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A fire broke out in the Highwood shoe store early Monday morning. The damage was slight.

Mr. Herbert Mead attended a theatre at Kenocha last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Anderson of Highwood, was hostess at a party last Saturday evening. Some prominent ladies of this place were present.

Mr. Lang of Chicago, was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Lee the past week.

Master Ellsworth Stoker gave a party to a number of his friends last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. Williams is still on the sick list.

Mr. Harry Stoker was in town this week.

A party will be given for Mr. Joe Stupey, this evening, March 2nd.

Mrs. P. W. Blanchard left for Cuba last week, where she will join her husband.

Master Ellsworth Miller met with a serious accident while plaving top at school last week. He received treatment at the Post Hospital and is doing nicely.

Mrs. Charles Brace is visiting Mrs. Brace's mother in Wisconsin.

Miss Olga Brown spent Sunday afternoon in Lake Forest.

Miss C. Wheeler from Anderson, Indiana, is vising her sister. Mrs. Restetler.

The Highwood Orchestra will play at the Evans on grand ball this month.

Mr. James Fawcett, the C. & N. W. station master, returned this week from Ohio.

There was a regular meeting of the city council last Tuesday evening. Only the routine business was transacted.

The Ladies Auxilary of the Highwood M. E. church, will give a New England Supper at the Masonic Hall in Highland Park, Saturday evening, March 2nd. Admission 25 cents;

The Ladies Auxilary met at the home of Mrs. C. E. Preston, Thursday afternoon. Miss Fox entained by playing the piano. A good time was reported by all.

### HIGHLAND PARK ITEMS

#### An Open Letter

DEAR MB. EDITOR;-It occurs to me that it might be a good plan to have a few of the young people, school boys and girls, of this city, know through the pages of the Highland Park News-LETTER. the opinions and feelings of an older person, on a matter of grave import. During the past month of February, we have celebrated the birthdays of two of our great American Statesmen. Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The point is this, these same school children both at the Grammar and High School have been afforded two holidays, on the 12th and 22nd. Did those carefree young things once think of the lives of those men whose birthdays they were keeping, did they once reflect that those men wore their lives away in service for their country. Probably not. They thought only of the joy of a holiday. When a child, one of supposedly good patriotic people, whose fathers fought and died for the

flag, greets the family at breakfast on the morning of the 12th, with the announcement. "No School To-day, Hurrah for Link," is it any wonder that the members of the city are shocked at the rising generation. The father of that child told me of it and said that whatever else was lacking in the public school of his boyhood, respect and patriotism were installed into the minds and hearts of the pupils.

Is it then to be wondered at, that when no more is said or done than to raise the flag given by the G. A. R. and closing the post-office, that the children lose sight of the patriotic significance of the day. It looks now as though, in a few years, even the flag would be forgotten. Before such a time comes, let school teachers and heads of institutions and clubs of all kinds, keep alive the spark which may slumber but which still lives in the heart of every true american boy or girl.

These are the hopes and ardeet wishes of an old and Patriotic Citizen.

Wednesday being the Centenial of the birth of Henry W. Longfellow, exercises were held at the High School. Mr. Kenneth K. King read a paper on "The Reasons for Longfellow's Popularity" and Mr. Arthur Steele gave a very good essay on "His Life and Works." Selections were given from "Evangeline" and from "Hiawatha." One in German from the latter by Mr. George E. Phillips, was very good. 'Paul Revere's Ride' was also recited and the High school chorus gave several of his poems which have been set to music. Miss foy Miller sang "The Day Is Done," most beautifully. The program was a great success.

On Saturday afternoon, the fire in Mr. Evan's house on West Central avenue, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson, though alarming did not prove serious. Mr. Loyd who happened to be near covered the can of gasoline which caused the fire and almost instantly smothered the frames. The accident was not due to carele sness as so many explosions. The cao, which never had held gasoline before, was open for some reason, when Mrs. Thompsom went into the cellar with a lighted match. Except for a severe scare, to the family, do damage was done,

Thursday afternoon the Osso'i Club met as usual. The subject of the afternoon was "Federation, what it means to the Individual," and Mrs. Francis Everett had charge of the day. A number of club women from other organizations were present. Mrs. Watkins, President of the State Federation, Mrs. Pearson of Wilmette, Vice President of this District, and Mrs. Peterson, Chairman of the National Federation, spoke of the different reforms and movements that have recently benefited by the Federation. Mrs. Frank Green and Mrs. Bastian were the representatives from the Highland Park Woman's Club. The Child Labor Bill. Pure Food Laws and others were mentioned in the course of the afternoon. Mrs. C. E. Andrews and Mrs. G. V. Dickinson were the hostesses of the afternoon.

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