

Some believed a walk of many curves by a straight street expressed high artistic taste. Others besought and obtained help from the city council to preserve symmetry and sufficient parkway for harmonious effect.

Some believed shelters erected on the platforms of the C. & M. E. R. R. would afford great comfort to the traveling public. Others saw that, beside being vastly ugly, they would raise obstructions to the vision at the street crossing on Roger Williams, which had just been cleared by the Public Utilities Commission, ordering and enforcing the cutting down of shrubbery. A majority voted against their erection but the Commission succeeded in securing one; the authorities stopped the building of a second.

Some believed that The Ravinia Commission could and should disregard the rules and regulations governing their election and act independently.

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STARVING PETER TO FEED PAUL



"MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY"

Sex Hygiene Teaching the Work of Mothers, Not the Public School

"The movement to introduce instruction in matter of sex into the curriculum of public schools," says Dr. Synnot (Pediatrics, Dec., 1914), "is only another expression of a prevailing purpose to establish in the school a dumping ground for the discharge of duties and offices that should be restricted to the home. Besides, we must not forget that mental enlightenment, as such, is altogether inadequate to afford the moral check sought for by our hygienists." "I see the better and follow the worse," said Ovid. Sex instruction does not necessarily bring about self-restraint. It bestows light, but it does not impart power. And it is precisely an increase of moral potency that is essentially called for. We should therefore teach the children that morality, not so much as hygiene, is the absolute essential for a chaste and happy marriage. We should teach them the commandment of God rather than the physiology of sex, and emphasize morals more than hygiene. What instruction is to be given to boys and girls should be given in the home and by the church.

Knowledge does not necessarily mean virtue. The Spartan boys and girls were taught all the mysteries of sex at an early age, but such instruction did not conduce to morality or to a race of lasting physical or mental excellence.

A boy leaving home for the first time, for college or business, should be warned plainly by his father of the dangers that beset him in the world, and of the penalties he may have to pay if he wanders from the straight and narrow path. And a young girl beginning to go into society for the first time, should be told by her watchful mother of the charms of modesty and what types of young men she should avoid.

But the writer has no patience with those who would entrust to immature young men and women employed as public school teachers the task of instructing growing boys and girls in sex matters—thus starting their thoughts wandering in dubious channels when they should be given to base ball, tennis and other healthful sports and recreation.—Waukegan Sun.

"THAT RASCAL PAT" TO BE GIVEN

Monday Evening at St. James' Parish House, Highwood

On Monday evening, March 15th, the young people of St. James' Catholic Church will give an entertainment in the Parish House, Highwood, consisting of Irish songs, sketches and a farce, "That Rascal Pat," with the following cast: Pat, in love with Nancy... Mr. John Brady Chas. Livingston, in love with Laura... Mr. Martin Musik Major Timothy Puffjacket... Mr. Phillip Musik

Laura, Major Puffjacket's niece... Miss Lucille Ludlow Nancy, Laura's maid... Miss Bessie Moore The public is cordially invited.

C. & M. E. IMPROVEMENTS

Authorized to Purchase Fifteen new Steel Interurban Cars

Federal Judge K. M. Landis on Saturday authorized W. O. Johnson, receiver for the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric Railroad to spend \$142,000 for the up-building of the road. Fifteen steel coaches costing \$135,000, is the largest item in the proposed expenditure.

While the receiver has made no public statement as to just where these coaches are to be placed it is the belief that they will be placed on the through line to Milwaukee. The cars that are now being operated on that portion of the road will then be placed on the local run to replace some of the cars which have long since served their usefulness and are fast going to pieces. The addition of the new cars will greatly improve the equipment. The cars that are now being operated on the main line are still in good condition and will be a big improvement over the cars being operated over the Evanston-Waukegan branch.

Just how long it will take to have the new cars constructed is not known but it is said the receiver plans to get them as soon as possible. The fact that these cars are to be bought at this time, especially in view of the constant and persistent reports that the road is soon to be sold, is quite surprising.

BIDINGER WINS IN WAUKEGAN

Hussey and Pearce Come Within one Vote of a Tie for Second Place

J. F. Bidinger was the winning candidate for mayor in Waukegan's Primary Tuesday, winning over his nearest opponent by 661 votes. Michael H. Hussey received 1271 and W. W. Pearce 1270, being only one vote from a tie for second place.

The eight winning candidates for commissioner are as follows: J. J. Diemeyer... 1483 Carl Atterbery... 1038 James L. Swayer... 1035 E. V. Orvis... 925 George N. Powell... 918 Robert Conolly... 908 Peter McDermott... 843 R. J. Douglas... 842

There were 6 candidates for mayor and 42 candidates for commissioner.

FARCE TO BE GIVEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT

"The Limerick Boy" at Immaculate Conception School Hall. To Begin at Eight O'clock

On Wednesday evening, March 17th, a one act farce with five scenes entitled "The Limerick Boy" will be given in the Immaculate Conception school hall. This playlet was written by James Pilgrim and is full of humor. The cast includes Mr. Wm. M. Dooley as Patty Miles; John McCaffrey as Dr. Coates; Edward McCatamney as Henry, his son; John White as Job, a gardener; Edward Nevins as Rueben; Magdaline Ryder as Mrs. Fidget; and Gertrude Zahle as Jane, her daughter. Robert Daley of Chicago, is coaching the play. Other entertainment will be furnished by Mr. Robert Daley, Mr. Richard O'Brien, Dr. J. D. O'Neil, and Miss Louise Finney in musical numbers. Curtain rises at eight o'clock sharp.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

FIVE MILE BILL BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Wilmette to Pave Sheridan Road. Evanston Woman's Club Buys Additional Property. Onwentsia Wins \$4,500 Cup

The Five Mile Bill

Again in the legislature the five-mile dry zone bill which would put Waukegan and North Chicago in the class of saloonless towns is up for consideration. Again the people of those cities are to witness the forces of the contending advocates of temperance and rum engage in a struggle at a state capital. The position of the representatives from this district will be watched by both sides of the controversy and as their action will have much to do with the passage or defeat of the measure, it will make it all the more interesting. The Honorable Edward D. Shurtleff will undoubtedly put up a strong fight to have the bill passed, as it will manifest his sincerity in the cause which he espoused during the last campaign and election. He is a hard fighter, knows the game as it is played at Springfield, and his dry friends are claiming that he will force the bill through. If he does it will undoubtedly elevate him to a high place of honor among the dry faction and make him a strong contender for the governorship, a position he expects to reach.—Waukegan Gazette.

Publicity for Drunkards

Voliva announced Monday that he is preparing to print a list of all the booze fighters in Zion City, all the smokers, all the drug users, and all those who were formerly members of Zion and who voted for the destruction of the city. These names will be printed under two heads. Under one of these heads will be printed "all those that are seeking the destruction of Zion City," all the drunkards, tobacco users, gamblers and all those who go to Waukegan and drink and gamble in the saloons and indulge in all the vices." Under one of these lists will appear the names of the men who mutilated the tally sheets in the vault about two years ago. On that occasion the tally sheets were taken from a vault over the First State Bank to which E. R. Christenson, city clerk, and V. V. Barnes had access. Twenty-seven votes were added and the total changed. Voliva promises to print the names of those implicated in this election fraud.

Wilmette to Pave Sheridan Road

The Wilmette Improvement Association held its meeting Tuesday evening, at the Village Hall. The most vital question of the evening was paving. It was decided to pave the south half of Sheridan road from the bridge to the southern limit. Work will be started as soon as the weather permits.

The public hearing on the question of paving the north portion will be deferred until September 7. This was made necessary on account of the condition of the street. The sewer has just been laid and must settle before extensive paving can be started.

Onwentsia Beats Polo Champions

The believed impossible was performed on the Coronado polo fields when Onwentsia defeated the Cooperstown national polo champions for the Pacific coast all-America polo trophy, a \$4,500 cup donated by John D. Spreckels. Here are the players who did it: Frederic McLaughlin, J. Watson Webb, Hugh Drury, Devereux Milburn. Earned goals were eight by Onwentsia, seven by Cooperstown. The latter lost three-quarters goal by penalties and the net result was 8 to 6.

Evanston Woman's Club Expands

The Woman's Club of Evanston has recently purchased the premises fronting forty-five feet on Chicago Ave. and lying immediately north of and adjoining the premises now owned by the club. The consideration was \$4,500 cash. The club members and their friends are much pleased that this ground has been secured. The demand for rentals has been so great and the club membership is so large that it seems it will only be a short time before their present building must be enlarged.

DEERFIELD LOSES BASKET BALL GAME

Final Score Being 22-9. Will Play Waukegan Next Wednesday

The last home game of the basket ball team was played in the Deerfield gymnasium on Wednesday afternoon with Lake Forest Academy. The result was defeat for Deerfield, whose men seemed powerless to play up to the expectations of the school. The resulting score was 22-9. On Wednesday of next week the team will play Waukegan in the latter's gymnasium.

PRIMARY ELECTION HAS MANY SURPRISES

SAMUEL M. HASTINGS GETS BIG VOTE

Friends of Fritz Bahr Spring Surprise. Gets big Vote Considering that Name had to be Written in on Ballot

The primary is over and all but one candidate for commissioner still has a chance at the election in April. On the face of the ballot there was no apparent contest, there being only one name for mayor and eight for commissioners, but the sudden appearance of Fritz Bahr on the scene caused considerable uneasiness among the candidates. It meant that one candidate must lose. Nobody wanted to be that one. Early in the day friends of Fritz Bahr started writing his name on the ballot and succeeded in running up a score of 301, which crowded Wm. E. Becker off of the ballot, he receiving the smallest vote, getting only 157.

There was only a slight opposition to Mr. Samuel M. Hastings for mayor, he receiving the greatest number of votes which was 818; John Oliver 28; A. G. McPherson 13, and F. S. Munro 5. Following is the total vote by wards:

Total City Vote
Total vote cast... 1066
Total men's vote... 667
Total women's vote... 399

FOR MAYOR
Samuel M. Hastings... 818
John Oliver... 28
A. G. McPherson... 13
F. S. Munro... 5

Several other names were written in on the ballot for mayor but only received one or two votes.

FOR COMMISSIONERS

Fritz Bahr... 301
Wm. E. Becker... 157
H. H. Hitchcock... 642
Edw. G. Huber... 513
Alfred A. Moses... 360
Wm. Noerenberg... 439
Wm. J. Obee... 291
Frank W. Sheahan... 203
Ward W. Willis... 608

First Ward

Total men's vote 173—Women's vote 59
FOR MAYOR
Samuel M. Hastings 90 27 117
F. S. Munro 2 2 2
John Oliver 10 10 10
A. G. McPherson 4 4 4

FOR COMMISSIONERS

W. E. Becker 12 6 18
H. H. Hitchcock 39 12 51
Edw. G. Huber 71 19 90
Alfred A. Moses 104 24 128
Wm. E. Noerenberg 70 26 96
Wm. J. Obee 58 17 75
Frank W. Sheahan 70 21 91
Ward W. Willis 35 10 45
Fritz Bahr 47 14 61

Second Ward

Total Men's vote 161—Women's vote 128
FOR MAYOR
Samuel M. Hastings 126 127 253
John Oliver 10 2 12
A. G. McPherson 4 4 4

FOR COMMISSIONERS

Wm. E. Becker 28 25 53
H. H. Hitchcock 117 112 229
Edw. G. Huber 83 75 158
Alfred A. Moses 46 22 68
Wm. E. Noerenberg 58 70 128
Wm. J. Obee 51 19 70
Frank W. Sheahan 15 11 26
Ward W. Willis 106 105 211
Fritz Bahr 36 25 61

Third Ward

Total Men's vote 155—Women's vote 152
FOR MAYOR
Samuel M. Hastings 144 143 287
F. S. Munro 1 1 1
John Oliver 1 1 1
A. G. McPherson 1 1 1

FOR COMMISSIONERS

Wm. E. Becker 34 29 63
H. H. Hitchcock 134 142 276
Edw. G. Huber 72 80 152
Alfred A. Moses 30 19 49
Wm. E. Noerenberg 51 58 109
Wm. J. Obee 44 34 78
Frank W. Sheahan 25 10 35
Ward W. Willis 129 134 263
Fritz Bahr 41 35 76

Fourth Ward

Total Men's vote 178—Women's vote 60
FOR MAYOR
Samuel M. Hastings 124 37 161
F. S. Munro 2 2 2
John Oliver 15 15 15
A. G. McPherson 4 4 4

FOR COMMISSIONERS

Wm. E. Becker 17 6 23
H. H. Hitchcock 59 27 86
Edw. G. Huber 86 27 113
Alfred A. Moses 98 17 115
Wm. E. Noerenberg 59 27 86
Wm. J. Obee 55 13 68
Frank W. Sheahan 44 7 51
Ward W. Willis 58 31 89
Fritz Bahr 78 25 103