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### THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD IN HAMMOND.

This may be called the reconstruction period of Hammond. Every young city which has grown rapidly, as has Hammond, arrives at a period in its development when it is big, prosperous, overgrown and ugly.

Hammond at the present time is not a beautiful city. There are some attractive business blocks in the city but along side of them are several weather beaten, tumble down shacks, which detract from their appearance.

Before a business street is able to make a uniformly fine appearance the unprogressive property holders must catch up with the progressive ones or the property must get into strange hands.

That period has been reached in Hammond and the next year or two will witness a transformation in the business district that will make the city appear like a new municipality.

Perhaps the greatest development is promised for East State street. The owners of property there were slow to respond to the impetus given this street, when the federal building was located at the corner of State street and Oakley avenue, but they are at last alive to its possibilities.

E. C. Minas was the first merchant to pin his faith in State street. He not only invested thousands of dollars in a fine mercantile building but he had faith enough in the future of the street to locate his business there.

Now there is a real scramble to build on this street. Dr. T. E. Bell has torn out the ugly shop which has occupied his lot for so many years and will soon commence the erection of a fine theater building.

W. H. Gostlin is removing the old shanties from his property across from Minas' store and is building a store building with a theater in the rear. It is rumored that W. G. Paxton will build on fifty feet he owns on this street and Arthur Schutz has the material for a three-story mercantile establishment which will be built in the spring if business conditions continue to improve.

It will be seen that these improvements will transform this street into one of the most attractive thoroughfares in the city. But if State street is destined to improve, the new buildings that are contemplated for South Hohman street are just as remarkable.

It is understood that Anton Tapper is to build a three-story office building at the corner of Sibley and Hohman streets. In addition he is to tear out the fronts of all of the buildings between this corner and the South Shore Gas building and make them all of the same design. This will make half of this block look like one immense building.

Jacob Rimbach is planning to tear out the old wooden structure at the corner of Hohman and Rimbach avenue and build a continuation of the Lion store. These two improvements will make a wonderful change in the appearance of this street.

But the good work will not stop there. George Eder is to build on the east side of Hohman street, next to the school house property and J. J. Ruff, who owns the broken corner, will build there in the near future.

This will complete the work of improving South Hohman street and with the exception of the flat iron building at the corner of State and Hohman streets, and the Heinz block across the way, there will not be a wooden building on Hohman street between the Monon tracks and Muenich court.

When all of these improvements are made the people of Hammond will be able to go down town and point with pride to "our beautiful little city." And if this is not accomplished in the next year or two it will be the fault of the laggards.

West State street is apparently hopeless. Many of the property owners there seem to feel that a cottage with a false store front is as good as anything as long as a small investment will bring in a good income. But unless they keep up with the progress that is promised on East State and South Hohman streets they need not be surprised to find themselves out of the pale of the progressive business district in a few years, no matter how many advantages they may claim for their property now.

But Hammond is actually progressing and after the one lean year it seems to have withstood the panic remarkably well. When the other cities of the Calumet region boast of their future supremacy they had better look out for one another. It is going to be a great race.

### ARE THERE "MUSHROOM" EXPERTS?

While consumption is one of the most dreaded of all diseases, it is to be hoped that an alarmist view of the white plague does great injustice to its sufferers. If we go on the consumptive will be put in the same category as the leper. While it is very important that we should take every precaution against the spread of tuberculosis, we should not overlook the fact that we have had to endure the presence of the disease from time immemorial and it has never spread so alarmingly as it has during the past decade or since there has been so abnormal an agitation against it. It must be remembered that the United States is filling up with experts on every human ailment. Naturally we have more experts on tuberculosis than any other disease. The competition is extremely sharp and there is a good deal of notoriety-seeking. It may be possible that we are attaching too much importance to the theories of many of our mushroom experts.

### ABOUT THE NEED OF POLICEMEN.

In speaking of the needs of several Lake county cities in regard to police, a well known business man said the other day with a great degree of truth: "Every city wishes to add constantly to its police force but in no city of any respectable size can a citizen ever find a policeman when he wants one. I think the solution of the problem is to station men on regular routes as far as is possible. The theory of having a man always on the go is that he will run across a burglar now and then, but the wise burglar always waits for the policeman to pass before starting his job. Burglars are found in nine cases out of ten by citizens and if they then could find a policeman they might catch some of the prowling thieves. It doesn't take long to run a few blocks for a policeman or to get one by telephone, if he is where he can be reached by telephone. I believe if we kept policemen at or near regular points, provided with telephones, much of the difficulty might be remedied."

AND, ANYWAY, AT the ripe old age of ninety-seven, President Alexis of Hayti will have to allow that it is about time to rotate.

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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### A MODERN MARTYR.

Clara Litinsky, a native of southern Russia, born and bred a Jewess, killed herself because she believed her race was slipping away from its religious faith.

Strange thing to cause the suicide of a young girl!

But this girl had the religious conviction of a Deborah.

In the factory where she worked were many of her race, but they were indifferent to religious matters. They thought nothing of working on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, but this girl mourned in spirit because the Sabbath of patriarch, prophet and priest was thus desecrated.

That was the first great shock.

Religion had always been to her a matter of first consideration. In this country, it seemed to her, dollars came first. In her estimate faith outweighed material things. The religious indifference of her coreligionists weighed heavily on her spirit.

Mind you, this girl believed in her religion.

Perhaps no one will ever know of the secret tears shed by this poor maiden and the secret prayers she offered up—tears for her people, prayers that they might be held guiltless of their neglect of ancient usages.

Perhaps no one will ever know the sinking of her soul as she felt the very earth slipping beneath her.

And, to add to her suffering, there were the gibes and jokes of her companions, who were amused by poor Clara Litinsky's fidelity to the faith. The misery of it all broke her heart.

She yearned for the old home. The fare might be homely there, but at home religion was still a reality.

She did not have money enough to take her back to Russia—only enough to buy carbolic acid.

You do not understand it?

No. Perhaps the faith of your fathers, whatever it may have been, has been long discarded. You have settled down into habitual listlessness, a sort of practical agnosticism.

But—

In this Jewish maiden's soul materialism tried to strangle faith, and the struggle rent her spirit.

Oh, aye, there are martyrs nowadays!

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1787—Pennsylvania (the second state) ratified the federal constitution.
- 1804—Spain declared war against Great Britain.
- 1820—National republican party, at Baltimore, nominated Henry Clay for president.
- 1859—Lillian Nordica (Mme. Zoltan Doeme), prima donna, born in Farnborough, Me.
- 1870—J. H. Rainey of South Carolina, the first negro ever elected to the house of representatives, sworn in.
- 1878—New England celebrated the centennial of the "Boston Tea Party."
- 1889—Robert Browning English poet, died, Born May 7, 1812.
- 1898—Sir William Jenner, physician to Queen Victoria, died. Born, 1815.
- 1899—Major General Leonard Wood appointed military governor of Cuba.
- 1903—William I. Duhanan appointed United States minister to Panama.

### THIS IS MY 48TH BIRTHDAY.

Richard Yates, ex-governor of Illinois, was born in Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 12, 1860, the son of Richard Yates, who was governor of Illinois during the period of the civil war and later served his state for a number of years in the United States senate. The son graduated from Illinois college in 1882 and later studied law at the University of Michigan. In 1885 he was elected city attorney of Jacksonville and held that office for six years. In 1892 he was an unsuccessful candidate for congress. Two years later he was elected county judge and from 1897 to 1900 he filled the position of United States collector of internal revenue at Springfield. In 1901 he was nominated and elected governor of Illinois on the republican ticket. Four years later he was unsuccessful in an attempt to win a renomination and again in the campaign of last spring his aspirations for the nomination were defeated.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1776—General Lee of the American army surrendered and taken prisoner by a British patrol in New Jersey.
- 1803—Francis Lewis one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, died.
- 1835—Phillips Brooks, Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts and famous as a pulpit orator, born in Boston.
- 1862—Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., ended in a victory for the Confederates.
- 1884—Attempt to dynamite London bridge.
- 1898—Lord Strathcona, endowed the Royal Victoria college for women at Montreal with \$1,000,000.
- 1904—Joint congressional committee agreed on subsidy bill providing for payment of \$6000,000 to American ships for first year.
- 1905—First elections held in the Province of Saskatchewan.

### THIS IS MY 60TH BIRTHDAY.

John Fraser, auditor general for Canada, was born Dec. 12, 1848, at Loch Garry, County of Glenangary, Ontario. His father was James Fraser, a successful mercantile and farmer, long identified with public matters in Glenangary. After being educated at the public schools at Loch Garry, at the age of 17 he became clerk in a mercantile establishment. In 1875 he entered the finance department of the government at Ottawa under Sir Richard Cart-

## UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

### MARSHALL GUEST OF HONOR.

Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall was the guest of honor at a banquet given at the Claypool hotel, Indianapolis, last night by the combined committee of the state, civic and commercial organizations of Indiana. Covers were laid for about fifty. Among those who attended the function were newly elected democratic legislators from Marion county.

### BURGLAR FATALLY SHOT.

Caught in an attempt to rob the meat market of Harry Blythe, 801 Virginia avenue, Indianapolis, W. H. Kerns, 23 years old, of Scranton, Pa., was shot and probably fatally wounded by Charles H. Schrader, grocer, last night about 3:30 o'clock. Early this morning, after giving the police a statement of his attempted crime, Kern's condition was said to be all but hopeless.

### WATSON OFF FOR CAPITAL.

Congressman James E. Watson, representing the sixth district, dropped into the Claypool hotel, Indianapolis, yesterday and mingled with the republican senators in the city. Mr. Watson came up from Rushville at noon and will leave this morning on his way to Washington, D. C., to resume his duties in congress. Mr. Watson will stop in Winchester tonight to see his father, E. L. Watson, who is in poor health.

### SALOONS WIPED OUT.

For the first time in 100 years Brownsville, eight miles east of Connersville, is without saloons. By the operation of a blanket remonstrance liberally signed by Union county people, every saloon has been driven from the county.

### FEAR TECHNICAL EMBEZZLEMENT.

Lafayette may receive its money from the county only twice a year, according to the decision of Judge H. V. Vinton, who holds that payments monthly by the county to the city constitute technical embezzlement.

### TO HAVE ART GALLERY.

Definite announcement was made that Richmond is to have a permanent art gallery—the result of an agreement between the school board and the Richmond Art association. The gallery will be in connection with the new high school to be erected there.

### OPPOSED TO VOTING "HUNKS."

In resolutions adopted at the closing session of the Indiana state grange at Winona Lake this afternoon the grange went on record as favoring the passage of a law which would vest the elective franchise only in persons having a thorough knowledge of the constitution of the United States and who are able to produce receipts for taxes.

### DURRE THE CANDIDATE.

Former State Senator Edgar Durre of Evansville will be the republican nominee for the special senatorial election, it now seems. At a conference today Mr. Durre was practically agreed upon. The democrats of Vanderburgh county today fixed Saturday next as the day for holding their convention to nominate a candidate for state senator to be voted on in the special election on Dec. 29, when a senator will be chosen to succeed Walter A. Legeman, republican.

### WANT COLONIAL TRADE.

With a view of extending the trade of New Albany manufacturers in South America, John Barrett, director, general of the South American republics, is conferring with manufacturers here today.

### PLAN NEW \$200,000 SCHOOL.

An agreement, securing for the Winona Technical school of Indianapolis a new \$200,000 hotel employers' training school, including what will be a modern hotel building suitable to house 400 students, was reached yesterday afternoon by the committee of the International Stewards' association and representatives of the board of trustees of the Winona institute.

### MYSTERY IN WOMAN'S DEATH.

The mystery surrounding the death of Jennie Clark of South Bend was increased today when a post mortem examination revealed a fractured skull. The death is being rigidly investigated, the suspicion of the authorities having been aroused, although the death certificate gave the cause as brain fever.

### BATHS FOR STUDENTS.

"The shower baths in both the men's and women's sides of the Student building will be turned on between 4 and 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. All students will be permitted to use them." This announcement in the Student, the college daily of Indiana university at Bloomington, brought joy to the hearts of 1,200 students, for since the city water was turned off, more than a week ago, the privilege of taking a real bath has been denied them.

wright. By hard work and faithful service he advanced step by step through the various ranks until in 1902 he was appointed chief clerk accountant and Dominion bookkeeper. On August 1, 1905, he was appointed to the high office of auditor general for Canada.

## RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

There is one good thing about this weather. You don't have to go around with a cabbage leaf stuck in your hat to keep yourself cool.

The most helpless and pitifully inconsequential creature under the shining sun is a married man when the stork visits at his home for the first time.

Friday bobbed up in the Calumet region with three fatalities, making a new year's record.

If you're busy with your own business, you can't busy yourself with the business of others.

The opinion of Hon. Johannes Koepke, dean of the Lake county bar, is

## Letters To Santa Claus

The Little Ones Write To Tell Santa What They Want

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 11, 1908.  
Dear Santa Claus: I hope you won't forget to come to my home. I want you to please bring me a set of dishes and a sweater. And please bring my little sister a dollie and a buggy and sweater, a ball and story book. Now this is all, so good by. Your little friend.

I am seven years old.  
MARGARET ROTHWELL.  
732 Hoffman street.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 10, 1908.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am the baby in our house, but I am big enough to play with dishes. I am five years old. My brother and sister and writing to you so I will send you my letter, too. I only want a little bath tub with towels and a bar of soap, and a sideboard and bureau and washstand, and doll and buggy, and a pair of spees for my Teddy, and a little ice wagon. That is all I want this time. I am your little friend,  
PHYLLIS PAYNE.  
264 Price place.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 11, 1908.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 10 years old, and as Christmas is only two weeks off, and I don't want you to forget me, I will write you this little letter. I wish you would bring me a big doll head and a hat for dollie, and slippers; a set of cut glass and a set of china dishes and a big village and a set of combs and a string of beads for my doll. Your little friend,  
MARGARET PAYNE.  
264 Price place.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 10, 1908.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy eight years old and I am so glad that it is near Christmas as I think you will be sure and bring me the things I ask from you. I want a cowboy suit and a gun and bullets, and a coaster with iron runners, and a jumping jack and sled, and I think that is all I want this time as my mamma says I am a jumping jack myself. Your little friend,  
EDWARD PAYNE.  
264 Price place.

East Chicago, Dec. 11, 1908.  
Dear Santa: I am living in the same old house as I lived in last year. I hope you can remember it, Santa. I would like to have a few things if it isn't too much for you to bring. I want a sweater coat a sled, a small doll; I have a big doll. And don't forget, too, the brother that wants a horse and choo-choo cars. Don't forget me.  
EVALYN ERICKSON.  
East Chicago, Ind.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 10, 1908.  
Dear Santa Claus: I thought that I would write and tell you what I want. If you would please bring me a gun—a rifle—Santa Claus, that is all I want. I am a little boy eight years old. Santa, what do you think it took all I could do to write. Well Santa, be sure and not forget. Good-by, dear Santa Claus.  
49 CHARLOTTE AVENUE.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 10, 1908.  
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy ten years old. My name is Arthur Ray Rosbrough. I want some story books and some games and a stocking full of candy and nuts. Hoping you won't think I want too much I am your little friend,  
ARTHUR RAY ROSBROUGH.  
408 Michigan avenue.

regard to court congestion, is as sound an argument as can be presented.

Lack of credit prevents some people from living beyond their means.

"Let us alone" is the cry of the men whose wives insist on buying Christmas neckties for them.

There is one kind of man who spends two hours begging a girl a kiss, and there is another kind who kisses the girl and then has to apologize for two hours.

Bankrupt coal concerns' debts amount to \$13,000,000. Can't understand it. We always paid our coal bills, and goodness knows the company charged enough.

It is rather humiliating to think that a dog which has only instinct is a better judge of character than some men with all their reasoning power.

It is reported that Mr. Taft has found out that the friend chicken and corn pone of old Virginia is not the best training material for a gentleman desiring to reduce flesh.

A man, if he is pretty shrewd, can now and then deceive his neighbors but he never can fool The Lord.

The Wingfield (Kan.) Courier claims to have discovered that matrimony cures a girl of the giggling habit. Most men, however, would rather hear a girl giggle than to go to the trouble of marrying her simply to stop her.

The more a man knows, the more he hates a fool.

A vase that was once owned by Cleopatra has been unearthed in Europe. This is the first time that we

## Girl to Be Bride of a Japanese.



Miss Lucene L. Goodenow

A romance which began in the Chicago Art institute two years ago when both were students soon will terminate in the marriage of Miss Lucene L. Goodenow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Goodenow, 6043 Woodlawn avenue, and Kichir Inukai, a young Japanese artist, said to be heir to one of the oldest titles in Japan.

Mr. Inukai, who is now head of the art department of a Chicago engraving house, formerly resided at San Francisco. He came to Chicago after the earthquake and at once entered the Art Institute as a student. Miss Goodenow also was a student at the same time, and the young people often worked side by side and criticized one another's work. The report of the announcement therefore was no surprise to the friends of the couple.

## This Week's News Forecast

Washington, December 12.—Having devoted the week just closed to the usual preliminary business, congress is expected during the coming week to be in shape to take up the real work of the session. The house committee on ways and means will continue its tariff hearings through the week.

A busy week is ahead of President-elect Taft. With Mrs. Taft he will go to New York to attend and speak at the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation, the sessions of which are to be held Monday and Tuesday. He will also be the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Ohio society of New York at the Wallorf-Astoria Wednesday night. Toward the end of the week the President-elect and Mrs. Taft will start south for a stay of a month or more at Augusta.

The Atlantic battleship fleet is due to reach Colombo, Ceylon, on Monday, or Tuesday and will spend the entire week there before departing for Suez. Rear-Admiral William H. Emory, until recently in command of the second squadron of the Atlantic battleship fleet, will be placed on the retired list for age next Thursday. Rear-Admiral Emory is a native of the District of Columbia and has had a long and distinguished career in the navy.

The program of receptions and state dinners at the White House for the coming week will be opened with a dinner to the cabinet Thursday, to be followed one week later by the diplomatic reception.

An advent of interest in theatrical and art circles will take place in New York Tuesday afternoon, when the cornerstone of the New Theater will be duly set in place with addresses by Governor Hughes, Mayor McClellan and others.

Joseph H. Choate and other speakers of national fame will be heard at the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the National Civil Service Reform League, which will assemble in Pittsburgh Thursday for a session of two days. A distinguished gathering in Washington will be the annual meeting of the Institute of American Architects. The special topic for consideration at the meeting this year is "The Relation of the National Government to Art."

A special meeting of the Episcopal diocese of Virginia will meet in St. Paul's church, Alexandria, Wednesday, to elect a bishop coadjutor to Bishop Gibson.

An international matrimonial alliance that reverses the usual conditions of a rich American bride and a titled bridegroom will be consummated in England Saturday, when Miss Evelyn Violet Brocklebank becomes the bride of George Westinghouse, Jr. The bride-elect is the daughter of Sir Thomas and Lady Brocklebank of Ironton Hall, Cumberland, England. Mr. Westinghouse is a son of George Westinghouse, the millionaire electrical inventor of Pittsburgh.

ever knew that Cleo kept a rubber colitis and encourage Red Cross society.

Revolt against house rules is started at a meeting of twenty-five republican members at Washington, and definite plans will be formulated by a committee to report next Tuesday evening.

National Rivers and Harbors congress adjourns in Washington after appealing to the nation for a \$500,000,000 bond issue for the improvement of water ways.

Effort of George Washington university at Washington to develop a consular training school is given high praise by the National Business league and others interested in the foreign service.

Secretary Metcalf in his annual report of the navy department says the voyage of the fleet around the world is "an epoch-making cruise."

Decision freeing President Heggeman of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company from arrest may stop prosecution of other insurance officials in New York.

Netherlands war ships cleared for action leave Curacao for Venezuela and a clash with little coast forts is expected.

Entire grain and provision list is lower, liquidation liberal in the cereals; cattle and hogs lower, with sheep higher.

Prices of stocks in Wall street are generally lower at the close.

J. B. Dennis, representing Blair & Co. of New York, is in Chicago in connection with the proposed consolidation of the elevated roads.

Pastors of many churches tomorrow will lend aid to crusade against tuberculosis.

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