

CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD IN SESSION

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a street light at intersection of Oak Knoll terrace and Pine Point drive referred to Commissioner Gourley. Commissioner Reay moved acceptance and approval of plat entitled: Lake sub of lots 21, 22, 23, and 24 in Deere Park subdivision.

Commissioner Cheney moved that the city clerk be directed to notify the Public Service Co. to turn on street lights in Baird & Warner's addition to Deere Park subdivision. He also moved that property owners' petition for improvement of roadway in Sunnyside place be referred to Commissioner Card for investigation and report.

Petitions Protest

Petitions were presented signed by 221 persons, together with communications from the secretary of the Church Service league of Trinity Presbyterian church, the North Shore chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Highland Park club, protesting against the vaudeville which has been running at the Alcyon theater. On motion of Commissioner Cheney the petitions were referred to the mayor and commissioner of public safety.

It is understood that the theater management has been notified by the city officials charged with this duty to modify its programs as requested.

Other Motions

Commissioner Cheney moved that lines indicating easement for pedestrians between lot 71 and lot 82 on plat of Baird & Warner's addition to Deere Park subdivision be eliminated. He also moved that the report of the building commissioner for November, 1926, be received and placed on file.

On motion of Commissioner Reay Miss Mildred S. Hawley was allowed a refund on building permit 1095 amounting to \$22, in accord with recommendation of the building commissioner. On motion of Commissioner Gourley an ordinance was passed changing the name of Waverly avenue to "Waverly road."

Approve License

On motion of Commissioner Cheney a license granted by the C. & N. W. railroad for construction of storm water sewer outlet on west side of their right of way between Walnut avenue and Sheridan place was approved and the mayor was authorized to sign the document.

Commissioner Gourley moved that property owners' petition for division of special assessment levied against lot 1, block 36, for paving Orchard street be accepted and the corporation counsel be directed to present same to county court.

Board Meeting Short

At a brief meeting of the board of local improvement the Highway Construction Co., contractors in construction of sanitary sewers in Northwood Manor subdivision was allowed payment of \$262.04, the balance of five per cent retained for cost of maintenance.

Claimed too many people living a life of ease, but as the cool weather comes on, it is more frequently a life of sneeze.

The people are urged to take political questions into their own hands, but one trouble is that so many take them into their hands without getting them first into their heads.

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NEW BOOKS ADDED AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

"The Nature of the World and of Man" One of Latest Additions; Other Books

One of the most interesting books recently added to the shelves of the Public Library is "The Nature of the World and of Man," written by sixteen members of the faculty of Chicago university. It gives a bird's-eye view of the universe as seen by modern men of science. It contains straightforward statements of the conclusions resulting from research, expressed in a form that can be comprehended by anyone who really wants to know the facts. These chapters range from astronomy to psychology and the story of each is told by a recognized authority in his particular field.

Then there are the two much discussed biographies of Washington; "George Washington, the Image and the Man," by W. E. Woodward, and "George Washington, the Human Being and the Hero," by Rupert Hughes. Both men have spent years preparing these biographies of Washington. With the "Diaries" of Washington which were published last year, much new material concerning our first president has been revealed. Some of this new material has been made use of in the two recent biographies, and Washington is freed of the glamour or fiction with which romantic historians have invested him.

H. T. Finck, author of "My Adventures in the Golden Age of Music," was a man well qualified to write such a book. For forty-three years Mr. Finck was musical editor of the New York Evening Post, and as such was an influential and outstanding figure in the musical art and criticism of what he called the "Golden Age of Music." The book itself is full of anecdotes and reminiscences of famous musical people, Wagner, Strauss, Patti, de Reszke, Calve, Melba, Paderewski, Galli-Curci, Caruso and many other famous and well known musicians may be found in its pages.

"The Orient I Found," by T. J. McMahon, while essentially a travel book has been written with the purpose of arousing western people to a realization that the powers of the orient are contemplating freedom from the dominant power of the white races. The author, well known in the east and in Australia, shows how the gigantic power of the Orient has to be reckoned with as a matter of first importance to civilization.

A few of the other books are: Mukerji—"Face of Silence." Keyserling—"Book of Marriage." Dark—"Paris." Cadrick—"Collector's Luck in England." Neilson—"Charles W. Eliot." McCann—"Ship Model Making." Wells—"Around the World in 28 Days." Lindsay—"Candle in the Cabin." Bradford—"Darwin." Bradley—"Caravans and Camminals." Lawrence—"Memories of a Happy Life." Kowalsky—"Ukrainian Folk Songs." Clowenceau—"Demosthenes."

MOSCOW ART PLAYERS GIVE GOOD PROGRAM

An Appeal Made by Mr. Lazareff for Understanding of Russian Art

Three plays staged and directed by Ivan Lazareff of the Moscow Art theater were presented in Ravinia Friday evening, Dec. 10. The arts committee of the Woman's Civic club of Ravinia sponsored and arranged for this artistic production.

Mr. Lazareff terms his project "A Laboratory theater," the plan and purpose of which, through intensive work in all its researches, is to achieve a permanence in Chicago as a Chicago Art theater.

A program of three widely diversified plays exemplified the scope of ability of those players and attested the fine taste of their director.

The first play "The Will O' the Wisp," by Hallman, a fanciful lovely thing established its mood of poetic, beauty and left the spectators transfixed, and a bit breathless at the end. The illusion created and effected on such a circumscribed stage was altogether delightful.

"The Groove" by Middleton, a rather conventional piece showed the players in an utterly different atmosphere. Here they were suave and finished in modern dialogue and realistic setting. This play too carried its message "to show us ourselves to the very end—not to offend but trying to teach us."

Tchekhoff's clever satire "The Boor," quite Russian in background, costume and make up completed the evening's entertainment and convinced the audience that the ideals of Mrs. Lazareff's art are not beyond our grasp.

In a certain speech between the acts, Mr. Lazareff made an appeal to this audience to receive and understand his art as he offers it. He pictures the theater as "the teacher of life." "What a force is art that unites humanity and that makes us forget our enemy and love our neighbor. True art on the stage, whether it deals with sorrow or happiness brings only joy and delight to the audience."

It is regrettable that not "more of us" were present on the privileged occasion to partake of his fine idealism.

Father and sons meetings being held in the churches. Some different from the old ones held in the woodshed.

HIGH COST OF HATS IN FRANKLIN'S DAY

His Daughter Writes Him of Expense of Clothing in Philadelphia

Few Americans know that Benjamin Franklin, whom we look upon as scientist, statesman and philosopher had an only daughter of whom he was very fond. Peter Roman Sterling tells about her in an interesting special article in the current issue of the National Republic. While Franklin was in France for the colonies Mrs. Baché, the daughter, wrote him of the social affairs and gaiety in Philadelphia and in reply he reprimanded Mrs. Baché and her friends for their activity. The cost of living was high then as the following extract of a letter from the daughter to her illustrious father will show.

"This winter approaches with so many horrors that I shall not want anything to go abroad in, if I can be comfortable at home. My spirits, which I have kept up during my being here, have been lowered by nothing but the depreciation of the money, which has been amazing lately, so that home will be the place for me this winter, as I cannot get a common winter cloak and hat but just decent under two hundred pounds; as to graze now, it is fifty dollars a yard; 'tis beyond my wish, and I should think it not only a shame but a sin to buy it if I had millions. It is indeed, as you say, that money is too cheap; for there are so many people that are not used to have it, that get so much that they care not whether they give one dollar or a hundred for anything they want; but to those whose every dollar is the same as a silver one, which is our case, it is particularly hard; for Mr. Baché could not care to do business in the manner it has been done in this place, which has been almost all by monopolizing and forestalling."

YULETIDE TABLEAU SUNDAY AFTERNOON

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R. Jones, violinist, will sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The Prophets Appear As of old the prophet tells of Israel's hopelessness without a king or a prince. Mr. E. S. Hall has the part of Hosen. Micah, Mr. N. G. Lenington and Isiah, Mr. A. T. Sipler bring the messages of hope and joy in the promise of a coming Messiah. Mr. Roger Vail will sing "Comfort Ye" from Handel's Messiah.

The Bethlehem Scenes

The Annunciation, the Magi Kings, the Magnificat, the Shepherds and Angel scenes follow closely, accompanied by our much loved Christmas music. Miss Florence N. Campbell will be at the organ, Mrs. Esther Topp and Miss Louise Smith, pianists, Mrs. R. J. Beatty, harpist and Mr. George R. Jones, violinist. Soloists for the service will be Miss Mary Kimball, Mrs. W. E. Rutledge, Mrs. Charles Pardee, Mr. H. R. Smith and Mr. Roger Vail. Mrs. Herbert R. Smith takes the part of the Virgin Mary singing Reger's Lullaby; Mrs. S. T. Dexter is Elizabeth, Mr. George Gaidzik as Joseph; the shepherds are Messrs J. Leaming, Robt. Sedgwick, Bertram Crawford, and W. E. Roy Howell. The angel group is composed of Sarah Margaret Mills, Veronese Beatty, Shirley McKay and Jane Churchill.

Our Gifts

The real joy of the Christmas season is abundantly expressed as the children from the Church school come forward to place their white gifts of love at the Manger of the Infant Jesus, and the adults give of their means to bring the Christ story and cheer to all men everywhere.

Those In Charge

The Christmas committee is composed of the following: Chairman of music, Mrs. W. A. Alexander; white gifts, Mr. H. D. Faxon; decorations, Miss Kathryn G. Yoe; costuming, Mrs. R. J. Beatty and Mrs. B. Franklin Rieker; lighting, Mr. Robt. Schneider; stage properties, Mr. George G. Greene; publicity, Mr. N. G. Lenington.

The public is most cordially invited to this service of commemoration of the Saviour's birth.

The wets lost out in the Missouri referendum, but then the apple crop out there this fall is said to be a bumper one.

Both the wets and drys were satisfied with the results of the election which is more than can be said of the Republicans and Democrats.

French wine makers are said to be hopeful that the success of Al Smith and the wet referendum in New York will soon lead to the exportation of champagne from France to America. Which shows just how these Europeans understand America.

The housewives are being told how to prepare Christmas turkey, but some would like to know first how to pay for it.

The doctors are asked what shall be done when one feels a sense of fullness after eating? Well, anyway, not many of the kids have complained of this feeling.

Claimed the alphabet should be revised, and most people would consent to any change that did not leave out the letter "I."

DON'T BEG RIDES IS ADVICE TO CHILDREN

IN MOTOR CLUB BULLETIN

Sent to Schools of This Part of State; Warning Against Practice of Asking For "Lift"

"Do you beg rides?" is the subject of the poster issued this month by the Chicago Motor club to the schools of northern Illinois and northern Indiana. The bulletin that accompanies the poster says:

"The poster this month simply asks the question: 'Do you beg rides?' Evidently the designer of the poster believed that every pupil seeing this poster was intelligent enough to know that this practice was wrong, and that no one would need to be urged not to beg rides. But despite this fact that everyone should know that it is dangerous to beg rides, nevertheless any day in the week you may see groups of boys holding up beckoning hands to passing drivers. Most of these boys are in the higher grades. They know that they should not stand in the middle of the street begging rides; they know that it is dangerous, but perhaps they do not know that they are also setting a bad example for others.

Caution Becoming Custom

"We are all imitators to a greater or lesser extent. See how fads and fashions set by a few are followed by millions. Carelessness in a new fashion that is fast fading. Caution is a fashion that is coming in, and the school children of today are setting this fashion, which has been called the 'safety manner.'

"Boys who beg rides are doing nothing to develop the safety manner. They deliberately destroy some part of the safety work in the schools. Older boys have a positive duty to perform. They should set a good example for the younger pupils. Younger pupils should pay no heed to the example set by a small minority; they should follow the example of the majority of our pupils who are careful and cautious at all times.

"The boys who beg rides do so with the mistaken idea that they will save time. If they would use a little common sense, they would know that the time they save in riding to school is lost in standing on a corner waiting for some motorist to give them a ride. "Begging rides is a dangerous practice; it sets a bad example, and it saves no time."

TRAFFIC "INCHERS" MENACE TO SAFETY

MOTORISTS WHO CROWD

Various Schemes Adopted by the Driver Who Fails to Recognize Rights of Others, Says Bulletin

Are you an "incher" in traffic? "Inching" is the term being applied to motorists and pedestrians alike who crowd ahead at corners forcing the flow of traffic dangerously out of line, explained Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, in a statement issued recently.

Mr. Hayes declared this selfish practice to be one likely to produce accidents and in every instance disruptive of the even movement of both pedestrians and vehicles, especially at congested intersections.

"Motorists may often be seen inching at the automatic signals just before the 'Go' light flashes," said Mr. Hayes.

Various Schemes "The inching motorist is in a hurry and wants a flying start on the signal regardless of the cross flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Ignoring traffic rules, the incher oftentimes crowds in to the extreme right, as if for a right hand turn, but he is only jockeying for position with the sole intent of crowding the other driver to the left.

"The incher will also stop his car at a busy intersection half way over the crossing line for pedestrians, forcing them to walk around his car and thus slowing pedestrian traffic; considerably as well as putting pedestrians in a hazardous position. Sometimes the incher races his motor just before the 'Go' signal to intimidate pedestrian traffic so that his path will be clear for a quick getaway. Street car motorists also frequently are guilty of inching.

Slows Up Traffic "The inching pedestrian is to blame for slowing traffic at congested corners and forcing automobiles perilously close to another. The pedestrian incher steps off the curb into the path of vehicular traffic crowding cars into a narrow path. Then when some driver makes a right hand turn, the inching pedestrian is either forced out into traffic or must scamper back to the sidewalk.

"Proper observance by both motorist and pedestrian of the rights of others and due regard for traffic regulations would quickly eliminate inching from the list of traffic amonances."

Do you remember the good old days when the women had enough hair to have a genuine hairpulling once in a while?

A Boston fisherman saw a deer three miles from shore headed straight for the middle of the ocean. The animal must have swallowed a bottle of synthetic Scotch which had been washed ashore.

MORE EARTHQUAKES SHAKE UP ARMENIA

ARE SECONDARY TREMORS

No Damage Done But Much Excitement Caused; Scientist Says May Continue at Intervals Long Time

Another series of earthquake shocks occurred in Armenia during the past week, according to cablegrams received by the Near East Relief. The renewed tremors were of about one-half the severity of the first shocks, which began more than a month ago.

"During the first 15 days, beginning Oct. 23, there were 76 shocks, averaging five per day. Of these, five showed a severity of 7 to 9 on a semiographic scale of ten." The new series of shocks were of an intensity of four on the same scale. Secondary Tremors. Stubbom continuity is not an idea which is customarily associated with earthquakes. Usually there are a few sudden catastrophic shocks, followed by rapidly diminishing secondary tremors. Earthquake persistency on a large scale in Armenia may result in a revision of some of current earthquake theories.

Scientific advice has been sought by the Near East Relief during the past fortnight from all of the world's semiographic specialists. Dr. Geo. M. Smith, director of the U. S. Geological Survey in Washington, has submitted a report, in which he predicts the continuance of diminishing shocks over a period of about a year. He also advises a careful watch for signs of volcanic activity in the Ararat district. His report says in part:

Scientist's Report "The region affected, which is in the vicinity of Mount Ararat, is known to geologists as the scene of repeated disturbances, both volcanic and seismic, during relatively recent geologic times. Its mountain ranges and plateaus are outlined and traversed by fault fractures; its surface is studded with volcanoes and covered over with large areas with lava flows. Many of these features are relatively young. In view of these facts it seems not at all improbable that the region will be visited by renewed disturbances in the future, though a really great catastrophe may not occur save at intervals of a century or more.

Series of Disturbances "Reports of the recent disaster indicate the occurrence of a series of seismic disturbances unattended by volcanic activity. It may be presumed, therefore, that there has been one or more major fault fractures. If this is true, there will almost certainly be a series of afterquakes, as large masses left more or less out of equilibrium settle into positions of stability. In view of the extreme severity of the major shocks, it seems likely that the train of afterquakes will be a long one, stretching over a period of a year or even several years.

"There is possibility of a volcanic outbreak, and it is of utmost importance that a close watch be kept for signs of activity among the volcanoes of the district. There is potentially far greater menace to life and property in extensive volcanic outpourings, such as have taken place in the past, than there is in earthquakes."

Previous severe earthquakes occurred in Armenia in 1134, 1159, 1204, 1319 and 1840. Three minor earthquakes took place in 1843, 1844 and 1901 all of which were attended with a considerable loss of life.

CASTS HIS VOTE BY PHONE; FIRST TIME

For the first time in the history of the Australian ballot system, a vote was cast recently at Harrisburg, Ill., by long distance telephone.

Charles E. Miller, a dental student in St. Louis, asked for an absentee's ballot in the regular manner, but when received, the ballot was found to be blank. He sent it to his father, a resident of this city, but it was too late to procure another in time for the son to vote.

The senior Miller, wishing to muster all votes possible for the party he favored, arranged with the election judges to have his son's vote cast by telephone. Two judges were connected with the absent voter, who stated his preferences, and the ballot was dropped in the box.

DO YOU KNOW OF A FAMILY IN NEED?

If so, call either Messrs. John O'Keefe, Paul L. Udell or Howard Moran, social welfare committee of Highland Park lodge 1362, E. P. O. Elks. The committee will also give a Christmas dinner to any family that otherwise would not have one. If you want to help, call at once.

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