

**LOCAL BREVITIES.**

Nearly everyone is ordering their Xmas candy from Schumacher this year instead of going to Chicago for it.

The Foresters' Masquerade Ball Wednesday night in the Opera House was a very successful affair. The attendance was large, and everything passed off satisfactorily. Mrs. E. M. Ingalls took the first ladies' prize, and W. S. Ellis the first for young men. The net proceeds were not learned.

You want to see the show windows of Evans Bros.' grocery store, whether you buy or not; they are works of art. Inside the store they have the largest and choicest assortment of high grade groceries that store has seen for many a month. Go and see for yourself and then thank us for telling you.

If you want to catch "Jack" Sheahen's milk wagon trotting over the Hazel Avenue bridge, you have got to be there at 7 o'clock A. M. He is an early bird, and that trot over the bridge promptly at 7 o'clock every morning, is the signal for us that it is time to prepare for buckwheat griddle cakes and Vermont maple syrup. Jack is a public benefactor.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church and Society held a quiet bazaar of useful and ornamental goods at Mrs. Dr. L. M. Bergen's last Friday afternoon and evening, and without any tooting of horns or blowing of trumpets or flaring handbills, they cleared a net profit of over \$82.00 solid clean cash, on a strictly gold basis. That is a return of "prosperity" of the right kind. The thing they emphasized was the "useful, inexpensive" articles, and the result showed that this community had a long, deeply-felt want for just that kind of goods. We most heartily congratulate them on their success.

**RAVINIA ITEMS.**

We were glad to see new faces at our "Improvement Society" meeting on Monday evening. Hope they will not forget us soon and will call again.

The program to be given at the M. E. church is to be repeated at the Railroad Mens Home, Idleville, on Thursday, Christmas eve, by request.

The meeting last Sunday at the Railroad employes' home was conducted by a lady from Evanston, who has had considerable experience among railroad men.

We were glad to welcome our young friend, Mr. Evans of the News, at the Society meeting, Monday evening.

The Gift Box spoken of in our last issue will be placed in Mr. Geherty's store for convenience of those wishing to contribute and we hope to have a large supply, for the object is worthy.

The Christmas entertainment to be given at the M. E. Church will occur on Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, and we hope to have a very interesting program, not the least of which is the expected appearance of Santa Claus.

The Improvement Society held an excellent meeting Monday night. George Hessler, Jr., had charge of the business meeting, which ordered the completion of sidewalks under construction. Carl Grant had charge of the literary part and it was good all through. The Misses Streiber furnished music so well that every piece demanded an encore. Several of the Park people were there and enjoyed it very much.

**HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.**

Little Willie, youngest child of Albert Yager, died quite suddenly last Wednesday of capillary bronchitis. The funeral took place Friday at Mr. Yager's house and the interment at the family lot in the cemetery near Deerfield.

In olden times, when children were seen and not heard, good manners upon the street were strictly enforced by parents and teachers alike, and any incivility was punished by the teacher the same as any disorder in school. It would be well if this style of things was more in vogue at the present time. These remarks are called forth by some recent exhibitions of innate boorishness of some of our school children on the street going to school.

Last winter the Sunflower Club, composed of young ladies from the M. E. Sunday school, gave some very good entertainments. They have organized again for this winter, but the Chinese Club, composed of young men—quite young, some of them—have anticipated the S. F., and opened the season last Thursday evening by holding a pie and coffee social. Being inexperienced in such matters the affair was not as well carried out as it might have been. But barring the total absence of the coffee and the complete failure of the talent engaged to furnish the intellectual part of the program, the social was a success. The boys will do better next time—if they recover from this one.

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