

RAVINIA ITEMS.

IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The society met at the regular time last Monday evening. A smaller number than usual were present. After the usual routine business, the sidewalk project was discussed. It was finally ordered to lay a four-foot walk to the north corner of the church lot, crossing the ravine with a suitable bridge. Owing to a thankful disposition on the part of some of the members, it was proposed to thank some one else for the prospective sidewalk on Railroad avenue, but it was not made clear who ought to be thanked, so the matter was dropped without any action being taken. An ineffectual effort was made to secure song books for the society, but on account of the depleted condition of the treasury and the unwillingness of some to receive something for nothing, this matter also was dropped.

The program for the evening's entertainment was not altogether lacking in good qualities. If it is true that "brevity is the soul of wit" this program was the wittiest affair that has ever been rendered before this society. The program as rendered was: "America," sung by all; reading, "Address to a Mummy," W. C. McKenzie; "Tenting on the Camp Ground," a duet, Mrs. Geherty and Mrs. Kellogg; recitation, Mrs. Hesler; "Dat Watermelon," by quartette; "Battle Cry of Freedom," O. G. Kellogg; "Star Spangled Banner," by Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. Geherty.

The following were appointed for the program committee for the next meeting: Mrs. Kellogg, W. C. McKenzie and John Dings.

Charles Koller is just recovered from a severe attack of the measles.

Ralph Grant has come to Ravinia again, as Mrs. Grant is making her home here.

Mrs. S. V. Willoughby and daughter, Dora, returned home last Thursday after visiting relatives in Du Quoin and St. Louis.

A new sidewalk is in process of construction in front of Mrs. Russell's place on Railroad avenue. The old unsightly fence has been removed, adding materially to the beauty of the place. Some more of the good people could spare some of their fences and use them to keep their cows in check and so preserve and beautify the lawns and gardens.

It was a merry party that went from here on last Sunday afternoon to the Sunday school convention at Highwood. There were about ten to represent the Ravinia Sunday

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school and all enjoyed the ride and the convention and also the hospitality of the Highwood friends who entertained. The party returned home about half-past nine.

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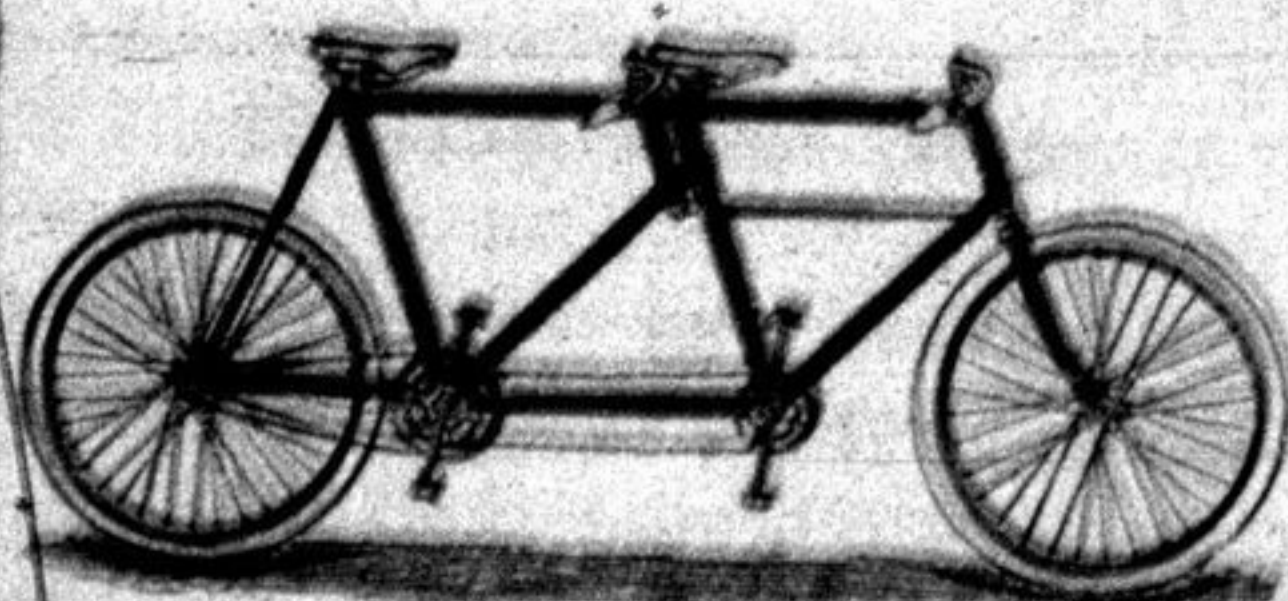
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