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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 Schutte 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 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 town." 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 corners 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 con-

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 strangle rent her spirit.

Oh, ay, there are martyrs nowadays!

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 12.

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 Farmington, Me.

1879—J. H. Rainey of South Carolina, the first negro ever elected to the house of representatives, sworn in.

1873—New England celebrated the centennial of the "Boston Tea Party."

1884—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 L. Duchanan appointed United States minister to Panama.

THIS IS MY 48TH BIRTHDAY.

Richard Yates.

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 1880 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 1882 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 1896 his aspirations for the nomination were defeated.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 13.

1776—General Lee of the American army surprised and taken prisoner by a British patrol in New Jersey.

1803—Francis Lewis one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, died.

1825—Phillips Brooks, Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts and famous as a pulpit orator, born in Boston. Died there Jan. 22, 1893.

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 \$500,000 to American ships for first year.

1905—First elections held in the Province of Saskatchewan.

THIS IS MY 50TH BIRTHDAY.

John Fraser.

John Fraser, auditor general for Canada, was born Dec. 13, 1852, at Loch Garry, County of Glengarry, Ontario. His father was James Fraser, a successful merchant and farmer, long identified with public matters in Glengarry. After being educated at the public schools a "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, 22 years old, of Scranton, Pa., was shot and probably fatally wounded by Charles H. Schrader, grocer, last night about 9:30 o'clock. Early this morning, after giving the police a statement of his attempted crime, Kerns' 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.

PHYLIS PAYNE.

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 are 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 specs for my Teddy, and a little ice wagon. That is all I want this time. I am your little friend,

PHYLIS 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.

408 Michigan avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 10, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought that 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 Kicher Inukai, a young Japanese artist, said to be heir to one of the old

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.

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