

SOMETHING IS GOING TO HAPPEN

News Given Out Today that Monon Railroad Company Will Build Finest Depot in Hammond; Coming for 1910, Says Report.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY GET OLD STATION

New Palace May Locate on Site Where Freight House Now Stands, Between Sibley and Fayette Streets — Corporation Now Spending \$100,000 on New Bridge.

Sh, sah, easy; not too loud; easy, now! The Monon railroad will build a new depot in Hammond in 1910.

Sh, sah. First definite news was given out today. Yep! fact alright. Nothing definite known about it yet, only that it is to be the finest depot in Hammond.

It is absolutely denied that the present so-called depot will be preserved in alcohol. It may be bought up by the Hammond Historical society and kept as a curiosity to show human endurance and a railroad company's conception of a depot way back in the twentieth century.

The good news, which, by the way, jibes well with the holiday spirit, came in answer to a question that every Hammond newspaper man asks Captain Downing, distinctively when he meets the agent.

The captain and G. Washington.

The captain answered the question in an off-hand manner as though it had been ordered ages ago that Hammond really would get a new depot. The reporter naturally lost his balance to some extent when he heard the question answered in the affirmative for once in his life, and upon first inclination was inclined to get the captain to repeat the statement before a notary public. Upon second thought, he remembered that this would be fearfully bad taste, as it might appear that the captain's word had been doubted. The captain and George Washington, while not blood relatives, are nevertheless related to each other by the fact that they tell the truth.

From the manner in which the captain delivered the information, it could readily be taken that the matter had been deliberated upon in the upper circles and that the captain had been let in on it. It could also be easily discerned that if the guardian of the present depot had his way about it Hammond would get that depot by St. Patrick's day, 1909.

Spending \$100,000 on Bridge.
"But," explained the captain, "you must take into consideration that the Monon is spending at the present time \$100,000 on its new bridge over the Calumet river, and it may easily cost \$10,000 more than that. It is reasonably safe to say that Hammond will get its new depot by 1910, and I would not say that ground for it will not be broken in 1909.

The site on which our present freight depot stands, between Sibley and Fayette streets, would form an ideal one. That would give us enough room to lay a driveway around the station and also take us into a neighborhood where other nice buildings stand. The freight depot can easily be moved farther south, where the team tracks are now located."

Mr. Downing did not enter into any discussions as to what will happen to the present depot.

WARD A PRIZEWINNER

District Manager of Correspondence Gets Free Trip to Scranton.

J. L. Ward, district manager of the Scranton International Correspondence schools, is in Hammond today on a regular visit, making his headquarters at Summers' drug store. Mr. Ward is receiving the congratulations of his Hammond friends for having been one of the prize winners for a free trip from Chicago to Scranton, Pa. Of the score or more of representatives who were competing in the neighborhood of Chicago he was one of the deserving six to be awarded the prize.

The Chicago contingent will begin its trip next Sunday and remain in Scranton for several days.

Mr. Ward will leave Hammond for Kankakee on Christmas eve.

KNOCKED DOWN TO BERELOS BROS.

Central Block Goes Under the Hammer This Afternoon on Third Bid.

P. W. MEYN IS THE AUCTIONEER

LeGrand T. Meyer and Giles Warner Are the Other Bidders on Building.

The Central block, one of the historic buildings of Hammond and the property of M. M. Towle, was sold under the hammer in the office of the Lake County Savings and Trust company this afternoon to Nick Bereolos for \$18,100.

The auctioning of this property was one of the most impressive transactions that has ever taken place in Hammond. The sale of the property took place in the rear office of the Lake County Savings and Trust company.

Peter W. Meyn acted as the auctioneer and was eminently fair in his effort to get the highest price possible for the property. Attorney Johannes Kopelke, the attorney for the receiver for the Towle estate, explained the circumstances under which the property would have to be sold.

He stated to the dozen or more persons who had come to bid on the property that the terms of the sale would have to be one-third down, one-third in a year and one-third in two years.

Peter Meyn then repeated the terms under which the property would be sold. He called for bids and LeGrand T. Meyer bid \$17,000, the appraisers' estimate of its value.

After urging the bidders to raise the prices Giles Warner bid \$18,000. His bid was raised after a long wait by Attorney W. J. Whinery, who was bidding for Nick Bereolos, and who offered \$18,100.

After that there was fifteen minutes in which Peter Meyn urged the bidders to raise their bids and in which the covetous bidders bit their lips and wondered whether they had better offer more than the well-known proprietor of the Maine hotel.

Finally after offering the bargain, once, twice and the third time it was sold for \$18,100. Mr. Bereolos was required to pay \$1,000 down on the building to bind the bargain.

W. J. DAVIS ACTS AS BEST MAN

A. Z. Perry, Treasurer of Illinois, Weds Fair Divorcee at Willowdale.

TRIP MADE IN AUTOMOBILE

Groom Was Divorced in Chicago Some Months Ago From First Wife.

Special to The Times.
Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 22.—Willowdale, the country home of Will J. Davis, the Chicago theatrical manager, was the scene of much joy and festivity yesterday afternoon. With the master of the house acting as best man, Albert Lane Perry, treasurer of the Illinois theater, was married to Mrs. Clara Mead Bray. Judge Henry B. Nicholson performed the ceremony.

The couple came out from Chicago yesterday afternoon in a big limousine touring car and upon their arrival at the court house secured the license and took Judge Nicholson out with them to Willowdale, where the ceremony was performed. The groom is 37 years of age and the bride 26. Mr. Perry was divorced from his first wife in 1907 and his new wife also separated from her husband last year.

Moved His Residence.
Soon after his divorce Perry moved to the home of Mrs. Bray where he has lived ever since. The wedding was quite a surprise to the friends of both parties and Perry's sister, Mrs. Eleanor Perry Wilcox, 36 Douglas place, Chicago, seemed very much surprised today to learn that the marriage had taken place.

HOLDUP MEN ARE BUSY

Whitting, Dec. 22.—Tom Boland, local manager of the Knickerbocker ice company, was held up at the point of the gun last evening at 6:30 as he was about to leave his office. He was approached by two men who were masked. They took all his valuables and fled the office.

It was also learned that the safe in the Siepp Brewing depot had been broken open, but only \$1 in stamps was secured there. George Solteved, who is the local agent, however, found that his desk was completely demolished. Two suspects were arrested but released again today.

TOLESTON DADS GIVE EXTENSION

Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Interurban Is Enjoined by the Federal Court at Indianapolis Today.

(Times' Bureau at State Capitol.)
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—The Pennsylvania railroad secured a temporary injunction against the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Interurban road today to prevent the crossing of tracks at Fourth street in Toleston. The hearing on the permanent injunction is set for Dec. 26 in the federal court.

The Toleston town board held a very important meeting last evening, at which the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Electric Railway company was granted an extension of fifteen days in which to complete the spur from the main line to Toleston, and in this manner provide another entrance from Toleston into Gary.

The officials of the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend line have been doing all in their power to hurry the work of constructing the Toleston branch and have had crews working night and day in an effort to complete the spur by Jan. 1, the stipulated time.

Reason for Extension.
Owing to the fact that the Wabash railroad is opposing the crossing of its tracks, north of Toleston, however, the prospects that the line will be actually opened on Jan. 1 are not very bright, and it was for this reason that an extension of fifteen days was requested.

The request of the South Shore line was granted and Christ Borman and Edward Behnke voted for the extension. William Gallagher voted against it and is said to be in sympathy with the Gary & Interurban line, which does not approve of the fact that the franchise of the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend line in Toleston is exclusive for five years and will prevent the Air Line, with which it is affiliated, from going through the city during that time.

Some Opposition Voted.
There was some opposition among the people of Toleston to the extension of the time limit of the franchise, but this, too, is believed to have been fomented by the same disgruntled parties.

The representative of the Indianapolis City gas company appeared before the Toleston town board and asked that it be granted a franchise in that town. The members of the town board did not like the clause which gave them three years in which to begin offering public service, and so they rejected the franchise. Attorney K. K. Knapp, representing the Gary Heat, Light and Water company, also appeared before the board and stated that he would like a franchise, and in view of the fact that he promised service in the near future the members of the town board looked with favor on his suggestion.

J. S. Beeler, a representative of the Chicago Fire Apparatus company, appeared and offered to sell some chemical equipment for the fire department, which is to be organized in the near future.

The two chemical outfits which will be purchased will be the beginning of a paid fire department which will be organized later on.

COURT WILL HAVE THREE DAY HOLIDAY

Judge Reiter Gives Notice of an Adjourned Term of Superior Court.

There will be no court in the Lake superior court after Thursday morning until Jan. 4. This is to make possible a Christmas holiday for the attorneys of the Lake county bar.

The time of the court was taken up this morning in hearing motions and in the consideration of court cases. Cases Nos. 3588 and 3777, both East Chicago company vs. Martin, were foreclosed suits and the foreclosure of the mortgage was ordered.

Notice will be given Monday of the fact that the November term, 1908, will be adjourned until the week beginning Jan. 4, 1909. The only new case which was filed today was one in which L. L. Bomberger has filed a remonstrance against the street assessment on Ogden street.

The case in which Apperson and Rollette are seeking to enjoin Otto C. Boreman and others from attaching certain property to recover a judgment of \$48 has taken up the time of the court practically all morning.

PROF. LEO AN ATTRACTION

Professor Leo is holding forth at the Harry Minas' store this week, and his window attractions make the crowds stop that go by. He is an artist in his line and draws trade to the store in great shape.

FRANCHISE SURE FOR I. C. RAILROAD

Council Committee Decides to Act Favorably on Kensington Permit.

TERMS ARE NOT YET DECIDED

Whether Demand for Electrification of Terminal Will Be Made Is Question.

The Illinois Central railroad will be given a franchise for its Kensington and Eastern branch, which it started to build in defiance of the city, but the terms of the bargain are yet to be arranged. The principal concessions demanded in return for the franchise is the reduction of the fare from South Chicago and Kensington to the central part of the city.

The prospect is that there will be a lively tussle between the aldermen and the railroad officials over the length of the grant. The railroad wants a franchise for fifty years, the usual period of a permit to a steam railroad to cross city streets. The aldermen who are dealing with the proposition as a local transportation project are inclined to impose a limit of twenty years, to which street railway franchises are restricted by law.

The draft of the ordinance granting a franchise was completed by the city council's committee on local transportation yesterday with the exception of reporting the period of the grant and the compensation to the city. These and other matters are pertaining to public policy will be discussed at a meeting to be called within a fortnight by Chairman Foreman.

Terms Not Decided.
Whether any demand for the electrification of the Illinois Central terminal in exchange for the branch road franchise will be made is a question. Aldermen who once held that the Kensington franchise should be used as a club to force electrification of the suburban service have cooled off perceptibly and now opine that a reduction of fares is all that will be asked.

ANOTHER BRAKEMAN LOSES HIS LIFE

Fort Wayne Man Killed at Hobart Early This Morning.

CAUGHT HIS FOOT IN SWITCH

Brakeman Row's Legs Are Cut Off By Fright Train on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

(Special to The Times.)

Hobart, Ind., Dec. 22.—Another man lost his life in the Pennsylvania yards here, it having been only three weeks ago when a trainman was killed instantly at almost the same spot where the accident happened this morning.

The victim this morning was a switchman by the name of Row, whose home is in Ft. Wayne. At 3:30 this morning he threw switch and accidentally caught his foot in the switch. He was held there in a vice without a ghost of a chance to extricate himself before the oncoming train would be upon him. He threw himself back and forward over the rail and shouted to the engineer, who, however, could not hear him until it was too late.

The wheels of the train passed over the poor man's legs and severed them near the body. He died an hour later, and was taken to his home in Ft. Wayne for burial.

The engineer of the train was almost overcome by the terrible accident. He saw the victim only when it was too late, and from the time he first saw his victim trapped to the time he jumped from the cab, seemed like an age to him. It was an awful moment for the man at the throttle, who would have given his own life to save that of his fellow worker. He never felt so helpless before as when he tried to bring his engine to a stop and it would not mind his touch on the instant.

How Row got his foot caught in the switch is a mystery to the railroad men. To guard themselves against closing switches is one of the first principles that is impressed upon the recruit, and it is comparatively seldom that a switchman is caught in that manner.

HAMMOND MARKET MAKES GREAT EXHIBIT.

Proprietor Berend Succeds in Getting a Great Meat Display.

The Hammond market is making an exhibit that is attracting considerable attention. Turkeys from the best sections of the country and in all sizes, beef, corn-fed, and appropriately decorated for the occasion and bearing the stamp of Uncle Sam, which is to hang for eight days, are among the features. Mr. Berend, the proprietor, is to be congratulated for his enterprise.

PANHANDLE MAY BUILD NEW YARDS

Gary Steel Company Is to Have Direct Rail Communication With U. S. Steel Company's Coke Ovens, to Be Built at Joliet.

The information comes to The Times that the Panhandle railroad is to construct extensive yards and shops at Hartsville, three miles northwest of Crown Point, and that grading has already begun.

There is more than ordinary significance in this move. It is understood that it is the working out of an agreement by which the Indiana Steel company at Gary is to have direct rail communication with the new United States Steel company's coke ovens which are to be built near Joliet.

Work Already Begun.
The report came to Hammond yesterday that the actual work of laying out the yards and shops had begun. The surveys have all been made and the leveling of the ground will begin in the spring. The information was not denied at Logansport when the phone was used to verify the report.

The new coke ovens of the United States Steel company were located near Joliet where they could be most easily reached from the Indiana and Illinois coal fields and yet where the coke could be most easily distributed to the United States Steel company's plants at Joliet, South Chicago and Gary.

This fact, in addition to the fact that the Panhandle railroad handles a great deal of coke from the territory near Richmond, Ind., and Connelville, Pa., and transfers it to the E. J. & E. at Hartsville, makes this country railroad center an important one.

Hartsville Important Point.
The importance of Hartsville as a point for the transfer of freight and the fact that all of the railroads have adopted the policy of building yards and shops outside of Chicago where there is more room makes it very probable that the rumor, regarding the Panhandle's contemplated improvements at Hartsville, is true.

It is a fact not generally known that the little town of Hartsville has four railroads, the Chicago, Indiana & Southern, the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern, the Panhandle and the Michigan Central cut off.

A Lake county man, who is closely identified with the Panhandle railroad, said yesterday that while he had received no official notice that the road contemplated such improvements at Hartsville, yet he believed there were grounds for giving the rumor credence.

SELL OUT THEIR THEATRICAL VENTURE

Messrs. Shine and Dietel Make Nice Profit on Theater.

Balliff Frank Shine and William Dietel, who recently started a moving picture show in the Standard Street Car district, have sold out to Charles McCoy of East Chicago for \$950.

The project, which was started by the Hammond men, has been a success from the very start and yet they were offered such a good price for their business that they decided to sell out.

The family theater was opened under its new management last evening and one of the forms of entertainment was a pie-eating contest, in which there were a score of the residents of this district engaged.

It is said that when the announcement was made that there would be a pie-eating contest nearly all of the residents of this district volunteered to be a part of the show.

The prize for the man who could eat a pie the quickest was only 10 cents, but then the pie itself was a consideration.

MAYOR IS IMPROVING

Mayor Becker's condition, at St. Margaret's hospital, continues to improve as well as could be expected. He feels somewhat stronger today than he did yesterday and is generally in good spirits. With all that he is, however, still very weak and the best of care is still necessary. He spent a restful night last night. As yet he has received no callers and will not until toward the end of the week. It may be that his own immediate family will be permitted to spend a short time with the patient in the hospital. The Becker home continues to be the center of inquiries, so many in fact, that it almost keeps one person at the telephone continually for some parts of the day.

COUNCIL MEMBERS MEET WITH P. O. MEN

Take Up Question of Re-numbering Residences of Hammond Last Night.

CARRIERS WANT THEIR SYSTEM

Postoffice Employees Will Endeavor to Interest Citizens in Their Plan.

The street and alley committee of the Hammond city council met with a committee, composed of postoffice employees last evening, and talked over the matter of renumbering the residences of the city.

Peter J. Lyons, the city engineer, and John Kane, Walter Hammond and John Kaptur, representing the city council, met with Will Lynch, Marion E. Zouvers, Eugene Turner, Martin Frame, Albert Sourbeer and Frank Robinson, representing the postoffice department.

The proposition which was put up to council by Uncle Sam's employees was first that the present system of numbering be retained and that no change be made. Secondly, if a change must be made then make the state line and the Grand Calumet river the base of the new system and adopt the block system now in vogue in some parts of Chicago by which each block is given 100 numbers.

P. O. Men Go on Record.
The postoffice employees went on record as being opposed to the plan to make Gostlin street and Calumet avenue the basis for the change. Peter Lyons stated that these streets had been taken as the base of the numbering system for the reason that they were both located on section lines and both ran in a direct north and south or an east and west direction.

The objection made to the plan of the postoffice employees was that the numbers would run up too high in the vicinity of Gibson if the state line was made the dividing line between the numbers named east and those named west.

An effort will be made to interest the citizens of Hammond in the plan of the postoffice employees for numbering the city and they hope that they may yet induce the city officials to see that their plan is the best.

VICIOUS FIRE HORSE ATTACKS A FIREMAN

William J. Frazier of Gary Has a Narrow Escape Yesterday Afternoon.

FINALY MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Animal Makes a Last Effort to Injure Him as He Jumps Out of Its Way.

One of the firemen at the Gary station yesterday afternoon had a narrow escape from being killed in the stall of one of the horses recently purchased. The fireman, William J. Frazier, was in the stall at the time petting the horse, when suddenly the animal became angry, set back its ears and began pawing at Frazier.

The latter happened to be in the rear corner of the stall at the time, so that when he attempted to make his escape he found that he had been cornered. The remainder of the firemen heard the noise and rushed over to where Frazier was, but the horse was only angered the more by their presence. Finally, however, as the horse reared on its hind legs, Frazier slipped by it and hurried himself over the side of the adjoining stall.

Before Frazier could get over the high partition, however, the animal bit at the fireman, tearing a hole in "billy goat" fashion out of the rear of his trousers. The bite did not injure Mr. Frazier aside from ruining his clothes. The actions of the animal were entirely unlooked for as it had previously appeared very gentle. Chief Feeley said that he was glad the animal had a little life in him and that the boys would not take any chances in the future.

CONGRESSMAN GETS FINE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Four Thousand Dollar-Check Comes to Former Editor.

Congressman Henry A. Barnhart of Rochester is happy over an unexpected Christmas present, which he received from Uncle Sam. It is in the shape of a check for \$4,000. The check was sent him as salary as congressman from the time Congressman Brick died up to the present date. This back salary was totally unexpected, as Barnhart did not take office until Dec. 7.

SAID TO HAVE HUNG HIMSELF

Did August Sherhorn, Former Clerk at Ruhstadt's Store, Suicide in a Chicago Police Station Last Evening?

MUCH MYSTERY IS PRESENTED IN CASE

Dying Man Declared to Have Been Taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Chicago Where He Died, But Sisters There Say They Know Nothing of Matter.

August Sherhorn, whose home is at Hammond, Ind., after his arrest early last night on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, committed suicide in a cell of the West North Avenue station by hanging himself with his handkerchief to one of the cross bars. Policeman Jackson, who happened to pass the cell and cut the prisoner down, he was rushed to St. Elizabeth's hospital, but died as he was being carried into the institution.

The story above appeared in a Chicago paper today and has been a source of much mystery to those who have been trying to get information about the alleged suicide.

A telephone query to the police station named resulted in a statement, made by the desk sergeant, that no such occurrence had taken place there last night. He declared that a Chicago man had suicided in that fashion six months ago.

When asked to give a line on the story, the city editor of the paper in which the story was published, declared that the tale had been clipped from an earlier edition of another paper. Inquiry at St. Elizabeth's hospital made the mystery more baffling than ever, for the Sister Secretary said that no man had been brought to St. Elizabeth's hospital last night under those circumstances.

It develops later that a man named August Sherhorn was employed in the dry goods department of Ruhstadt's store several weeks ago, but that he, after working a week, left suddenly one Saturday night without drawing his pay. He returned for it the succeeding Thursday, however, and then left again.

The Hammond police know nothing of the man and his name is not in the directory.

RESPECTED HAMMOND MAN IS DEAD

Cornelius S. Golden Passes Away at His Home This Morning.

Cornelius S. Golden, one of Hammond's respected citizens, passed away this morning at his home, 436 Truman avenue, at an early hour. His death had been anticipated for a number of days, Mr. Golden having been an invalid for a long time. He was 68 years old, but his death was due to a complication of diseases brought on by liver complaints and finally dropsy.

Came from Ambia.
Mr. Golden was born in Oxford, Pa., in 1840, and came to Hammond from Ambia, Ind., twenty years ago. Until two years ago he was actively engaged in the cement contracting business and made a success of his business. He is survived by his wife and seven children, two brothers and one sister. His children are: Alvin L., Thomas J., Edgar P., William C., John B., Mrs. H. L. Eckman and Mrs. A. J. Dowdy—all of Hammond. The two surviving brothers are Peter J. Golden and Henry Golden of Ross, Pa. The surviving sister is Mrs. Caroline Spangler of York, Pa.

The deceased was a member of the Ninety-eighth Pennsylvania infantry, company C, in the civil war.

The funeral has been arranged to take place next Thursday afternoon from the house at 2 o'clock. Interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

TELEPHONE YOUR NEWS TO THE