

OVER THE TEA CUPS

VISIT IN ILLINOIS.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Atkinson and daughter, Helen, of South Hohman street, left this morning for Champaign, Ill., where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

Elwin Gavit, who is attending the Valparaiso university at Valparaiso, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gavit of Sibley street.

LEAVES ON VACATION.

Miss Lulu Symmes, principal of the Lincoln school, left this morning on the 9:19 for Crawfordsville, Ind. Miss Symmes will also visit in Greencastle and Indianapolis before returning home.

PASSES THROUGH HAMMOND.

Harry K. White, formerly of Hammond but now of Chicago, passed through Hammond today on his way to his home in Evansville, where he will spend the holidays.

ATTEND DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison of Chicago will be guests at the dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kidney in Mason street, tomorrow.

VISITS WITH RELATIVES.

Harry Smith has gone to Crawfordsville to spend the holidays with relatives. Mrs. Smith left for there several days ago.

VISITS RELATIVES.

Miss Agatha Shaw left today for Huntington, Ind., to be the guest of relatives and friends for the remainder of the week.

VISITS IN CHICAGO.

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Young and family will go to Chicago to spend the holidays with Mrs. Esping.

VISIT IN MICHIGAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles King have gone to Bangor, Mich., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

VISITS IN MICHIGAN.

Miss Edna Turner has gone to her home in Armand, Mich., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

VISITS RELATIVES.

Miss Ella and Emil Pedler, who are attending school here, went to their home in Cedar Lake last evening to spend the vacation.

LEAVES HAMMOND.

Miss Margaret Pedler went to her home in Cedar Lake this morning to spend the holidays with her parents.

LEAVES FOR BRUNSWICK, IND.

Miss Dora Groman has gone to her home in Brunswick, Ind., to spend a week or ten days with relatives and friends.

LEAVES FOR THE EAST.

John Henderson has gone to Pittsburgh, Pa., to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. George Drackert will entertain a number of relatives at their home in State Lane street.

LEAVES FOR MISSOURI.

Miss Blanche Nixon has gone to her home in Kirksville, Mo., to spend the school vacation with relatives and friends.

VISITS IN ROCHESTER.

Miss Edith Carter has gone to Rochester, Ind., to spend a week visiting friends and relatives.

GOES TO MICHIGAN.

Miss Louise Oversmith has left Hammond for her home in Marshall, Mich., where she will remain during the school vacation visiting relatives and friends.

VISITS IN IOWA.

Miss Shunk of the high school faculty has left for Davenport, Ia., to spend a week or ten days visiting with relatives.

VISITS IN FRANKFORT.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nolan will go to Frankfort, Ind., to spend Christmas with relatives. They will probably return Sunday.

HERE FOR SHORT VISIT.

Misses Lillian and Clark, who are attending the academy at Bourbonnais, Ill., will spend their vacation with the Misses Anna and Genevieve Hastings at their home in State street.

VISITS RELATIVES.

Miss Monta Underwood will go to Indianapolis for a short visit with relatives and before returning to Hammond will spend a day with friends at Madison, Ind.

LEAVES FOR THE SOUTH.

E. B. Stiles of Birmingham, Ala., left last evening for Birmingham, Ala., to spend the holidays with his parents.

VISITS IN ST. LOUIS.

Miss Anna Galvin will leave this evening for St. Louis, Mo., where she will remain a few days visiting friends and relatives.

MEETING POSTPONED.

Pythian Sisters will meet Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 29th, at 2:30 o'clock instead of Friday evening of this week. The annual election of officers will take place at this meeting, so that all members are urged to attend.

HERE ON VISIT.

Mrs. Murphy and family of Frankfort, Ind., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lavens at their home in Truman avenue for a few days.

LEAVES FOR MISSOURI.

Mrs. Richard Graham will leave this evening for Texas, Mo., to spend the holidays with her relatives.

ENTERTAINS AT DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stinson will entertain at a Christmas dinner tomorrow at their home in May street in honor of their guests, Mrs. Robert Forline and children of Kentucky. Their only guests will be relatives, among them Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Herington, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney C. Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Stinson and children.

MASONIC BALL.

"Where are you going to take your best girl or wife New Year's eve?" inquired one of Hammond's society men "Why to the Eastern Star dance at the Masonic hall," was the reply, and the best of all is we are to play billiards and cards, so you be sure and come. The tickets are \$1.00 a couple and may be bought from any of the members. 2t

LEAVES ON VISIT.

Miss Carrie Gruszka will leave this evening for Springfield, Ill., to spend the holidays with relatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Johnston studio will be open all day Xmas until 5 o'clock.

CARD OF THANKS.

John K. Volk and family wish to thank Messrs. Krebs and Burns for their good services rendered during their bereavement and death of Mrs. Volk.

WILL MEET AT ASYLUM.

Hammond Commandery No. 41, Knights Templar, will meet at the asylum Christmas morning at 10:30 a. m. to join in the sentiment promulgated by the grand encampment of the U. S. A. All sojourning sir knights are cordially invited to be present.

HERE FOR SHORT VISIT.

Charles W. Wilson of Muscatine, Ia., visited friends in Hammond yesterday on his way to Indianapolis to spend the holidays. Mr. Wilson expects to spend a few days in Hammond next week.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther R. Wartena will entertain a number of relatives at dinner tomorrow at their home in Tollefson. Among the guests will be several from Rensselaer and East Chicago, and those from Hammond will be Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kunert and family of Russell street.

VISIT IN SHELBY.

Mrs. M. E. Bates and family of Logan street will go to Shelby, Ind., to spend Christmas with their daughters and sisters, Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Dickey.

ENTERTAIN AT DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kidney will entertain a number of relatives at dinner at their home in Mason street, tomorrow. Among the guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Reilly and family of Hammond.

LEAVE FOR WEST BADEN.

Mrs. George Moad of Doty street left this morning for West Baden, Ind., to spend a few weeks visiting friends there.

HERE FOR CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Mary Hemmstock and daughter, Miss Lora of Valparaiso, will come to Hammond this evening to remain over Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McAleer at their home in East Webb street.

"DIVORCONS."

Patrons of the Towle opera house will have the unusual opportunity of seeing Christmas matinee and night for stock company prices, a play that is this week being played at the Grand opera house in Chicago, at \$2.00 prices. As Grace Hayward, appearing this week at Towle's, will present Sardon's delightful French comedy "Divorcons," line for line as it is being played by Grace Hayward at the Grand. "Divorcons" is not a drama or tragedy but a real delightful French comedy, telling the humorous side of the divorce question. The Hayward company pay a very high royalty for "Divorcons" and Hammond theater goers are fortunate to have as good an attraction as this at popular prices Christmas afternoon and night.

BERTHA KALICH.

The unusual early demand for choice seats for the performance of the great actress, Bertha Kalich, in her latest success, "Cora," indicates says Manager Nye that those who wait until the last moment will have to take a back seat.

VISITING HERE.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Terry and family of Chicago Heights are visiting Mrs. Nicholas Terry of Hammond a few days.

LEAVES ON VACATION.

Attorney Harlan A. Bixby left Hammond today to spend the holidays at his old home, Dowagiac, Mich., and will return next Wednesday to resume the practicing of law.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Miss Daisy Emery of Cleveland, Ohio, will spend Christmas with her mother, and sisters at their home in Logan street.

VISITS AT HER HOME.

Miss Cora Green will leave this evening for her home in Dowagiac, Mich., to spend the holidays with friends and relatives here.

ENTERTAINS INFORMALLY.

Miss Pauline Fischer entertained a few friends very pleasantly last evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Noack. The evening was spent in a pleasant way with various games and music and a dainty course luncheon was served.

HOLD REGULAR MEETING.

The regular meeting of Silver Light Hive L. O. T. M. was held last evening in Long's hall on State street. The usual attendance of members was present and the regular routine business was disposed of.

HOLD BUSINESS MEETING.

The Ladies Aid society of the First

Presbyterian church met yesterday afternoon in the church room for an important meeting. There was the usual attendance of members and the afternoon was spent with plans for a social to be given in the near future.

"PAID IN FULL"

Harper's Weekly, in speaking of Eugene Walter's play, "Paid in Full," says, "The third act of the American play, 'Paid in Full,' which is presented at the Astor theater, is one for which the author, Mr. Eugene Walter, deserves much commendation. The play, from beginning to end, is extremely well done, both by playwright and company, and 'with interest' might well be added to the title as an expression of what the audience derives from it.

"The play deals with humble persons, humble, that is, in comparison with the 'high society' folk one is accustomed to see strutting through the measures of social drama. The reason for calling attention to Mr. Walter's third act is, that he has made it just what it should be, quick, alert, full of interest, and a striking climax, of the play. After seeing it there was a reasonable suspicion that a fourth act might spoil the drama, at least, might destroy the force of the third. However, Mr. Walter's fourth act does not mar his lay in anyway; if anything, it adds in accentuating the strength of the one which preceded it."

"Paid in Full" will be the attraction at the Towle Opera House Sunday matinee and night, Dec. 17. The Wagner and Kemper company promise a fine production and a notable cast of players. The play is in its second year in New York, and has also its credit a run of over six months in Chicago.

VISITS IN KANSAS.

Mrs. Rodney C. Hobbs will leave Saturday for points in Kansas to spend a few weeks visiting relatives and friends.

ENTERTAINING RELATIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Stinson are entertaining Mr. Stinson's sister, Mrs. Robert Forline, and children of Frankfort, Ky., at their home in May street for a week.

LUTHERAN SERVICES TONIGHT.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, 117 Clinton street, Theodore Claus, pastor, will hold Christmas services this evening at 7:00 o'clock, consisting of songs and recitations by the pupils of the parochial school and the English Sunday school. There will be a Christmas tree at 10:00 o'clock a. m. Special music by the mixed choir and the male chorus.

Briefs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. E. Hemmstock and children of Indiana Harbor, will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McAleer in Clinton street, Christmas.

Attorney Joseph Conroy and son, Elliott, will spend Christmas visiting in Chicago.

Charles Demmerling of Chicago will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Demmerling, of East Sibley street.

Mr. Cordua of Indiana avenue has gone to his home in Decatur, Ind., to spend the holidays with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Parker of Chicago will spend Christmas with Mrs. Elizabeth Hauber at her home in Morton court.

Michael Terry of Laporte, Ind., is here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. C. For d of East Chicago was in Hammond today on business.

Mrs. Mat Cook will entertain a number of relatives from Chicago at her home today and Christmas.

Miss Mae Burhans went to her home in Lowell this morning to spend the school vacation with relatives.

Mrs. E. E. Beck and daughter, Miss Laura, are visiting in Chicago today.

Mrs. Mae Arkin is spending the day visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. Charles Kason is spending the day in Chicago.

Mrs. Claude Campbell is spending the day visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. Emma Cosgrove is visiting in Chicago today.

Henry Cope has gone to Marshall, Mich., to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Malo is spending the day visiting in Chicago.

Miss Mae Wells of Chicago will spend Christmas with Mrs. Abbie Eddy of Hammond.

G. O. Eastman will go to Michigan City this evening to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Elsie Masepohl will spend Christmas with friends in Englewood.

Miss Marie Hansen of Crown Point will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mary Hansen of Rimbach avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison of Chicago will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. Reilly at their home in South Hohman street.

Louis Tull will spend Christmas with his relatives in Chicago.

Miss Etta Sheffield of Chicago will visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sheffield of May street over Sunday.

John Sonntag of Joliet, Ill., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brennan at their home in Rimbach avenue Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Davis of Rimbach avenue were in Rensselaer today to spend Christmas, visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Fay Smiley will be the guest friends in East Chicago this evening.

Miss Anna Lotz of Irving Park, Ill., was the guest of friends in Hammond last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renwick and Miss Mayme Mashino left today for Champaign, Ill., to spend a few days with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Parker.

Henry Sartorius will spend Christmas with relatives in Chicago.

Miss Erna Sholtz of Chicago will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Groman at their home in Warren street.

Miss Mayme Reiser will go to Crown

Point this evening to spend Christmas with relatives.

Misses Grace and Hattie Dahl went to Lowell to spend the school vacation with relatives and friends.

Mrs. George Clinton, of East Chicago was a visitor in Hammond yesterday afternoon.

Charles A. Miller of Chicago was in Hammond today on business.

Chester Eastwood was a visitor in Chicago last evening.

Mrs. Grant Hunter will spend Christmas with relatives and friends in Madison and Indianapolis.

Miss Anna Blackburn has gone to Chatsworth, Ill., to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Alfred Sewall.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Henry of Carroll street have gone to Mendota, Ill., to spend the holidays with relatives.

George W. Ross of East Chicago was in Hammond today on his way to his old home at Lafayette. He expects to spend Friday, Saturday and Sunday with his parents there.

Ed. McMahon has gone to his home in Cleveland, Ohio, to spend the holidays with relatives.

Vernon McGirr of Valparaiso will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McAleer at their home in Clinton street.

GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Louise Ingersoll and sons, Clarence and Homer, of Chicago, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Parry, 44 Warren street, today. Mrs. Ingersoll is Mrs. Parry's mother.

MEIKLE HIGH PRIEST

Hammond Chapter Choses Its New Officers.

At the annual election of the Hammond Chapter, the following were elected to the dignities of the various offices:

High priest—Hugh Meikle.
King—G. A. Schreiber.
Scribe—G. L. Smith.
Treasurer—Theodore Moor.
Secretary—Scott Galer.
Captain of hosts—W. C. McEwen.
Prince of sojourners—W. H. Spellman.

Royal arch captain—J. W. Morthland.
Master of first veil—W. S. Jones.
Master of second veil—George P. Daly.

Master of third veil—J. M. Kellar.
Sentinel—J. H. Kasper.

The installation of the elected officers takes place on the second Wednesday in January.

WILLIAMS STREET

PROPERTY IS SOLD.

Otto Muehlberger Closes Deal for House and Lot on Williams street.

It was a nice little Christmas present!

Otto Muehlberger, foreman of The Times stereotyping department, closed up a deal this morning for the house and thirty-foot lot at 2 Williams street, belonging to Peter DeBok, a carpenter employed at Gary. The consideration was \$1,800 and Mr. Muehlberger and family will occupy the premises as soon as several improvements contemplated are made. Mr. DeBok will return to Lansing to reside.

RECORD PRICE

FOR THE TURKEYS

Christmas turkeys comes high this year. The top notch for the national bird was touched yesterday, when the local quotation reached 25 cents per pound. The retail price averaged 23 cents.

Dealers assert that the price may slip another notch skyward this afternoon when the housewives make their last onslaught on the markets in preparation of the Christmas dinner.

Speculators have raided the market for the birds for freezing purposes, holding them for the hotel and restaurant trade of April and May," was the explanation given.

Last Christmas the average price for turkeys at the South Water street jobbers was 18 and 19 cents.

HIGH SCHOOL TIDINGS.

Ninety to 8—that looks good and it thing like that, being beaten by the eighth graders by a score of 11 to 8. The freshmen are now "cellar" champions.

Ninety to 8—that looks good and it also tells the story of the game. There was nothing to it but Hammond and the purple and white again predominated. Allowing Hobart only 8 points and in turn scoring 90 shows that Hammond will be there again to get a piece of the pie championship.

The following is the program given yesterday afternoon:

Speech.....Prof. McElroy
Speech.....Edwin Friedrich
Instrumental Solo.....Willie McDaniels
Composition.....Raymond Zoll
Vocal Solo.....Milton Dermody
Vocal Solo.....Elliott Conroy
Composition.....Hazel LaRue
Vocal Solo.....Beatrice Burke
Composition.....John Rhind
Piano Solo.....Genevieve Briggs

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all from this department.

There were no opening exercises yesterday morning. Mr. Leaming was absent and further the program in the afternoon caused the time to be given to the recitations. This made the first recitation fifty minutes in length instead of forty. This certainly made a hit with those having recitations first period.

Hat as Badge of Slavery.

With the ancient Greeks the hat was simply an appurtenance of the traveler. The free citizen preferred to go bareheaded and only put on his broad-brimmed petasus for protection against the sun when on a long journey. The uncovered head was part of his dignity, for the slaves and workmen wore always a kind of pointed skull cap.

THEY CAME IN DROVES.

Because of the transportation of the squares 2 and 1, Charles Berendt, proprietor of the Hammond meat market, has had his troubles for twenty-four hours and his store has been crowded with people who want to buy Christmas turkeys at 12½¢ and as soon as the paper appeared on the street the Hammond meat market was besieged before the error could be rectified in a later edition. The error was a regrettable one and Mr. Berendt never learned the value of advertising so strongly before in his whole life. The Times' mistake shows that people read the advertising.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Police Station Quit.

Evidently the people of Hammond are too busy to engage in any anti-Christmas lawlessness. The police did not even have a report on the spindles this morning. There has been very little happening during the day and the police are not overworked to say the least.

Hanson Keeps the Secret.

Some one found a packet in front of Bastar & McGarry's jewelry store this morning and turned it over to the police station. Officer Hanson is guarding the secret of its contents with the greatest of care for fear that some one who is not honest will come along and claim the package when it does not belong to them. All that Hanson will admit about the packet is that it is neither a marriage license or a dog license and it is likely to be anything else.

Standing Of Candidates

The following is the standing of the candidates in the great E. C. Minas contest now going on at the big store:

The E. C. Minas contest closes tonight at 10 o'clock. From the first this contest has been a very interesting one, and as the time shortens there is as much interest manifested as in a regular election, and at this time it is hard to pick the winner. The following is the standing as to each candidate, and the last count will take place at 10 o'clock:

Votes on Bicycle.

Artie Findling10,882
Thomas Lynch4,288
Patrick Price2,771
Hugh S. Campbell1,277
M. C. L. Mohl988

Votes on Doll.

Anna Gehring9,124
Mildred Lucht5,088
Goldie McNany4,822
Louise Shade2,438
Luciel Mason2,443

Votes on Piano.

C. G. Reed58,405
Louise Blohm19,167
Agnes Koster5,030
Lella Mercer4,490
Vida Pearson1,767

GOES TO TEXAS.

George Shoemaker, formerly employed in the barber shop of Leochal Simpson, has left this city to take care of some farm land which he has purchased in Texas.

Mr. Shoemaker has great faith in the productiveness of the soil in the locality to which he is going, and he believes that he can make more money planting vegetables than he can by pulling out blackheads.

The patrons of Mr. Simpson's shop miss the genial George and are sorry that he has left, but, to a man, they wish him the best of success in his new venture. He is succeeded by Herbert Frame, who comes here from Indiana Harbor.

Newspapers in Manuscript.

Regularly prepared manuscript sheets were circulated as newspapers in China, Rome and Venice long before the invention of printing.

SPECIAL

Cut on Men's Slippers

Your choice of any \$2.50 Men's Slippers at \$2.

Choice of any \$1.35 Men's Slippers at \$1.

20% off

on all Womens' warm Slippers