

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Duff Udem left Tuesday, for Minnesota on a hunting trip.

Work on the city hall is being pushed in order to finish the building by Christmas.

Traffic is considerably obstructed this week by the new electric road, though no accidents have been reported.

Engineer Scott, who has lived in S. J. Breakwell's house down near the golf grounds, all summer, moved into Chicago at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning.

An extensive forest fire burned the woods north of the plank road and west of the slough last Friday. The efforts of the surrounding farmers however, confined it to the brush and it did not do any damage to the grass.

A wagon load of young people went out to Hiram Wheeler's on a hay rack, Wednesday evening. After an hour of corn husking, the parlor and kitchen were utilized for music and old fashioned games. After a country supper the party broke up at 12 o'clock. Among those present were, etc.

RAVINIA ITEMS.

The meeting opened with the usual opening exercises. Mr. J. C. Coe reported that the sidewalk on the church lot was finished for which a bill, amounting to \$2.50, was ordered paid. The cleaning of the sidewalks in winter, was provided for by authorizing the sidewalk committee to attend to the matter as needed. A committee was appointed to write the superintendent of the railroad asking for more fast trains in the morning going to the city.

The treasurer made his monthly report.

The following were appointed on the literary committee for the next meeting: Mrs. Agnes Leonard Hill, Mrs. O. G. Kellogg, and Percy Hill.

Griffin Baker, chairman of the literary committee, took charge of the program, which was as follows, viz.: Recitation, Beulah Lucas; Solo, Miss Minnie Streiber; Song by Four little girls, Song, Quartette; Recitation, Mrs. Green; Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Green.

W. L. McKenzie is moving into the Inman house, second floor.

W. C. McKenzie has commenced teaching in the night school in Chicago.

The man who declared he would not smoke again till the Luetgert jury rendered a verdict begins to feel "awful sick."

A YANKEE NOTION.

For the benefit of out-west patrons of the high school we suggest the down east way of doing things in the rural districts where the pupils are somewhat scattered. They have an old horse and two or three-seated express wagon fitted up for this special service in the care of one of the good and responsible boys, that goes along the main thoroughfare and picks up the pupils, who all come out onto the main road. Of course some of them have a little distance to walk. But gathering at regular points at fixed hours along this main road they are easily and quickly picked up and driven to school.

Of course every pupil is at his or her station on time, as the bus does not wait for Jane to comb her hair or for John to milk the old brindle cow before being ready. If they are late they get there the best way they can, and one or two experiences cures any tendency to tardiness on their part.

This scheme secures the presence of the pupils at school all the time, good and bad weather alike, and more than that, it gets them to school fresh and ready for study, not all jaded out by a three or four mile tramp. We presume the West Deerfielders have already lighted on this scheme; if not, we will inform them it did not originate in V—, but in Maine, whence George B. Cummings came, in the days of old lang syne. One thing which helped the enterprise along, no doubt, was the opportunity which it gave the pupils to chew gum on the way, a privilege which every Mainiac prizes very highly.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Frank McCaffrey was absent Wednesday, to attend the funeral of his cousin.

Mr. Gail, brother of Tom Gail of the third year class, took pictures of the school last Tuesday.

John Schumacher of Michigan, nephew of Druggist Schumacher, entered school last Thursday.

Miss Margaret Middleton of the Hyde Park high school, a cousin of Miss Clark, visited our school last Monday.

It is reported that R. W. Patton has purchased the Mersereau lot and corner and will at once erect a commodious barn on the rear of the lot, throwing a bridge across the ravine and have his coachman and gardener live in the cottage—a very fine plan.

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