

## Santa Claus Closing Out Specials

Visit Toy Land and see our many specials for Today and Tomorrow



**BOYS' SAW BUCKS and SAWS,** worth 10c, this special ..... **5c**  
**THE STAR ENGINE,** has brass boiler and brass cylinder, worth 25c special ..... **15c**  
**All steel FIRE ENGINE** worth 15c, this special ..... **10c**  
**IRON SAFES,** good size, sold for 25c each, this special ..... **15c**  
**SHOO FLY,** nice painted horses, wood seat and back, worth 48c, this special ..... **37c**  
**CANDLES! CANDLES! CANDLES!** 12 in a box special ..... **7c**  
**NICE WHEELBARROW,** varnished, worth 25c, this special ..... **16c**  
**LITTLE 2-WHEEL CART,** painted red worth 10c, this special ..... **6c**  
**LITTLE RED CHAIR,** 16 inches high worth 20c, this special ..... **13c**  
**LEADER WAGON,** 12x28 inches, this is a big wagon, sells for \$1.50, this special ..... **95c**  
**WALL POCKET,** with white and gold frames, in fruit, farm and animal pictures, worth \$1.00, spec. ..... **68c**

**LITTLE GIRLS' KITCHEN SETS,** put up in nice box and sells for 25c, this special ..... **15c**  
**LITTLE GIRLS' TEA SETS,** in nice decorated china, worth 25c, this special ..... **17c**  
**GIRLS' TEA SETS,** in china, put up in nice box, worth 10c, this special ..... **7c**  
**SLEEPING DOLLS,** with kid bodies and jointed, worth 25c and 35c. Girls, this is your chance. One to a customer. This special ..... **17c**  
**NICE NEW DRESSED DOLLS,** dressed in red, blue, pink and plaid worth 25c, special ..... **16c**  
**RAG DOLLS,** all dressed, this special ..... **3c**  
**FOLDING TABLES,** finished in mission style, sells for 25c, this special ..... **17c**

**CHILD'S PIANO,** with 5 keys and good tone, worth 25c, this special ..... **15c**  
 One to a customer, bring this coupon.



Cut out this "ad" and bring with you for reference.

## E. C. MINAS COMPANY

HAMMOND, IND.

## BAD LUCK BEFALLS A LONE WAY FARE

Lacks Price and Attempts to Walk from Gary to East Chicago.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
 East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 23.—Penitence, and with his clothing half torn from his body, William Toms, a Chicago blacksmith, was last evening brought to this city on a C. I. S. & S. R. car and given lodging in the local police cells over night. Toms had a very narrow escape while walking along the South Shore line's right of way from Gary, and was nearly thrown into eternity by one of the large west-bound cars.

According to the tale told by Toms to a Times representative last evening, he had been endeavoring to secure work in Gary all day yesterday. Failing to do so, and wishing to reach Chicago again, he decided to walk to East Chicago before nightfall and then beg the price of a ride to Chicago. As he neared Clark Station, he failed to hear the car approaching from Gary and was struck by the side of the car, the wood striking him in the middle of his back. He was thrown to the ground and carried about forty feet by the force of the blow.

In rolling along the stony right of way his trousers were badly torn and his limbs lacerated. The motorman, seeing his plight, stopped the car and brought the man to East Chicago, where he was turned over to the local department. His bruises were so painful that he had to be assisted to the police station by one of the officers. On registering, he declared that he was a single man and resided at 369 Warren avenue. He did not appear to be a drinking man and when released was given car fare with which to reach Chicago and supplied with an additional pair of trousers.

## IND. HARBOR HAS A FIRE

Damage Covered by Insurance—Building Valued at \$20,000.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
 Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 22.—The Harbor fire department responded nobly to an urgent call early this morning, when the rear portion of the brick building on the corner of Block and Michigan avenues was destroyed by fire. The fire burned furiously for almost two hours, and was extinguished

## SUES FOR \$50,000 DAMAGES

Nineteen Year Old Gary Girl Will Be the Plaintiff in a Suit to Be Filed in the Near Future in Chicago Court.

## STREET CAR COMPANY IS THE DEFENDANT

Anna Retka Said To Be Mentally Deranged Owing to Injuries She Received When She Was Thrown to the Pavement in Attempting to Get Aboard.

In a suit which will be filed in a short time in a Chicago court, Attorney Curtiss, Withholm and Slick of Gary will ask for damages, probably to the extent of \$50,000, for injuries done to 19-year-old Anna Retka by the Chicago City Railway company.

The accident happened several months ago, Jan. 23, 1907, and since that time the young lady has been mentally unbalanced to such an extent that she is absolutely helpless. The case has not been given to an attorney previous to this time because of the fact that the victim, while in the hospital, signed an agreement with the railroad company not to sue them upon receiving the sum of \$2.

The circumstances of the injuries to the young woman were extremely pitiful, and were not made known to her relatives and friends in Gary until some time after it occurred, owing to her having been taken to a hospital where she was obscured among the hundreds of patients.

The particulars the attorneys have found hard to obtain, owing to the fact that the girl is in such a mental state that she cannot recall the manner in which she fell from the car. As near as can be ascertained, however, she was attempting to board the car at Halsted and Twenty-sixth street, when it started suddenly before she could secure a firm hold. She was thrown to the ground, where the base of her skull was fractured and was then removed to the office of a physician in the vicinity.

After dressing the wound she was taken in a police ambulance to the People's hospital, where she remained for several weeks, after which time she was removed to the home of her brother, Joseph Retka, who is employed in the International Harvester works at South Deering. As soon as Miss Retka was physically able she returned to her friends in Gary, who reside on Washington street, near the Pennsylvania tracks.

The parents of the young woman still live in the old country, they having sent her to America to reside with her brother, who was better able to take care of her. She spends most of her time, however, with Gary friends who were instrumental in having the suit brought about. Attorney G. S. Withholm has been engaged for the past week in ferreting out the details of the case so that it can be brought to trial as soon as possible.

ALL TALK ABOUT FUTILITY IS "GREEK TO YOU" UNLESS YOU ADVERTISE OCCASIONALLY.

ADVERTISING MAKES MANY IMPOSSIBLE THINGS POSSIBLE.

## GARY IN THROES OF LAST SHOPPING DAY

Postoffice Swamped While the Force Is Greatly Handicapped.

DOING THE VERY BEST IT CAN

Added to Natural Increase Due to Season, Came the Calendars Which Various Firms Send Out.

The holiday rush in Gary is on. But with one more day in which to do their Christmas purchasing Gary storekeepers, express companies and the local postoffice are rushed beyond their limit.

Probably the local postoffice force is the one compelled to bear the brunt of the holiday rush more than any one else in Gary. The local office is literally swamped with Christmas packages, letters and Christmas postal cards.

"We are doing the best we can under the conditions," said Postmaster Call, last night. "We have no larger force of clerks in the office than we had a month ago and all we can do at the present time is to get out all the deliveries we can and leave the rest until we come to it."

During the past two weeks an avalanche of Christmas mail has been received. The mail sacks taken out of the local office are bulging with packages and holiday cards of all descriptions. Not only does every incoming mail bring hundreds of missives, but this is the time of the year when thousands of calendars are sent through the mails. Beginning with last Monday the mails have increased so at the Gary postoffice that Postmaster Call and his assistant have done everything in their power to distribute the mails as soon as possible.

It is not thought the rush will be over tomorrow, as many persons who have received presents will return them the day after and then there are always more or less presents sent at New Year's. It is not thought that the Gary postoffice will catch up with its distribution until after the New Year.

## BUILD FIRE IN BOX CAR

Peter Johnson of East Chicago Destroys Railroad Property.

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 23.—Peter Johnson, an East Chicago man, was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of arson. He was arraigned before Judge Jones and bound over to the superior court under a \$500 bond. He was unable to furnish the bond and will await his trial in the county jail.

Johnson, according to alleged facts obtained, was found yesterday afternoon by a private detective for the B. & O. railroad yard in Whiting. He was housed in an empty box car and maintained a brisk bonfire by which he warmed himself.

Johnson was released from the county jail only a week ago, where he was sent some time ago on the charge of having attempted to pass worthless paper as money. All of his transgressions are so crude and flagrant that the authorities are disposed towards leniency, believing rather that his acts are prompted by ignorance. At times his acts take on the nature of being committed by one demented. He is said to have a family in East Chicago.

You will find that it is the merchants who are advertising in THE TIMES are the ones who are doing the business. They are live ones.

## ADVERTISE FOR CITY HALL BIDS

Gary Board Will Dispose of This Important Matter at Once in Order That There May Be No Delay Next Spring.

## TOWN FATHERS HEAR MR. CANFIELD'S PLAN

Chicago Man Appears, Who Would Police Magic City With a Private Force of Such Efficiency, That Would Make Pinkertons Look Poor—Subject Is Tabled.

As predicted in THE TIMES last night, the town board of Gary decided yesterday to advertise for bids for the excavation for the new \$45,000 city hall building. These bids will be received at the next regular meeting of the town board and the contract will then be let. This will be pushed to completion so that the building operations can be started at once.

The board was unanimous in its opinion that the work should be started at once, because of the fact that if they wait until the frost is out of the ground in the spring, the delay will mean that the building will scarcely be completed before fall. In the meantime the police will be so incapacitated through the increase in their business that they would be seriously handicapped. The fire department would also have a great deal of difficulty in accomplishing their work properly while located in their present quarters.

The only other business aside from the routine considered by the board was the request by a man named O. A. Canfield, of Chicago, who wished the privilege of establishing and maintaining a separate and private police station, police officers and private burglar alarm system of his own for the benefit of the business men of the city.

Mr. Canfield related at length his dream of a private police system of his own. Their civic pride, however, in the police department which the trustees are trying to maintain, compelled them to lay the matter on the table until such a time as the local force is considered inadequate to handle the situation.

The plan, however, of Mr. Canfield aroused much interest, as he suggested that it was a model system appropriate for Gary, the model city. The plan was unique because of the fact that it was formulated on such an elaborate scale that in comparison to the Pinkerton service would look like the work of a town marshal.

Mr. Canfield said that for the first few months he would only establish his protection system along Broadway and Fifth avenue, and later in other parts of the city as the business men demanded it. He proposed to lay wires to each merchant or banker's place of business so that when a burglar attempted to enter the place an alarm would be sounded at the central station. They would then have plenty of men present so that they could descend in a body and "trap in" the marauder. During business hours, while the store was in use, a secret switch would be turned on to inform them that the oc-

## E. C. Minas Company

Hammond, Indiana

## XMAS GROCERIES, NUTS and CANDIES

Thursday, Dec. 24

FANCY DAIRY BUTTER, fresh and sweet, per lb.	30c	FANCY PEABERRY COFFEE, 25c kind, per lb.	18c
SWIFT'S PREMIUM BACON, in strips 4 to 7 lbs, per lb.	20c	OUR SPECIAL BLEND, high grade Coffee, 30c kind, per lb.	24c
KETTLE RENDERED LARD, absolutely pure, per lb.	12c	SALADA GOLD MEDAL TEA, 1/4-lb package	24c
SPANISH QUEEN OLIVES, full quart for	25c	FANCY MIXED NUTS, best mixture, per lb.	18c
DODSON-BRAUN assorted PICKLES, the 20c kind	15c	No. 1 Soft Shell California WALNUTS, per lb.	20c
per bottle	8c		
EARLY JUNE SUGAR PEAS, can at	8c		
LOG CABIN BRAND MINCE MEAT, per package	8c		
UNCLE JERRY'S PANCAKE FLOUR, package	8c		
SWEET NAVAL ORANGES, dozen	17c		
FANCY INDIAN RIVER GRAPE FRUIT, each	8c		
FRESH BALTIMORE OYSTERS, direct shipment, quart	29c		
National Biscuit Company's FRESH BAKED SUGAR DROPS, large measure	3c		
SHREDDED COCOANUT, long shreds, per lb.	15c		

cupant of the building was the owner or proprietor, and when they left at night this would be thrown off.

## SELLS A GARY BLOCK

T. W. Englehart Disposes of Property to Iowa Banker.

An entire block of property was purchased yesterday from T. W. Englehart of the South Broadway Land company by H. G. Solem, vice president of a national bank at Sioux City, Ia. The property was purchased from Mr. Englehart at a price of \$200 a lot, and is located on the west side of Broadway and south of the ridge road. The sale recently made by Mr. Englehart is the largest which has been recorded for several weeks. The buyer of the property has made four trips to the city and has made several purchases in South Broadway property. The last trip he was more impressed than ever with the city and the steel mills, and his investments were heavy. The property will be used largely for speculation, although Mr. Solem intends in the spring to build several residences in that neighborhood.

In selling this property to the Iowa banker Mr. Englehart disposed of the last of his property west of Broadway and south of the ridge road. The holdings of Mr. Englehart were adjacent to those of Mr. Jackson's road house.

## Christmas C-A-N-D-Y

FANCY BOXES INCLUDING HEARTS AND OTHERS IN 1, 2 AND 3 POUND BOXES

1 pound Choice Chocolates or Bon Bons . . . . . 75c  
 2 pounds Choice Chocolates or Bon Bons . . . . . 1.50  
 3 pounds Choice Chocolates or Bon Bons . . . . . \$2.00

Other Candy Boxes 25c, 50c and up  
 Christmas Candy, 10c per pound and up

ALL ORDERS DELIVERED

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Phone 2942

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**GENERAL FURNITURE CO.**  
 December 23. 9139-9141 Commercial Ave., So. Chicago.

## SPECIAL FOR HOLIDAYS

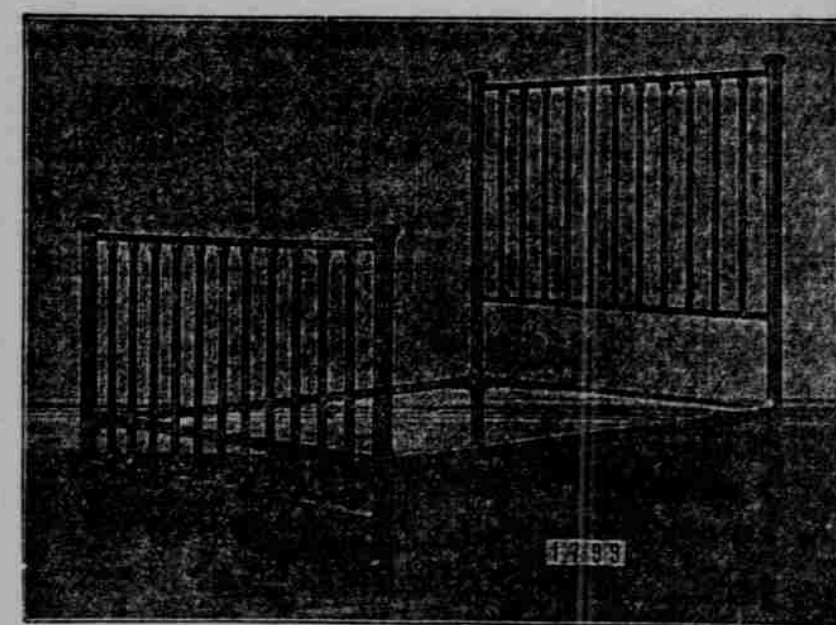
Brussell Rugs, 9x12 feet, new designs and colors..... **10.50**



A 3-piece Parlor Suite, birch, mahogany finish, fully worth \$35, special for holidays **14.75**



This Couch is made of solid oak, springs of best tempered steel, covering of English verona, special for holidays **13.50**



A Genuine Brass Bed that is fully worth 40.00

Special for Holidays

**24.75**