

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

TO HOLD WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Annual Reports and Reviews to be Features of Programs on New Year's Eve.

Watch night services will be held at a number of the churches of the city on New Year's eve. A number of interesting programs are being planned for the evening.

Annual reports from the various organizations of the churches will be an important feature of each meeting. At the Quincy Street Baptist church Rev. T. J. Parsons will deliver a sermon which will be followed by a church supper given by the ladies to the members and friends of the congregation. A reception with refreshments will be held during the evening and election of officers for the ensuing year will be made.

A review of the year will be given by the pastor and plans and arrangements made for the future. Rev. Parsons will talk on "Go-to-Church" day next Sunday and its purpose which is to draw the public to church the first Sunday of the year.

St. Paul's M. E. church will observe their New Year's meeting to-night in the form of a praise service. Dr. James L. Gardner, pastor of the church, will deliver a sermon and a number of testimonies will be given by members of the church.

Dr. Gardner will preach a New Year's sermon Sunday morning and in the evening he will talk on "God in Nature." The sermon will be accompanied with motion pictures on "The Niagara Falls." It will show the falls in winter and in summer which is considered to be the best picture of this wonder of nature that has ever been presented. A picture will also be presented of "Jerusalem and the Holy Land."

ELKHART W. C. T. U. GLADDENS ORPHANS

Delicacies Brought to Home by Women Who Come for Visit in Special Car.

Christmas came again yesterday at the Orphans' home. It came in the form of delicious jellies and jams, home made sandwiches and other delicacies. Motherless children, dependent in a measure upon others charitably inclined, were the guests Tuesday of a delegation of W. C. T. U. women from Elkhart. They came 91 strong bent upon providing the orphanage with all the treats from their own tables.

It was a day of rare entertainment for the boys and girls at the home. Likewise, it was a treat to the temperance people from the neighboring city. For most of them, they told the employees of the home who conducted them through the institution, it was a first visit.

The special car brought the delegation to the home. Immediately exercises were held in the chapel on the third floor. Boys and girls who accompanied their mothers from Elkhart participated in the exercises as did the orphans.

After the services, the provisions were unstocked, the scene changed to the dining room, and the boys and girls literally dived into the bountiful supply set before them. The W. C. T. U. women served the repast, they themselves dining with the employees after the children had eaten.

It made a glorious day for the boys and girls, and the Christmas aftermath was one of joyous rejoicing.

FRANK SZAMISKI PRONOUNCED INSANE

Examination Held in Justice Peak's Court Over Man Who Wears White Coat.

Frank Szamiski, 622 W. Tott st., alleged one time member of the notorious Lake Shore gang which operated for several years in and about South Bend, was found to be insane at a hearing held yesterday afternoon in Justice J. Elmer Peak's court. Szamiski's condition resulted from his imprisonment in Missouri state prison, where he served an extended sentence.

Szamiski has been wandering about the city for many months. He was not haled into court before, being considered harmless. He wore a long white automobile coat, a high imperial cap, and carried a cane roughly hewn out of hickory. Yesterday he was picked up by the police on a loitering charge, but queer remarks and his actions at the station resulted in the inquest.

Szamiski was a regular daily visitor in the courts of justice at the court house.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

Fourteen friends of Henry Fickenscher gathered at his home on the Edwardsburg road Tuesday night in honor of his 56th birthday. The affair was arranged by Mr. Fickenscher's daughters, Mrs. H. J. Longley and Mrs. W. C. Metzger. Supper was served following an evening spent with music and games.

Notre Dame News

Fifty children living in the vicinity of Notre Dame and attending the Sunday school class at the university chapel, were tendered a banquet at noon yesterday by the pastor of Sacred Heart church, Rev. John B. Scheier. The dinner was in charge of Brother Florian, who also had charge of the dinner given in honor of Rev. John Cavanaugh, president of the university, on his feast day by the faculty of the university. Both dinners were given in the college refectory. At noon today the senior class of St. Mary's academy will be the guests at a banquet, in the Brownson refectory, given in their honor.

Track practice in earnest will begin at Notre Dame this morning at 10 o'clock, under the direction of Track Coach Rockne. When school opens the freshman football squad will be put through the daily tests, in order to speed up the likely candidates for the varsity positions, and incidentally to pick up any good material that may come out. There were 76 men out last year and it is the opinion of the coach that the working squad this year may be near that number. Last year only 46 men finished the season. It is expected that at least 90 men will be out this year.

HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Two Hundred at Christian Endeavor Function.

The annual banquet of the Christian Endeavor society of the First Christian church was held last night in the dining rooms of the church with 200 present. Miss Inez Burns acted as toastmistress and toasts were made following the banquet by Miss Bernice O'Dell, Miss Anna Dale, Edwin Hunter, Harry Hoover and R. Beard. A toast was given to Miss O'Dell, who was the captain of the winning team of a membership contest held during the past two months which closed Monday evening.

TO SHOW MOVIES.

Children of St. Paul's church and Sunday school will be entertained with motion pictures tonight at the church. Four interesting films will be shown—"Coasting and Skiing in Sweden and in the Alps," "Twas the Night Before Christmas," "Wonders of Surgery," and "Santa Claus — A Boy and Girl."

OPERA SUCCESS ARTISTICALLY

Financially, However, First Series in City Leaves Much to be Desired.

Artistically South Bend's first opera series was a success, financially it left much to be desired. At the afternoon performance when Verdi's "Rigoletto" was rendered in a truly artistic manner, the audience filled but half the theater. Though the double program of the evening, "Cavalleria Rusticana," Mascagni, and "I Pagliacci," Leoncavallo, was much better attended, the patronage was not sufficient to assure financial success.

In spite of this fact, Messrs. MacHenry and Ingersoll are to be congratulated for bringing to the city an aggregation of singers so well deserving of the appreciation which was not slow in forthcoming from those who were fortunate enough to hear them. Nor did all the appreciation fall to the singers, for the orchestra, so ably directed by Giuseppe Agostini, was several times given an enthusiastic ovation. In the evening particularly was this true, when it rendered so brilliantly the "Intermezzo" from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

"I Pagliacci" Best.

If it is possible to say that one of the operas proved more popular than another that distinction must be given to "I Pagliacci," the last of the three. Its intensely dramatic roles were very ably handled by Manuel Salazar as Carlo, Angelo Antola as Tonio, Marie Kaestner as Nedda, Luciano Rossini as Harlequin, and Luigi Dalle Molle as Silvio. Sophie Charlebois was scheduled to take the part of Nedda, but owing to her illness, Miss Kaestner was substituted. She is a dramatic soprano of marked ability, whose beautiful voice was rendered more emotional, effective by excellent acting. The most decided hit of the piece, however, was made by Salazar in his remarkable rendition of the famous solo, "Vesti La Giuba." Though the program announced Giuseppe Agostini in this part, Agostini had been switched to the afternoon program in the part of Duca di Mantua, in which he was most favorably received. A similar exchange of parts was made by Antola and Alessandro Modesti, Modesti having appeared in the title role

Political Gossip

St. Joseph county republicans will be well represented at the republican state-wide love feast, to be held at Indianapolis, Thursday, according to South Bend men who plan leaving for the capital city Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. Al Silek, G. A. Elliott, A. G. Graham, John Yeagley, Floyd Jellison, John DeHaven and Claude Nicely have announced their intentions of joining the South Bend delegation.

On the democratic side of the fence, there is the Lafayette Jackson club banquet, scheduled for Thursday night, and expected to be attended by men of prominence in state circles. Gov. Ralston has notified the committee of his intentions and will arrive in Lafayette in the morning for several addresses. Sen. James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois will also be a speaker.

It was one each for county treasurership aspirants Tuesday, with the announcement that Ed Keller, 692 N. Xth Ave. at, and connected with the realty interests here, would be a democratic candidate subject to the primaries. And another republican possibility was broached in G. A. Elliott, South Bend attorney, and ex-county chairman of the G. O. P., who is harkening slightly at least to the approaches of his friends. This makes it five up for the republicans with three also up for the democrats.

SAMPLE STREET BOYS TO BUILD SKATING RINK

Fifty members of the Sample st. civic center attended the meeting of the organization held Tuesday night at the Portable school. The boys of the club decided to start work on the construction of a skating rink near the school today. The appointment of committees to handle the affairs of the community center was postponed until the next meeting of the club, which will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 6.

ASKS TAXES REFUNDED

On the grounds that they were doubly taxed on the same property by both the state tax commissioners and the township assessor, the Chicago, South Bend & Northern Indiana railway yesterday filed a petition with the county commissioners asking that the over amounts be returned. The street car company claims that it is entitled to \$306 in taxes which it said it paid before it discovered that it was being doubly taxed.

OFFICE BUILDING NEAR COMPLETION

Farmers Securities Building to be Ready for Occupancy About March 1.

The Farmers Securities Co. building at Main and Jefferson sts., which is nearing completion, will be open for office work about March 1. The building has 100 suites of rooms. The interior is finished in brick and terra cotta, in shades of red, buff and brown, worked out in a manner best suited to office and commercial purposes. The building has all the features known to the art of modern office building.

The building is equipped with three large modern electric elevators running the entire height of the building and planned to give adequate service at all times. The elevators will be located in the center of the building, readily accessible to both entrances, which are on either street. The corridors are light and wide and high and are enclosed in plate glass and marble trim.

The first floor of the building is so designed that it can be rented in large or small areas for stores or offices with basement privileges. The second floor is arranged so that it may be divided into rooms of almost any size suitable for either mercantile business or offices for individuals, firms or corporations. This floor is especially adapted for tenants requiring a large amount of continuous floor space. Besides elevator accommodations a wide and easy stairs built of marble leads from the corridor near the Main st. entrance to the second floor.

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senate, seems not to be developing the strength anticipated even by his friends. Either Sweeney or Lamson, it is asserted, would run way ahead of their ticket in Marshall county.

Regarding an opinion here to the effect candidates for any office could not file petitions outside a 60 day limit before the primary, the new primary is cited. Candidates for county offices, and for congress, representative and senator, are governed by this act in that regard, and petitions can not be filed before Jan. 7, but when it comes to candidates for United States senator, governor, etc., petitions are to be filed not less than 60 days before the primary.

New strength is reported sweeping the state, and supporters of Col. Harry S. of Indianapolis are jubilant. However, when an Indianapolis correspondent said things stranger than the withdrawal of James Watson from the race might happen, he said a mouthful, according to a state dispatch.

It seems the Hon. Jim is not so particular about the United States senatorship as it might appear. He would take it,—yes,—if there wasn't something better in sight. The dope seems to be that this senator affair is only a stepping stone and that James E. of Rushville has his eyes on a certain distant convention, to be held in Chicago, and that the fruits he expects to seek at that time deal directly with the republican presidential choice.

"Bank," shouts a South Bend republican, and bunk it may be, but "stranger things than the withdrawal of Watson from the race" are predicted, and what could be closer to the superlative in strangeness than an announcement to the effect the best was none too good for the alleged machinist of Indiana republicanism.

They had the Hon. Jim all hooked up with James P. Goodrich, and a statement to the effect the New forces and the McRays were on the best of terms. But such seems to be far from the case, with the tables turned and Watson and McRay working in conjunction, while Goodrich and New bang away on a harmonious party strain.

That Rep. Henry A. Barnhart's long expected declaration as to his political future will be sent to the newspapers before the end of the week, is the opinion of district powers. Laporte claims he will "leave the field open to Ralph Smith," while South Bend democrats see G. A. Farabaugh prominently on the horizon should Rep. Barnhart decide to leave politics. Many content he won't even harbor a thought against another race, and are strong in their contentions.

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FAMOUS POLO STAR WOUNDED IN BATTLE



CAPT. LESLIE ST. GEORGE CHEAPE.

Capt. Leslie St. George Cheape, a member of the British Polo team, which defeated the American four at Meadowbrook in 1914 in the last international match, has been wounded in the near east campaign, according to news dispatches.

Capt. Cheape was one of the most brilliant polo players ever seen in this country, and as a member of four successive British teams which challenged for the cup, made many friends in this country.

are so planned as to permit an indefinite range of rooms and suites. The construction of the building is absolutely fireproof. It is supported with steel columns surrounded by brick and tile. The floors are reinforced concrete and tile and rest upon steel girders which are also thoroughly fireproof. The floors of the offices will be covered with heavy linoleum.

Directors of the company are as follows: Albert Bernhard, Gayford H. Case, William A. Enzel, James A. Godshike, George E. Hug, Fred W. Keller, Phillip E. Kline, Noah C. Lehman, Charles S. Lontz, C. Fred Marker, Edward Sifer, Elmer Sover, L. C. Whitcomb, Harry H. Weiss, J. C. Paxton, Charles Weidner and James McGill.

The directors and stockholders will meet Saturday afternoon, Jan. 2, when officers for the year will be elected and other business of organization will be transacted.

After Christmas Reduction Sale

Handkerchiefs Soiled

Now selling at half prices.

Great reductions are now being made in every department, reductions at a wonderful saving. Many people wait anxiously for the after Xmas expected reductions, now is the time and we advise your early selections getting the best choice of the great bargains offered. We are anxious to clean up, before commencing our yearly inventory and have marked goods regardless of cost. Come in now and see them.

All Xmas Toys Reduced

Now selling at one-half price.

Great Clearance Sale of Furnishings for Men

Neckwear at 15c; 2 for 25c. These are slightly soiled from handling.

200 Men's Fancy Colored Percal Shirts, slightly soiled, at 39c each.

300 Men's Dress Shirts at 59c. Plain white materials, with pleated bosoms, all laundered; every shirt clean and perfect.

Men's Union Suits at 85c. Our regular \$1.25 values offered in heavy gray fleeced union suits.

Men's Winter Weight Hose 15c. In mixed colors and black with white feet. Now on sale at 15c; 2 pairs 25c.

Bath Robes for Men. Just a few left over from our Christmas Sales, offered at great reductions, all in one lot at \$2.48 each.

50 Extra Heavy Sweaters for Men \$1.98. Heavy weave, gray, with roll collars.

Boys' Clothing and Boys' Waists

Here you will make big profits by buying your Boy's Clothing for this and Next Winter. Many parents have bought 3 and 4 suits at these prices:

All \$2.98 and \$3.95 Boys' Winter Suits, including all suits with 2 pair of pants; reduced to \$2.00.

All \$3.00 Suits reduced to \$3.98.

Your Choice of Balance of Our Stock at \$5.00.

65 Boys' Overcoats, were \$7.95, reduced to \$5.

Boys' Waists and Separate Pants

Odd Pairs of Pants reduced from 50c to 39c.

Odd Pairs of Pants reduced from 75c to 50c.

Odd Pairs of Pants reduced from \$1 and \$1.50 to 89c.

Boys' Waists, wonderful New Line at 25c. Including blue chambray, black sateen and fancy striped gingham.

Robertson Bros. Co.

Our Greatest Clearance Sale of Coats, Suits, and Dresses

We told you it would be the greatest sale we ever held. Well, Monday and Tuesday were record-breakers and today bids fair to be another sales day it will be hard to beat. For Thursday and Friday's Selling: No garments on approval. No exchanges or credit given on merchandise during this Sale.

Suits The Balance of Our Entire Stock at \$5.00, \$10.00, and \$15.00

Sizes 14, 16, 18, 3 6to 47. Mostly Black, Navy and Brown.

At \$5.00 Handsome Broadcloth Suits, satin lined. Gabardine Suits, fur trimmed, satin lined. They sold regularly from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

At \$10.00 Handsome Velvet, Silk Combination, Broadcloth and Fancy Mixture Suits, \$19.75 to \$29.75 values.

At \$15.00 Beautiful Dress Suits, including many handsome Wooltex models, former prices \$29.75 to \$45.00.

Wonderful Coats

Splendid All Wool Coats, new belted effects, full flare skirts. Sold at \$10.00, for \$2.50.

300 Wonderful Coats, fine Broadcloths, Zibelines, Serges, all lined with guaranteed linings. Many splendid Auto Coats. Sold to \$18.50, at \$5.00.

Handsome Fur Trimmed Coats, made by the best makers in America. Sold to \$29.75. Reduction Sale, \$10.00 and \$15.00.

Dresses

Lot 1—Wool Dresses to \$12.50. Reduced to \$3.98.

Lot 2—Handsome Velvet and Combination Dresses. Reduced to \$10.00 and \$15.

Lot 3—37 Beautiful Evening Dresses. Reduced to \$15.00 and \$18.50.

Children's Winter Coats & Dresses

Your choice of any Garments at 25 per cent Reduction.

25% Reduction on All Furs

And they are priced at 30 per cent under Furriers' Prices today.

The Greatest Sale of House Dresses and Aprons is Now at Its Best

Cooks', Maids' and Service Aprons, extraordinary values, 25c, 39c and 50c.

Cover-Up Aprons, made like a dress, 4 styles of fine percales, at 50c and 59c.

Splendid House Dresses at 79c, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$2.50. A wonderful showing of the celebrated Dix House Dresses.

Every department is contributing to this clearance sale.

The Dress Goods Department offers some wonderful fabrics much reduced.

Seasonable Cloakings in much desired Plaids, regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 values, 54 inches wide. We offer at \$1.25 yard.

54 inch Diagonals, in plain colors of extra heavy weave. Cloakings that we usually sell at \$2.00 yard. This sale 98c yard.

Man Made Fur Fabrics

At remarkable prices. Fabrics that always will remain fashionable. You can buy now at a 50 per cent discount.

Black Fur Tex, \$4.50 value, Sale Price \$3.00 yd.

Clearance Sale of Underwear

Women's and Children's Soiled Underwear, \$1.25 values, 39c.

Women's Wool Drawers, mostly large sizes, \$1.25 values, 89c.

Women's Medium Weight Union Suits, \$1.00, \$1.25 garments, 75c and \$1.00.

Children's 3-4 Wool Union Suits, up to \$1.29 values, at 89c.

Children's Soiled Shirts and Drawers, now 25c. These are values that sold for 75c and 85c; 90 per cent wool.

Remember Our 11th Annual January White Sale Commences Monday, Jan. 3rd, 1916