

OVER THE TEA CUPS

ENTERS BUSINESS COLLEGE.
Mr. and Mrs. George Drackett and son Edwin, of State Line street, went to Chicago today where they will enter their son in the Metropolitan Business college for the regular business course.

HAVE A DAUGHTER.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Hellmuth of near Highland, a daughter.

ENDS VISIT HERE.
Mrs. R. B. Dorman of Clarkdale, Miss., who has been visiting Mrs. Terry at her home in State Line street for the past few days, left for Valparaiso this morning, where she will visit relatives and friends. Mrs. Dorman will leave Valparaiso Friday for her home in Clarkdale.

RETURNS HOME.
Mrs. J. Kelly and daughter, Margaret, and son Edward, have returned to their home in Kankakee, Ill., after spending the past month with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nyhoff at their home in Ingraham avenue, West Hammond.

ATTEND PICNIC.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Dobson and children attended a picnic at Kindel's grove Sunday, given by a club of Chicago people.

CONCLUDES VISIT HERE.
Miss Ella Delahanty of Milwaukee, who has been the guest of Mrs. Pope of this city for several days has gone to Chicago to visit relatives there before returning home.

LEAVES FOR ARIZONA.
Mr. Witt of Sibley street, who has been employed as mining engineer in Indiana Harbor, has resigned his position there to accept a similar one in Arizona.

GIVE PEDRO PARTY.
The Ladies' society of the Locomotive Firemen and Engineers will give a Pedro party Wednesday afternoon of this week in the K. of P. hall to which the public is cordially invited. The games will begin promptly at 3 o'clock.

HAVE GUESTS FROM THE EAST.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coulter of Pittsburgh, Pa., are visiting Mr. Coulter's sister, Mrs. Schneider, at her home, 509 South Calumet avenue. They probably will remain in Hammond several weeks.

RESUMES WORK TODAY.
Mrs. William J. Johnson resumed her duties at Ruhstad's store this morning after a two weeks' vacation spent with relatives in and near Chicago.

ENTERTAINS SOCIETY.
Mrs. Mat Klein will entertain the members of Sewing Circle No. 1 at her home in West Hammond tomorrow. A pleasant time is anticipated by the members of which there will be a good attendance.

RETURN FROM TRIP.
Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Mott and family have returned to their home in South Hobman street after a pleasant trip in their machine to Kalamazoo, Mich., where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Menzies for a few days. On their return home they were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Albert Smith at their summer home at Pretty Lake, near Plymouth, Ind. and later visited in South Bend.

PRESBYTERIAN AID NOTICE.
The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the church parlors. It is the first meeting since the annual vacation of the society and it is desired that all members attend as business of importance will be transacted.

FERN LEAF CLUB MEETS.
Mrs. Clark will entertain the members of the Fern Leaf Linen Club Thursday afternoon at her home in Russell street. Cards will be the afternoon's entertainment and a very pleasant time is anticipated.

MRS. DAVIS TO ENTERTAIN.
The Up-to-Date Whist club will hold its next regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. L. Davis in Rimbach avenue. A very pleasant afternoon will be spent with cards and it is expected that all the members will attend.

STOP IN HAMMOND.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Daugherty of Crown Point stopped in Hammond on their way to Rensselaer where they will be the guests of relatives during the homecoming this week.

LEAVE FOR THE EAST.
Mrs. Mable White and Miss Inez Eaton expect to leave early next week for Union City, Pa., where they will be the guests of relatives of Mrs. White for several days. Miss Eaton will go to New York City and other Eastern points before returning home. They expect to be gone from Hammond about two weeks.

RETURN FROM THE WEST.
Mrs. Viola Smiley and daughter, Miss

Notes Of The Fire

Fully two thousand people watched the work of the firemen. The news spread as fast as the fire itself.

Everybody commented on the strong streams of water that were thrown into the building. Engineer Malo never had less than 145 pounds of pressure for two leads and at that was only feeding from four-inch main. At one time he raised the pressure to 300 pounds, and kept it there until the stream had broken down a wall. Once the nozzle broke away from five men and sounded the people standing near the federal building.

Albert Malo and William Schulte of station No. 1 were overcome with smoke and could barely make their way out of the burning building.

Chief Rimbach literally carried Mrs. John Russell from the burning building. She had gone back to rescue \$30 that she knew were in her husband's clothes. The money was not found until after the fire.

At one time the story was circulated that a child had been smothered in the flames. It was unfounded.

Aldermen, business men, lawyers and doctors worked side by side in rescuing the men under the walls. Drs. Graham, Oberlin, Schlicker and Fox were at the fire assisting wherever they could. George Sheerer, John Kuhlman, John McGarry, John Pascaly and William Newman and a score of others worked like Trojans even at a great risk to themselves.

The immense crowd seemed to expect something very startling and when the wall caved in the news was too shocking to be relished.

Emil Minas is the sole owner of the building that burned. He estimates his loss in the neighborhood of \$12,000. He says that he will rebuild. He also occupied the adjoining building to the east. This building is owned by Peter Meyn. The elevator shaft in it was gutted by the flames.

The woodshed of Mrs. Mary Jergens was destroyed by fire which spread from the Minas barn across the alley.

Three horses belonging to Minas were in the barn at the time. They were lead out by Ira Nelson, who suffered burned hand and face in doing so. Strangely enough the horses passed through a burning door.

It seems to be pretty well established that boys who started a little fire in a garbage box caused the big fire. One little boy told John Kuhlman about what a big fire the boys had in the alley, but that he did not have anything to do with it. Just then Mr. Kuhlman who was at the street saw the flames sweep over the building. He gave the first alarm to the fire department.

A cellar nozzle inserted between the roof and the ceiling would have done effective work yesterday, but none of the departments is equipped with this kind of a nozzle. The chief in the past, however, has made request for one.

The flats above the store were leased to John A. Keller of 284 Plummer avenue, who furnished them and rented them for light housekeeping.

Insurance men who were on the ground were well pleased with the way the department worked, and the water pressure as used.

large real estate interests. He is vice president of the Sullivan County bank, a director in the Mazon bank and a large stockholder in the First National and Milan bank. Mr. Blanchard has made his home in Missouri for many years and has a large and valuable acquaintance of friends. Miss Stamp has made Hammond her home for many years, being one of Hammond's successful teachers in the public schools. Her resignation as teacher of the eighth grade in the Central school was only received a short time ago and she will be greatly missed by the teachers and pupils of the school. Miss Stamp was also prominent in social circles in this city where she will be greatly missed.

Her many friends, however, extend their hearty congratulations and best wishes for a happy future. Miss Stamp spent a very pleasant vacation, first visiting Mr. and Mrs. McKnight, formerly of Hammond but now of Williamsport, Ind., for a few weeks after which she went to Missouri. She returned to Hammond a few weeks ago for a short visit after which she went to Milan, where the wedding took place. The announcement will come as a surprise to many Hammond people although it was known to the intimate friends of Miss Stamp after her visit here.

LICENSE GRANTED.
A marriage license was granted at Crown Point yesterday to Miss Mary Ribicki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ribicki of this city, to Mr. Nicholas Lauer.

SON IS CHURISTENED.
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nyhoff of Ingraham avenue was christened Sunday in All Saints' Catholic church in the presence of relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nyhoff. The services, which were held at 2 o'clock, were conducted by the Rev. Edward F. Barrett, pastor of the church. The child was called Joseph James Nyhoff by the sponsors, John Nyhoff of Gary and Miss Rohner of Chicago.

VISIT WHITING LODGE.
A very enthusiastic Owl meeting was held last evening, in which candidates were given the degree up to the queen's taste.

Visiting brothers from Hammond lodge were P. W. Roth and C. R. King. The gentlemen gave the lodge some good points and entered into the initiation ceremonies with a zeal that shows how they do it in Hammond. They extended to the members a cordial invitation to attend the Hammond lodge, which meets every Thursday

IS MUSICAL PRODIGY

Charles Bertram Visits His Father and Admirers in Hammond Today.

Little Charles Bertram, the 5-year-old son of John Bertram, who is employed as a tinner on the Hammond Elevator, was in Hammond today on a visit. He lives with his father at 196 Winchester avenue, Chicago, and is perhaps the youngest musician in the world. At the age of 5 years this boy plays the piano with a degree of proficiency astonishing to those who have heard him. His repertoire already contains some pieces that many older players would find difficult. Like Blind Tom, he needs but to hear a piece played over once to master it, and to memorize a piece of music on three or four



CHARLES BERTRAM.

pages seems an easy task for him. His hands are comparatively small for a child of 5, his middle finger measuring not quite two inches, but when he is playing it is remarkable what these small hands can accomplish. He has already made his appearance in public at entertainments and has played several times at the Cook county hospital for the entertainments given to the patients on Friday nights. His time is said to be perfect and his expression all that his small strength is equal to. He has composed some very pretty little marches and waltzes.

Among his staunchest admirers in Hammond is Dan Shuck.

evening in the old Masonic hall on State street.

The Whiting lodge has decided to move to the Eagles hall in the Fischrup building, and meet every Wednesday night. There is lots of business before the lodge and many candidates looking for degrees.

LEAD ALL OTHERS.
The Indiana Department, G. A. R., leads all of the other G. A. R. departments in the United States in membership gain in the last six months, according to a letter received by Colonel J. R. Feiler, of the Indiana department, from Charles G. Burton, of Kansas City, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

Many states with large departments showed a decided loss in membership. Among the states which recorded losses were Ohio and Massachusetts. The loss in Ohio amounted to several hundred members. The net gain in Indiana was 128, a greater net gain than was made by any other state department during the semi-annual period. The work of recruiting the membership to the highest possible mark begun under the administration of W. A. Ketcham, who, until recently, was department commander, has been carried out by Captain John D. Alexander since he has been at the head of the department. Captain Alexander is much pleased with the work of these connected with the department.

Indiana G. A. R. men are now beginning to get together on the proposition of how they shall vote in the national encampment, which begins at Toledo next Monday. It is understood that the Indiana department will try hard to make friends, and will guard against the enmity of any state department. The Indiana department expects help next year when it brings out W. A. Ketcham for commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.
The Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. C. Brown at 147 Douglas street tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

NOTICE.
Any person having bills against the late Oscar Mallett are requested to send same for settlement to George O. Mallett, 821 East State St. 27-6

LOCAL NEWS ON PAGE 7.

The Ginger Jar

We are about ready to hear of Judge Nicholson marrying a couple in a ballroom. Going up!

The opinion of our Crown Point correspondent coincides, with, that expressed by us last week which, although rather premature, was to the effect that it would be a pretty bunch of teachers that gathers for the institute this week. It merely goes to show the good taste of our Crown Point correspondent and incidentally our own good guess.

The kibosh has now been put on the dirty milk and also the blue milk. We all know what the verdict will be for the other kinds of milk.

Like the near drownings, a fire like yesterday's has a tendency to bring out a whole lot of heroes, and also some critics.

Oscar Hill is the David Harum of Hammond. There is one difference, however, for Oscar deals only in good horses.

People talk about working in a mint, but how would you like to work in the United States Metals Refining Company where they handle the goods in bullion.

"Skidoo" Murray is beginning to prepare the first dose of high school football dope.

The insurance men are now ready to write you out a policy, Mr. Paxton.

Since the last ginger jar was opened no new candidates have come into the mayoralty race. This leaves them all still in the lead.

Grassell Society Note—J. W. O'Brien in the absence of Mrs. O'Brien, will gladly take in anything that the neighbors may think he can eat.

A woman broke the mirror in a West Hammond saloon, which gives rise to the thought that she may not have liked the face she saw across the bar.

The Erie barn-depot is to be repainted. The Erie like the Monon, has always shown a tendency toward recklessness.

It is now generally understood that next to a racy divorce case, the trial of E. G. Bental will draw the largest crowd to the court room.

Mayor Dunsen has granted the straw a two weeks' reprieve. Hammond being so close to Chicago and in the absence of Mayor Becker's degree will get into the Chicago band-wagon.

Notice is served right here on the press agents for the rival Labor Day picnics that we are going to use our own judgment after as to the crowd that was present.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Dog Bites Grocery Boy.
Bill Schulte's boy, William, was badly injured while soliciting orders for groceries when a dog, at a residence on Sheffield avenue, jumped on him and buried his teeth in his hip. Dr. Howatt was called and dressed the wounds. The Schulte boy was employed in an Indiana avenue grocery store.

Ask Local Police for News.
The Chicago police called upon the Hammond department to identify a watch which a Chicago crook tried to pawn in a shop in the city. The local police took it for granted that it belonged to Sam Friedman, who is the only person who has lost a watch in Hammond recently, and reported it to the police.

Captain Bunde went to Chicago with Friedman was unable to identify the watch which he did not know the man who was held for attempting to pawn it.

The police then went through their records and found that Charles Segraves, an employee on the Chicago, Indiana & Southern railroad, had lost a watch in Chicago and had notified the Chicago police.

He left the number of the watch and it corresponded with the number which was on the case of the one the Chicago crook tried to pawn. Friedman was sent back to Hammond and Charles Segraves was notified to come to Chicago as soon as he gets in from his run and identify the watch.

If Segraves had notified the Hammond police at the time he notified the Chicago officers all of the trouble and delay would have been avoided. They would then have known that it was Segraves and not Friedman's watch which had not been recovered by the officers and it would have been an easy matter to have had the watch identified.

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