

# FROM NEIGHBORING TOWN AND CITY

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY SEAT

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**Was Already Sold.**  
Ben Hayes went to Hammond yesterday to bid on the Central block property, but found that it had been sold already when he got there. Mr. Hayes was much disappointed to find that it had been sold as he was prepared to pay \$20,000 for it and had the cash in his jeans.

### Peeping Tom Captured.

A Peeping Tom was captured in the north end of town on Tuesday night, and caught with the goods on him at that. While one of the Crown Point citizens was returning home, about 9:30 o'clock, he happened to see the young fellow peeping into one of the house windows. On approaching him, however, the fellow fled, but ran into a clothesline which threw him to the ground and made his capture easy for his pursuer. After being severely lectured he was set free on promise not to repeat the offense.

### Foresters Elect Officers.

At the meeting of the Independent Order of Foresters, on Tuesday evening, the annual election of officers for the ensuing year was held. Following are the names of those elected to fill the chairs for 1909:  
Cyrus Kittering, chief ranger.  
Mat Jourdain, vice chief.  
George Beck, recording secretary.  
Joseph P. Young, financial secretary.  
Henry Aulwurm, treasurer.  
Ira Ainsworth, senior woodward.  
Otto Seberger, junior woodward.  
John Clausen, senior beadle.  
Fred Ruff, junior beadle.

The volunteer firemen of Crown Point elected the following officers to serve for the year 1909, last evening:  
John Clausen, chief.  
Dan Vincent, vice chief.  
Frank Schlemmer, captain hose No. 1.  
Albert Meyer, lieutenant hose No. 1.  
Charles Ketter, captain hose No. 2.  
Tom Platt, lieutenant hose No. 2.  
Bert Meeker, captain hook and ladder No. 1.  
Nick Hoffman, lieutenant hook and ladder No. 1.  
John Donahue, captain hook and ladder No. 2.  
Andrew Neuman, lieutenant hook and ladder No. 2.

Workmen have torn down and removed the old barn belonging to John Brown, on East and Goldsborough streets, which takes away an old landmark in that section of the town. The new barn recently finished is one of the finest in town and is made entirely of concrete from floor to roof.

Yesterday was the banner day for trading and buying Christmas presents, and the county people proved to be generous buyers. While the trade this year has not been as brisk as on some previous holidays, most of the Crown Point merchants are satisfied, considering the hard times of the past year.

The deal for the Hoffman opera house, which has been on the boards for some time, is not yet closed, and the men interested are still considering the proposition. A good opera house is something that is badly needed in Crown Point and ought to be a paying venture if rightly managed.

Clarence Rudolph, manager of the five-cent theater, will give a first class vaudeville show at Central music hall on Christmas night, and promises some good attractions in the way of comedy and song and dance sketches.

Major Allan has returned from the military academy in Illinois to spend the holidays with his parents here.

Nick Lauerman has sold his place on

West street to Peter Kolling for the sum of \$1,736. It consists of a house and lot, and Mr. Lauerman is to give possession by Feb. 1.

It is said that the electric lights at Lowell are giving good satisfaction and that the current and power supplied from here is all that could be asked.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Forney Hovis of South Bend are expected tomorrow to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. William Parry.

Mrs. W. Power Tice and daughter, Dorothy, of Gary, will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wheeler on Court street.

### MONON.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mrs. Scott Johnson of Morris, Ill., is visiting her daughter, Eva Byers.

Mrs. A. P. Allen and grandson, Ralph Gray, are visiting at Bedford, Ind.

Robert Gray Jr. is on the sick list.

Some prowlers entered the room occupied by Mrs. Rebecca Wilson Tuesday night by an open window and went out leaving the window open. No one was awakened and nothing is reported missing.

Mancel Newgent is sick, and not able to attend school.

Robert Gray Sr. is in Monticello on business.

Mrs. Edward Day is visiting her son in Chicago.

Rev. Northrup's baby is reported quite ill.

### LOWELL.

Robert, the little 3-year-old son of Mrs. Lillian Campbell, died after a brief illness Wednesday. The little fellow was taken with convulsions about 11 o'clock and passed away at about 2 o'clock. Little Robert was a very bright child and a favorite with all who knew him and his very sudden death has cast a gloom of sadness over the entire city, and the mother, who recently lost her husband by death, has the sincere sympathy of all in her double affliction.

The room formerly occupied by Ed. Moore as a saloon is being remodeled and will be occupied as a pool and billiard hall by John Lewis.

The home of Hon. and Mrs. S. C. Dwyer was the scene of much mirth and festivity last Tuesday night. Their eldest daughter, Miss Glenn, who is home from college at Greencastle on a vacation, was given a surprise party in honor of her 17th birthday. Her parents, who had invited a number of her young associates, had Miss Glenn after a day's shopping in Chicago go from the train to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dwyer, for supper, and when she returned to her home about 9 o'clock the young folks, about twenty-five in number, who were by pre-arrangement seated in the parlor, turned on the lights and hollered surprise. The expression on Miss Glenn's face evidenced the fact that her young friends had really given her a happy surprise, but being equal to the occasion she soon recovered and entered into the enjoyment of the evening, which was composed of appropriate games and amusements. Light refreshments of ice cream and cake was served and a delightful time was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer know how to arrange a jolly time for the young folks, which will always be fondly remembered by Miss Glenn and her associates. Following are the names of those in attendance:

Misses Rachel Brownell, Cora Hay-

den, Beulah Nichols, Estella Nichols, Etta Palmer, Ruth Williams, Lela McNay, Floyd Binyou, Vernal Kelsey, Bessie Griffith, Helen Woodcock, Jessie Hannon, Messrs. Glenn Dwyer, Charles Nichols, Clayton Belshaw, Charles Lambert, Ralph Brownell, Lee Smith, Byrel Grant, Will Purchase, Oliver Palmer, Milford McNay, Walter Brownell, Forest Ragon.

### MERRILLVILLE.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mrs. Arnold was a Hammond shopper yesterday.

Frank Krimbill of the Crown Point Telephone company was a business caller in town today.

Maurice Idings will be home from Purdue tomorrow.

The teachers of Ross township prepared a little feed last evening and invited the outgoing trustee, Will Wood, to it. After the banquet the orator of the evening in behalf of the teachers presented Mr. Wood with an elegant chair. The incoming trustee, Mr. Caleshauer, was also a guest, and is in hearty accord with the chairman. Miss Tena Hein visited her brother Peter Hein of Crown Point yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierce will eat their Christmas dinner at Valparaiso, the guests of Mrs. Mertion.

H. L. Idings of Merrillville has been appointed a member of the township advisory board.

### HESSVILLE.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mr. and Mrs. William Dedelow and sons, Herman and Emil, were Hammond visitors yesterday.

Mrs. Henry Schoon has been on the sick list.

Miss Julia Burkhardt is able to be out after a long illness.

Miss Carrie Adams was reported worse yesterday.

Messdames Vanes and Wiggenton and Miss Dora Natki were among the Hammond visitors yesterday.

The Silver Leaf Athletic club has postponed its dance to Jan. 16 when it will be a masquerade.

Messrs. F. R. Schaaf, John C. Becker, Miss Frances Hamacher and Mrs. P. D. Lovegren were among those from Hammond who attended the Christmas entertainment at the Hessville school yesterday.

Master Christ Fullgraf was serenaded by his schoolmates yesterday. Christ is still confined to his bed.

There was a good attendance at the Hessville school yesterday for the Christmas entertainment. Besides the program of recitations, songs and a short play there were two readings by Miss Frances Hamacher, a student of Earlham college and speeches by Trustee F. R. Schaaf, Trustee-Elect John C. Becker and President Charles Chick of the Advisory board.

A large delegation of Hessville people will attend the Christmas exercises of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Hammond tonight.

### DYER.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

John M. Dahlkamp of Hammond was a Dyer business visitor Wednesday.

The Messrs. Matilda and Theresa Miller of St. John were here Wednesday evening to attend the Christmas exercises given at the public school.

Miss Katie Johns of Zion City is sending the holiday week with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stommel.

The Lion store bus, passing through here yesterday, was loaded to its utmost capacity. Even standing room was at a premium, so that many Christmas shoppers had to go by train.

Tuesday evening the I. O. E. court, Dyer, held its regular meeting, at which the annual election of officers took place.

The pupils of the parochial school are busy selling tickets for an entertainment to be given at their school on the evenings of Jan. 1 and 3, 1909.

The Christmas exercises and picnic given at the public school yesterday evening drew a large crowd. It was a success in every way. The entertainment was enjoyed by every one present. Quite a number of pies were brought by the ladies. The men were ready buyers, making the affairs also a success financially.

Tonight appropriate Christmas exercises will be held at the Union church by the members of the Sunday school.

### GRIFFITH.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mrs. C. C. Bothwell of Lottaville spent yesterday here calling on friends and relatives.

Mrs. Cloe Pratt was the guest of relatives here yesterday.

The schools closed yesterday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. A fine program was given.

Mrs. William Miller and son, Lorne, are Hammond visitors today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Blodgett are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Chesteron.

J. W. Hough will succeed Miss Mary Bennett as principal of schools here. Miss Bennett resigned on account of poor health.

#### Neurotic Jelly.

Little Wilbur was eating luncheon with his mother. Presently she noticed that he was eating jelly with his spoon.

"Wilbur, dear," she said to him, "you must not eat four jelly with your spoon."

"I have to, mother," he replied.

"No, dear you don't have to. Put your jelly on your bread."

"I did put it on my bread, mother," said Wilbur, "but it wouldn't stay there; it's too nervous."—The Delinquent.

## WHITING NEWS

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

#### Tots Amuse and Entertain.

The kindergarten exercises were held in the high school auditorium on Tuesday evening. The exercises consisted of several songs and two dramatic plays. The first one was Santa Claus's reindeer. In this all the children took their parts well, but "The night before Christmas" was especially well rendered. The part of Santa Claus was taken by James Arundel, the reindeer were represented by Kenneth Addelman, Gertrude Homan, Charles Hardy, James Bumhour, Willie Migatz, Clarence Fleming, Lewis Schultze and Francis Lansing. The children were Helen Moore, Joseph Daley, Albert Jensen and Harold Kleiber. The chimney was represented by Lydia Handtke and Julia Kosma.

An illustrated reading "Night Before Christmas" was read by Walter Smith. After this several stereopticon views were given, after which the Christmas tree was illuminated and the children were all made happy by receiving candy.

### Back to Jail.

Officer Pat Lawler went to Crown Point yesterday where he took Peter Johnson back to the county jail. Johnson had only been released from the Crown Point bastille about a week and is compelled to return on a charge of arson, being unable to furnish the \$500 bonds under which he was placed by Judge Jones.

Johnson was in a Baltimore & Ohio box car and had a large bonfire built inside the car when discovered by one of the railroad detectives.

The man, who lives in East Chicago, bears a good reputation, having worked at the Standard Oil company for several years, but several recent actions on his part have shown him at times to be mentally unbalanced.

The Christmas program given by the High School Literary society in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon was well rendered and much appreciated by those in attendance. The musical numbers, as well as the orations, were exceedingly fine, but the pantomime at the end seemed to strike the people better than anything else.

Arnold Exton and Charles Miller are home from Purdue university to remain until after New Year's with their parents on One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Sheridan avenue.

Miss Gaynelle Eaton was in Chicago today.

Andrew Kollok was arrested yesterday by Officer Mullany and Constable Kuffner on a charge of neglecting his family, and was fined \$25 and costs by Judge Jones, amounting in all to \$36.50. In default of this amount he will be compelled to go to Crown Point. Kollok has a wife and three small children living on Fischrupp avenue.

Several weeks ago he went away and left them in such poor circumstances that they have been compelled to ask aid from the city. He left town and having just come back his wife had him arrested. It is hoped for the sake of his wife and children that lying in jail for several days will bring Kollok to his senses, making him realize his responsibilities and once again getting him in the notion of contributing to their support.

In connection with the Fortnightly story, which appeared in last evening's issue, the names of Messdames L. H. Mattern and John Coar as charter members of the organization were unintentionally omitted.

Miss Mamie Leonard left yesterday for her home in New York after a visit of several months at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilmurray, of Sheridan avenue.

Miss Helen V. Calhoun, librarian of the Whiting public library, left last night for Champaign, Ill., to remain over the holidays as the guest of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pauch of Ohio avenue will spend Christmas day with relatives in Chicago.

A family reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnson of Ohio avenue tomorrow.

Mrs. D. B. Purinton of Clarke street has gone to Angola, Ind., to visit with relatives. Mr. Purinton will go there tomorrow, but will return to Whiting on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Meter of Ohio avenue will spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Albrecht, of Laporte.

Mrs. F. N. Daegling most pleasantly entertained the ladies of the "500" club and their husbands at her home in Laporte avenue on Tuesday evening. Light refreshments were served by the hostess, and a most pleasant evening spent by all in attendance.

The annual reunion of the Davidson family will be held tomorrow at the home of James Davidson at Englewood. A most pleasant time is anticipated.

Mrs. Reed of the Pedersen flat is entertaining her father from Shelby, Ind.

Paul Kandziara was arrested on a charge of provocation by Deputy Constable Yonosh and fined \$12.35 by Judge Jones, upon payment of which he was released. Kandziara was under the influence of liquor and was in the saloon of Joseph Rembow at Front and One Hundred and Nineteenth streets. Rembow had two friends of his, a lady and her husband, from Chicago visiting him. Rembow had served supper to his guests and while eating the woman laid her purse on the table and the husband had also laid his gloves there. Kandziara and a few other men were introduced to the couple, and all engaged in a social chat. In a short time the man missed his gloves and a search was instituted, but they could not be located. This put the wife in the notion of looking for her purse, containing \$4.35, and discovered that this had also been taken out of the handbag, in which she usually

carried it. The suspicion was centered on Kandziara and he was arrested. The articles were found on his person and returned to the owners. The charge was quite a serious one, but the Chicago people, not wanting publicity, refused to appear against him after receiving the lost articles. It is not thought Kandziara meant to steal the money, but having imbibed too freely did not realize the enormity of his offense. He had \$18.95 on his person in addition to this money, having just drawn his salary, so it can be seen that it was neither through necessity that he committed the crime.

John Kendra Jr., Mike Blastik and Mike Weocke were all fined \$18.45 by Judge Jones on complaint of Constable Kuffner for keeping canines on their premises without having paid the necessary county license. The fine was paid in each case.

The Misses Florence Schaub and Estelle Hatch spent Tuesday with Miss Bessie Naf at Highlands and attended the exercises of the Highland school. The Misses Schaub, Hatch and Naf all returned to Whiting yesterday morning.

Mrs. James Davidson of Englewood was a Whiting visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Benstein is able to be around again, having returned home from the Presbyterian hospital on Tuesday.

The eighth grade of the public school had their Christmas exercises on Tuesday afternoon. The students, under the direction of Miss Henderson, dramatized Tennyson's "Enoch Arden."

John Nyhoff of Gary was a Whiting visitor yesterday morning.

Miss Mae Quinn of Gary spent Tuesday morning with Whiting friends.

John Howa of Central avenue is able to be out again after a siege of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Frank Allison of Sheridan avenue will entertain her relatives at a family reunion at her home in Sheridan avenue tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hamneppin will spend Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Catherine Spring, of Austin, Ill.

Mrs. A. Sorenson was a Hammond visitor yesterday.

Elmer Locke of One Hundred and Nineteenth street left yesterday for Kankakee, Ill., to remain over the holidays with his aunt.

Messrs. Robert Curtis, John Schaub and Roy Green returned home Tuesday evening from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor to remain over the holidays with their parents.

The Misses Irene and Edna Putnam and Eugene Putnam returned home from Valparaiso university to remain until after New Year's with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. William E. Putnam, of Shrage avenue.

### ROBERTSDALE.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Miss Mertie Bohan, teacher in room 2 of the Franklin school, left Tuesday afternoon for her home in Ewing, Mo., to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Bohan left one day before the school vacation in order to be bridesmaid at the wedding of a friend Wednesday.

John Blaul and William Kasch attended the East Chicago skating rink Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lingham and children of Harrison avenue were South Chicago visitors Monday evening.

The ice on the ponds is thick enough for skating again, much to the delight of the small boys and girls.

The Misses Josephine Jewett and Ruth Loomis spent Tuesday sightseeing in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Porter, Ind., visited Mrs. John Hatt of Pearl street yesterday.

Messrs. George Bader and Alonza Marks were Hammond business visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Scott and daughter, Miss Evelyn, are here from Eau Claire, Mich., to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lingham, of Harrison avenue.

Mrs. Ackerman of Gary spent the day visiting her mother, Mrs. Samuel Tucker, of Pearl street.

Mrs. William Bahn of Indiana boulevard visited friends in Chicago Tuesday.

Miss Marie of East Side visited her sister, Mrs. Henry Eggers, of Roberts avenue yesterday.

Mrs. Louis Ferrigo of One Hundred and Eighteenth street was the guest of her brother, Guy Martin, in Chicago Tuesday.

Mrs. Kein and daughter, Beatrice, of Harrison avenue visited relatives in Chicago Monday.

Ralph, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Conan, is quite at their home in Indiana boulevard.

A. W. Sutherland of Harrison avenue transacted business in Hammond Tuesday evening.

Remember the cantata begins at 7 o'clock sharp tonight at the Evangelical church.

Mrs. Alex. Hazelett and Mrs. Fred Eggers were among the Chicago shoppers Monday.

Mrs. M. Tucker of Knox, Ind., will spend the winter here visiting her son, Samuel Tucker, and family of Pearl street.

Miss Julia Hubbard of Roberts avenue is on the sick list.

### HOBART.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Miss Eunice Roper came home yesterday to spend Christmas with her mother.

Mr. George Fleck, who has been working third trick at Liverpool, has taken third trick at Hobart, he began working here last night, taking Clyde Warren's place.

Messrs. Howard Halsted and Cecil

Peterson, who are attending school at Bloomington, are spending their vacation with their parents.

Mrs. Mary Hancock is in Hobart calling on old friends.

Trustee-Elect Barnes got "real busy" today and washed the windows in the Earle building where Squire Mathews formerly had his office. Barnes will fix this up and use it as his real estate office.

The following changes were made at the Pennsylvania depot, Daniel Kroft was given Louis Barnes' place at the Terra Cotta yards, Joseph Melon took Daniel Kroft's place, George Scholler took Joseph Melon's place and Julius Larson took George Scholler's place.

Many people from out of town are planning on attending the dance at Stratton's this evening.

The Hobart boys' basketball team played Hammond last evening. They had a hard time finding enough players and had to fill out by taking a couple of freshmen along. The outcome remains to be seen.

Mrs. Dorman Smith and Lillie Mereness were in the city on Tuesday.

### ST. JOHN.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Herman Claus of Bemis was a business visitor here yesterday.

Mrs. John Kellman returned home from Hammond, where she spent yesterday with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmal left for Hammond Tuesday night for a visit with relatives.

Miss Frances Klassen returned from Englewood after a week's visit with her sisters.

Frank Segers of Hanover Prairie was here on business today.

Mat Bruck made a business trip to Dyer yesterday.

Hubert Doctor was a Chicago visitor yesterday.

Edward Blecke transacted business in Hammond yesterday.

### TOLESTON.

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

To report about the progress of the work on the South Bend line it may be stated that the rails are laid to Martha street, Toleston. The poles are set to Chicago street. All that remains to be done is to put in the crossings at the railroad and complete the line.

### YULETIDE BRINGS ITS JOYS AND ITS BILLS

## Merry Christmas Greetings

Often clash with the practical financial question.

Why not look ahead and arrange to pay cash—then you will have no unpaid bills.

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