

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

John C. Duffy, township collector, has received his tax books, and is already installed upstairs in Judge Holmes office. He has carefully placarded the way, so you can't lose yourself.

Mrs. Julia M. Gerry's new hotel down on Sheridan Road in Ravinia, is under way. John Mooney, we understand, is hauling the brick. That hotel will catch all the cyclists from Chicago. It will be a large commodious modern style hotel.

The members of the City Council are desirous of meeting the citizens who are interested in the subject, at the council chamber tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring with them over the proposed ordinance granting right of way to the Bluff City Electric railway company for their line over certain streets of Highland Park. As the council have an adjourned meeting on Monday evening, to pass upon the ordinance now pending, this will be the only opportunity for a general conference with our citizens previous to the meeting.

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Fred Schumacher is having an unusual run on "Frog-in-your-throat" these days. Just stop and see his window display.

The great University of Chicago reported a deficit of \$48,000 the last fiscal year: If it goes on at that rate, it will soon become the leading institution of the country.

Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, a Baptist divine of Chicago, discussed the question last Sunday: "Is the Devil Dead?" For a man who has spent one week in that city and seen its morning papers once or twice, to ask that question suggests unique freshness and Acadian innocence. If the wily, wicked fellow is not at the same old stand, he has rarely successful imitators.

Royal P. Davidson recently returned from his pine apple farm in Florida. He showed us some fine large pineapples which he brought home with him. He will gather about 15,000 this year. He also showed us a sweet potato as large as one's head. How many that size would there be in a peck?

Neat and artistic job printing at this office at reasonable rates.

On Monday the board of managers met at the Railroad Men's home for the election of officers and other important business. The outlook seems very flattering, for a new and elegant Home, which will be of great credit to the railroad fraternity, and a blessing to the unfortunate ones, who are inmates, and others who may hereafter come.

When our ex-mayor, Col. Turnley, was a West Point cadet he and four other cadets formed a "Pine Coffin Club" for the purpose of being buried each in a plain, cheap pine coffin, and the colonel was to make the coffins and send to each of his old classmates before they were wanted. So after he located up here on the lake shore he fitted up a shop and made the five coffins, painted white on the inside and frosted oak leaf on the outside, and shipped one to each of his old chums. Gen. George Stoneman of California was one of them, and he was buried in his. The colonel has his own ready in his loft. They cost, ready for use, about \$4.50 each. "Great men all remind us," etc.

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