

HIGHLAND PARK AGAIN SUFFERS

THE SECOND BAD FIRE WITHIN A MONTH.

FRITZ BAHR'S RESIDENCE DESTROYED

The Family Narrowly Escape by Jumping From the Second Story Windows in Their Night Clothes—The Loss is About \$4,000 and Insurance \$1,500.

Last Monday morning Highland Park was visited by the fire fiend and Fritz Bahr's residence on Second street and Laurel avenue was in few minutes nothing but a mass of charred ruins.

At 6:15 the the citizens were awakened from their morning sleep by the shrill screeches of the siren at the power-house announcing that the hungry flames were devouring someone's home, and Fritz Bahr, the Highland Park florist, proved to be the victim.

Mr. Bahr had arisen at the usual hour and gone to the greenhouse, while his mother was preparing the breakfast, Mrs. Bahr being confined to her bed from the effects of running a nail through her foot. The fire was not discovered until the mother opened the door of the diningroom and found it a mass of flames. The screams of his wife and mother were heard by Mr. Bahr, who rushed upstairs where the family have their sleeping rooms, and by the time he had assisted Mrs. Bahr from the bed the flames had cut off all escape by the stairway. Opening a window he helped his wife and four children to safety.

Fire Marshal Bock and his men and apparatus were promptly on the scene and in a few minutes had the flames under control, but not until the building and contents were completely ruined. There was no time to save anything from the house, owing to the rapid progress made by the fire.

The fire is supposed to have been started by Fritz, jr., the 6-year-old son, playing before the open grate in the parlor. He had been left alone in the room, and came out in a short time, closing the door and going upstairs to his mother's room, but said nothing about what had happened downstairs.

There was \$1,000 insurance on the building and \$500 on the contents, but this amount does not cover

half the loss sustained, as the furnishings were all expensive. Besides Mr. Bahr's loss his mother is also a heavy loser. She came to live with him last summer after many years' residence in Paris, France, bringing five large trunks packed with fine linens and costly silverware, many of the articles being family heirlooms, and therefore priceless. These were almost all ruined, and were uninsured.

The financial loss is a rather severe one for Mr. Bahr just at this time, but will not prevent him from furnishing anyone with the finest of hot-house decorations.

Mr. Bahr will probably rebuild at one.

There was a case in Judge Watson's court, Wednesday, in which one of the attorneys got excited and rather challenged the judge to fine him for contempt of court. The judge told him he would do it, and then gave the limb of the law a brief lecture. By and by the attorney became cooled down and apologized.

Major Davidson is in Florida planting orange trees and pineapples, and his father, the colonel, is afraid the major will make a mistake some way, and so he will go down to see that all goes well. Seriously, the colonel's eyes are in bad shape and he must have rest and a change, and on the advice of his physician he, with his wife and Miss Davidson, will spend the latter part of the winter and early spring in Florida.

The Chicago, Waukegan & North Shore railway and the Chicago, Evanston & North Shore railway, through their representatives, are asking the Waukegan city fathers for a franchise to lay tracks through that city to establish a connecting link for the electric line between Chicago and Milwaukee. It is to be hoped that the franchise will be granted, as the people along the north shore are very much interested in having the line completed.

Arthur Purdy is to be congratulated on his exceptionally good target shooting this year at Camp Logan. Arthur has taken considerable pains to be at the range as often as convenient, therefore he has been able to carry off most every prize of consequence in his company. Mr. Purdy is a member of Company K, 1st Infantry, I. N. G., and is recognized as the finest shot in his company. For the first class he has won the "Rifleman," "Marksman," "Expert" and "Sharpshooter" medals, besides "National Guardsman," "Herman" and "Company" medals in other classes.

GLENCOE.

Frank Darling spent Sunday with his parents.

Misses Agnes and Bessie Day spent several days in Austin.

Miss May Murdow spent a portion of the week in Edgewater.

Miss Olive Swain is spending a week with friends in Dowagiac, Mich.

Mrs. John Fanning has returned home after an extended visit to Detroit.

Mrs. Wordford was in the village for a short time during the past week.

Ralph Wilber has returned from Klondike after an absence of three years.

Frank Halbeh and Jack Throckmorton are guests of Thomas Murdow over Sunday.

The Ladies Guild of the Congregational church netted nearly \$300 on their bazaar which was held in the Village Hall on December 5 and 6.

At the council meeting December 16, Gordon A. Ramsay was appointed councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of John A. Taylor in September. Morton Culver was appointed village attorney. A. G. Ligarr has recently been reappointed village collector to collect special assessments.

Saturday afternoon Geo. Ellis found in at out-shed near the golf clubhouse a man who was badly frozen. He was a large man and fairly well dressed. He was removed to the village hall where physicians were summoned, but their efforts to restore him were unsuccessful. He was then sent to the city, but died before reaching there. He had evidently been in the shed for several days, as all of his limbs were frozen solid. Papers found in his pocket indicated that he was from Fort Madison, Iowa.

A notable event of the past week was the marriage of Miss Dickinson to J. P. Brewster, a well-known citizen of Glencoe, Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Marc Darling at high noon, the bride being becomingly attired in rich silk with lace trimmings. The house was very prettily decorated with American Beauty roses, and the

numerous and beautiful gifts received gave testimony to their numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brewster left Glencoe, Wednesday afternoon for Cleveland, and from there they will go to Connecticut, returning in two weeks.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The kindergartners had their tree and lunch Thursday afternoon.

Friday evening the school lecture course will have as its speaker Mr. John L. Day, whose subject is "How to Succeed."

The pupils in the rooms of Mr. Hogge, Miss Baker and Miss Kuhn gave a Christmas cantata and tableaux Thursday evening.

Friday morning Mrs. Laughry's room had Santa Claus and his presents, and after the exercises the teachers and parents had a social lunch.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Local news matter will be found on every page of this week's News-Letter.

The old Dickinson restaurant room is soon to be occupied by McKinney & Weibel, the decorators.

Fritz Bahr and family have moved into the McDonald house on Second street and Laurel avenue.

Wanted—A competent cook for family of three; must have good references. Apply News-Letter office.

Lake Shore Lodge No. 558, K. of P., have their invitations out for the fifth annual ball to be given in the Odd Fellows hall, at Highwood, on the evening of December 31, New Years Eve. Great preparations are being made to insure this to be a grand success.

The Modern Woodmen of America will give a ball at Goldberg's opera house, New Years eve. This affair promises to be the event of the season, as the members are leaving nothing undone in their efforts to prepare a good time for their guests. Tickets 75 cents. All are invited.

We wish to publicly convey our thanks, through the columns of the News-Letter, to the firemen and the citizens who so kindly and willingly assisted us in trying to save our home home and in rescuing our family from the burning building.

MR. AND MRS. FRITZ BAHR.

Don't forget that the News-Letter job department is better equipped than ever before to do all kinds of printing, from a lady's calling card to a three-sheet poster.