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Kenilworth Kenilworth is probably making a mistake in **Obstruction** refusing to come to an accomodation with the electric highway that has built to its borders on both sides and sought in vain permission to pass through its sacred precincts. No part of the earth is too sacred any more for the legitimate uses of the general public. The exclusiveness by which Dr. Francia long held Paraguay locked against the rest of the world, as if that country were his private and personal possession, and which for centuries shut out the rest of the world from China, has had to give way before more enlightened conceptions of the relations of communities to one another and of the rights of the world-wide public. The communities north of Kenilworth want a competing line to Chicago; they have a natural right to it that Kenilworth is bound in good fellowship and in morals to respect. No municipality has a right to refuse such a natural, reasonable, necessary use of its territory for the transit of a large section of the public as is now asked of Kenilworth. It is well understood that it is not a question of detail, of reasonable compensation, of any adjustment of differences in matters of this kind—but is a determination that Kenilworth

will not permit any such highway to pass through its territory. Such a position is not worthy of an enlightened community, owing the comity we all owe to one another in a public relation of this kind.

Sheridan Road and the Bicyclers. The Sheridan road has lost none of its popularity as a wheeling course this year, to judge from the long procession of bicyclers that come out from Chicago every Sunday as well as during the week. On a fine afternoon every variety of wheelman may be seen from the trim and proper individual, who sits bolt upright and tries to look dignified while pedaling along at the rate of four miles an hour, to the varicolored scorcher who flashes by with chin stretched out over the handle bars and legs going around like an electric fan. The latter young man finds the chief delight of the trip in looking at his cyclometer when he gets home.

Considering the recklessness with which many of the riders make the hills between Winnetka and Highland Park, the number of serious accidents is surprisingly small. The various "warning" signs placed at the top of hills appear to be regarded in the light of devices for improving the landscape. Yet on the whole the bicyclers are a very orderly contingent and usually show a disposition to comply with the regulations of the different North Shore towns. And the municipalities, on their part have come to no longer regard the wheelmen as an unmitigated nuisance as in days of yore. The wholesale fining of wheelmen for petty offenses no longer occurs. The city authorities have learned to regard the advertising value of the bicycle procession that daily winds its way in and out among our towns. Each wheelman is an eye-witness to the wonderful advantages of the North Shore as a residence district. It is safe to say that some of our most substantial residents were first imbued with a desire to own a home on the lake bluffs while making a bicycle trip over Sheridan Road. By all means the wheelmen should be treated with liberality. It will be a paying investment.

Close Schools The time is approaching, on the North **June First.** Shore at least, when the public schools will end the school year by the first of June. Cannot the various school boards in this district arrange matters so the year 1900 will see this change that is desired by almost everyone, in effect in all North Shore schools? A teacher of many years of experience in school work and one of the most competent public school instructors on the North Shore, said this week to a representative of the NEWS-LETTER that it was her belief that "the public schools should all close by June 1st, for no work is done in June to amount to anything by the pupils."

Probably nine out of every ten persons — teachers included — are opposed to the idea of compelling the children to attend school in the hot weather that invariably comes during June. If it is true that the pupils do not make satisfactory advancement in their studies in this month, what benefits do they receive? When Riley wrote

Oh! The old swimmin'-hole! In the long, lazy days,
When the hum-drum of school made so many run away.

he did not tell the whole truth as to the cause of the "run aways." The old "swimmin' hole" and the old red school house are fast becoming relics of by-gone days. How can the custom of keeping school in June also be relegated to the things that have been. Perhaps the school children by a little organized action can cause this reform to be accomplished. Would it not be well for them to make the attempt?

The Glencoe mosquito crop, as far as returns have been received, breaks the record. The oldest inhabitant has nothing to say. In the language of Alfred Austin, or some other "poet lariat:"

The ardent South's warm breath now awakes
to hungry life
The pesky, bloody-minded little shylock of
this shore:
Who calls each summer evening, with his
keenly-whetted knife,
And exacts from each, reluctant, his tribute
of our gore.

There is a scent of orange blossom
in the Glencoe air. It seems to be
wafted from the west side.