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TOSCA DELIGHTS RAVINIA AUDIENCE

FLORENCE EASTON AT BEST

Next Week Madame Butterfly, La Boheme and La Traviata. Children's Carnival Thursday

Florence Easton, Leon Rothier, Morgan Kingston—this was the happy "Tosca" at Ravinia last Saturday night a perfect delight. Florence Easton, with her genuine woman's feeling, gave new form and meaning to the part of Tosca, making her live richly before the audience with the warmth of her own personality. Mme. Easton sang the "prayer" with great beauty of tone and depth of sympathy.

Leon Rothier made a convincing Scarpia in his apartments in the Farnese palace. He was magnificent in the role of a grand signore. His voice as well as his stature was big, and his presence compelling, extending to the utmost limits of the large audience.

"Morgan Kingston sang Cavardossi finely. It was one of the best things he has ever done," says Carleton Hackett, there was appreciation for the meaning of the words and a great variety of tone color in the expression of the sentiment. The full-voiced phrases were solid and the softer phrases under good control." Morgan Kingston was never better, never more convincing.

Mr. Hackett, in criticizing Tosca declares that Ravinia needs a larger stage. Admitting that the chief attraction of Ravinia is the fact that the small stage, the narrow orchestra pit, the audience bunched forward, give an atmosphere of an intimate circle and make it seem like a family party, yet he believes that the stage could be enlarged without destroying this home-like nature of the pavilion. "At the Tosca performance," he said, "you had the sense of crowding on the stage, and the artists did not have room enough to move freely in the broad lines which bring operatic grace."

VICTIM OF HEART TROUBLE DIES SUNDAY

Miss L. C. Snyder of Lincoln Ave., Chicago, dropped dead while wading in the lake at the foot of Cedar Ave., Ravinia, last Sunday afternoon. Miss Snyder, in company with several young women friends, had come to this city for an outing.

FRIDAY, HARRY MOREY IN "GAME OF FATE"

Bartlett Theatre, Highwood, will give four acts of vaudeville, also a feature and comedy tonight. Next week the following program will be given: Sunday, Theda Bara in "The Darling of Paris," also a two reel sunshine comedy; Tuesday, Ruth Rowland in "The Tiger's Trail," all-Pathe News Cartoon and comedy; Wednesday, Nell Shipley in "Baree, Son of Kasen," also Big V comedy; Thursday, vaudeville, feature and comedy; Friday, Harry Morey in "Game of Fate," also Big V comedy; Saturday, Marie Walcamp in "The Red Glove," International News and two reel Universal comedy.

COMMISSIONER BAHR HANDS IN RESIGNATION

Increasing Trouble With His Eyes Given as His Reason for Retiring

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Friday evening, July 29th, with Mayor Hastings, Commissioners Cheney, Huber and Willits present. In addition to the regular business, the Board of Local Improvements submitted ordinances providing for the paving of First Street from Laurel Avenue to Elm Place and for the paving of a system of streets in Ravinia Woods Subdivision. These ordinances will remain on file for one week at the end of which time they will be finally passed.

Commissioner Bahr, in a communication addressed to the Mayor and Commissioners, tendered his resignation as commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, as follows: "To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Highland Park: Gentlemen:

Due to increasing eye trouble, I find it more and more difficult to give the attention necessary in connection with my duties as Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, under existing conditions, I can not do justice to it and after due consideration I have come to the conclusion to ask you Gentlemen to accept my resignation as Commissioner."

Sincerely yours, FRITZ BAHR.

FORMER BUSINESS MAN DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

William Anderson Passed Away Friday. Funeral Held Sunday. Burial Memorial Park

William Anderson, formerly proprietor of the dry goods store now owned by L. R. Rigdon, died suddenly last Friday morning at his home on Sheridan Place. Mr. Anderson was stricken with paralysis about two and a half years ago and since that time has been ailing.

Mr. Anderson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 13, 1860, and came to Chicago about 1880. Here he was employed by Carson, Pirie Scott and Company for twenty four years. In July, 1910, he came to this city and started in business for himself, purchasing the store formerly owned by Mrs. Bohl. After six and a half years of active business he retired owing to ill health. The past two and a half years were spent in trying to regain health.

BABY MARIE OSBORNE IN "THE DIPLOMAT"

Also Something New, Edward Levee in "The Singing Milkman" and Comedy Monday

The following program will be shown at Pearl Theatre next week: Sunday, Elsie Ferguson in "The Avalanche," Fox comedy also Famous Players Pictograph; Monday, Babs Osborne in "The Diplomat," also something new—Edward Levee in "The Singing Milkman," Lloyd comedy and Celebrated news; Tuesday, Bessie Barriscale in "Tangled Threads," "The Liberator," also Bee Hive Cartoon; Wednesday, Mary Pickford in "Hilda from Holland," Christie Comedy and Pathe news; Thursday, Charles Ray in "Hayfoot, Strawfoot," Universal Comedy and Pathe news; Friday, Marguerite in "Girls, ArBuckle Comedy, Mutt and Jeff, also Celebrated scenic; Saturday, "The White Heather," an all star cast, Burton Holmes Travelogue and a Mack Sennett Comedy.

ANNUAL GARDEN SHOW SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND AT HIGHLAND PARK CLUB

Everybody is Urged to Make Some Sort of Display of Flowers or Vegetables at this Exhibit

Two important events to Highland Park are to take place on Saturday, August 2nd. One the voting for the organization of one Park Board for the whole city. The other is the Garden Club annual Flower and Vegetable Show. It is urged upon every one to make an effort to have some display at this exhibit. The members of the Club have worked very hard to develop this annual exhibit, and the cooperation of all lovers of flowers and the encouragement of the home garden to set off the high cost of living.

In an inspection taken during the past week despite the unfavorable weather condition some very fine produce is to be found in many gardens and there should be as much interest in obtaining a blue ribbon as in any country fair or horse show.

This year it is hoped to again have the professional gardeners make their six foot center pieces which were such an attraction two years ago. The ladies are already planning their attractive baskets which help very considerably to the beauty of the exhibits.

Get your program at the stores as early as possible and see if you have not some beans better than the other fellow, or a petunia a little more showy than your neighbor. However small bring your produce and above all come yourself and bring the children and encourage them to greater efforts next year.

Notes for Exhibitors. All exhibits must be in place by 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Write name and address plainly on a card and state whether you will call for exhibit on the following morning or whether the committee may dispose of same. Enclose card in sealed envelope and attach firmly to exhibit. Mark plainly on the envelope the number under which exhibit is entered.

ROBERT W. LARKE TO ATTEND NATIONAL SHOOT

Qualifies at Camp Logan Range on Saturday. Makes High Total With 204 Points

Robert W. Larke, manager of the Moraine hotel, was one of the seventeen shooters, fourteen from the Chicago district, who Saturday qualified to compose the Illinois civilian rifle team in the national shooting matches over the government ranges at Caldwell, N. J., Aug. 4 to 30. The qualifying competition Saturday was conducted at the navy range at Camp Logan. Thirty shooters competed.

Expenses of the selected shooters to Caldwell and during the national shoot will be borne by the government, even to ammunition. Mr. Larke, of the Ridgeway team, had high total with 204 of a possible 225 points. The shooting was at 200 yards rapid fire, 500 yards slow fire, and 1,000 yards slow fire.

MANY SERIOUS FIRES RESULT FROM DROUGHT

Hayfield on Roger Williams Avenue Burns Tuesday. Several Woods Fires Are Responded to

This week has been an exceedingly busy one for the Highland Park Fire department for on account of the drought there have been several quite serious woods fires. The most serious of these fires was on Tuesday when a hayfield on Roger Williams avenue burned. Several tons of hay were destroyed before the blaze was extinguished.

CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE DOG WORLD

Remarkable Distinctions Flourish Among Canines. Superior Dogs Lap Sodas With the Best

We are living in a Dog's Age. Here in Highland Park everything listed under the genus "dog" can be seen on a summer's day from the wholly satisfied mongrel which runs the streets, to the beribboned cheese-hound which appears only in electric. The latter belongs to a large class who are far too important to the world to take their chances with plain dogs on the open street. They might be killed. That is why they are denied the great right of a free spirit to burrow out old bones, go sleuthing in vicious looking alleys, and big boodles in the back yard.

They have formed a leisure or parasite class, and one which transcends the dog of the street as far as the president of a button-hole factory exceeds a member of the hot polo. These dogs occupy the center of the stage at all times in the lives of their mistresses. At times, in fact, they are almost as human in the manifestation of their joys and sorrows.

Very often the ladies, their mistresses, go into the soda fountain for a refreshing drink of something or other. If they left the dogs with all their high order of intelligence to languish in the electric, it would be an insult to their kind. In fact, the dogs are so highly intelligent, that nothing will do them but to be taken into the drug store and treated with ice cream. As yet, this is not an easy thing to do, but times are changing all the time in reference to dogs of this class. There are people who object to having their soda while a dog of this high order laps ice cream from a plate at their feet. Such a woman is over-nice, you may be sure, and knows nothing whatever about dogs of the leisure class.

The chances are, she is one of those queer ones who have children and consequently has no patience with dogs. Women with children are notably hard on pet dogs.

Not so long ago a glass of ice-water was ordered for a dog at one of the soda-water fountains. The dog lapped it up as solemn as the owl in the center of a mixed crowd. Most of the people present objected seriously. Some got up and left the place. Even the proprietor manifested something that was closely akin to disgust, but all this merely shows that people in general are not educated up to the proper attitude of appreciation of dogs. Why! Do these canines not ride about in limousines that glisten like jewels, and honk down upon our little main street in such a manner that every soul, not owning a car of his own runs to cover? Do not they wear silver mounted collars and chains and sport magnificent blankets? Do they not have sumptuous stores of their very own where none but the very rich ever dare to venture? And do they not lie all day long in the very presence of Mrs. Nutworth herself? What more, Oh, blind mortals, do you demand in the way of privilege and social prestige? Has he not achieved all that we have learned to worship?

Ask your souls this question, and then when you have answered it, according to the obvious prevailing standards, go back to the drug store and take your seat in peace. Tell the druggist he is a fool or he would have provided special tables long since for these critters where they can lap to their heart's content, and lick the platters clean.

TWO HOMES ENTERED BY BURGLARS MONDAY

F. R. Boynton and James Duffy Homes Robbed. No Trace of Burglars As Yet

Two Highland Park homes were entered by burglars on Monday evening and at each place they were frightened away before they had acquired much loot.

The F. P. Boynton home was the first home to be entered, and here they removed a screen on the east side of the building of the first floor and entered the home. The Boynton family are in the east for the summer and only the maids were in the house at the time. It was about one thirty when the robbers entered. All that they took at the Boynton home was several boxes of cigars and cigarettes. It is evident that they were frightened away for they did not enter the second floor.

At three o'clock Mr. James Duffy's home on Park Avenue was entered. They gained admittance thru the front window off the screened porch. After removing several dollars worth of railroad tickets from Mr. Duffy's coat pocket downstairs they went upstairs and entered one room and took several pieces of jewelry. They were about to enter another room when (Continued on Page Five)

COST OF GREATER PARK DISTRICT 40 CENTS ON \$100 VALUATION

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND

Your Park Taxes Can Easily Be Figured Out by Looking at Your Assessed Valuations as Published in The Press of July 10th.

An election set for Saturday, August 2, is to determine whether or not all of Highland Park together with an outlying strip of Deerfield Township shall constitute one park district. Judge Persons of the County Court issued the call for this election in response to a petition signed by about 300 qualified voters living in that part of Highland Park not yet included in a park district.

Women as well as men are to vote at this election. There will be a polling place at James H. Duffy's real-estate office for those living east of the Northwestern and those living west will cast their ballots at the Fire Station. The hours are from 7:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

If a majority of those voting at the election approve of the proposition, a greater park district will come into existence which will include all the following territory:

1. All of Highland Park lying east of the Northwestern tracks and known at present as the Highland Park East Park District.
2. All of Highland Park lying west of the Northwestern tracks.
3. That portion of Deerfield Township lying between the west limits of the portion of Highland Park west of the Northwestern tracks and the eastern line of the right of way of the Skokie branch of the Northwestern. This latter area includes the Exmoor Country Club and the homes of the considerable number of people who share intimately in the life of Highland Park while living outside of the city limits. It also includes a very picturesque portion of the Skokie Marsh. This whole area can be described as lying between Highland Park and the Skokie branch of the Northwestern, and having for its northern boundary the north line of Exmoor produced westerly to the railroad, with its southern boundary the south line of Bob O'Link produced westerly to the railroad.

With the greater park district accomplished the people of Highland Park would be in a position to preserve areas important for public recreation. We need good baseball grounds, municipal golf links, tennis courts, skating ponds, children's playgrounds and more suitable places for picnic parties and more bathing beach facilities.

The tracts suitable for these purposes must be saved now from commercial development or the increasing prices will soon make them prohibitive. With large open grounds overlooking the Skokie and more lake front property acquired in the North and South ends of the town to match the park at Central Avenue, we will

have the community's needs permanently cared for.

The election of August 2nd is solely for the purpose of deciding whether or not the additional territory is to be annexed to the existing park district. The maximum tax for park maintenance is strictly limited by law to forty cents on the hundred dollars of assessed valuation. With the assessment roll at hand which was published in The Highland Park Press for July 10, one can readily figure how this tax will be distributed. Block 4 west of the railroad and bounded by Laurel Avenue, First, Walnut, and Second Streets, may be used for an illustration. There are 24 houses in the block which together with the assessed valuation which they stand upon assessed valuation ranging from \$305.00 to \$690.00, the average assessed valuation being about \$430.00. A park tax of forty cents on the hundred dollars of assessed value would amount to \$1.22 on the lowest valuation, \$2.76 on the highest, with \$1.72 for the average valuation. It is probable that the average assessed valuation of improved property west of the railroad as a whole does not much exceed \$250.00 and the average maximum tax for park maintenance would therefore not exceed \$1.40 a year. This would not appear burdensome even to the property holder of smallest resources.

Bonds may be issued at not to exceed 3 per cent of the assessed valuation which for the whole of Highland Park is \$2,500,000.00, making a bond maximum of \$75,000.00. If \$5,000.00 is returned each year the tax to retire the bonds and pay interest on the whole indebtedness the first year would amount to 3.5 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation or 35c on each \$100 of assessed valuation. This for the assumed instance of a house paying on an assessed valuation of \$350.00 would give a maximum bond tax of \$1.23 or including the park maintenance tax of \$1.40, a total of \$2.63.

It is obvious that a unified Highland Park Park District involves for the taxpayer a very small expense compared with the dividend that he will get in use and enjoyment of the parks. On the other hand every one of our citizens will derive some direct pleasure from its use. Preserving the tracts which are beautiful and useful for outdoor recreation for old and young will enhance the valuation of our residence property and bring big returns in the enrichment of the lives of all of our citizens. We have before us a great opportunity to make a splendid investment both for the present and future.

ATTEMPTED HOLDUP OF WILMETTE STATE BANK

Lone Robber Opens Fire on Cashier This Morning As Bank Opens for Business

At 8:10 this morning, a bold robbery was attempted on the Wilmette State bank, Wm. Leary, the assistant cashier, had just opened the bank for the day when a very well dressed man entered and presented a check to be cashed. The cashier turned the check over to look for endorsement when the man fired a revolver directly at his head, with evident intent to kill. The bullet hit the iron grating and glanced off, striking the receiving teller, a young woman who was standing a short distance from the assistant cashier. The bullet grazed her nose and broke her glasses, and the man, seeing the failure of his attempt, ran hastily from the bank.

The police were very near at the time, and it was not a minute's time before they were in full pursuit. They chased the man for a short distance, challenging him as they went. He, seeing the futility of flight, turned on them and put up a fight. According to report, a pitched battle ensued. The robber was shot five times. He was removed to the Evanston hospital where he is now lying in a very