#### LOCAL ITEMS.

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There was a card party at John Rudolph's Thursday evening. Particulars have not reached us.

Dr. Barney, once a promising physician of Waukegan, died last Saturday morning. He was a brilliant young man, but - he is gone.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Chalmers Hall who rectured here. Reptably a few weeks ago on the reformation lies at the point of death at his home in Chicago.

We are pleased these bright and breezy mornings to see the red, white and blue, the emblem of this land of the free and the home of the brave, floating over our school-house.

Charles A. Larsson felt as proud as a peacock, as he was the only sexton whose meeting house was warm last Sunday. He is a good boy and knows how and when to build a fire.

It is getting to be rather monotonous, this every day question "who is going to be mayor?" Our modesty is proverbial, but if the pressure continues we may be compelled to speak.

The young people had an informal sociable Thursday evening, at Mrs. R. G. Evans. They pulled candy, had sundry games, and a good time generally, till a suitable time, when all dispersed, well satisfied with the evening.

The Evanston Glee club will give a concert at the Presbyterian church next Friday evening, Feb. 5, for the benefit of the Young Ladies Auxiliary. A very attractive program will be given. Tickets for sale at Fred W. Schumacher's drug store.

The Editor acknowledges the receipt of an anonymous detter the other day. It was type-written and mailed in Chiago to deceive, but it don't deceive at all. Sensible honest folk are not afraid or ashamed to sign their names. Cowards, weaklings and ignorant people pen anonymous letters and they make just as good kindling wood as anything else. Fuel is scarce and costly now-a-days; send on your anonymous letters, our stove has a good draught.

Why could not the street leading down the hill to Fletcher's pier and the pumping station be given up one day in the week or all the time to the boys for a coasting ground? In our boyhood we had a hill over half a mile long, very steep, leading from its base about 100 rods through the village, where coasting was something wonderful.

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