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Garfield Lodge No. 569, F. & A. M. Stated meeting Friday Dec. 19, 7:30 p. m. Annual election of officers. R. S. Galar, Sec., E. M. Shanklin, W. M.]

Hammond Chapter No. 117, R. A. M. Regular stated meeting Wednesday, December 24, Mark Master degree. Visiting companions welcome.

Hammond Council No. 99 R. & S. M. Stated assembly, first Tuesday each month. J. W. Morthland, Recorder.

Hammond Commandery No. 41, K. T. Special meeting Monday, December 22, Red Cross work. Visiting Sir Knights welcome.

WATCH YOUR STEP.

The autoists aren't always to blame for running down people. Heedlessness on the part of pedestrians is the cause of much sorrow.

To see how true this is the very next time you are near a street corner watch closely how many people look up or down when crossing a street.

Some are so careless and oblivious of onrushing machines that it is a wonder that more accidents do not occur.

EXUBERANT VERBOSITY.

The medical profession is perennially accused of lack of clarity of expression in dealing with medical subjects. In the accusation there is a certain amount of justice, but the critics forget that many scientific subjects, especially those of a technical nature, cannot easily be dealt with in the language of the street.

Nevertheless, the charge that we are not clear and direct in our method of expression, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, makes us sad. That is, until we happen to get hold of a piece of composition written in legal phraseology. Then by comparison the most turbid of medical expressions become clear.

These facts are suggested by reading a charge made by a grand jury against a physician who had rendered a bill against the county for more than was due him. Briefly, the doctor had claimed to vaccinate twenty-seven more persons than he actually had vaccinated, and thus obtained from the county twenty-seven dollars which did not belong to him.

The misdemeanor was not an involved one but the grand jury stated it thus:

John Doe, on the fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, the county aforesaid, with force and arms did unlawfully, by using deceitful means, artful practices, defraud and cheat the County of — in the State of — out of the sum of \$27.

And as though this charge were not sufficiently overwhelming, the grand jury goes into details regarding this misdemeanor thus:

The said John Doe then and there represented to said Board of Commissioners that he vaccinated the above-named persons and the said board then and there paid the said John Doe one dollar each for the above-named persons, and said payment was made upon said representation, and said representation so made by the said Doe that he vaccinated the above-named persons was false, and made by the said Doe for the purpose of cheating and defrauding the said County of — and said Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of said county out of the sum of twenty-seven dollars, and because of said false representation said County of — was cheated and defrauded by the said John Doe out of said sum of money, contrary to the laws of said state, good order, peace and dignity thereof.

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RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

THE high cost of Christmas trees is also to be considered.

IF some of those Mexican combatants aren't careful Admiral Fletcher may Fletcherize 'em.

IT happens to be the irony of fate that the names of the luckless boss of Tammany and the Tenth district democratic chairman are the same. And they are having the same troubles.

THAT East Chicago bank that declared an 18 per cent dividend yesterday evidently isn't in much need of elastic currency legislation.

BOLD thief stole grip containing doctor's instruments in Gary. May want to pull off an appendicitis operation to get a little Christmas money.

OF course, you have ordered your supply of five dollar gold pieces, which you are going to pass around next Wednesday.

FIFTY million-dollar realty deal has been consummated in London. Notice any green about the Hon. Tim Englehart?

OWING TO THE STRINGENT TIMES THE COSTLINES OF DANCING PROCKS, PREVENTS ANY CHARITY BALLS FROM BEING HELD THIS SEASON.

THE facts as to the let up in business until the situation became known by word of mouth.

THE year just closed has been a Jonah year. It has been true to the '13 hoodoo. The dawn of a new year is at hand. Let us go into it hopefully and determined to make it the best year in American history.

A GOOD CHOICE.

In selecting Attorney W. F. Hodges for his cabinet Mayor-elect R. O. Johnson of Gary has chosen a man of high calibre. As city attorney Mr. Hodges should make a good showing. The selection should bring approval of the mayor-elect's course.

"I HAVE WENT."

Can you beat the small boy? One of the teachers in the small schools on the Canadian prairie was relating some of the difficulties she found in teaching the children to speak correctly.

One of her boys invariably said "I have went" for "I have gone. After repeated corrections there was no improvement, so she determined to make a final effort to impress it on his mind.

She told him to remain after the other children had gone home and to write out the words "I have gone" fifty times.

She left her charge busy at his task, and on her return she found the imposition carefully written out and placed on her desk with a note added underneath:—"I have done my task and I have went home."

COURT-MARTIALS FOR ALL OR NONE.

Surely the statement of Admiral Howard that the Order of the Carabao has sung "Damn, damn, damn the insurrectos" at the annual dinner for thirteen years should appeal to President Wilson. He is fond of 13, regarding it as his lucky number. He is always proud to be associated with it. For his administration there can hardly be insult or contumely in a song that has been roared out by convivial army or navy officers for exactly thirteen years.

If Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft saw no evil or opprobrium in the Philippine chorus, why should President Wilson take umbrage? No ridicule of the new administration could have been intended. It is painful to believe that Admiral Howard in Quartermaster-General Aleshire could join in a seditious chanty. If there are to be any court-martials the

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SEE that President Wilson has come out for government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines. This will give him more wires in 1914.

POTATO trust exists, says government attorney. It should be mashed at once.

EXPEDITION just returned to Washington has obtained the allegiance to the government of several thousand Indians. But up to the hour of going to press a lot of democratic Indians roaming about in the Lake county woods have failed to give allegiance to Tom Taggart.

THERE are now 1,200,000 automobiles in the U. S. And it is estimated that 15,000 lawyers own autos as the result of fees from drawing up mortgages for the other 1,185,000.

IF Mona Lisa has such an evil smile it is not to be wondered at that she runs away from home.

LONDON magazine editor speaks of beauties of the domestic touch. Guess he never experienced the sensations of a wife asking \$25 for a new hat.

SOCIETY formed to promote art in St. Louis. This should cause an improvement in the picture calendars handed out by the Anheuser-Busch people.

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1804—Thomas Jefferson and George Clinton unanimously chosen president and vice president of the United States.

1813—A force of British and Indians captured Fort Niagara.

1845—Many lives lost by the sinking of the steamboat Bellzane in the Mississippi.

1864—President Lincoln called for 300,000 volunteers.

1911—John Bigelow, a noted diplomat and author, died in New York city. Born in Malden, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1817.

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tical opponent on the floor of the House of Commons of being "intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity." A study of legal phraseology leads the layman to wonder if this is not a species of intoxication indulged in by those who are submerged in an otherwise dry subject. If so, a new field of investigation may be opened up. A study of the pathology of the verbal "jag" might throw some light on this obscure subject.

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