

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 Kitterling, chief ranger.

Mat Joudain, vice chief.

George Beck, recording secretary.

Joseph P. Young, financial secretary.

Henry Aulwurm, treasurer.

Ira Ainsworth, senior woodward.

Otto Seeger, junior woodward.

John Claussen, 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 Claussen, chief.

Dan Vincent, vice chief.

Frank Schleuniger, captain hose No. 1.

Albert Meyer, Lieutenant hose No. 1.

Charles Kelsier, 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 Donaha, 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 country 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 Allman 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 Kelling for the sum of \$1,750. 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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. 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.

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

Miss Carrie Adams was reported yesterday.

Mesdames Vanes and Wiggenton and Miss Doris 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. Schauf, 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 Trustees F. R. Schauf, 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 Misses 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. O. F. court, Dyer, held its regular meeting, at which the annual election of officers was given.

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 social given at the public school yesterday evening drew a large crowd. It was a success in every way. The entertainment was enjoyed by everyone 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. Clio 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 Chesterton.

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 your 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 Delineator.

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' reindeers. 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 reindeers were represented by Kenneth Addemann, Gertrude Roman, Charles Hardy, James Bumhour, Willie Migatz, Clarence Fleming, Lewis Schulze and Francis Lansing. The children were Helen Moore, Joseph Daley, Albert Jensen and Harold Kleiber. The chimney was represented by Lydia Handtke and Julia Koza.

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 when he took Peter Johnson back to the county jail. Johnson had only been released from the Crown Point jail 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.

John Nyhof of Gary was a Whiting visitor yesterday morning.

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

John Hows 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 to morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hannen 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 Nineteen 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 bride-maid at the wedding of a friend Wednesday.

John Blau 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 visited Tuesday sightseeing in Chicago.

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

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

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

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

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Mrs. F. N. Daedgen 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 Kandziora was arrested on a charge of provocation by Deputy Constable Yonosh and fined \$12.50 by Judge Jones, upon payment of which he was released. Kandziora was under the influence of liquor and was in the saloon of Joseph Rembow at Front and One Hundred and Nineteen 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. Kandziora 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 Kandziora 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 the thought Kandziora 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.

The following changes were made at the Pennsylvania depot, Daniel Kroft was given Louis Barnes' place at the Terre 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.

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

Services will be held in the St. John's Lutheran church, as follows:

Thursday evening the children's service. The big Christmas tree will be lit up at this service. Friday (Christmas day) regular services at 10 a. m. Saturday at 10 a. m.

The following changes were made at the public school were well attended. All enjoyed the celebration.

Our business men are wishing for snow. Business, although fairly well, could be a great deal better.

THE TIMES' correspondent wishes all a merry Christmas. May you all receive all the good and nice things you wished for. Here's hoping that all spend a joyful happy Christmas.

Mrs. Frank Kurth and son, Fred, were Hammond visitors yesterday.

With fifteen days more time to complete its line and with the present force of men of Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend or "South Shore" as it is now called, ought to encounter no difficulty in completing its work by Jan. 15, 1909.

Let us hope so, anyway.

The Borman & Waldron real estate firm has sold two lots in Oak & Knott to Mr. Paul Conrad, the proprietor of the Conrad hotel. The lots are on Grace and Third.