FRITZ BAHR,

formerly of the firm of Brown & Bahr, has succeeded the above-named firm and is fully prepared to furnish floral decorations of all kinds, fresh cut flowers, etc., at prices which cannot be beaten in Chicago.

A trip through his greenhouse will repay anyone many times, as a representative of the NEWS found. On entering, he noticed over 200 cyclamen in bloom, and was told that in 1896, when the greenhouses were built, he had 50 cyclamen and last year 1500, of which 1200 have been sold. It takes 18 months for them to bloom after they are planted. Mr. Bahr has 6000 planted for next season At the fall exhibition of the Horticultural society, held in Chicago, Nov. 10th., he was awarded second premium for his cyclamen and first premium for vases of pink chrysanthemums. Then we were shown two large beds of carnations, in which were about 2000 pink and 1000 white, a very pretty scene. He also has 3000 carnations in the propagating bench which he is raising for next year.

Mr. Bahr is making extensive preparations for the Easter trade and will surprise and delight lovers of flowers with the beauty and fragrance of his Easter lilies. He has 300 Easter lily plants which will be in bloom for that day; also a bench full of sweet peas, 500 hyacinths, and tulips in abundance; also a big patch of violets, fully 2000 plants. We were told it had been an unfavorable season for violets on account of the drouth, but that they would be in bloom for Easter. Mr. Bahr carries nothing but what is of the best. His sweet pea seeds are direct from California, and are the best to be had. At present he has an order for 50 pounds placed with a San Francisco firm.

Mr. Bahr is not a novice in the art of growing and caring for flowers. On the contrary he has made floriculture a life study. He not only understands how to grow and take care of plants, but he knows what to do to cure them when they are diseased; in fact he is to plants what a physician is to the human being, and each must understand his subject thoroughly to be successful and Mr. Bahr understands his and will be successful He served his time in Germany, where a person who can plant and grow six cabbage heads in a straight row is not called a landscape gardener. Since leaving Germany Mr. Bahr has operated and worked in some of the finest and largest greenhouses in the United States He has been in Highland Park for two years and those who have inspected his goods will heartily agree with the NEWS in what it says. When in want of anything in his line call and see him; he does not ask for your trade on account of being located in the Park, but because his goods are just as good, if not better, prices as fair, if not more so, than those of his competitors in Chicago.

He has leased the greenhouses for five years with the privilege of buying them within that time.

A NOTED TRIAL.

Some three or four years ago Mrs. Julia A. Butler bought of John O. Cummings half of lot 18, we think, in block 13, just west of Matthias Blattel's. A year ago last fall she started to erect a dwelling house, the contract being taken by Chicago parties, but never completed. A few months later she bargained with Raffen & Baker for lumber to complete the job; also with Henry Detmer to complete the mason work and to L. J. Rice for the unfinished carpenter work. For some reason she was dissatisfied and refused to pay these bills. Suits were finally brought before Judge Hibbard and a change taken to Judge Dooley, whom we heard try the case of Rice vs. Butler and decided against Mr. Rice; Raffen & Baker asked for a second change, which Mr Dooley refused. They then dismissed their cases and recently began anew before Judge Pettis of West Deerfield, and the trials came off in this city Tuesday afternoon and evening, without any jury. Attorney D. L. Zook appeared for Raffen and Baker and Henry Ditmer and B. W. Schumacher for "Julia" as he calls her. We did not hear the case but "Julia" can make a trial about as lively a circus as any litigant we ever saw and we are told she maintained her reputation for keeping the court and the spectators on the qui vive through both cases. Squire Schumacher has found them rather difficult cases to manage, as "Julia" will every now and then spoil his best points by some of her unexpected sllaes, for her resources of wit and repartee, bulls, etc., are unlimited. If she thinks a witness is prevaricating she uses no circumlocution, but the briefest terms in the language to inform him and the court of the opinion. In a word "Julia" in the court room is irresistible, no matter which side of the case you are on or where your sympathies are, you have to laugh.

Judge Pettis' decision was received last night, in favor of the plaintiff in both instances. We think every one, at all familiar with the cases, expected nothing else.

HIGHWOOD HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. W. C. Barrett is spending a few days with friends at Wheaton.

The oldest son of John Garrity was seriously ill the early part of this week.

Miss May Welch has returned after a two weeks vacation, to the academy of Our Lady, at Longwood, Chicago.

Vencil Muzik, formerly of the 15th Infantry, has returned on furlough from Arizona. Mr. Muzik is spending his three months following his discharge, with his brother-in-law, John Hickey.

Francis J. Webb, a student in Cumnock's school of oratory at Evanston, of which Mrs. Geo. W. Turner and Mrs. A. C. Jewell are alumnæ, visited friends last Friday at Mr. Frank C. Clark's.

A. P. Mosiman, wife and mother from Chicago moved last Saturday into the flat over Breakwell's corner store. Mr. Mosiman has the position of post plumber, along with W. R. Kenney of Highland Park.

The case of A. W. Fletcher vs. John Nolan scheduled for last Saturday, came off in the afternoon before Justice Cummings. After considering the evidence for both sides, Mr. Cummings took the case under advisement for a week, giving his decision next Saturday.

The Dancing Club held a meeting last Monday at the club house on Railway ave. It was decided to buy a piano, owing to the plethoric state of the treasury, and also re-engage the services of a dancing master. The club, though of small membership, is one of the most successful of the kind so far organized here. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 24th.

In accordance with the suggestion of one of our leading citizens we insert the following: Miss Jeanette Osborn, who has been spending a couple of weeks with her cousin, Mrs. F. C. Clark, returned to her home in Calumet, Mich., on Saturday last. Her departure has left an aching void in the heart of your Highwood correspondent — not to mention sundry other susceptible young gentlemen from Evanston and elsewhere.

The regular meeting of the board was held Tuesday evening in the new Village hall. After reading of the minutes and paying of the bills was disposed of a communication from the electric railroad co, was read, enclosing a check for $3000 payable to the village, to be used by them for re-graveling Waukegan avenue. A bronze eagle has been purchased to adorn the top of the tower and will soon be put into place.

RAVINIA ITEMS.

The society met on Monday evening, January 10, with J. J. Hesler, president, in the chair. Roll was called, prayer offered dy the chaplain and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. J. C. Coe reported for the sidewalk committee that there was some lumber on hand and more to be had, so that the walk on Judson avenue can be extended. The treasurer read his monthly and yearly reports, which were audited and found correct. The society has $6.10 on hand to commence the new year on. After much debate, oratory and argument the following officers were elected for the year: Pres. W. R. Boerner; Vice Pres. J. C. Coe; Secy. W. C. Willoughby; Treas. G. R. Boerner. Chaplain, Vernon Willoughby. Usher Rhoda McKenzie. The same committee on water and light was elected for the year to come. A brief program was rendered as follows: Reading on the progress of the Ravinia Improvement Society, by Mrs. J. J. Hesler; solo, O. G. Kellogg; song, Annie McKenzie. J. C. Coe moved that the paper on the society be presented to the Highland Park NEWS for publication. The appointment of the literary committee for the next meeting was left with the president and vice president. Each of the three retiring officers were given a hearty vote of thanks by the society for their past labors in behalf of the society. The society invited a "distinguished" speaker from the Park to address them tonight.

The next meeting of the society will be on the second Monday in February.

ABOUT TOWN.

F. M. Evans, the tax collector, says the tax books will be open Saturday morning.

Earl Alden, who travels for the Hallett & Davis piano company of Chicago, was in town Monday.

Paul McQuiston, formerly of the Park, is the leader of the new mandolin and banjo club of the University of Chicago.

Rev. J. W. Weddell of Philadelphia, and former pastor of the Baptist church in this city, has received a call to Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Egan had a quiet family gathering at Sunday dinner, it being the twentieth anniversaryy of their marriage.

A progressive whist party was held last night at the home of Mr. Herdklotz, in honor of Miss Anna, who has been here on a visit, and returns to Chicago tomorrow.

The Electric Light Company has been enlarging its buildings up at the plant, for it's new engine, boiler, etc. D. C. Purdy is putting on the corrugated iron roof and siding in his usual thorough manner.

"Elements of Strength in Church Life" will be the subject of Mr. Vines' sermon in the forenoon at the Baptist church, and "The Prodigal Son" in the evening. Miss Palmetier will sing a solo in the morning.

Miss Mary King, teacher of the third grade in the public school, returned last night from her home in Coldwater, Mich., where she had been since the holiday vacation on occount of the illness of her mother, whom she reports as much improved. She resumed her duties this morning.

Mrs. Florence Kelley, ex-factory inspector, gave an address yesterday afternoon in the Club house, on the "Consumer's League" as a remedy for the evils of the sweating system and slum life generally. It was a powerful lecture, intensely interesting, of which we shall speak more fully next week.

Alexander Robertson will now conduct the lumber and coal business of the former firm of Robertson & Nolan, they having dissolved partnership by mutual consent. Mr. Robertson is no stranger in Highland Park; on the contrary he is well and favorably known, he having been a contractor here for many years, until he engaged in the lumber and coal business. Any one buying a ton of coal of him can feel assured that he will get the quality he orders, and 2000 pounds to the ton. The NEWS and many friends wish Mr. Robertson much success.

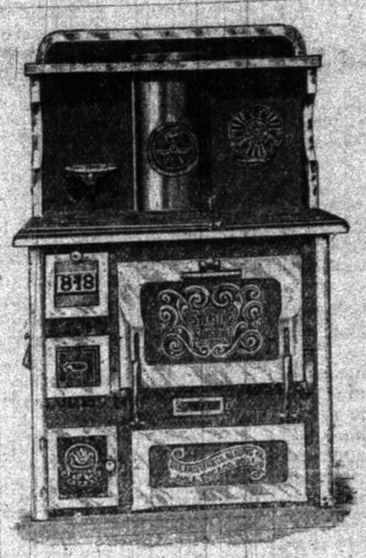
If you don't think the dancing party given by the Euchre Club Wednesday evening was the cutest thing of the kind that ever happened, just ask some of the participants what kind of a time they had. Postmaster and Mrs. Dooley led the grand march, Prior's orchestra furnished the music in their usual acceptable manner and about 35 or 40 couples took part. The club will probably arrange for another as soon as the members recover sufficiently to get along without crutches.

Dissolution Notice.

The partnership heretofore existing between Alexander Robertson and John Nolan, lumber and coal dealers, doing business as Robertson & Nolan, in the city of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, is this day by mutual agreement dissolved. All debts due said firm are collectable by and payable to Alexander Robertson, and to him alone. All debts and obligations against said firm are assumed by said Alexander Robertson, and by him agreed to be paid, and the business will be carried on by him in the future.

ALEXANDER ROBERTSON,
JOHN NOLAN.

Highland Park, Ill., Jan. 12, 1898.



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T D Hull
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S W James
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M Rogan
F Thorn
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