

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. Mary Gillette is again very ill.

Mrs. John S. Bell is visiting her sister in Pittsburg, Pa.

Wirt Birch and wife spent Sunday with his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. L. Harvey.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter of Chicago visited Mrs. O. F. Bell on Wednesday.

Allan W. Clampitt and wife leave next week for a vacation among the lakes of Wisconsin.

Miss Anna Muller, who spent a month at Van Loan's, has returned to her home in Chicago.

Frank E. Woodruff will return with his family on Saturday after a visit to relatives at Hitt, Ill.

Mrs. Le Fevre and her granddaughter, Mrs. George W. Turner, left for an outing at Mackinac, Mich.

Work was begun Monday on the new city hall by Henry Gray with his team. He is scraping out for the foundation.

Charles E. Dingle, having rented his house to Alderman John Bolan, is selling his household furniture and preparing to move to Canada.

Charles Axel, who moved to Winnetka about 8 years ago and has risen to be a proficient architect in the meantime, spent Monday in hunting up old friends.

Miss May Welch left this week for Woodlawn, Ill., where she will pursue her studies in a convent. All Miss Welch's friends wish her a pleasant and successful stay.

Considerable excitement has been caused among owners of property along the route of the proposed electric railroad, by the renewed efforts of the company to get the road into practical shape.

A. W. Ellithorpe while driving toward Lake Forest with his wife was surprised by a bicyclist from behind who frightened his horse, causing the animal to run away, thus throwing out both occupants of the buggy. Mrs. Ellithorpe was rather badly injured.

As a result of the news of returning prosperity having reached the animal world, a number of chickens have been forcibly removed from their homes in various henneries in town. Several of these thieves have been captured and destroyed, but according to the stories of people who have been frightened by skunks, coons and ghosts, there are several of the guilty ones at large.

The school opened here in a very prosperous—in the sense of over-

crowded—condition. In the primary grade Miss Obee is confronted with the problem of how to jam 52 students into 41 seats. Mrs. Morse's room also contains 50 pupils and Miss Finney, with 30, also expects 10 more as soon as the golf season closes. This makes a total of 142 pupils to be accommodated, an average of 47 pupils to each teacher. Of these 142, 23 come from outside the district, paying the sum of \$18 per month. It would not be any hardship to the taxpayers, but would be a vast aid to the teachers, if a new teacher could be hired for \$25 or \$30 per month to hear some of the recitations in the hall upstairs, where Miss Parkhurst taught before the addition was built. The \$18 per month from outside would help considerably in paying for the new teacher and the relief from the overcrowding would work great benefits to all concerned; there are plenty of desks to fit up the hallway for immediate use, and this plan would accommodate the pupils until the addition can be built next summer.

RAVINIA ITEMS.

Progress in boring the well has come to an abrupt end on account of a part of the pumping apparatus becoming lodged in the hole about 150 feet down.

The monthly meeting of the Ravinia Improvement Society will be held next Monday evening, at the usual hour. An interesting program is promised by the committee in charge.

The formal opening exercises of the new school will occur Saturday afternoon. A special program is being prepared and another committee is securing refreshments. A full report will be given next week.

Numerous fires have been started along the line of the railroad by sparks dropping in the grass and dry rubbish. A quantity of sidewalk and fencing was threatened and several houses and barns were endangered.

James Hesler is building a new house over on the west side of town near his father's place. James might build it to rent, for sale, or as a speculation, but he is not. He is expecting to get married before long and of course wants a place to keep his wife.

The jubilee anniversary of the German Evangelical Lutheran church was celebrated last Sunday. Special exercises were held which were enjoyed by a large audience. Special contributions were received and the proceeds were said to amount to over

\$250. This church has our congratulations and best wishes for another fifty years of prosperity and active usefulness in Christian work.

The Toronto Echo meeting held by the Epworth League last Tuesday evening was both novel and brief. Short extracts were given from addresses delivered at the convention, and songs popular among Christian young people were sung. A fair sized audience was present and all took hold heartily and helped the meeting on to success.

We hear they want a new bridge over the Aux Plaines near the medicinal spring, about a mile this side of Libertyville, at big expense. A. W. Fletcher of this city, or some of our experienced bridge builders, would put up a first-class bridge at that point and warrant for ten years for \$250. Now don't fool away the county's money. We know whereof we speak.

Our burg was treated the other evening to all the modern excitement caused by a bicycle collision. Misses Helen Russell and Rosebud Hill were riding a wheel slowly around a corner while a lady and gentleman coming from the other direction on a tandem had the right of way. Helen's wheel had no light on it, so the accident was the result of a little carelessness. The girls were thrown to the ground and received slight bruises and worse frights, while the wheel was badly wrecked. After this lesson, Helen will probably treat her wheel to a coat of illuminating paint which is highly recommended by W. R. Boerner.

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