

**Burned to the Ground.**

Between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock on Friday morning fire consumed the house of Mrs. Mary Latta, together with its contents. The origin of the fire could not be ascertained. The building, which is situated at the corner of Bloom and Clark streets, was a frame structure, quite old, and burned like tinder. The occupants, Professor and Mrs. Duchatine, had barely time to escape before the roof fell in, and none of their furniture, some of it recently purchased, was saved.

Mr. Duchatine is a professor of Latin and Greek in Chicago, and recently rented and moved from the city into the house in the hope that the change would benefit the health of Mrs. Duchatine, which of late years has been poor. The furniture moved from Chicago was insured, but the owner had neglected to insure quite a quantity, including a piano, purchased since coming to the Park. The building also was insured.

**The New Hotel.**

Wednesday ground was broken for the new \$150,000 hotel to be erected by Mr. Cushing on his tract of land on Port Clinton avenue. The main building will be 266 x 45 feet in dimensions with a wing 40 x 70 feet. It will have about 125 sleeping rooms, 50 bath rooms, a dining-hall which will seat 300 people, several private dining rooms, numerous parlors, observatories, etc. E. A. Mayo of Chicago is the architect. It is unnecessary to state that the building will be fitted with all modern improvements.

The tract of land on which the new hotel will stand comprises 13 acres of land in one of the choicest locations in Highland Park. Much money will be expended in beautifying the surroundings, building driveways, resorts and outbuildings. It is expected the building will be ready for occupancy on June 1, 1900.

**Acquire Big Plant.**

It may not be generally known that James H. Shields has, with R. W. Patton and his brother and the McCormacks purchased the Chicago Hardware company's plant at North Chicago and will soon take possession. Mr. Shields being the largest stockholder has been elected president and general manager of the concern. The company manufactures a fine line of goods which find a ready sale. Meantime Mr. Shields gives his per-

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sonal attention to the supervision of the construction of the Presbyterian manse.—Sun.

A well-attended card party was held by the Lady Maccabees on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Scott of Sheridan Road entertained at a reception on Thursday.

Mr. Frederick Fischer has sold the property described as lot 2 and east 50 feet of lot 3, in block 29, and southeasterly front on Belle place of 200 feet, to Mr. Charles Smith. Consideration, \$15,000.

Mr. Harry Mills is erecting a home on his lot at the corner of Green Bay road and Elm place.

Mr. F. P. Hawkins is putting in a new cement sidewalk on his St. Johns avenue frontage.

The local Royal Arcanumites, to the number of about twenty, headed by Regent L. O. Van Riper, attended a banquet of the Wilmette order at that place Monday evening. They report a pleasant evening.

Mr. L. S. Coffin, president of the Railroad Men's Home association, Wednesday visited the Home, and later went to Waukegan, where he paid the balance due on the Paige property, recently acquired by the Home.

Elmer, son of ex-Mayor Evans, met with a painful accident Thursday evening. Elmer had gone to North Chicago with his brother Arthur, who is night operator at the power house of the electric railway situated there. During the evening, while looking about the place the young man walked through a sort of alleyway between two switchboards, and what is technically called a breaker and is used to indicate the point of a break in a trolley wire along the line, flew out from one of the switchboards and struck him on the arm. The burns, while quite painful, are not serious.

Mr. O. H. Baum, conductor on the Mexican Central Railway, was a visitor at the Railroad Men's Home one day of this week.

Mr. A. Robertson has sold the westerly part of the lot, in the rear of his home, to the Electric railway. Price paid, \$400.

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