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**ALL TORN UP.**

Poor Waukegan is all "tore up" in more ways than one. Last Saturday evening, as the shades of night were falling fast, a gang of men from the electric railroad office went up to the "Bluff City" and began pulling up the brick pavement on west Washington street, where the company has one track and a franchise for a second. Some way the people heard of what was going on, and the police force went out and tried to "shoo" them off, but the electric folks did not "shoo," but kept right on pulling up the pavement and putting down the rails. Then some bright fellow rang in a fire alarm and out came the department full whiz, and not seeing any fire turned the hose on the electric boys, whom they mistook for a crowd of "unwashed." They soon had them washed down thoroughly, and the electric people jumped on their car and came home for a sip of Highwood cordial and some dry clothing.

Sunday another attempt was made to lay the track, but with slim success, and again Monday or Tuesday a third attempt was made, when the Waukeganites got out an injunction and now the matter goes to the courts.

As our local court recently decided one big railroad case right, Waukegan may call on the Park judiciary for help.

One word of advice to the rail-

road folks: The next time you go up there for a slick job like that, don't start so early in the evening. Wait till the venerable city fathers and the police are all taking the sleep of the righteous, and then go up near midnight and rail the town before daylight, as they are not given to early rising, nor do they sleep with one eye open.

The city fathers ought to give a medal to the brilliant fellow who thought of calling out the fire department. The city officials now sleep on their "billys" and guns, and the firemen do not undress nights or Sundays, while Superintendent Mauck and his enterprising boys go along as though nothing had happened.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

**GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**

On Friday of next week school will close for the holiday vacation, to reopen Monday, January 5. The children do not anticipate any trouble in occupying all the time of a two weeks' vacation.

The board of education has employed the firm of Pierce, Richardson & Neiles, designing engineers and architects, of Chicago, to make a thorough investigation of the ventilating system in use in the building and to recommend any modifications necessary to secure satisfactory results. An expert representing the firm spent two days this week exploring the vents and passage-ways for foul air and making anemometer tests of the volume of air at the various inlets and outlets. His formal report will be submitted to the board in a few days. When the grammar school building was erected, ten years ago, the Smead heating and ventilating system was put in and an elaborate equipment of vents, double walls, ducts, shafts and other passage-ways were provided for carrying off the foul air from the rooms. The two large chimney stacks were designed to carry off impure air as well as smoke, and into the base of each was built a hard coal furnace, in which a fire is kept burning every school day of the year. This is to insure an up-draft which is to exhaust the foul air. Experience seems to prove that the exhaust is quite insufficient for the needs of such a building. The closets, which open directly into the stacks, are perfectly ventilated, but various school rooms, which are not so directly connected, are frequently heavy with impure air. It is thus

necessary to flood the rooms from open windows at the recess and gymnastic periods. This at best affords only temporary relief. The matter of radically changing the heating and ventilating system is hardly to be considered by itself. The board has under consideration the pressing need of more school rooms. A standing committee is studying up plans for the future, both as to building and grounds. These plans as soon as matured will be submitted to the public for consideration and for a final decision. If more rooms should be added to the present building, it would be practicable to put in a splendid system like the one in use at the high school. If it should seem best to put up another building in some other part of the city, the ventilating problem at the present building could be considered by itself. Ultimately the public must decide this.

**ADDITIONAL LOCAL.**

Mrs. Charles Wilson, from the Pennoyer Sanitarium, at Kenosha, Wis., is stopping at the Ingleside over the holidays.

Remember this is the date for Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl's delightfully interesting and instructive stereopticon lecture on "Paris." It will be given in the township high school building and will be free to all. Those who fail to attend this lecture will miss a great treat.

At the benefit dance Wednesday evening, to raise funds for 12-year-old Louis Naethling to enable him to have his eyes treated, \$125.70 were received from all sources, the expenses amounted to \$25.95, leaving \$99.80 surplus. Those who assisted in this worthy enterprise have the sincere thanks of the recipient.

Miss Wadsworth's lecture on the genial and brilliant William Makepeace Thackeray, before the Woman's Club, Tuesday afternoon, was one of the most brilliant and captivating lectures heard in the city for a long time. There was a good attendance and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. After the lecture tea was served.

Mrs. John Snyder gave a "Dutch Dinner" to a party of friends, last Wednesday. Covers were laid for ten. Those present were Mrs. Ed Welch and Miss Mae Welch, of Lake Forest; Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Evans, of Winnetka; Mr. and Mrs. John S. Reesman, of Highland Park; Misses Nessie Meiner and Rachel Rudolph, of Winnetka. Everybody had such a good time that the "Dutch Dinner" bids fair to become popular this winter. Miss Mae Welch rendered some beautiful piano selections, assisted by Mr. Charles Snyder.