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## SHOPPING ON FOR CHRISTMAS

Wise Ones Are Up and Doing to Avoid the Usual Rush.

## NEW VOGUE IN GIFTS

Merchants Have Entire Line of Holiday Goods; Windows Attractive and Trade Heavy.

The Christmas trade is on. Only ten more shopping days remain before the day which is so interesting to the children as well as the "grown up." This means that between now and that time to get off all those packages for friends and relatives at a distance there is only a short space and if your Christmas plans are every elaborate you will have to hustle. The entire portion of the Christmas goods are now on display at the various stores. The merchants have arranged their goods so that the stores are taking on the usual holiday appearance. The windows and counters remind one of Christmas and the shop talk is beginning to smack strongly of Yule time cheer and "Old Santy." The full tide of the holiday shopping will be on in earnest in another week so if one wishes to trade with comfort they had better do it now.

The prosperous times promise to bring satisfactory results to merchants this season as well as to purchasers. The crop of the farmers has been above the average and produces of all sorts is bringing good prices, so that the clink of the daddy dollar is heard in the land. There never was a time when the laboring man was paid better wages and the demand for men exceeds the supply, so that there is no reason for any one to be short of change this year.

The proprietor of one of the leading stores was asked, "What class of articles do the Christmas shoppers prefer?" "I do not know how it is at other places, but from what I have observed in my own store for the past few years leads me to believe that people are getting over the habit of buying useless bits-a-brac to give for Christmas presents. Useful articles of all kinds are coming into vogue for the holiday gifts, and from what I can learn they are giving better satisfaction both to the giver and the recipient."

## PHILIPPINE COMMISSIONER HERE

Dean C. Worcester, Who Was Appointed by President McKinley, is the Guest of H. M. Dicknell.

Dean C. Worcester, formerly a professor at Michigan university, who was appointed as one of the first commissioners to the Philippines by President McKinley, and who has served in that capacity for several years, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dicknell, with whom he is intimately acquainted. Mr. Worcester returned from the Philippines fifteen or twenty days ago and stopped off here on his way to Washington. Mr. Worcester first became interested in the great eastern archipelago when he went there several years ago as a representative of Michigan university on a scientific expedition.

## BARGE COLLIDES WITH BRIDGE.

Traffic Is Delayed and Damage to Both Bridge and Boat Is Considerable.

This morning the 400-foot steam barge, Western Star, loaded with coal for the P & P. coal dock at 53rd street, passed through the 92nd street bridge and then, in trying to make its dock, backed into the bridge through which it had just passed and damaged it to such an extent that it was impossible for heavy traffic to pass over it for a day or so. This will cause considerable inconvenience to the South Chicago City railway, the cars of which must go over the bridge to the barns and will necessitate the transfer at this point of all Hammond passengers bound for Chicago.

## COLDS AND BREATHING.

"If you'd only realize," said the physician, "that deep breathing is a perfectly successful substitute for an overcoat in an emergency, the chances are ten to one that you wouldn't have got chilled. About this time of the year colds are frequent because people get caught just as you did and can't think of any way to keep warm except running a race or getting up a brisk light with some one, which isn't always convenient. In such a case deep breathing is the best substitute for an overcoat there is."—Philadelphia Record.

## EAST CHICAGO IS ON EDGE

Forsyth Avenue Vacation Bone of Contention Between Neighbor Cities.

## HAMMOND FAVORS IT

Residents of Adjoining Town Bitterly Remonstrate Before Board of Public Works.

The vacation of Forsyth avenue is at present the bone of contention between Hammond and East Chicago, not only as represented by the private citizens, but between the officials of both cities. In the meantime the Michigan Central railroad and the other Gould roads that use the Gibson yards, are hovering around to watch which way the die will fall, as it means that Forsyth avenue shall or shall not be closed through the Gibson yards.

To the independent onlookers the question appears of vital interest to both cities, probably more so to East Chicago than to Hammond. To East Chicago the vacating of Forsyth avenue in the Gibson yards would mean the stifling of its growth in that direction.

At the meeting of the Hammond board of public works this morning remonstrances were heard against the measure and Mayor De Brie and Dr. A. G. Schlicker were present to speak for East Chicago and J. Floyd Irish and Attorney William Whinery were also present to represent remonstrators who live along the section of the road, which is to be closed. The Hammond board decided to set another day next Monday on which to hear further protests.

Hammond people, with the exception of a few property owners along Forsyth avenue, are in favor of giving the companies their desired right of way especially since the companies have agreed to pave Summer street to Forsyth avenue. That East Chicago is on edge regarding the matter may be judged from the following taken from the East Chicago Globe in its last week's issue:

"Hammond just now is on the verge of taking a step that will settle every bit of sentiment favoring amalgamation that ever existed in the city of East Chicago. Her officials in their barter with railroad officials almost ruined the main thoroughfare into this city from the south and now they propose to forever close the same street to public use.

"The act on the part of the Hammond officials is a rotten deal for which some day East Chicago will exact a severe penalty. It is a plain example of what Hammond would do in case the several cities in this region came under one government. East Chicago people are aware of this and until she has a sufficient population to make her neighbor 'stand by' there is little possibility of her amalgamation scheme being realized.

"It has been suggested that this city send a delegation before the Hammond board of public works and endeavor to secure our right. Failing here we may go to the courts and there make the fight before the bar of justice.

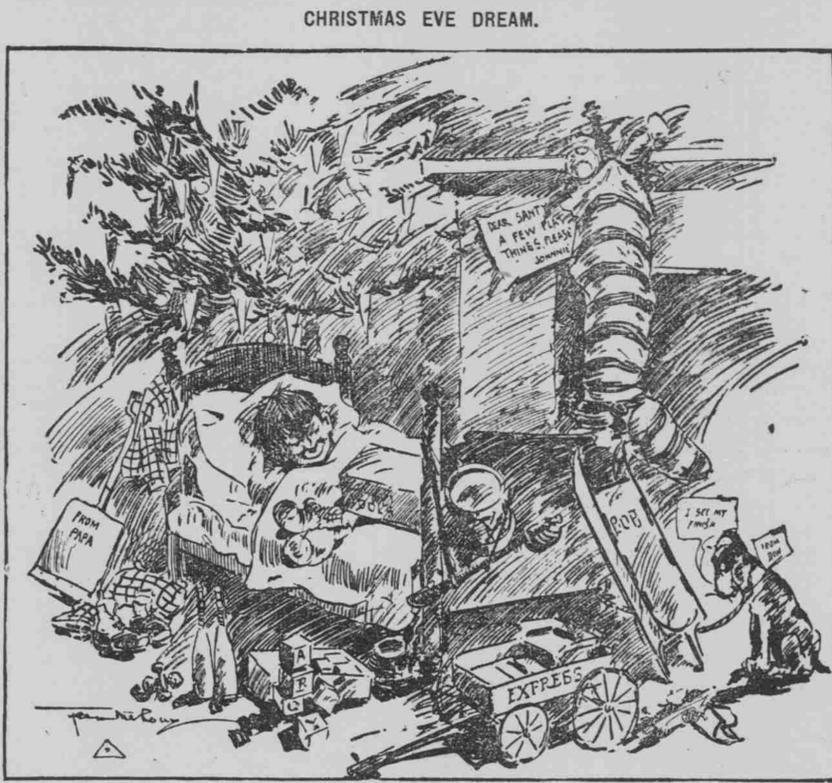
"East Chicago has been too lax in this matter in the past. It seems now that there is a possible chance which our people cannot afford to let go. The time is short and to accomplish anything means that a united effort must be made. It is said we have with us in the fight property holders in the district affected and the people in the country south of the railroads. The audacity of Hammond in trying to close an old paved street is a matter of discussion throughout Lake county and when it comes to the real legal battle there will be plenty of backing for East Chicago."

## A GREATER LAKE COUNTY TIMES.

The Lake County Times wishes to call attention to the fact that its issue today contains twelve pages, the added space being the only solution of the problem of taking care simultaneously of the news and the quantity of advertising matter that has been pouring into the Times business office. The Times might have sacrificed its readers by curtailing the amount of its news, but as The Times is a newspaper as well as an advertising medium it chooses rather to issue a larger paper.

The attention of the business men is directed to the fact that The Lake County Times today prints a greater amount of advertising than was ever put in single issue of any newspaper printed in Hammond since the town was first organized.

Read The Lake County Times for the latest Sporting News.



—Washington Star.

## THEY ALL WANT THEIR MONEY BACK

Insurance Men Pay Up When Threatened, But Will Sue the State.

(Special to Lake County Times).

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 12.—It developed today that the thirty-eight insurance companies that paid the old taxes dating back to ex-Auditor Rice's time paid this money under protest, and are preparing to bring suit to recover from the state the entire amount, about \$25,000 in all.

This amount the investigating committee found that Rice had never paid over to the state treasury and the auditor some months ago sent out a demand to the companies whose money the ex-auditor took, asking that payment be made. Few of the original forty-two companies responded with payment and it was not until Auditor Billhelmer threatened to revoke the licenses of the companies that payment was made, yesterday.

But in the payment, each of the companies entered a formal protest, signed by the company officials, and acknowledged by the treasurer and auditor of state. Each protest was made in triplicate, the company keeping one, the auditor one and the treasurer one.

W. L. Taylor, ex-attorney general of the state, who represented the companies, with several of the local representatives of the companies talked to the governor, yesterday afternoon and told him of the intention to fight the claim. It is understood that the governor made no comment with reference to the matter.

Mr. Taylor himself was free to say that the companies would bring suit. "There is no question in my mind that we can collect the interest part of the money," said Mr. Taylor, "and I think there is little question that the principle can be collected."

Mr. Taylor would not say how the suit would be brought, but it is supposed that it will be brought before the court of claims, which is the only court that could allow claims against the state—the only court, in fact that could take up the case at all. This court is composed of three superior judges of this county, and it is supposed that the suit will be filed before them within the week.

"For the origin of 'hand him a lemon' one must refer to records of the time when 'Knighthood was in Flower,'" said a Columbia college professor the other day. "In those days a knight's only access to the boudoir of his lady love was by means of a basket and a rope, with which every lover lass was provided. When for any reason the sutor was persona non grata the bottom of the basket was so fixed that the basket could be rid of its contents, at much discomfort and pain to the occupant, before the window casement was reached. These unfavorable receptions were later called 'giving him the basket.'"

"This practice spread so that baskets in miniature were kept on sale at stores, and were used by many to shoo off unsuitable suitors. Some original young lady changed to or substituted 'mitten for basket. Various other terms have been used for the same purpose since and now the one most in vogue is 'Hand him a lemon,' with a very wide application."

## CHRISTMAS EVE DREAM.

## DOES NOT GLOAT OVER UNINSURED BODIES.

The local lodge of Knights of the Modern Maccabees has been stirred from center to circumference by the imputation that was thrust upon it by the article printed in a local publication Monday congratulating the lodge on the timely death of Maurice Quinn and Frank Lawrence on the eve of their initiation to membership in the lodge.

The following letter has been received by The Lake County Times relative to the subject: Editor Lake County Times: Dear Sir:

You have seen fit to take exceptions to an article published in the Hammond Daily News under the caption "Lodge is Lucky," which in substance related how the Knights of the Modern Maccabees had saved \$5,000 because two young men had met with violent deaths after they had made application for membership, and were not entitled to any benefits for the reason that they had not joined the order. You then proceeded to call for a reply from the local lodge in the following manner: "It is now up to the Maccabees to officially confirm or disclaim the spirit in the matter that the publication in question has seen fit to thrust upon them."

An organization whose foundation is supposed to be laid in the peaceful brotherhood of man, in love, friendship and helpfulness and all that is good and noble, can scarcely be expected to father the imputation which this atrocity breathes.

"It is up to the Hammond Maccabees to set themselves right in this presumably false position in which they have been placed."

Now, my dear sir, if the editor of the News saw fit to make a story out of the commercial side of the question, and omit all reference to the fraternal side, it does not follow that it voices the sentiment of the local subordinate lodge for I am sure that not thought of it that light. The Knights of the Modern Maccabees is not a cold business corporation organized for profit. Its foundation is fraternity. Its superstructure protection, and it seeks to invite all who are morally and physically qualified under its laws.

We sincerely regret that the two young men were not protected, and although they leave no widows nor children, they are somebody's sons and our sympathy goes out to those who are left to mourn.

Such accidents as these are sad indeed, and let us hope that those who have neglected to provide some life protection for their dependents will take heed, and get a certificate of membership in one of the many good fraternal orders located here in your city.

With love to all and millice towards none, I humbly request that you publish this letter in your paper and oblige,

Yours respectfully,  
N. CROSSLAND,  
District Deputy Great Commander.



—Washington Star.

## OBSERVATIONS OF ARTIE.

I went to Chicago yesterday on important business and came home on the easy old time that is supposed to leave Chicago on the Lake Shore at 5:40. My engagement with that friend of mine lasted longer than usual and I had to run to catch the train. I was sweating to beat the band when I got into the depot and there my train was peacefully standing on the track. I got into a car and do you know the con must have been asleep there for it was twenty minutes before some one came out of it and started the engine. Well we ran along stopping more than we was starting until I had a notion to take a train going the other way in order to get home. At South Deering one of the brakemen got hungry and got off to eat his lunch while the train waited. The other side of Hezevich the engineer stopped the train so that he could light his pipe and just as we was pulling into Hammond the agent of the Union News company dropped a box of crackerjack off the car and the train was stopped so that he could get it. That's what they call suburban service.

## FIVE DEAD; FOUR INJURED AT ILLINOIS STEEL PLANT.

Gas Fumes From Broken Pipe Is Fatal to Five; Others are Injured—Dead to Morgue, Injured to Hospital.

The terrible toll of death is still being exacted almost daily at the Illinois Steel plant at South Chicago. Five more names were added Monday to the long list of workmen who have lost their lives in the plant of the Illinois Steel company in South Chicago, and four more laborers now lie in a serious condition in the company's hospital as a result of accidents two days ago.

Gas fumes from a broken pipe in the mills suffocated five men and caused one death, one man was struck and killed by a switch engine, one was burned to death, and two fell from the platforms on which they were working, one fracturing his skull and the other breaking his back.

The dead are: Witt, Edward, 8116 Houston avenue; crushed by steel flask.

Gashaski, T., overcome by gas fumes from a coke oven.

Budner, Joseph, 8559 Mackinac avenue; fell from a high platform surrounding a coke oven; back broken.

Dozioski, George, 8408 Exchange avenue; struck by switch engine in freight yards and mangled.

Ravoki, Michael, 8319 Ontario avenue; fell from a carrying crane in the rolling mill.

Those injured are: Moroz, Lucas, 8714 Houston avenue; Peters, Povlak, 8710 Houston avenue; Subsek, John, 8482 Mackinac avenue; Thomas, Rudolph, 8714 Houston avenue.

The injured men were removed to the company's hospital, where their friends besieged the physician in charge in search of information. The bodies of the dead men were removed to the morgue. At both places it was necessary to summon the police to prevent a riot.

## DIPHTHERIA BREAKS OUT.

Two Cases Reported and Epidemic is Threatened as Disease Prevails Throughout State.

Diphtheria, which is epidemic throughout the state, has broken out, two cases having been reported this morning. The cases are those of Miss Dolly Bell and Josephine Wasken, the latter of 68 Bibly street. Both patients are said to be very ill with the dread disease. As an epidemic is threatened residents of this town, especially those who are parents of young children, should be careful in looking after the general health of the latter, as they are more susceptible to the ailment than are the adults. It is possible to be attacked by the germs of the disease without serious effect, physicians say. If the general health is unimpaired and wholesome diet is recommended as a preventative.

Advertisements in the column of The Lake County Times today are of special benefit to all readers.

## "THRICE AS MUCH?" YES, SECOND HAND.

There is no use in loading a 12-inch gun to shoot a gnat. It is a habit with THE LAKE COUNTY TIMES to refuse to recognize opposition which does not exist. On Dec. 6 THE LAKE COUNTY TIMES paid telegraph tolls and correspondents' fees on a news story from Indianapolis. It gave it a single column modest display head. It was worth no more. Last night it came back under a double column scare in the "twice and thrice" contemporary.

We don't care to spring the deadly parallel as a rule, but in this case, as the advertiser of the substitute for coffee puts it, there's a reason:

(Lake County Times, Dec. 6.)

MUST MIND THEIR SHARPS AND FLATS.

Music Teachers Will Have to Brush Up if They Hope to Hold Jobs.

(Special to Lake County Times).

Indianapolis, Dec. 6.—Music teachers of the state will have to brush up a bit on their sharps and flats; they must be able to play the well known classics in ordinary and rag time; they must be able to show the intimate difference between staccato and legato, or they will get fired from their positions, if a bill that is being prepared for the consideration of the next general assembly is passed. This bill, providing for the appointment of a state superintendent of music, is being formulated by Representative Luther W. Knisley of Butler, DeKalb county. He will introduce it in the legislature.

In addition to this state superintendent of music, he is to appoint boards of county examiners, also. The state superintendent, acting with the county examiners are to prepare questions for the prospective teachers to answer before they will be permitted to teach.

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And incidentally, the manner of paying for these corps of examiners is of interest, too, and before the law is passed the property owners would better sequester their pianos and organs and violins in the safety deposit vault with their stocks and bonds. For the provision will be to tax every musical instrument of any size 25 cents a year. The instruments, or the owners thereof will pay the piper, therefore, according to the bill.

(Hammond Daily News, Dec. 11.)

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## DELAMAR COMPANY'S PLANT WILL SOON DO EXECUTION.

Concern Has Already Installed Its Machinery and Now Waits Only for Completion of a Few Details; Test Made Yesterday.

The Delmar Copper Refining company at Grassell which now goes under the name of the United States Metal Refining company, is so far completed that the machinery that has been installed for refining purposes is awaiting the switch of the electric button to set it in motion. A test was made yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and everything was found to be in fine working order, and it is the intention of the superintendent to turn the machinery on permanently within a day or two although for some time it will run at only half capacity. The principal work which will be done at the plant is the refining of metals, especially the more precious ones which come to it in bullion.

More than a hundred men will be employed at this work. In the meantime the construction work will continue and buildings will be erected until the original plans of the company are carried out.

## Annual Church Meeting.

(Special from Whitting.)

The annual meeting of the members of the Congregational church was held in the church parlors last evening. At 6 o'clock a New England dinner was served which consisted of baked beans, brown bread, cabbage salad, pickles, celery, creamed potatoes, mince, apple and pumpkin pies and coffee. After this, the business of the evening was transacted. By a unanimous vote it was decided to raise Rev. Artman's salary 10 per cent. Trustees elected were: Charles D. Davidson and John C. Hall. Organist, Mary Stoerlein. A music committee was also appointed which consists of Miss Nellie E. Wycoffe, Mrs. C. S. Gibson and Mr. Place. Reports were given of the business of the past year, and also a history of the different church clubs by the secretary and president of each. The reports show this to be one of the most successful years in the history of the church and all members are much pleased with the results.

## SIGNS OF BRAIN EXHAUSTION.

A doctor says that when a person begins to have doubts about the spelling of common words, to write an unreasonably small hand that shows a tendency to waver above and below a straight line, and to grasp the pen with unnecessary force, especially at the end of a long word, then that person is suffering from brain exhaustion and ought either to take a complete rest or else find work of an altogether new and different kind.

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