

THE PUMPING STATION.

Supt. Laing reported his work down at the brick block under the hill for the month of January as follows:

Total No. of gallons pumped	4,448,169
Daily average	143,488
Total oil burned	4,842
Daily average	156
Sold to the Railroad	865,000
Used by people	1,499,169
Benson's ice pond	614,000

During the same month Waukegan, with a population three times as great as Highland Park, used as follows:

Total No. of gallons pumped	26,760,978
Daily average	863,257
Daily lbs. coal burned	4,649

In other words, Waukegan used at least six times as much water as Highland Park, or twice as much per inhabitant. We have nearly 300 meters and our people pay for every gallon they use, while our neighbors have the old fashioned way of selling water and lots of their folks evidently leave their faucets open and let the water run all the time in cold weather. That is, Waukegan has immense waste while we have practically none.

SOME FINE ICE.

Frank Silgerstrom is filling his ice houses with 12 inch thick pure, clear solid ice from the Twin Lakes, Wis. He has ordered 300 tons, and will put in now what his houses will hold, and the balance will come as wanted. Mr. Silgerstrom will be remembered as that patient but industrious man who went about last summer on a crutch sawing wood, because though lame, he would not lie idle and be a burden on his friends or the public. Last fall he bought out Mr. Clampitt's ice business, and is now putting in his supplies. He proposes to have none but the best ice serve it to his patrons faithfully and carefully and at reasonable prices. The ice trade here is becoming large. A healthy competition is desirable and we trust therefore that so worthy a man as Mr. Silgerstrom will receive the patronage he deserves.

Our esteemed contemporary, the London Times of Jan. 22nd, the latest issue at hand, notes the important fact that the Queen and the Royal Family attended divine service at Osborne, Sunday morning. We wish as much could be said of some citizens of this burg who are not even tainted with royal blood. The Times further notes the elaborate preparations being made for the forthcoming celebration of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Seen on our streets last week—a telegraph pole.

The United Order of Red Men gives a dance at Hogan's Hall on the 9th.

Mrs. M. E. Olsen was sick 3 days last week with a complication of measles and bronchitis, but has recovered.

Joseph Denman, of Lincoln, Ill., is visiting his brother Jesse, and is getting acquainted with the beauties of the place.

C. H. Benson has his ice house sheeted up on the inside and is putting in his ice. His house will hold about 700 tons.

Mr. Paul Wohlbruck, formerly Justice of the Peace, who has lived in Chicago during the last few months, is again about town with his family.

A petition is being circulated in favor of Frank E. Woodruff for our next postmaster. Although he is in Minneapolis this winter, he intends to return in spring and once more take his place as a citizen. About 40 signatures have been secured.

A wagon load of soldiers created quite an excitement Wednesday evening. They were bound for a dance at the Hotel Electric. As they passed in front of Breakwell's store they were accorded such a warm welcome by snowballs that they "passed."

J. A. Brady received word Wednesday morning that his grandmother was dead and that the funeral would be held on that day, but Mr. Brady was unable to make train connections and so could not attend. She was Mrs. Tiernan of Seymour, Ind., and died Monday night at a very old age.

Judging from the reports in the daily papers the Bluff City Electric road is in a hurry to put in their road. They have called a special meeting of the Supervisors to get permission to run from Lake Forest to Fort Sheridan limits at their own expense. The Trustees are not in haste to grant the franchise, however for the board wishes to consult for the best interests of the village. Electric lights, paving and properly formed rails all enter into consideration.

Miss Bessie Cheverton, who has spent the winter thus far in Oak Park, has come to this city and enters our High School Monday. One week's visit in this Park cured her of ever wanting to live in any other Park.

RAVINIA ITEMS.

Mr. Ordway's daughter has been making him a short visit.

Miss Louise Schultz, formerly of this place, now at Rogers Park, visited Mr. and Mrs. Stark last Sunday.

Mr. Andrew has been attending the Chicken Show the past week. He has a fine collection of fancy fowls in which he justly takes great pride.

The directors of the Railroad Men's Home have recently purchased the ~~new house~~ ~~adjoining~~. It will be occupied as soon as water connections can be made.

Birthdays are quite the thing this month. A few friends called on Mr. Comstock last Monday evening and reminded him that he was 65 years old. A very pleasant evening was the result.

Mrs. Wightman, Mrs. Sedgwick, Engineer Cattrell and wife, and a number of young people visited the Home last Tuesday evening, and enlivened the place with music and recitations. A few friends from the Park were also present.

The reading circle made an auspicious beginning last Friday evening when seven gathered around the table. "Lalla Rookh" is the selection. A children's reading circle is a recent addition to the list of entertainments. Mrs. Ordway is in charge.

A special meeting of the Improvement society was called Thursday, January 28th, to consider the Electric Railroad plans to run through Ravinia. A committee was appointed to consult property owners and others specially interested, and to advise the supervisors and road commissioners of their desires in the matter.

Highland Park officials were out last Sunday with a camera looking for hunters in the southern part of the city. They might set up an automatic apparatus whereby every team that crossed the bridge would register itself on a film. Excellent evidence would then be secured against those "who drive over faster than a walk".

We note with pleasure that the London Times records the fact our distinguished friend, the Tory premier, Lord Salisbury, has given \$1250 to Indian Famine Relief Fund. Mr. Gladstone has given \$250, and others equally generous sums.

Still another electrician tells us a real thorough, expert testing of our street lights could not be made short of \$500—and then what would it amount to.