

WEATHER.
Fair today and Thursday;
slight temperature changes;
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

Preliminary Work Will Be
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 Contra 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 promoter had invited the trans-

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CHRISTMAS NIGHT FOR LODGE WORK

Important Initiatory De-
grees 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. Crowell 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. Gostlin, J. G. Jbach, H. E. Sharrett, T. Edwin Bell, H. F. Melkle, R. S. Galer 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 Cowgill vs. Cowgill. 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 struck jury has been drawn in the case: Albert Furness, P. J. Lindahl, Isaac Crisman, Richard Small, Eugene P. Field, John Homfeldt, Jacob Fisher, James Hollingsworth, James E. Jones, James Montire, Herman Clausen, E. F. ones, Ernie Massey, George Childs, Mason 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 Cath-
olic 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 Saviour with more or less pompous and impressive services. In the Catholic churches the services especially will be impressive, practically the entire forenoon 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 service, 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.
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' vestal 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. 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.

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 and contains the famous Shepherd scene.

At the Presbyterian Church.
Elaborate exercises were held last evening at the Presbyterian church. The program was carried out by the children and while all the participants did nobly, the appearance of little Eltesa 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 Ob-
serve Christmas as a Gen-
eral 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 post offices 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.

Standard Pays 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., picklers and preservers, and the Curtis Bros. company, 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 a continuance on the ground that it has not had time to prepare for trial.

BABCOCK OUT.

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!

The Christmas Spirit

Christmas is the season of kindness. For Christmas celebrates the coming of Christ into the world, and the heart of the Christ message is love—love expressing itself in homely channels of friendliness and good will, love that "suffereth long and is kind." If we have kindly emotions, let them have their way and blossom into kindly thoughts and kindly deeds. Let the free child spirit of open-hearted friendliness prevail. For this is the child's festival, celebrating the birth of a child, the wonderful Giver who gave himself for mankind. Let us carry the Christmas spirit through all the following days that come and go with all their measure of care or pain or pleasure, and bear in our hearts the inspiration and hope of the blessed Christmas festival of love, bearing ever ringing above the sounds of earth and sense, the song of the angels heralding in the birth of the Saviour of mankind.

NEW DIRECTORIES TO BE OUT BY MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY

Careful Canvass Shows That New Lake County Directory Will Be More Accurate Than Any One Which Has Preceded It.

According to Mr. A. Howard Bell, the manager of the Lake County Directory company, the new directory will be ready for distribution by the middle of February.

This will be welcome news to the business and professional men of Lake county who have felt the need of a directory that would cover all of the closely related cities of the county and the rural districts as well.

One of the principal reasons for being anxious for the publication of the new directory is the fact that because of the careful manner in which the canvass is being made the new directory will be more accurate than any which have preceded it.

Never before has the publisher of a directory attempted to cover the entire county. The project is more gigantic than one would think. Not only has

every town in the county been canvassed, but every country road has been covered so that there will not be even a farmer omitted from the new directory.

Is a Public Necessity.

In fact the new directory so nearly approaches a public necessity that the promoters should have the co-operation and support of all of the people in the country who are called upon for either financial or moral support. The Lake County Directory company is Judge P. L. Fitzgerald of Gary, the vice president is F. Richard Schaaf of Hammond; treasurer, G. J. Bader of Whiting, and secretary, A. Howard Bell of Gary.

The above named men are all stockholders are J. G. Harris, Clarence Bretsch, William H. Fitzgerald, Walter S. Ross, all of Gary, and Dr. A. G. Schlicker of East Chicago.

MAYOR BECKER DOING NICELY

His Family Will Spend Part
of the Holiday With
Him.

Although the immediate family of Mayor Becker will spend the day with him at his bedside in St. Margaret's hospital it will nevertheless be a merry Christmas, both for the patient and his family.

At no time since he underwent the operation a week ago was there a lack of improvement in his condition. So encouraging are the reports that it is hoped that he may be removed to his home on Rimbach avenue by New Year's eve.

While everything in his condition is most encouraging it is, however, still too early for him to receive any callers at the hospital. It is only by his physician's special permission that his own family are allowed to spend some time with him in the hospital tomorrow.

Mayor Becker is accepting the situation gracefully. Naturally robust and vigorous, and friends thought he would begin to rebel at his confinement as soon as he got his head above water, but that is not the case this time. He realizes that he is in a good way and that he has much to be thankful for if he gets out in several weeks.

GET CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

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.

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

40,000 MORE PEOPLE ARE ASSURED

American Car and Foundry
Company Revises Plans—
Will Double Capacity for
the Gary Plant and Em-
ploy 8,000 Men There.

SPECIFICATION TO ARRIVE JANUARY 1ST.

Indications Point to Probability That
Grading Work Will Begin Within
a Month—Site Is South of Lake
Shore and B. & O. Tracks and West
of Grand Calumet River.

Draftsmen and engineers for the American Car & Foundry company will leave St. Louis for Chicago Jan. 1st, where they will begin the drawing of the plans and specifications for the great industry which they will build in Gary. In addition to this fact the company has decided to make the plant much larger than they originally intended, and instead of employing 4,000 men the number will be doubled.

The above information comes from a source which is absolutely authentic. In further confirmation of the above it is known that the company recently doubled the amount of their holdings which are located just south of the Lake Shore and Baltimore & Ohio tracks and west of the Calumet river.

Although the construction of the plant with the revised plans will take a longer time than was at first expected, the news that the plant will double the capacity and expenditure, and consequently the number of men employed means much to the city of Gary. Eight thousand men employed

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CIVIL WAR VETERAN IS LAID TO REST

Old Soldiers Stand Guard
Over Grave of Cornelius
S. Golden.

REMEMBERED BY DEMOCRATS

Various Organizations Send Tokens
of Esteem in Honor of De-
ceased and Family.

Cornelius S. Golden, of 435 Truman avenue, was buried this afternoon at Oak Hill cemetery in the presence of civil war veterans, scores of friends and many relatives. The old soldiers stood guard over the grave at the short services at Oak Hill cemetery in respect to the departed, who was himself a civil war veteran.

The funeral services were held at the house at 2 o'clock, the Rev. C. J. Sharp of the Christian church officiating. Many floral tributes were received from loving friends, nor was the deceased or his family forgotten by those organizations in which he took a particular interest or with which one or the other member of the family is connected.

Democrats Remember Him.
The Hammond Democratic club remembered him by sending a large floral piece in memory of the departed stalwart who worked faithfully in the ranks and never sought recognition for his services. The boys at the central fire station, where Tom Golden, a son of the deceased was formerly stationed, and also department No. 3, which he is lieutenant now, sent nice pieces. The members of the Christian church band, of which John Golden, another son is a member, also sent a loving token of remembrance.

The out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral were Messdames Wm. Cooper and Otis Randolph, both nices, living at Hoopston, Ill.; John Douglas, a nephew of Hoopston, Ill., was also in attendance.

The pallbearers were Messrs. George Bagget, F. Halfman, J. Petersen, J. McCoy, A. Wall and Mr. McKnight.