

WEATHER.
Fair today, with fresh
westerly winds, becoming
variable.

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WHITING CHIEF IS HELD UP

Remarkable Boldness Of Highwaymen Has Never Been Equalled In The Calumet Region

POLICE HEAD IS ATTACKED

While in Civilian's Attire
Chief of Police Lawyer
Meets Yeggmen.

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 28.—Whiting is seemingly in the hands of the safe-cracker, the highwayman, robber and yeggman. The climax to the whole situation came last Saturday evening when the city's chief of police, John Lawler, became the victim of three holdup men. In a desperate hand to hand fight with the trio he saved the valuables that he carried on his person but suffered a number of external injuries. The three fellows who made the attack escaped, having been headed toward Chicago when last seen by the chief and the posse that he organized in a hurry.

Chief Lawler returned from Crown Point last Saturday night. He was in plain clothes and upon entering the house took off his coat and laid his gun on the table. His two children being sick, Mrs. Lawler sent him to a drugstore to procure medicines and in going there in a hurry he left his gun at home. It was while he was on his way home when he saw three men coming toward him. Two of them were tall and the other short. They were well dressed, wearing long coats and derby hats. When they were about to pass each other the shortest man stepped forward and poked a gun under the chief's nose. The chief knocked the gun from the fellow's hand instead of obeying his commands, and it was then that the other two began hammering away at the chief, hitting him with a billy and kicking him.

Fight For Several Minutes.

The tussle among the four men lasted for several minutes in which time the Whiting man had the satisfaction of placing a stunner on the face of one of the fellows. Finally the three broke away and headed towards Robertsdale.

The chief and one of the gang stopped to pick up one of the two hats on the ground and not until they were gone did he notice that he did not get his own.

The chief followed the men and coming to the saloon of Otto Bauer at Indianapolis boulevard and One Hundred and Nineteenth street he stepped in to telephone to the station and also to ask for a gun. By the time he came out the men had disappeared entirely and it is thought that they headed towards Chicago.

The chief was walking around with a cane today and is giving particular attention to a blue eye and a loosened tooth.

The holdup of last Saturday night was the third in the week.

GARY TAKES INITIAL STEPS FOR SUPERIOR COURT FIGHT

Sub-Committee of Sub-Committee of General Legislative Committee of Committee of the Whole Is Now Empowered to Do Business.

The sub-committee of the sub-committee of the general legislative committee, which has been appointed to lobby at Indianapolis in the interest of a superior court for Gary, met yesterday at the call of Chairman T. E. Knotts and discussed ways and means of accomplishing its purposes.

The general legislative committee appointed a sub-committee to have in charge the Gary court house bill. This sub-committee appointed a sub-committee which will have the lobbying for the bill in charge.

It was decided at yesterday's meeting that Chairman Thomas E. Knotts and two other persons, which he is to designate later, shall go to Indianapolis shortly after the opening of the next session of the legislature and open Gary headquarters in one of the hotels.

WILL STICK to the End.

These headquarters shall be maintained throughout the session of the legislature or until the Gary measure is passed or defeated. The first committee of three is expected to lay the

"PAID IN FULL" IS SPLENDID ATTRACTION

Absorbing Drama Greeted
By an Enthusiastic
Audience.

STORY OF THE PLAY'S PLOT

Towle Opera House Management Deserves Commendation for Its Efforts.

It is the consensus of opinion of the many theater-goers who saw "Paid in Full" at Towle's Opera House last evening that it is the best thing that has come to Hammond this season. This fine attraction was greeted by a well filled house and to say that the audience was an appreciative one is expressing it mildly.

"Paid in Full" is a most absorbing drama. There was no one billed as a star in the cast, but the players were all such finished artists that the drama was most realistic.

Story of the Drama.

The play had to do with a young man who was earning only a moderate salary and who did not seem to be able to get any farther along on account of his unfortunate disposition and a tendency to criticize his employer.

He also had decided socialistic tendencies and, in fact, his contempt for vested rights was so great that he thought he had a perfect right to help himself to his employer's money.

The upshot of it all was that the detection of his crime was but a matter of time and he was threatened with arrest by his employer. He was saved from this disgrace by his wife after he had tried to barter her for his freedom.

The most conspicuous criminal among them is Lawrence Ryan, the Gary man who was sentenced to from 1 to 8 years on the charge of stealing eighteen pairs of boots.

Ryan had been suspected of complicity in several other crimes in Gary, but has always escaped by blaming it on the other fellow. The police have been long aware of the fact that he was a dangerous character and have been trying their best to "get the goods on him."

Junk Dealer Is Implicated.

When the eighteen pairs of boots, which had been stolen from Greene & Son's camp, were finally located in the residence of a Gary junk dealer he was forced to tell from whom he had purchased the boots on the penalty of being held for receiving stolen property.

It was another case in which the junk dealer has proven the go-between between known criminals and the market for their spoils. However, the Gary junk dealer was granted immunity providing he would reveal the identity of the man who stole the boots.

Lawrence Ryan was pointed out as the chief and his arrest followed. The evidence was so conclusive against him that he was quickly tried in the Lake Superior court and sentenced by Judge Reiter to one to eight years in prison.

Gary People Are Glad.

Gary people who knew who Ryan was will be glad to know that he is no longer able to prey on society. The charge upon which Ryan was sentenced was that of petit larceny and the value of the goods he stole was \$35. That the boots were purchased by the Gary junk dealer for \$35 is conclusive evidence that he knew they were stolen.

The others who were taken to Jeffersonville today were Arthur Linder and John Carter, two Chicago negroes, who were sentenced to imprisonment from one to fourteen years at Jeffersonville. They were charged with horse stealing.

STREET RIPPED UP ONCE MORE

McGovern Company Making
Nice Patchwork Out of
South Hohman Street.

The South Hohman street paving is still the bane of the residents of that district. The McGovern company is again at its periodical task of tearing up the brick paving in the middle of the street car tracks and replacing the bricks with those which have not been chipped by the wear and tear which was given them before they were filled with asphalt.

It is understood that the McGovern company is making a desperate effort to complete its job on Hohman street so that it can get the money out of the job. The company has been up and down the street now for the third time.

It was for this reason that the asphalt heater, by the use of which the frost could be thawed out of the crevasses in the bricks, was used. In many cases, however, the bricks were relaid in such a manner as to make it apparent that the job was patched.

The street is also covered with debris, consisting of dirt, dust and fragments of broken brick, until the people of the south side are wondering if the street will ever be completed.

The officers to be installed for the W. H. Calkins' post are as follows:

Commander—J. M. Krause.

Senior vice president—Lewis Daugherty.

Junior vice president—Fred Lash.

Quartermaster—George Post.

Adjutant—George Jaqua.

Guard—Patrick Reilly.

Chaplain—Rev. F. M. Elliott.

The officers to be installed for the W. R. C. are as follows:

President—Mrs. Margaret Granger.

Senior vice president—Mrs. Vernina Dot.

Junior vice president—Mrs. J. M. Krause.

Treasurer—Mrs. Mohl.

Chaplin—Mrs. F. M. Elliott.

NOTICE.

All teamsters are requested to attend a special meeting Tuesday night, Dec. 29th. Election of officers.—28-2.

THOMAS HARLE.

Secretary, No. 362.

THREE ON ROAD TO STATE 'PEN'

Lawrence Ryan of Gary and Two Negroes Are Taken to State Reformatory at Jeffersonville by Deputy Sheriffs.

RYAN TRAPPED AT LAST BY POLICE

Escaped From Several Tight Holes
By Shouldering Blame on Other
Fellow, But the Gary Authorities
at Last Got the Goods on Him and
One to Eight Is His Fate.

Lake county is sending three representatives to the Jeffersonville reformatory today. They were escorted to the state asylum for criminals by Deputy Sheriff James Trout and Christ Lassen of Cedar Lake, who was detained to accompany him.

The most conspicuous criminal among them is Lawrence Ryan, the Gary man who was sentenced to from 1 to 8 years on the charge of stealing eighteen pairs of boots.

Ryan had been suspected of complicity in several other crimes in Gary, but has always escaped by blaming it on the other fellow. The police have been long aware of the fact that he was a dangerous character and have been trying their best to "get the goods on him."

Trouble a Year Ago.

A year ago there was trouble between her and her husband, but that was settled amicably. Then came a mysterious making of wills and dredging over of property by the doctor and his wife. That was shortly after Dr. and Mrs. Chappell boarded a train for Chicago on the morning of October 1. The man returned alone later in the day. The woman has not been heard from since.

Is she confined in a sanitarium against her will? Has she gone to South Dakota to get a divorce? Has she been hurt or lost? How, where, why did she vanish?

Before she left home in October Mrs. Chappell told some of her friends that when the eighteen pairs of boots, which had been stolen from Greene & Son's camp, were finally located in the residence of a Gary junk dealer he was forced to tell from whom he had purchased the boots on the penalty of being held for receiving stolen property.

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SON EFFECTS RECONCILIATION.

Mrs. Chappell left home and took up

her residence with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Potter, in Elgin. The elder son, Ora Mann Chappell, coming home from the University of Pennsylvania in June, effected a reconciliation between his parents.

A few months later came the unfortunate automobile accident in which the machine that Mrs. Chappell was driving killed Mrs. Marlette Roe, mother of Assistant State's Attorney Roe, of Chicago. Mrs. Chappell was exonerated from any blame, but she was left in a highly wrought condition and went to Eau Claire, Wis., to recuperate.

When she returned she instituted a

suit for separate maintenance against her husband. This was as suddenly withdrawn and a few days later Mrs. Chappell left home with her husband. From that time no word from the missing woman has been received.

CHURCH PARTY FOR MEN

Hammond Men Invited to

Doings at First Pres-

byterian Church.

An evening which promises to be ex-

ceptionally rich in the way of enter-

tainment is in store for the members of

Hammond for next Saturday evening, at

the Presbyterian church. The enter-

tainment committee, composed of Judge

V. S. Reiter, Dr. H. E. Sharner and F. I.

Ellick, has arranged for a most plea-

sible program.

The features of the evening are that

the complimentary entertainment will

be for men and that its object is the

promotion of the social spirit in

Hammond, especially among that grow-

ing class which has the welfare of the

city at heart but who are not well

enough acquainted with each other. In

order that this feature may be espe-

cially developed, James T. Roney, presi-

dent of the Men's club of Hyde Park,

will address the gathering on "Neigh-

borhood Clubs."

Will Talk on "Scenic Alaska."

The other entertainment features for

the evening consist of a short talk on

"Scenic Alaska" by J. W. H. Moore of

Chicago, who will give his own impres-

sions of the peninsula as he saw it

last summer when he spent several

months there. His talk will be embed-

ded with fifty colored slides with

pictures that he himself took on his

trip.

R. E. Garber, Hammond's popular

clown, will appear in a solo on this

occasion and his selection will doubt-

lessly be highly appreciated. Last,

but not least, will be the smoker, ciga-

gars for which will be passed at 9:45.

RELATIVE OF FORMER LOCAL DENTIST MISSING

Mrs. O. A. Chappell Missing

from Her Home in Elgin

Since October 1.

HUSBAND REMAINS RETICENT

O. A. Chappell Is Brother of Dr. E.

A. Chappell, Who Formerly

Practiced Here.

ROBERTSDALE SALOON ENTERED BY THIEVES

Cigars and Whisky Taken in
Liberal Quantities from
the Place.

No Attempt Was Made to Tap the
Cash Register For Fear of
Making Noise.

Hammond people will remember quite well Dr. E. A. Chappell of Elgin, Ill., who practiced dentistry here several years ago for a period of over a year.