

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John Liske, died last Sunday.

Miss Belle Mowers will spend the latter part of the week at the home of Mrs. Westlake in South Evans-ton.

The time of rehearsal of the M. E. church choir has been fixed at Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock instead of Friday as heretofore.

Harry L. Harvey and wife have gone to Chicago for a ten days visit with friends and relatives. He may, however, stay all winter.

An open meeting of the I. O. G. T. was held Saturday evening. A fair attendance of members and outsiders enjoyed the evening. The speaking of the contestants in the declamation contest was very good, that of the Lake Bluff participants being especially noteworthy. All present report a very pleasant time.

The electric railroad is progressing as rapidly as possible with their wires. The company expect the car to arrive Monday and they will set it running next week. If this report turns out as expected, this is to warn the small boy to be on the watch for the first ride.

The regular meeting of the board of trustees occurred last Tuesday evening. After reading the minutes the current bills for salaries and street repairs were paid. The board adjourned after the discussion of more or less important matters. No business of note was transacted.

W. C. Barret gave an explanation of the graphophone to a few friends last Saturday evening. After light refreshments the members of the party examined the instrument and tested it by singing into it and then listening to their work. The effect upon the hearers is reported to have been most amusing. Mr. Barret intends soon to raffle off the instrument and is already disposing of tickets.

The first rehearsal of the Dramatic society, which will give the play "Dame Plunkett's Singing School" a week from Friday, shows promise of an excellent performance of the piece. All the available local talent is at work with a will to make the affair a grand success, both as a literary production and a financial venture. It deserves the support of the citizens of Highwood.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Evans had as guests to dinner Thanksgiving Messrs Frank Sheaben and E. M. Evans with their wives.

BATTLE BETWEEN SNAKES.

Anaconda and Boa Fight to a Finish and Nearly Kill a Woman.

A battle royal between two large snakes and an attempt on the part of the surviving reptile to count a woman among its victims were the cause of a great deal of excitement at New York the other afternoon, says the New York Journal.

The two snakes were a ten-foot anaconda and an 8½-foot cross between a python and a boa constrictor. They were put into a box together. Suddenly there was a commotion on the inside of the box that brought over Miss Madeline, to whom they belonged, in a hurry. She found the two snakes intertwined so that it was hard to tell which was which. The anaconda was making frantic efforts to get the boa's head into its wide-open jaws, and the boa, on the other hand, was contracting its muscles around the body of the enemy with strength born of despair.

Miss Madeline made a quick dive into the box through the glass lid, which had been broken in the melee, and seized the boa at the back of its head with one hand, while with the other she clutched the anaconda in the same spot. With all her might she began tugging away, but to no purpose. The snakes then wound themselves around her body. During the struggle one of the woman's hands slipped, and quick as a flash the boa turned and bit her hand, making a deep flesh wound.

Miss Madeline dropped the snakes then in a hurry. The anaconda twisted itself with renewed vigor around the boa's body, and with a spasmodic, sudden jerk finally succeeded in breaking its enemy's back. It was caught and put back into the box after much difficulty.

The Unknown South.

The international geographical congress in London a year ago declared that the greatest piece of geographical exploration remaining to be undertaken is that of the antarctic regions. Since then a number of small expeditions toward the south pole have been planned, but little has yet been accomplished, and Dr. Mill reminds English readers in Nature that, although 55 years have elapsed since Capt. Ross discovered the two giant volcanoes which he named Mounts Erebus and Terror, they have never again been seen, and no important additional facts have been learned about that mysterious part of the globe.

Suicide Is Hereditary.

An extraordinary instance of hereditary tendency to suicide was told by Prof. Brouardel in Paris lately. A farmer near Etampes hanged himself without apparent cause, leaving a family of seven sons and four daughters. Ten of the eleven subsequently followed the father's example, but not until they had married and begotten children, all of whom likewise hanged themselves. The only survivor is a son, who is now 68 years of age, and has passed safely beyond the family hanging age.

PASSING UP HIS ADVICE.

Queer Method of a Business Man Giving Charity to a Tramp.

Catching at the stranger's coat tail he murmured in a depreciating tone: "Could you give me a little assistance, sir?" The stranger turned and looked him over. His eyes were bloodshot, his clothes dirty, his whole appearance decidedly the worse for wear.

"What do you want?" was the reply to the tramp, reports the Chicago Chronicle.

"A job, after I get a square meal," said the tramp.

"What can you do?" asked the stranger.

"I can keep books, sell goods, drive a delivery wagon, compound prescriptions, set type and do farmwork."

The stranger scribbled a few words on a card, handed the tramp a dollar and said: "Take this card to this address and I think it will get you work. Take that dollar, get a bath, a shave, a hair cut, something to eat and a drink of whisky. That will brace you to meet my friend. So long."

"There's just one thing more," said the tramp. "How do you happen to give me just a dollar and all these directions with it?"

"Because I got a dollar from a man on this very corner about ten years ago," said the stranger, "just as you are getting it from me, and I'm passing up his advice and his money just for luck."

Queer Names.

A traveler who spent some time in the wilds of Texas says that he found families who named the children to indorse a sentiment after this peculiar fashion: "One Too Many Harry," or "Not Wanted James." It is to be hoped that the names did not embarrass their owners with more than one sense of superfluity. The negroes of the south, when left to their own methods of naming their progeny, strive for the most romantic and poetic or historic names they can find, and a good, long string of them, too. A colored girl in Laurens county, S. C., is named "Fair Rose Beauty Spot Temptation Touch Me Not." The youths struggling under the patronymics of "George Washington Henry Clay Benjamin Franklin Andrew Jackson" are so numerous as to excite no comment.

Coffee for America.

A Brazilian doctor who has been experimenting with coffee as a remedy for anemia says that he has brought about some remarkable cures. He requires his patients to drink weak coffee exclusively, also ordering them to take baths in a decoction of coffee.

Growth of Human Hairs.

Authorities differ as to the rate of growth of the human hair, and it is said to be very dissimilar in different individuals. The most usually accepted calculations gives 6½ inches per annum.

J. McGregor Adams went to Chicago Saturday last for the winter.