

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

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WHITING CHIEF IS HELD UP

Remarkable Boldness Of Highway-
men Has Never Been Equalled
In The Calumet Region

POLICE HEAD IS ATTACKED

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

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 28.—Whiting is seemingly in the hands of the safe-cracker, the highwayman, robber and yeggmen. 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 valuable 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 stooped 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

FALLS FROM MONON TRAIN

Fast Mail Going Through
Hammond Shortly After
Midnight Is the Train.

CHICAGO MAN IS BADLY HURT

Accident Takes Place Between Reynolds and Rensselaer Yesterday Morning.

The fast mail train which goes through Hammond over the Monon shortly after midnight had a serious accident happen to one of its passengers, a Chicago man, at Reynolds, a few miles the other side of Rensselaer yesterday morning.

Tells of the Accident.
A dispatch from Lafayette says: "R. D. Winsey, 331 Wells street, Chicago, en route to French Lick Springs for a course of treatment, fell from a Monon sleeper early this morning at Reynolds, north of here, and sustained probably fatal injuries."

"Reynolds was ill when he boarded the train at Chicago, and in order to get some fresh air he raised the window when he reached Reynolds. He fell and was found several hours later after the train had reached this city. A porter on the train discovered his absence, and a switch engine was sent back to find him."

"He was lying beside the track in a semi-conscious condition, with blood flowing from his head, and he also complained of pains in the head and back."

BOARD HOLDS SHORT MEETING

The board of public works held a short meeting this morning. The report of Mac Turner, architect for the Central fire station, was accepted and placed on file. The clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for light-weight pipe to be used in sewer and water main construction.

The primary assessment roll for the West Ogden street pavement was accepted and placed on file for public inspection.

"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 socialist 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 play was intensely interesting all of the way through and held the attention of the audience from start to finish. This evening the great attraction of the year will be Bertha Kalich in "Cora."

One of the Very Best.

This is one of the best independent attractions on the American stage today and it is expected that it will be a great magnet to theater-goers from all parts of the Calumet region.

The prices for seats are very low considering the high grade of the attraction and it is safe to say that the people of Hammond will show their appreciation of Manager Nye's efforts to bring a high grade attraction to this city on a week night by their patronage.

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 penitential task of tearing up the brick paving in the middle of the street car tracks and replacing the bricks with those which have 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 laid 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 bricks. The people of the south side are wondering if the street will ever be completed.

INSTALL ON SATURDAY

A joint installation of the officers of the W. H. Calkins' post and the Hammond Women's Relief Corps will be held next Saturday in the G. A. R. rooms in the superior court. The session will be open to the public, and it is cordially invited to attend this annual function. After the installation work a social hour will be spent in the rooms.

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. Vernabina Dot.

Junior vice president—Mrs. J. M. Krause. Treasurer—Mrs. Mohl. Chaplain—Mrs. F. M. Elliott.

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 deputized 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."

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 the reformatory.

Gary People Are Glad.

Gary people who knew who Ryan was will be glad to know that he is now on his way to prison, where he will no longer be 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 \$2.50 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.

CHURCH PARTY FOR MEN

Hammond Men Invited to
Doings at First Pres-
byterian Church.

An evening which promises to be exceptionally rich in the way of entertainment is in store for the men of Hammond for next Saturday evening, at the Presbyterian church. The entertainment committee, composed of Judge V. S. Reiter, Dr. H. E. Sharrer and F. L. Ellick has arranged for a most pleasing program.

The features of the evening are that the complimentary entertainment will be for men and that its object is the promulgation of the social spirit in Hammond, especially among that growing 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 especially developed, James T. Roney, president of the Men's club of Hyde Park, will address the gathering on "Neighborhood 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 impressions of the peninsula as he saw it last summer when he spent several months there. His talk will be embellished with fifty colored slides with pictures that he himself took on his trip.

R. E. Garber, Hammond's popular tenor, will appear in a solo on this occasion and his selection will undoubtedly be highly appreciated. Last, but not least, will be the smoker, cigars 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.

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. One of the most remarkable mysteries that recent years have known has developed in Elgin. On October 1 Mrs. O. A. Chappell, wife of a wealthy dentist and wealthy in her own right, disappeared. Her husband is a brother of the former Hammond man. Elgin knows of no reason for her to disappear voluntarily. Her character and position in society were such as to place her absolutely above gossip or suspicion.

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 deciding 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 on last New Year's day Dr. Chappell called her into his office and bluntly announced that "he didn't love her any more, hadn't loved her for a long time past and was going to leave her."

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. Marietta 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.

SENDS OUT INVITATIONS FOR NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Hammond Saengerbund-Fidelia to Hold New Year
Celebration.

The Hammond Saengerbund-Fidelia today sent out invitations for its New Year celebration, which will be held at Huehns hall next Sunday evening, Jan. 2. Invitations were issued to the members of the society with the privilege of bringing as many of their friends as they please.

The program has been arranged to please old and young, and the children especially will be well taken care of. A huge Christmas tree loaded with presents for the little ones will occupy a prominent place in the hall. The program begins at 8 o'clock and will be interspersed with musical numbers and dancing. Several hundred people are expected and a most pleasant evening is anticipated by all who have already signified their intention to attend.

O. A. Klemperer, furniture manager for the Lion store, is taking a prominent part in this portion of the entertainment.

The raffle of a \$65 sewing machine will take place in the course of the evening.

This will be the first entertainment that the consolidated Fidelia Singing society and the Hammond Saengerbund are giving. The proceeds will be turned over to the building fund, with the object in view that the organization will build its own clubhouse in the course of time.

FRED LAUERMAN GETS A BRAN-NEW POSITION.

Charles Moore Quits His Job as Elevator Man in Hammond Building.

Going up! Fred Lauerman is now in charge of the elevator in the Hammond building, Charles Moore, the former operator having gone back to Chicago. Fred took hold of the lever this morning, and having had previous experience in his elevating position, is ready to take the patrons of the building up or down just as they desire.

ROBERTSDALE SALOON ENTERED BY THIEVES

Cigars and Whisky Taken in
Liberal Quantities from
the Place.

HOLES BORED IN THE DOOR

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

The saloon of Otto Bauer, One Hundred and Nineteenth street and Atchison avenue, Robertsdale, was entered by thieves last night and a quantity of liquor and cigars was stolen.

Entrance to the saloon was made by means of the front door. A little vestibule protected the front door from the outside, so that the thieves could work without fear of being seen.

They bored several holes in the door with a large bit and then forced it open. After gaining entrance to the saloon the robbers took several boxes of cigars and a quantity of whisky.

Afraid of Cash Register.
There was some money in the cash register but no attempt was made to open it, on account of the fear of ringing the bell and arousing the proprietor.

The theft was not discovered until this morning and then it was too late to make an effort to capture the thieves. The matter was reported to Officer Hohman of the Hammond police department and he reported it to the local headquarters.

It is the opinion of Proprietor Otto C. Bauer, of the saloon, that the burglary was the work of amateurs, and the police are conducting their investigation along this line.

The value of the goods stolen will not exceed \$25 and there was only a little money in the cash register, so that the loss would not have been considerable even if the thieves had succeeded in getting into the money drawer.

MASONS' GREAT NIGHT

Charles Williams Rides the
Masonic Goat in Fine
Style.

The annual past masters' night last Saturday, which was held in the Blue lodge rooms of the Masonic temple, was one of the most notable that has been held in recent years. The candidate of the evening was Mr. Charles Williams.

Never was there an occasion of this kind has the attendance been so great as it was last Saturday. The lodge rooms were crowded with the members of the local order and visitors from all of the cities of the county.

In fact, there was hardly a city or town in the vicinity that was not represented by one or more visitors. The Whiting Masonic band furnished the music during the evening and was greatly appreciated.

After the degree work had been concluded, with Postmaster William H. Gostlin acting as worshipful master, the visitors and the members of the order repaired to the banquet hall on the first floor of the temple and partook of the luncheon that had been served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

BOB KIDNEY WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

Alderman Thomas Swanton Is Also Grooming Himself
for the Republican Nomination for Mayor
of Hammond.

Robert Kidney and Thomas Swanton have both quietly announced to their friends in Hammond that they will be candidates for the office of mayor on the republican ticket. So far as it is now known there are not any other aspirants for the office in the republican ranks, but it is possible that another candidate will be brought out before the convention is called to order.

An effort has been made to induce F. Richard Schaaf, the county chairman, to make the race, but he has not given his friends any encouragement. Hundreds of republican workers have gone to Mr. Schaaf and pleaded with him to announce his candidacy, but he refuses to do so.

In the meantime the other republican aspirants have gone ahead and "felt out" their friends. As a result both Mr. Kidney and Mr. Swanton feel that they have a good chance of securing the nomination.

Both Men Are Well Known.

Robert Kidney has been well and

POLICE RUN DOWN ODD YARN

Standard Steel Car Employee
Crazed with Fusel Oil Sees
Hallucinations and Gives
the Hammond Police a
Merry Chase.

THEY CAN'T FIND BEHEADED MAN

Investigation Develops Fact That
Elias Ignatz Needs a Parlor in the
Dippy Factory for Police Get at
the Bottom of the Strange Things
He Saw.

It develops that the wild and weird tale which was told by Elias Ignatz of the Standard Steel Car district last Saturday was the result of seeing something and imagining the rest due to an abnormal mental condition superinduced by the excess of alcoholic beverages.

It appears that Ignatz, who was still rather unseemly as a result of a holdover jag, went to the door of an outhouse and peering within saw the head of a man lying in the floor.

Thought Head Was Loose.
Ignatz was so frightened that he fell from the place and took it for granted that the head was detached from the body. His disordered brain had something to do with the story he told and later on he was telling the terrible tale of how he had found a detached head in an outhouse.

So convinced was he that there had been a foul murder and that he might possibly be the next victim, that he went to the office of Judge W. W. McMahon and told him that he wanted to give him over of attorney to collect his rents so that he would not have to take the responsibility.

Reveals the True Facts.
A police investigation revealed the true facts of the case. A poor sojourner who had loaded up too large a cargo of wet goods wandered into the outhouse and had fallen to the floor where he lay in a stupor.

When Ignatz came to the door, all he was able to see in the darkness within was the head. He took it for granted that there was not a body attached to it and thereby hangs the tale.

Ignatz is in the care of physicians, who are doing their best to restore a normal condition and no one seems to know what has become of the man who caused all of the trouble by sleeping off a drunk in an outhouse.

HOLD REHEARSAL THIS EVENING.
The first rehearsal for the opera "Patience" will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock in Wells hall on State street. All who are interested in the opera are asked to attend this rehearsal.