



**CROWN POINT PARTY.**  
Miss Lois Hughes will entertain at a 6:30 o'clock dinner party Thursday evening at her home in Crown Point to which fifteen young people have been invited. The party will be in the nature of a leap year and watch party and the young ladies at the party will be in charge of the entertainment for the evening. Miss Beatrice Hansen of Hammond will be a guest at the party.

**ATTEND VALPARAISO LUNCHEON.**  
Mrs. Clarence A. Scott, Mrs. Victor Dyer and Miss Irene Mott of Crown Point will go to Valparaiso tomorrow to attend a 1 o'clock luncheon given at the home of Mrs. Skinner for Miss Mary Windall. Miss Irene Mott will remain a few days the guest of Miss Windall and Wednesday evening will attend a dancing party given by the Kappa Girls of Valparaiso.

**VISITS HERE.**  
Miss Belle Peterson of Crown Point will visit in Hammond tomorrow on her way to Valparaiso where she will be a guest at a luncheon for Miss Windall.

**MEETING POSTPONED.**  
The meeting of the Inter-Sea club, which was announced to take place last evening at the home of Miss Mary Ihach in South Hobman street, was postponed for another week on account of the absence of several of the members from the city.

**ENTERTAINS AT PARTY.**  
Mrs. Thomas Brennan is entertaining at a very pleasant party this afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock in honor of her daughter, Miss Ruth's, eleventh birthday anniversary at her home, 7 Rimback avenue. The afternoon will be spent in a pleasant way with various games and music and a dainty course luncheon will be served.

**HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION.**  
At the meeting of the K. of P.'s in the K. of P. hall last evening business of importance was disposed of. The annual election of officers took place, the installation to be held either next Monday evening or a week from Monday and a large attendance is desired. The following were the officers elected for the year 1909:

C. C. W. A. Hoke.  
V. C. C. Charles Boatwright.  
C. Fred Aldrich.  
Master of Words—G. W. Smith.  
Master of Arms—William Kerr.  
Keeper of Records and Seals—H. D. Fuller.

Master of Finance—J. E. Wolf.  
Master of Escheque—W. F. Mashito.  
Inner Guard—Frank Walker.  
Outer Guard—M. E. Frame.  
Trustee for Three Years—D. C. Atkinson.

**CURTAIN AT THEATER PARTY.**  
Miss and Mrs. Harry Voight of Wilmette celebrated at a theater at the Auditorium in Chicago yesterday. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shaner and daughter, Helen, of Milford, Ill.

**ENTERTAINS AT DINNER.**  
Miss Charles Monnett gave a very pleasant dinner party Sunday at her home in South Hobman street, at which Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shaner and daughter, Miss Helen, were guests of honor. The dinner was served at 1:30 o'clock in the dining room where Christmas colors and foliage were attractively used in decorating. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Shaner and daughter, Helen, of Milford, Ill.

**HAVE LITTLE DAUGHTER.**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pfleiffer of Woodlawn, a daughter. Mrs. Pfleiffer will be remembered here as Miss Margaret MacIntyre who formerly lived on Michigan avenue.

**WILL MEET THURSDAY.**

The Ladies Aid society of the German M. E. church, 258 Truman avenue, will meet Thursday afternoon, Dec. 31, at the church parlors. All members and friends are cordially requested to attend. Mesdames M. Spelchert and L. Dersmeyer are the hostesses for the afternoon.

**RETURNS AFTER VISIT.**

After being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Elster, 444 Sibley street, for several days, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Welland and family returned to their home in Irving Park, Ill., yesterday after a very pleasant visit.

**SIXTH ANNUAL CONCERT.**

Barnie Young's sixth annual concert will be given at Towle's opera house Thursday evening, Feb. 4. There will be fifty musicians in the band. Professor Carnes of Chicago, the humorist, will be present. A chorus of 100 girls will sing. Professor Emil Dietrich, the cellist, will also take part. Don't forget the date. 29-4W

**HOLD BUSINESS MEETING.**

The meeting of the Embroidery club which we announced to take place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence A. Scott was postponed for another week when she will entertain.

**RETURNS FROM VISIT.**

Dave Hirsch returned yesterday from a few days' visit with friends and relatives in Fort Wayne, Hamilton and Butler, Ind.

**RETURN FROM VISIT.**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith returned last evening to their home in Carroll

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## COMPANY AT LOSS FOR REMEDY

**Mr. Rat Wears a Goatee and Is Evidently Hero of Many Grim Battles.**

One large rodent is doing the Hammond Fruit company more damage than the panic. All efforts to capture him are in vain. He is still at large. Two men were busy this morning at the Hammond Fruit company store rooms hunting Mr. Rat. "He is probably in among the cabbage in that cabbage barrel," said the man with the big stick. "Many times since July last when that rat made its appearance we have moved everything in this room; potato, apple and cabbage barrels, orange boxes, bags of potatoes in large numbers. In fact, we have twined the entire room up side down in our efforts to get to him."

**CAUSES MONEY LOSSES.**  
That animal has destroyed many dollars' worth of property. He certainly is an artful dodger, and right up to the last minute. Only once during all these months have I succeeded in getting a view of him. He is large, gray and has long whiskers. He has the handsomest goatee I have ever seen outside of the French capital. But he has a bad mug and an eye that no one would care to trust. A cat has been suggested to do him, but my friend an ordinary cat would not be in with that vicious looking rodent. His face, however, is a most interesting study from a psychological point of view. His appearance indicates that he has been the hero of many hard fought battles and that he has left the various fields with flying colors."

and all are assured of a very pleasant evening.

The Musical Hoyes come to Hammond highly recommended and are sure to please their audience. The company is composed of father, son, two daughters, Mr. Nicholas Franzen, in orchestra, assisted by Miss Viola M. Kiesling, sketch artist and reader.

## LEAVES FOR CHICAGO.

Miss Sadie Macintyre of Milwaukee, who has been visiting Mrs. Fred Lash and Mrs. Joe Wilcoxson of State street for a few days, left for Chicago to visit other relatives before returning home.

## LEAVES FOR CANADA.

Mrs. Mary Hemstock of Valparaiso, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. MacAilear in Webb street since Christmas, has gone to Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to visit relatives.

## LEAVES FOR CANADA.

Mr. and Mrs. John Matwig spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nichols at their home in Black Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. William Koehle of St. Johns spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Charles Thiel is spending a few days with Mrs. Steele at her home in St. John.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stolley of Morton court is reported to be ill.

Mrs. F. Young of Kouts, Ind., was the guest of friends in Hammond today.

Sam Fendig of Remselaer is spending the day with his brother, Robert Fendig of Hammond.

Frank Monstrum of Charleston, Ill., was in Hammond today on a short business visit.

Thomas Drannister of Creek, Ill., was a business visitor in Hammond today.

Mrs. Waite of Chicago is expected tomorrow to visit Mrs. Charles Giese at her home in Ogden.

Charles Thoms has returned from his holiday vacation spent with friends and relatives in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Charles Seidler and children of Dyer spent Sunday with friends in Hammond.

Miss Elizabeth Evers of Edgewater, Ill., was the guest of friends in Hammond Sunday.

Mrs. A. Prohler of Chicago spent the past week end with Mr. and Mrs. John Laws of South Hobman street.

Anthony Schmalz has returned to his home in St. John after a few days' visit with his Hammond relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller of Williams street went to Oyer today to attend the funeral of a relative.

Miss Agnes Schaller is spending the day visiting relatives in Dyer.

Mrs. Emma E. Carter has returned home after spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. George Popp, at her home in Crown Point.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at the office of secretary of state for the following companies:

Clinton Manufacturing company, Frankfort; capital, \$10,000; to manufacture fertilizer; directors, Charles E. Petty, Levi E. Cripe and William T. Atkinson.

Fort Wayne Country club, Fort Wayne; for social advantages and physical culture; capital, \$10,000; directors, Charles D. Tille, John Ross McCulloch, Charles G. Guild, Albert S. Bond, Frank L. Brown, James M. Barrett, William P. Breen, Charles E. Bond, Max B. Fisher, Frederick E. Hoffman and William M. Griffin.

Notice of change of principal place of business of Madona Oil and Gas company from Richmond to Portland.

Notice of increase in capital stock from \$36,000 to \$126,000 by Indiana Lumber company of Kokomo.

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