

WEATHER.
Fair today and Thursday;
slight temperature change;
southwest winds.

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HAMMOND LAST GAP IN THE LINK

Trolley System From Aurora Ill. To This City To Connect With Gary In Near Future

WORK SOON TO START

ELECTION CONTEST ADJOURNS TODAY

Preliminary Work Will Be Done the Present Winter.

Hammond is to be connected with Aurora and Joliet, Ill., with a trolley system that will be of far more importance to the industrial and commercial welfare of the city than any like line that has yet come into the city. Hammond will be brought into direct communication with the great trolley lines of central and western Illinois and will be the connecting gap between Aurora and Gary.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE CLOSING. From Joliet to Gary, Ind., direct by trolley, will be realized next winter. Negotiations for the covering of the last lap of the Fisher line, that territory between Chicago Heights and Hammond, are now drawing to a successful close, and actual work will begin next summer.

CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE. On Wednesday at Hammond, a conference was held between Fred Parks of the Joliet Southern, and Contractor Ward of Thornton and certain Hammond promoters. Negotiations have been pending for some time, and it is believed that the deal will go through without a hitch. Mr. Ward and the local promoters had invited the tra-

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CHRISTMAS NIGHT FOR LODGE WORK

Important Initiatory Decrees to Be Conferred Tomorrow.

Dec. 25 and 26 will be important ones in the annals of Garfield Lodge, No. 569, F. and A. M. On Friday, Christmas evening, there will be the annual election of officers in the Blue Lodge. This is one of the most important events of the year in Masonic circles and great interest is attached to this election.

The annual pastmaster's convocation will be held at the Masonic temple Saturday, Dec. 24. This, too, is one of the important Masonic events of the year.

WORK IN AFTERNOON. There will be degree work in the afternoon by the present officers, in which G. W. Hunter, W. C. Rose, A. E. Cromell and George W. McCloskey will receive the master Mason degree, and in the evening the past masters will confer the master mason degree upon Chas. E. Williams.

There will be the illustrated lecture and refreshments at 10 p. m. The past masters who will confer the degree in the evening are: William H. Goettin, J. G. Jacob, H. E. Sharer, T. Edwin Bell, H. F. Meikle, R. S. Galyer and William H. Spellman.

HOLIDAY RECESS

Court Adjourns for Christmas Vacation.

The day before Christmas ends the work of the Lake superior court until after the holidays. This morning a divorce was granted in the case of Cowell vs. Cowell. A temporary restraining order was issued against Albert Maack to prevent him from making some sales of tax lands.

The morning was taken up principally with a motion hour and the sitting of the court ended at noon today. The court will not convene again until January 4.

In the case of Nelson vs. The Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago Street Railway company, which is being tried in the Porter superior court, the trial was set for January 11. The following truck jury has been drawn in the case: Albert Furness, P. J. Lindahl, Isaac Crisman, Richard Small, Eugene Field, John Homfeldt, Jacob Fisher, James Hollingsworth, James E. Jones, James Monteire, Herman Clausen, B. F. one E. Wood and Merritt Ritter.

CHURCHES WILL CELEBRATE DAY

Appropriate Exercises to Be Held at All the Churches.

ELABORATE PROGRAMS GIVEN

Especially Fine Musical Programs Will Be Given at the Catholic Edifices.

Aside from the holiday spirit which is prevalent in generous measures this year the whole Christian world will rejoice tomorrow in the religious and spiritual meaning of the day. Every religious denomination, Catholics and Protestants, observe the birth of the Savior with more or less pompous and impressive services. In the Catholic churches the services especially will be impressive, practically the entire afternoon from an early hour, will be given over to the religious observance of the day.

At 5 o'clock the Christmas bells will call the faithful ones to the first services, which will be a high mass. Special music has been prepared for the day and this will be rendered in the first masses.

At St. Joseph's Church. Father H. M. Plaster will say the 5 o'clock high mass and deliver the Christmas sermon. It being a Catholic priest's privilege to say three masses on Christmas day. Father Plaster will also say the low mass at 6 o'clock. The boys' vested choir will sing the Christmas carols in this mass, while the girls' choir will sing in the low mass at 8 o'clock, which will also be said by the Rev. Plaster.

The Rev. Badina will officiate at the 10 o'clock high mass and will deliver his Christmas sermon then. The big choir will sing in this mass.

At All Saints' Church.

At All Saints' church the services will be practically the same. There will be four masses, the first at 5, the second at 7, the third at 9 and the fourth at 10:30. In both churches the benediction will be given after the last high mass in order that the congregation may send the balance of the day in social intercourse.

At St. Paul's Church.

Special music has been prepared for the services at St. Paul's Episcopal church tomorrow. The first services will be held at 7:30 in the morning, at which time the communion will be distributed. The second services will be at 10 o'clock, at which time the full choir will sing. The pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith, will deliver the Christmas sermon.

At the First M. E. Church.

Christmas exercises will be held this evening at the First M. E. church and the program will please old and young. The program begins at 7:30 which seemed so much in favor of the democrats was torn to shreds.

At the Presbyterian Church.

Elaborate exercises were held last evening at the Presbyterian church last evening. The program was carried out by the children and while all the participants did nobly, the appearance of little Elissa Emmerling merits special praise. The boys' drill, too, was one of the features. From the children's viewpoint the Santa Claus was, of course, the very best attraction at the church. He tried to gain entrance at first through the window, the bundle of presents that he carried for the little necessitated his coming through the door.

POLICE HAVE A NEAT SMOKER

Chief Rimbach Is Rewarded

With a Handsome Token.

The Hammond police will assemble at the police station this afternoon at 4 o'clock for a little smoker in accordance with their custom of the last six or eight years.

The officers of the law smoked good cigars and enjoyed other refreshments. It was their purpose to especially honor Chief of Police Fred Rimbach.

The officers take the position that their tenure of office is not assured for any length of time and that they had better get together and enjoy themselves while the official family remains intact.

The members of the police force and the fire department were all paid today, so that they will have plenty of Christmas money on hand. As a result they are all happy and are eagerly looking forward to tomorrow.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

As Saturday follows Christmas this year our yards and offices will remain closed on that day to give our employees an extra day of rest.

THE HAMMOND LUMBER CO. THE PAXTER LUMBER CO. THE HOME LUMBER CO.

WHEELS WILL BE STOPPED

Lake County Cities Will Observe Christmas as a General Holiday, and Wheels in Most Factories Will Be Still Till Monday.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR THE WINTER TERM

Men Are Paid Ahead By Majority of Manufacturing Institutions and Christmas Spirit and Joy Are Abroad In the Entire Land To-night.

It is with a spirit of confidence, happiness and contentment that the people in the various cities of Lake county await the year's end holidays. This is in great contrast to the spirit of unrest that was so noticeable last year and which caused a cloud of gloom to settle down over the region like a pall. Then the country was facing a period of financial depression, now they are emerging from one.

The holiday trade in the various mercantile establishments, while not as great volume as in other years, is conservative and substantial, and the merchants are satisfied.

Preparing for Holiday.

Today the people of Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago and Gary are preparing for that holiday of holidays, Christmas. The Christmas spirit is everywhere.

The schools closed yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the students went to their homes, while the teachers departed to the various cities in neighboring states from where they came. The trains and street cars are filled with jolly throngs of Christmas shoppers and those who are going from here to there for their Christmas holiday vacation.

The banks and mercantile establishments will all be closed tomorrow and the postoffices will be opened only for a few hours in the morning. In Hammond, where there is a free delivery service, there will be one delivery in the morning.

The Simplex Railway Appliance company will close down today at noon and will give its employees a vacation over the Christmas holiday, including Saturday, until Monday morning.

Standard Pay Off Men.

The Standard Steel Car company is paying off its men today in order to

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THE QUESTION IS RAISED

Can Benzoate of Soda Be Dispensed With as a Preservative?

Lake county druggists will be very much interested in the effort that is being made by the Williams Bros. and Curtis Bros. food manufacturers, to have that provision of the pure food laws regarding the use of benzoate of soda as a preservative done away with.

Whether or not the Indiana pure food law empowers the state board of health to make rules governing the preparation of foods and their sales within the state is a question raised in an action brought against H. E. Barnard, state food and drug commissioner; Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, and the other members of the board.

The suit has been filed in the federal court by the Williams Bros. and Curtis Bros. food manufacturers.

The former firm is in Detroit, Mich., and the latter operates in Rochester, N. Y.

The action is brought on a petition for a temporary restraining order to prevent the enforcement of the pure food law, especially as it relates to the rule against the use of benzoate of soda as a preservative, but it will involve the constitutionality of the law. The case will be called today, but the state will ask continuance on the ground that it has not had time to prepare for it gets out in several weeks.

BABCOCK OUT.

TIMES' BUREAU AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—Representative Babcock has announced today his withdrawal as a candidate for republican house leader. He says he has no organization, while other candidates are well organized.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Well, guess the little ones appreciated the spirit shown by the South Shore Gas & Electric company!

Every child that attended the matinee at the popular Princess theater this afternoon received a bag of candy, given it by the South Shore company.

"Hold the fort, for we are coming," was certainly the cry, for it seemed as if every child in Hammond was on hand to get a bag of candy, and Manager W. F. Booth's clever young men had their hands full.

Appreciate it?

Well, say, you ought to have seen those children enjoy the candy and enjoy the play. It certainly would have done your heart good.

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