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DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

On Thanksgiving morn the whole of Highwood was startled by the announcement that Harry S. Cooper, the baker had been found dead in a vacant lot just opposite his home. While the report may seem incredible, it was nevertheless true. On the night before Mr. Cooper had been apparently in the best of health and spirits and no shadow of his sudden death seemed upon him. He went to the post office to get his mail at half past seven and from there he went to the drug store and bought 20 cents worth of carbolic acid which, he said, he regularly used to clean his harness. After attending to his regular duties around the premises he went to bed. It is supposed that he arose some time in the night and in a sudden fit of despondancy, went across the street to the vacant lot and swallowed the deadly acid. His disappearance was noticed late Wednesday evening by Mrs. Cooper who hunted for him till about 11 o'clock, but did not find him until this morning. Coroner Knight, being summoned from Waukegan, held an inquest and the jury brought in a verdict of suicide by taking carbolic acid.

Mr. Cooper was one of the prominent merchants of this place. Coming here about 2 years ago he bought out the Gerhardt bakery and restaurant and has continued the business ever since. Business depression is assigned as the cause of his despondency. The inability to meet the demands of creditors coupled with the necessity of doing all of his own work proved too severe a strain on his mind. He was a member of the local lodges of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias and carried \$7,000 life insurance.

We wont say that every intelligent lady has the Willcox & Gibbs machine, but we do assert that wherever you find a Willcox & Gibbs "Automatic" you find an intelligent lady.

THE SIXTH GRADE.

This grade in our public school, Miss Kostanzer teacher, had a little Thanksgiving entertainment Wednesday afternoon, the fifth grade came in to see what they would do next year. Little Miss Morris, a member of the class presided, and she did it with good sense and dignity, showing how well the pupils are trained to everything of that kind. There were recitations, pieces in concert by the whole school, songs by the school, songs by the school and in trios and one essay by Miss Chandler on how John Alden and Priscilla courted and married and it was good.

At the close, Miss Morris in a neat well-delivered speech, thanked everybody present and then called out President Everett, who made a capital speech, just pat on the occasion; he in turn called on the editor of the News, who related some of his school-day reminiscences and experiences. It was altogether a most delightful hour and a half we put in over there and we want to thank Miss Colgrove and her sixth graders for it.

As we left that room Miss Bowen took us into the second grade, where we saw some tricks excellently done, and three blindfolded little girls handle wood cubes, cones, prisms and a whole box of such things and call them all right off by name, a most valuable exercise, and that teacher has our devout thanks for her excellent work. After a look in on the fourth grade we saw the school file out in true military style, keeping step to the music.

James Burns, the sign painter, is building a new paint shop 18x41 feet on the Mooney lot, on the corner just north of Daniel Collins shop and the livery stable.

William Anderson, brother-in-law of Mr. Runey, the oil man, spent Thanksgiving day with him.

The Street Railway company are expecting two cars today, those which are to be used between this city and Highwood.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

School closed Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Brockway, of Ferry Hall and a cousin of Miss Keyes visited school Wednesday afternoon.

At the meeting of the Qui Vive society Friday afternoon, the following officers were elected: president, Ira M. Hole; vice president, Miss Nellie Palmer; Secretary, Miss Isabel Clark.

The president appointed the following committee to have charge of the literary programs: Frank McCaffrey, Miss Mildred Mihills and Miss Bessie Cheverton.

A committee on music was also appointed as follows: James Troxel, Miss Lottie Brand, Miss Bessie Cheverton, Charles Mason and James Loeb.

The society has chosen as its colors, cardinal and black. The membership is 35 and the objects, to assume responsibility of rhetorical exercises and to become acquainted with parliamentary practice.

The Modern Woodmen are to have a business meeting this evening, when several accepted candidates will be initiated. After this interesting ceremony has taken place the hall will be thrown open to relatives and friends, and the balance of the evening devoted to progressive euchre. Prizes will be awarded to the best and poorest players, ladies and gentlemen.

Rector Wolcott stated yesterday, that, in response to a call made Sunday last, material for some 35 Thanksgiving dinners had been distributed to needy families, a practical way of being thankful.

Mrs. Fritz Bahr, wife of the florist, who went to a hospital in Chicago last week for an operation, died Thursday, the 25th.

C. B. Eyer and family of Evanston, with Mrs. Daniel Eyer dined yesterday with his sister, Mrs. Smoot.

J. H. Shields visited his daughter in Hartford, Conn., a week ago and found good sleighing.