#### LOCAL ITEMS

Butterick patterns for sale at Miss Erskine's.

Rev. H. H. Thoren of Naperville was a pleasant caller among his many friends here Tuesday.

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The death rate in Waukegan is about 10 per thousand; the lowest of American cities.

Burglars are Laking a regular business of it in Racine and Waukegan; look out they will be here soon.

They operate in the day time too.

There is some talk of a wedding in the near future in high social life.

The seal of eternal secrecy has been put on our lips and pen, hinc illae lachrymae.

Don't forget the city council meets next Tuesday evening. No matters of transcendant importance so far as we know, but there will be enough to do.

Our city police force have new overcoats, the nubbiest one in town. They are in regular style throughout and will make them the terror of all evil doers.

We have a tabulated report of 34 American cities on muncipal electric lighting and the result seems to be in one word "don't." As it is now, we can kick at "Mac" all we like.

The many friends of W. W. Flinn will be sorry to learn that he is ill with typhoid fever at his home. Dr. Lynch is in attendance and he has the care of a trained nurse.

The Club ladies give a special entertainment tomorrow evening at the Club House, an Art affair with an address by George Twose. Mesdames Egan and Van Schaick will be hostesses.

Three years ago to night our 'Home Talent' dramatic club gave an entertainment in our new opera hause with cash receipts of \$177.16. Where is that club now, Messers Dunn, Green, Prior, et al?

Editor Stearns of the Waukegan-Sun has read Kaiser William a brief lecture on how to treat this country. We guess the Kaiser will look after his "p's and q's" now. Keep off the corns of American editors your majesty.

We have between the hours of 5 tan 10 o'clock P. M. no less than ten trains, and in all 23 daily out from Chicago and 21 into the city. Tha does very well for a suburban town

Lyman Abbott, unlike his great predecessor Henry Ward Beecher, has resigned as pastor of the Plymouth Church There was only one Ward Beecher, and now the problem is, will Plymouth Church Survive.

In the great dearth of local news, owing to the Boston blizzard and the Spanish-American treaty, we will say that C. C. Cheney has built an addition to his coal and wood shed, which together with the new roof on the Dr. Haskin house, gave a temporary boom to the building trade.

The North Shore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Highland Park, did not forget with its thankful offerings on November 24th, the convalescing soldiers at Fort Sheridan, sending the men generous supplies of oysters, clams, crackers, oranges, grapes, apples, wine jelly, and cake.

New England generally had a sou' east blizzard last Sunday. A Boston deacon of a church whose morning congregations range from 800 to 1000, wrote us they had about 75 out last Sunday. No street cars, and he had a delightful time footing it some three miles through the blinding storm to church.

A franchise for twenty years has been granted the Fox Lake electric road from Lake Bluff west, through Libertyville. The projectors of the road promise to have the tracks laid and cars running by June 1, 1899, if not too much delayed by the matter of franchise. But as all the towns want it, it will go through now.

The elegant home of the Towners' just east of Henry C. Streets is going up rapidly, or was till this vigorous young winter struck the town and shut down all such work. Alderman W. J. Ober and his men have put in the foundation walls of solid stone and the brick were arriving in large quantities this week. The Towners, an ideal family, have an ideal site; will of course have an ideal home, in this ideal town, a happy combination which is not an every day occurance.

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