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Treachery of the Lake Ice. During the intensely cold weather Lake Michigan was frozen over as far as the eye could reach. The first ice formed was about two inches thick. This was broken by the motion of the waves, into blocks several feet square, and when the next freeze came these blocks were piled up on edge and frozen in this position making the expanse resemble a huge field of broken glass for a distance of perhaps 200 yards from the shore line. Beyond this was a stretch of smooth ice, and then came the broken ice again. The fact that this mess was from one to three feet thick made it seem safe, and a number of people ventured out several miles from shore. A large section of the ice became detached last Sunday and a skating party from Lake Forest was carried out into the lake as well as some kodakers from Rogers Park. After spending a night of terror on the cracking ice and suffering intensely with the cold, they were rescued at day-break Monday morning. This is not the first mishap of the kind that has occurred. In fact, some of the people carried out in past years never came back.

While three or six inches of ice would ordinarily be perfectly safe on still water, the lake is an entirely

different proposition. Here we have a mass thousands of square yards in area and weighing countless tons. The motion of the waves on recession of the tide may leave this enormous weight unsupported, and a section is liable to become detached any time.

As a background to the wooded bluffs and regarded from the point of scenic beauty, Lake Michigan is almost without a flaw, but, made use of for skating, it is nothing more nor less than a treacherous death-trap.

The Approaching Elections. While the SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER will eschew any semblance of partisanship

on political questions, at the same time it has no intention of becoming a neutral non-entity. An effort will be made to give a clear statement of all the facts in connection with questions affecting North Shore municipalities, upon which our readers can form their own opinions and draw their own conclusions. In the coming spring elections the main point to be safe-guarded is to see that the municipal offices are filled by public-spirited men, who will look to the best interests of the community irrespective of personal gain or advancement. The North Shore towns are to a degree in a formative state and what may seem an insignificant move at this time may in reality be fraught with great importance in the future development. Care, therefore should be taken that only conscientious, conservative men are elected. The towns represented by the NEWS-LETTER will be in no imminent danger from malfeasance or official laxity so long as the present high standard of public-spirit is maintained. Eternal vigilance is the price of a well-governed municipality.

The Etymology of Plumber.

There is strong probability that as many as three people on the North Shore have gone into the hands of a plumber since the zero weather began. The paragraph to follow was written by Mr. Granville D. Hall, of Glencoe, nearly four years ago. Its appropriateness anent the present state of affairs

emphasizes the fact that history repeats itself: "The etymology of the word 'plumber' is very simple. It means one who gets plums. The original plumber was Little Jack Horner, who carried on his trade in a corner. Jack's example shows you must have a pudding before you can have a plum. The modern plumber is always supposed to have 'a pudding' every job. There is no satisfactory explanation of the way the 'b' got into the word, except that the universally recognized uprightness of the craft in the matter of their bills suggested that spelling."

Pencilled Paragraphs.

"The Old Flag and an appropriation" should now be the slogan along this Shore until Congress becomes interested in building a road to the Fort.

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And now it appears that the cowboy saddle is being adopted by the girls of the old Skokie tribe. Thus we note what rapid strides are being made in the advancement of the Indian woman.

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THE NEWS-LETTER has gathered several new towns under its wing. Just a touch of imperialism

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The classic burg of Ravinia is holding debates on the curfew law. By all means severe punishment should be meted out to children caught idling about the streets after 10 o'clock at night with the thermometer registering 20 degrees below zero.

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At a recent Glencoe masquerade, one young lady impersonated a baby. It is said that the proverbial crustiness of bachelors with regard to infants vanished like ice cream in an eighteen-year-old girl's mouth. By the time the evening had waned "the baby" was in a position to sympathize with Hobson.

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The Oldest Inhabitant, with his cold weather stories, is very diminutive tubers since the cold snap.

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