

**CITY BREVITIES.**

The Kings Daughters had an entertainment last Friday evening at the Academy drill hall. It was a success.

Hugh T. Birch and family are down on his farm where the musical bobolink warbles his carols in wild ecstasy of delight. His phone number is 81.

Rector Wolcott goes down two or three times a day to see how the work progresses on the rectory. A. St. Peter bosses the carpenter work, while Mr. Nolan has put in a first-class job of plumbing. We don't know which room Mr. Wolcott will have for his study, but a room about 20x30 up in that sky parlor would make an elegant place, and far away from the madding crowd.

The Exmoor Club gives its formal opening of its golf grounds tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and evening in fine style. There will be playing in the afternoon and dancing in the evening. Luncheon will be served at 1, and dinner at 7 p. m. We are honored with an invitation to be present. With the functions down on the program for 1 and 7 o'clock, you can reckon on our presence. For a banquet or anything of that kind, we allow of no interference on account of the weather. It will be an elegant affair.

Do you remember when the first cable messages passed between this country and Europe, James Buchanan and Queen Victoria? We were sensibly impressed with it once, as we sat in the editorial sanctum, and read dispatches dated, London, May 10th, 1875, 10 p. m. and it was only 8 o'clock; that is we were reading the message two hours before it was sent, by the clock. The Irishman was right who wrote home that in America if you journeyed by steamboat, you reached your destination the day after starting; if by cars the same day; but if by telegraph the day before hand.

President W. F. Hogan called Tuesday. He said his village had money on hand and would probably build a village hall this year. Land, labor and materials are all cheap and he said they would build something that would be a credit to Highland. Allow us one suggestion; don't build such a one-horse, inconvenient, contracted thing as we have. Be sure and have fire-proof vault room enough; the town will grow during the next five and twenty years, and buildings don't grow to keep up with the growing town. Plan for the future and go ahead; we will fall in and catch up with the procession sometime.

Owing to the opening of the Exmoor club grounds Saturday afternoon and evening the proposed Temperance meeting has been postponed.

Mr. Vernon Cassard's family are in their cottage for the season and read the News every Friday evening after dinner. They are at the golf grounds and will soon have a phone with all the modern conveniences.

Frank I. Ellis left his big and successful West Side drug store in Chicago Tuesday long enough to visit his home and some other friends in the Park. Frank has a warm place in the hearts of a good many people here.

The local gossips are going to be terribly disappointed unless there are half a dozen or so here very soon. They have talked the matter over and over till it is like threshing old beaten straw to go over it again and still the weddings tarry. It is too bad in you girls to do this.

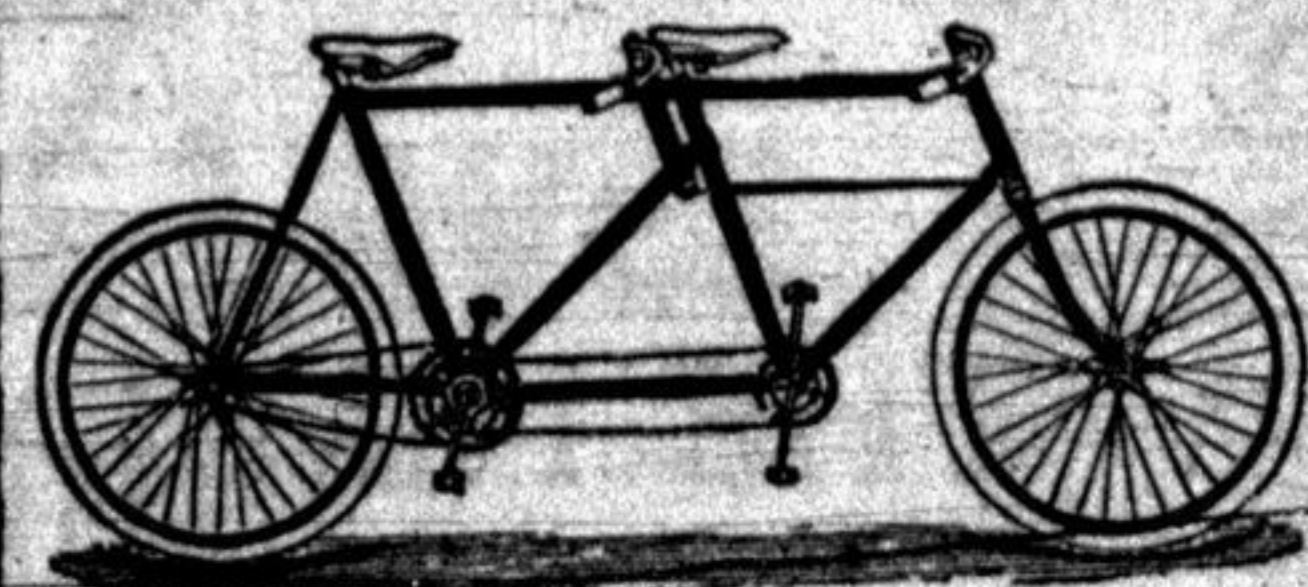
The suit brought by the city engineer against a man for tampering with the public hydrants, came on before Judge Hibbard Tuesday, when a change was taken to Judge Dooley, and a continuance granted till July 1st. We believe the defendant proposes to bring the matter before the city council for their interpretation of the ordinance.

The Baptist young people are putting more effort into their Sunday evening services, since the evening preaching services have been suspended. Last Sunday evening there was a full meeting and a service of much interest. We rejoice in this as a move in the right direction. Without interfering with any other evening service our young people should make that evening hour one of great practical utility in cultivating the Christian life among themselves and others this summer. It will involve some special work and pains on the part of the leaders, but it always pays to do good work well.

A recent trip out into the country as far as Northfield and Avon, where they have good bank gravel roads, suggested to us the wisdom of trying that gravel on some of our cross streets where there is little or no heavy teaming. Those country roads were well crowned first, good deep gutters opened on either side, and then the gravel put on, a good quantity the first year, a less quantity the second year and so on for two or three years, till they have a hard, compact road bed. For our streets we should recommend a three-foot deep tile drain through the centre of the street first. Try it on some of our streets.

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