

FROM NEIGHBORING TOWN AND CITY

NEWS OF THE COUNTY SEAT

DEPUTY SHERIFF HORST GETS THE MEDAL.

Cracks 21 Out of Possible 25 Break and This Holds the Others.

The Crown Point Gun club met at the west side grounds for their weekly medal shoot yesterday afternoon, and a good attendance was present to contest for the weekly trophy. Jack Horst proved to be the best shot of the afternoon, with a 21 out of a possible 25 break. This score won the weekly trophy.

The following scores were made by the other members of the club in the medal contest: Swarts 20, Haberzietz 19, Stuhlmacher 10, Wirtz 18, Foss 16, Thomas 15 and Kiesler 14.

The club held a meeting at the court house last evening.

REALIZES \$250 FROM THE BENEFIT BAZAAR.

Friends of Public Library Rejoice at Big Success of Meeting.

The benefit bazaar for the public library last night was a decided success from every standpoint and the committees in charge of the affair were well paid for their efforts, as everything was bought and the different tables cleared of their contents. Over \$250 was realized from the sale of articles made and donated by the friends of the library, and the above amount insures a fine addition of books to the library, which will be purchased in the near future or as soon as the book committee makes out a suitable list.

Funeral of L. H. Letz.

The funeral of Louis Holland Letz occurred yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Lutheran church, the edifice being packed by the friends of the deceased man who came to pay their last respects to one of Crown Point's progressive and talented business men. After an appropriate sermon, depicting the many sided virtues of the man and father, was read by Rev. Both, the remains were laid away to rest in the family lot at the Crown Point cemetery, beside those of his wife, who died some years ago.

There is quite a little talk of staging a home talent play at Central Music hall, either that or a minstrel show. Post experience has shown that Crown Point has plenty of good material to put on a production of this kind and that they are always a paying venture.

The county commissioners met yesterday on matters connected with the final settlement for the court house improvements, but owing to the absence of the contractor, Mr. Purves of Chicago, the operations were seriously delayed. It is said that the bill for extras is quite a little in excess of the calculations of the commissioners and that a good many of the sub-contractors are yet unpaid by the original company and it is possible that a legal tangle may ensue before the affairs are satisfactorily adjusted.

It has become so customary for every city, town and hamlet to want a superior court or so, that probably if you put your ear to the ground you may be able to hear the people of Creston loudly calling for a superior court, a new court house, one or two additional judges and a continuous session of the whole concern with extra pay for Sunday.

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TOLESTON.

Railroad Men in Town.

Two representatives of the maintenance of way department of the Pennsylvania railway were in town Thursday looking over the ground, especially the joint crossing of the Michigan Central and Pennsylvania railroads. The Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend must cross the tracks of both railroads at this crossing and it remains to be seen whether they visit here means some sort of litigation relative to the street railway company crossing the railroad.

Fire Remains a Mystery.

The origin of the Brown fire still re-

Valparaiso with a party of young people from Gary.

Miss Little Winters of Chicago are visiting with Fred Rose and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pio left this morning on a business trip to Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cora Maybaum of Gary visited with friends here yesterday.

The high school play brought out a large crowd last evening. The play was good in all respects, and all acted their parts in a creditable manner.

MUNSTER.

Miss Minnie Kaske was the guest of the Misses Dolly and Eugenie Knotts at their home in Hammond last evening.

John Blinn of Lansing was here yesterday on business.

Mr. Ed. Kruen of Chicago was here yesterday visiting friends.

The Misses Ruby Wilson, Etta Henderson and Della Fierer are attending the teachers' institute at Hammond today.

A. E. Jarncke of Saxon was in Hammond yesterday.

The Misses Schultz and Bessie Neaf of Highlands, Laura Newcomb and Abbie Hathaway of Saxon are in Hammond today for the teachers' institute.

Nick Kilkert visited friends in Hammond last evening.

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Mrs. Porter Mayhew of Gary visited in Hobart yesterday.

Miss Mildred Drew of Chicago will be the guest of Helen Mackay for a few days.

The Misses Nora Smith and Clara Hoffman of Turkey Creek left today for California, where they will remain for an indefinite time.

The Hobart high school basketball team went to Valparaiso this afternoon where they will contest with the Valparaiso high school team there this evening. Following is Hobart's line-up: Arthur Kilkert, center; John Fleck, right guard; D. Melon, left guard; Leslie Lightner, right forward, and Earle Kohler, left forward. This is their first game for the season, they will play a second game with Valparaiso here next Saturday evening, Dec. 19, at the gymnasium.

The Misses Carpenter and Smith attended a skating party last evening at the Philanthropic society Dec. 24, 1908.

WHITING NEWS

Letter From Mrs. Neville.

The many friends of Mrs. Elizabeth Neville will be pleased to hear from her again.

Mrs. Neville has written a Whiting friends from Bayonne, N. J., where she now resides and where her son, Leo, is employed in the laboratory of the Standard Oil company, and both are doing well.

Mrs. Neville and her son were formerly highly respected citizens of this city and also of Robertsdale.

She is quite a literary woman, doing much newspaper writing for both local and Chicago papers, while living here.

She has also written several books, from which she made quite a neat sum.

Her "Father Tom of Connemara" is known to be her masterpiece and won for Mrs. Neville world-wide fame as an authoress.

High School Entertainment.

The High School Literary society gave their bi-weekly program in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon.

The program rendered was as follows:

Piano Duet—Misses Elsie Trowe and Elizabeth Handloser.

Oration.....Melville Brenner

Currents Events.....Floyd Eaton

Recitation.....Mary Morrison

Oration.....Edith Gardner

Vocal Solo.....Alexis Biesen

Extemporaneous Talk.....Sophomore

Piano Solo.....Elmer Atchison

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