

at once before the days
 darker and darker for a good
 necessary for a good pic-
 Horne can make the photos
 can't make the sunshine.

THE PIANO CONTEST.

Our readers know that the
 public-spirited publisher
 Waukegan Sun, A. K.
 some months ago offered
 \$600 upright, seven and
 octave piano, made by
 & Sons, of New York, to
 external organization, lodge,
 society in Lake county, out-
 city of Waukegan, which
 turn in the most votes—at
 a vote—in subscriptions
 Sun or job work before De-
 1, 1900.

lodges, etc.; all over the
 took hold of it with a vim
 blisher Stearns had to put
 extra force of clerks to keep
 the new business thus se-

rivalry was sharp, and the
 more of contestants kept
 poses well in line for some
 when the North Chicago
 Highwood Odd Fellows began
 ahead, and they kept it
 couple of months, Highwood
 half a length and a full
 ahead. All at once, how-
 month or so ago North
 gave a sprint and went to
 more than a length and
 position for some time,
 Highwood seemed to slack-
 ed as though her "wind"

port. But those who thought
 neighbors were sleeping or
 on the oars having given
 the contest. They laid low,
 they did not sleep, they kept
 day and night till last Friday
 City Clerk Bradley took the
 in for Waukegan with his
 all of votes and going to the
 Polls" plunked into the
 us ballot box 3,732 votes,
 Highwood's total 6,983,
 North Chicago had 6,579,
 less than Highwood.

settled it, the piano be-
 to the Odd Fellows of
 ood and great was the joy
 over their success. Wed-
 morning a big dray was
 Waukegan and the piano
 home through the mud and
 ed in their hall ready for
 gers of a skilled musician
 Chicago at the evening gath-
 It needed no cards of in-
 n to call together the mem-
 the large lodge; it was the
 of their regular meeting.
 hers were invited, among
 were Mr. Stearns himself,
 Stephens, of Millburn, John
 arke, of Chicago, Judge
 rd, of Highland Park, and
 others.

ing the evening brief speech-
 e made by Messrs Stearns,
 ns, Hogan and Hibbard
 tulating the lodge on its
 in winning the piano. A
 ful banquet was served
 dancing to the music of
 ew instrument, was enjoyed
 who wished, and so the ev-
 assed, but we cannot lay
 ur pen without noting the
 rance and skill of Editor
 as he danced with the
 belles of Highwood. The
 was by Mr. Mullen and his
 t, of Chicago, while Messrs
 and Rhodes called the
 Altogether it was a very
 t occasion.

re you get the eight pages of
 ws-Letter this week.

You should read the new advertise-
 ments of Schneider & Cooke, J. A.
 Blomdahl, Mrs. Bohl, A. Victor, Mer-
 chants Advertising Co. and others
 in this week's News-Letter.

The "masons" gave a banquet at
 the Fay lodge rooms, Thursday eve-
 ning. It was secluded like all their
 doing, but undoubtedly all had a
 good time from all reports.

Fred Kuckenbaker, who owns a
 residence on Vine street, west of
 Sheridan road, sold the same to Mr.
 and Mrs. Parrott. Mr. Kuckenbak-
 er and family, some time ago, moved
 to northern Wisconsin.

Drop a postal or call phone 403
 and the Reliable Steam Laundry
 proprietors will send a man to ex-
 plain about the low prices of either
 rough dry work or the popular
 family list.

Fancy Stationery, for Xmas gifts, at
 Schumacher's.

There are three or four solicitors
 canvassing the town for Ellen M.
 Clough's plum pudding flour and
 other pastry products. We have used
 considerable of her goods and have
 found them choice and just as repre-
 sented.

The operating staff of the News-
 Letter office are indebted to Mr.
 Fred Schumacher, the druggist, for
 several boxes of his delicious choco-
 late creams of his own manufacture.
 We can testify to its quality as we
 claim to be experts on candies.
 Thanks, Mr. Schumacher, call again.

Don't buy stale candy for Xmas when
 you can leave an order with Fred Schu-
 macher and have it made up fresh for
 you.

When cold weather approaches
 with snow and sleet don't undergo
 the discomforts of having your
 laundry work done at home. Call
 up Reliable Steam Laundry, phone
 403 and have them do it at their
 popular prices.

Mrs. Fred Ettinger, nee Hill,
 of Fort Sheridan, now of Aurora, is
 spending a few days this week in the
 Park at her old home with Mrs. Hib-
 bard. She brought along her bright
 fourteen months' old son Merrill, to
 show her friends the kind of children
 they raise out in Aurora. She took
 occasion while here to call on some
 of her old friends at Highwood and
 the Fort. Her husband is in the ma-
 chine shops of the "Q" road.

By the courtesy of Belding
 Bros. Silk Co, the celebrated Japa-
 nese artist, Torazo Katow, will
 give lessons in embroidery in Mrs.
 Bohl's store for one week, com-
 mencing December 10th. Every
 lady should avail herself of this
 favorable opportunity. There is
 no doubt but every lady in the
 Park knows of him or his teaching
 in Mandel's and other large houses
 all this season.

Fred Schumacher has a fine assort-
 ment of perfumes for Xmas gifts.

The Vermont legislature, consist-
 ing of about 275 members all told
 was in session six weeks and passed
 one very important law, that of rais-
 ing the bounty on skunks from fifteen
 to thirty cents per scalp. The legis-
 lators had better look out now, for
 that doubled bounty will prove a
 great inducement to the Green moun-
 tainboys to go out gunning

EDITOR NEWS-LETTER:

We appreciate the kindly interest
 manifested by some writer in last
 week's issue of the News-Letter con-
 cerning the Northwestern Military
 Academy and the row of elm trees
 along St. John's avenue. When we
 came to this place twelve years ago
 last spring and bought the Highland
 Hall property, it had long been a
 landmark on this north shore, and
 the citizens of Highland Park looked
 upon it with no little just pride.

When six weeks after the organ-

izing of the military academy, the
 building was burned, it took with it
 many trees, much to the sorrow of
 the owner and the public. Very many
 of the citizens, as stated in the article
 of last week's issue, took a very keen
 interest in having the building re-
 built, and at the same time showed
 their sympathy for the writer in more
 substantial ways than simply words.

Though financially greatly embar-
 rassed by the fire, we tried to show
 our appreciation of the aid and sym-
 pathy extended to us by setting out
 the row of elm trees alluded to above.
 They needed and received a great
 deal of attention for several years in
 the way of mulching and watering,
 and as the result, all lived and
 thrived except one, which was de-
 stroyed by the tornado.

Now the serious question, to us, is
 what can be done to save these trees.
 The elm will not stand a dry soil.
 Nor is a clay soil at best a congenial
 home for it to thrive in. Neverthe-
 less, with proper care, it will main-
 tain a healthy condition in the soil of
 Highland park.

Will some of the readers of this
 paper, who perhaps know more about
 this matter than we do, kindly give
 us any suggestions as to what is the
 best to do, if indeed, anything can
 be done, to save these trees. We
 shall appreciate any suggestions of-
 fered.

H. P. DAVIDSON.

Stop at Schumacher's and see those
 little booklets, ranging from 5 to 50
 cents. Just right for mailing for Xmas
 gift.

The tobacco dealers of Des
 Moines, Iowa, are in trouble over
 the cigarette question. They have
 been selling cigarettes for some
 time without paying the state li-
 cense, which is \$300 per year.
 The American Tobacco Co. had
 thought all along that this state
 law requiring a license fee of \$300
 would be declared a violation of
 the inter-state commerce law. But
 the recent decision of the United
 States Supreme Court in the Ken-
 nessee case has changed their
 views and it is now thought that
 the Iowa law will be sustained.
 The tobacco company has there-
 fore now informed all dealers that
 they will not support them in any
 violation of the license law. This
 has resulted in the stopping of
 sales, as there is not, the dealers
 claim, sufficient profit to warrant
 them in paying the license fee.
 It is not impossible but that the
 dealers will have not only to pay
 the fee for the present quarter but
 also for the past two or three
 years, since during which they
 have sold contrary to law.

Leave your order now for Schu-
 macher's Chocolate Creams to be deliv-
 ered to you Xmas.

We Have just closed a contract for
 one year with the MERCANTILE AD-
 VERTISING COMPANY, of Chicago, to give
 our customers

FREE! ABSOLUTELY FREE!

The finest quality of Cut Glass,
 China, Silverware, Watches, Musical
 Instruments, Furniture, etc.

These Beautiful Presents

We give you to increase our trade,
 and it will give all our customers

A GREAT BENEFIT

So trade with us:

J. GOLDBERG,
 GENERAL MERCHANDISE

FRED W. SCHUMACHER,
 DRUGS AND MEDICINES

GIESER BROTHERS,
 MEAT MARKET.

MISS O'BRIEN & MRS. STROCK,
 MILLINERY AND DRESS MAKING.

MORAL—Trade only when you
 get **RED MERCANTILE CHECKS.**

THE LADIES' BAZAR

Ladies will find a large assortment of New Novelties for Christ-
 mas Gifts to Select from at very reasonable prices.

DON'T FORGET THE GUESSING CONTEST...

Japanese Baskets	30c	Patterns for Battenburg work,	Ladies' and Children's Hose,
Whisk Brooms	20c	size 6 to 54 in., 5c, 12c, 15c,	plain and fancy,
Picture Frames	50c and 25c	20c, 35c.	25c
Belts, Combs,	20c	Choice stock of Ladies' Linen	French Flannels,
Thimbles, Hair	02c	and Lace Handkerchiefs.	65c
Fancy Crepe P	in all shades	Lace Collars.	Soles for Slippers, 20c. up.
and best qual	08c	A large assortment of Embroid- ered Pillows, Fancy Bags and other articles too numerous to mention, especially desir- able for holiday presents from 25c up.	Fancy Ribbons, No. 40, per yard, 25c
Belding, Filo	presden and	Corsets and dainty Corset Cov- ers.	Ginghams,
Royal Emb	ry silks, in	Flannelettes, 8c to 12c.	6c
every shaft	cket Books,	Yarns, Germantown and Saxony, also Crochet Cottons, Knit- ting Needles and Crochet Needles.	McCall's Bazar Patterns, 10c and 15c.
Sleeve L	tuds, Fans,		McCall's Magazine is a delight to the ladies, 50c per year, with one pattern free.
Ribbons,	s, China		My prices are Chicago prices and stock new and up-to-date. Call and see before selecting your Christmas gifts. I know I can suit your wants.
Silks and	Ware.		A full line of Dressmakers' Sup- plies.
Stamped Lin	com 5c. up.		
Hemstitched	s in all sizes		
and all pri			
Battenburg,	on, Flemish		
and Dutch	ids, Linen Threads,		
Laces, etc.			

MRS. G. BOHL,
 McDonald's Block, - Telephone 302.

Our Lin stamped free. Guessing contest ends Jan. 1 at 8 p. m.

A. VICTOR, TAILOR, HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.

Cleaning, Repairing and Dyeing.
 Special Prices for This Season.

FOR LADIES.

I will make Tailor-
 made Jackets, your own
 material, from \$3.00 to
 \$5.00, any style desired.

Will make Skirts, all
 styles, at reasonable
 prices.

bind bottoms of Skirts, with
 velvet or Braid, at a low price.
 Also Dye or clean Ladies' Jack-
 ets, Skirts, Waists, Shawls, and
 Aprons for \$1.00 each.

Keep Trimmings on hand to ac-
 commodate our customers at
 wholesale prices.

Also make over Ladies' Jackets
 and all kinds of Clothing from
 old to new styles.

Keep cloth for Ladies' Jackets,
 to make to order, and Velvet
 collars and Linings of all kinds.

Put skirts to measure.

Put Jackets to measure.

Skin Jackets remodeled and
 recut to the latest styles, also
 Muffs and Collarettes made over
 as good as new.

Can have all kinds of Furrier
 work done at my place at a rea-
 sonable price.

FOR GENTLEMEN.

Will press pants
 for.....15c
 (Pressed while you wait.)

Will press Suits
 for.....50c

Will clean and press
 Suits for 75c. to \$1.00.

Scouring and Pressing
 Suits, Coats and
 Vests, Pants, Over-
 coats, at low prices.

Will dye and press
 Men's Suits for \$2.50;
 Coats and Vests \$1.75;
 Coats, \$1.25; Vests,
 50c; Pants, \$1.00;
 Light weight Over-
 coats, \$1.50; Heavy
 weight Overcoats, \$1.75 to \$2.00.

Coat Sleeve and Vest Lining, with my
 material for..... 50c
 each and upwards.

Put Seats in Pants for..... 50c

Overcoats turned and re-made equal
 to new.

We also keep Buttons and Binding.

WILL GUARANTEE ALL WORK FIRST-CLASS.

A. VICTOR,
 CENTRAL AVE., - HIGHLAND PARK, ILL.
 3 Doors West of NEWS-LETTER Office.