

The NEWS-LETTER understands the poor folks of Waukegan say, the assessed valuation of that town is all "rot," while the rich folks say it is all "o.k." Thus the events of life hasten on the millennium.

Alderman Obee returned Sunday from his two weeks' vacation to St Paul and Minneapolis. He did not, as so many do, put in his time fishing, hunting and sight seeing. He carefully inspected the streets and sidewalk and investigated their methods and materials. In like manner he inspected their water-works, interviewed the water-works officials, so as to learn all he could for the benefit of Highland Park. That strikes everybody as a most sensible way for a public official to put in his vacation and all shall look for good results.

Miss Scott of New York, one of the summer boarders at Ravinook, had a guest the other day at lunch, in the person of little Miss Madeline the daughter of our Prospect avenue neighbor, J. W. Wakem. She was dressed in spotless white and her auburn curls and sparkling eyes made her very attractive. The chair for her at the table was a little low, but she declined a proffered dictionary, not caring to be elevated in that manner. She wanted her meat cut, then helped herself as skillfully as an older person. She talked real learnedly of the flowers on the table as well as those she saw in the yard. Admired the ravines, as they had lots of "jumping off" places; liked all of 'Hibbard's place,' enquired for "Yoe's boy" (Mr. E. N. Scott) etc. When passed the sugar for her berries remarked that she liked "the sugar here" better than that at home (powdered) and when passed some cherries wanted five instead of three Miss Scott gave her, as they were "so good," and ere she left for home which she did reluctantly, she expressed a desire to "come again," which she shall do. Altogether she is the brightest and most entertaining child of her years— "five and a half," as she told us, we have seen for many a day. Her maturity is very marked and her quaint, piquant remarks a constant surprise.

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