

WEATHER.  
Fair today and probably  
Friday; continued warm;  
southerly winds.

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## ANOTHER BOMB SHELL FOR THE DEMOCRATS

Hon. J. M. Lautmann, Formerly Of  
Hammond, Delegate To St. Louis  
Convention, Against Bryan

### SAYS THAT BRYANISM IS A MENACE TO COUNTRY

Sees Industrial Conditions In Europe and Will Support Taft in Order That They Will Not Come in Vogue Here.

Hon. J. M. Lautmann, formerly one of Hammond's merchants, now of Michigan City; a delegate to the democratic national convention at St. Louis in 1900 which nominated W. J. Bryan for president, will support William Howard Taft for the presidency and advocate his election on Nov. 3. Information came to The Times several days ago that Mr. Lautmann was supporting Mr. Taft and in order to verify the report a letter was addressed to the Michigan City business man asking for verification or denial. The following answer was received today:

Michigan City, Ind., Oct. 13, 1908.

P. A. Parry, Esq., Hammond, Ind.

Managing Editor Lake County Times.

In reply to yours of yesterday will state that the statement made is correct. I have given the matter a thorough study at the time, and came to the conclusion that protection is the only salvation for our industries, consequently the only one for the working people. This, and many other reasons, cause me to support Taft.

Respectfully, J. M. LAUTMANN,

Manager New York Cloak & Suit Co.

This letter coming from a man whose democracy in former years has never been questioned; a man who was prominently mentioned in years gone by as a possible candidate for the democratic nomination for mayor of Hammond; a man who was always prominent in his party's councils, will have a great tendency to make many business democrats hesitate before they vote for Bryan.

Up to the time of his European trip, which he concluded a short time ago, Mr. Lautmann was a staunch democrat. When he went over there he was astonished at the industrial conditions brought to his notice as a result of free trade. He determined, as he says in his letter, that free trade would be the worst possible thing that could happen to this country—and he did not arrive at this conclusion with haste. With the defection of Messrs. Borman and Buckley and hosts of other democrats as Taft supporters, Mr. Lautmann's support of the republican candidate will come as a cumulative blow to the democrats.

## OLD ROMAN BEATEN MYSTERIOUS BLAZES

"Owner" of White Sox Will Have to Settle With Injured Boy.

A judgment for \$75 was returned against Charley Comiskey, the owner of the white sox, yesterday afternoon in a local court. Attorney Joseph Conroy sat as special judge in his office with a jury of six men.

The suit was of a personal injury nature, and resolved itself into a friendly suit by common consent of the plaintiff and the defendant. The facts in the case were that on Aug. 1 Comiskey steered his automobile into Isadore Goldberg, a Western Union messenger, who was riding on Michigan avenue. The boy was injured to some extent, and his father brought suit against the Old Roman.

It appeared by counsel, who pleaded guilty for his client, Attorney Joseph Ishagh represented the plaintiff.

FRANK P. KEILMAN.

## STRUCK BY WEST-BOUND CAR.

Victim of Interurban Accident Is Brought to Gary to Have His Wounds Treated.

Mark Hurtubise, a middle aged man who was walking along the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend interurban tracks yesterday afternoon, going towards Gary, was struck by a west-bound interurban. The car was going at a high rate of speed and why the man was not killed is a miracle.

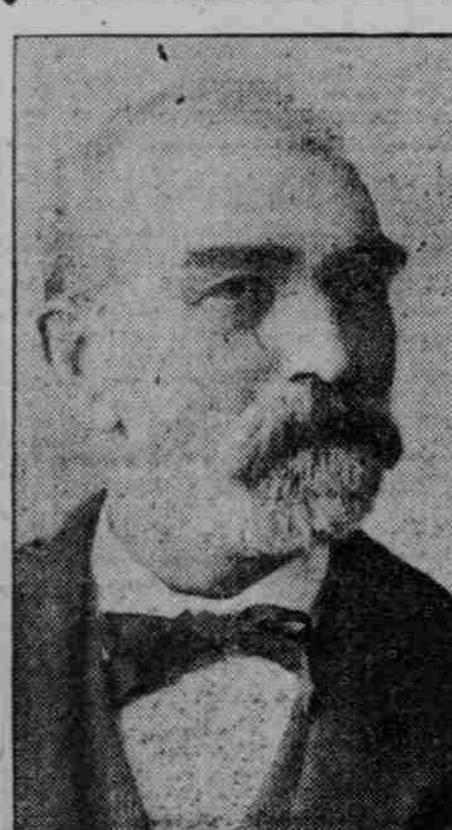
The suit case that he carried was hurled far into the air and he himself landed on a sand bank. The car was brought to standstill and the injured man taken aboard and taken to Gary where his wounds were dressed by a physician. He gave his name as Mark Hurtubise, living at 4309 Wabash avenue.

## PASSES ASSESSMENT ROLL.

East Side Pavement Assessment Roll Is Adopted By City Officials.

The board of public works this morning passed the primary assessment roll for the East State street pavement, and also adopted an improvement resolution for the Pine street local sewer section C, running from One Hundred and Fifteenth street north.

The city clerk was instructed to notify Gostlin, & Meyn & Co. to move the South Hohman street waiting room at Glendale park.



St. John Pioneer Merchant Who Was Buried on Tuesday and Whose Death Is Regretted By a Wide Circle of Friends.

## AT DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS.



## TAPPER DECIDES TO BUILD

Hammond Man Will Begin the Erection of a Splendid \$75,000 Structure On His Hohman-Sibley Street Property Next June.

## BUILDING IS NEAR RENTED NOW

Hammond Doctors Will Swoop Down on Office Building and Make a Second Columbus Memorial Building Out of It for Expensive Office Suites When Completed.

## SPLENDID SPEECH AT BROOKS'

Congressman E. D. Crum-  
pacer Arraigns Bryan In  
Scathing Terms at Repub-  
lican Meeting at Brooks  
Theater Last Evening.

## ALSO SHOWS UP MR. GOMPERS

Speaker Tells What Taft Did For La-  
bor in the Philippines and De-  
clared That Mr. Taft Gave Labor  
Its First Bill of Rights Allowing  
It to Combine to Get High Prices.

Congressman Edgar D. Crum-  
pacer addressed a comfortably filled house in  
Brooks theater last night and made  
one of the speeches, the irresistible  
logic of which could not but bleep to  
convince the hundreds who heard him  
that the republican party is the best  
one to be intrusted with the destiny  
of this great country of ours.

The crowd was slow in arriving.  
When the meeting was called at 8  
o'clock there was not more than half  
of a house, but during the next quarter  
of an hour the people crowded into  
the hall and before Mr. Crum-  
pacer had got well started in his speech  
the hall was completely filled.

He has practically rented the whole  
building or has assurances of renting  
it all. It is understood that practically  
all of the doctors in the city have  
decided to secure quarters in the build-  
ing and it will be similar to the Colum-  
bus Memorial building in Chicago in  
this respect.

Dr. Shanklin, Dr. G. L. Smith and Dr.  
Oberto have secured the right to a  
first choice of the floor spaces in the  
building and will divide this space into  
office rooms to suit themselves. They  
will have as modern and up-to-date  
office rooms as can be found in the city.

**Bank Rents Main Floor.**  
The Citizen's German National bank  
will occupy the main floor of the build-  
ing and will have one of the finest  
banking establishments in the city.  
The third floor will either be used for a  
hall or will be cut up into offices  
as the demand for them is created.

But Mr. Tapper is going farther than  
that. He intends to tear out the fronts  
of the buildings he now owns between  
the corner and the building occupied  
by the South Shore Gas & Electric  
company's offices and will make the  
fronts of all of the buildings correspond  
to that building.

That will give the whole south half  
of the block between State and Sibley  
streets on the east side of Hohman  
street the appearance of being one  
large block.

Mr. Tapper realizes that the shacks  
which now occupy this corner are a  
disgrace to the city and he is going  
to make amends by building a block  
which will be a credit to the whole  
city.

The effect that the building of the  
new Rimbach and Tapper blocks will  
have on the business section of the  
city will be to empty all of the old  
office buildings and make it necessary  
for the owners of them to remodel  
them and make them up-to-date in  
order to rent them.

Mr. Tapper has said that he would  
build on so many occasions that many  
of the people of this city will be  
skeptical about it until the erection  
of the building actually begins but  
Mr. Tapper does not care what the  
people think about it. He says that he  
is going to build in June and if they  
want to believe it they can and if they  
do not they are perfectly welcome  
to that opinion.

## SUES \$10,000 DAMAGES

Woean Danecki Brings  
Damage Suit Against  
Lake Shore.

Woean Danecki has brought suit  
against the Lake Shore railroad and  
all of the other roads affiliated with it  
in this region, to recover damages for  
injuries to his wife, Damechil Danecki,  
who fell from a train in Indiana Harbor  
about two years ago.

According to the complaint, Mrs.  
Danecki was about to get off a train at  
Indiana Harbor when the train suddenly  
started and she was thrown violently  
to the platform.

She sustained injuries from which  
she has not yet recovered and the  
plaintiff has not only been greatly inconvenienced by her illness, but he was  
compelled to pay out \$500 doctor's fees.

Woean Danecki wants \$10,000 dam-

## TWO MEN MAY DIE OF INJURIES

Standard Steel Car Settle-  
ment Riot Results In  
Shocking Disclosures and  
Man Who Started Riot  
May Die.

Two of the men who were injured in  
the cutting scrape at the Standard Steel  
Car settlement are in a dangerous con-  
dition and it is possible that one or  
both of them may die.

Joe Jomekowksi, the foreigner who  
started out on a rampage, has been  
found to have a broken skull. His  
head was examined by Dr. H. E. Shar-  
er and it has been found necessary to  
have an operation performed on the  
injured man's skull.

**Taken to Hospital.**

Jomekowksi will be taken to St.  
Margarets hospital and the extent of  
his injuries will be determined. The  
prisoner seems to be alert this morn-  
ing but it was thought best to have  
the operation performed immediately  
and not run the risk of his becoming  
insane as the result of pressure of bone  
on the brain.

It appears that as soon as Jome-  
kowksi had succeeded in slashing every-  
one in sight he tried to escape. A  
whole crowd of men took after him and  
one of them shot at him with a revolver.  
At the firing of the shot he fell to  
the ground and in a few minutes there  
were ten men on top of him, hammering  
away at his head with beer bottles.

In this manner he was knocked  
senseless and was carried to the saloon  
which he had covered with other men's  
blood to await the coming of the police.

Dr. B. W. Chidlaw took care of An-  
ton Lasker, who had a five inch gash  
in the left side of his neck. The jugular  
vein was exposed by the terrible  
gash in Lasker's neck and if the cut  
had been a hair's breadth longer or  
the pressure of the knife had been a  
fraction of an ounce heavier, Lasker's  
jugular vein would have been severed  
and the police would have had a mur-  
der case to deal with instead of one of  
assault with intent to kill.

**Injuries Not so Serious.**

The injuries of the other men are  
not so serious and they will recover  
without any difficulty. Lasker was ad-  
vised by Dr. Chidlaw to go to the hos-  
pital and have the wound in his neck  
properly cared for but he said that he  
wanted to go home and so the doctor  
let him have his own way.

The whole fight started when Joe  
Jomekowksi became drunk in the sa-  
loon of Blazack Notlik and fell from his  
chair while in a stupor. He struck his  
nose on the floor and thought some one  
had hit him and knocked him down. That  
was his sole reason for attempting the  
lives of half a dozen people.

**Switz Is Fined \$11.**

Rudolph Switz was arrested by Of-  
ficer Schaeidt on Morton avenue on the  
charge of being drunk in a public  
place. Switz says that he lives at 167  
Conkey avenue and is employed in a  
piano factory. He was fined \$11 and  
costs, and unless he can raise the  
money in a short time he will have  
to go to Crown Point to jail for eleven  
days.

## CELEBRATES HIS FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY

Sumptuous Banquet Is Serv-  
ed at Roth's Hall For  
Prominent Citizen.

## 185 PERSONS ATTEND AFFAIR

Many Noted Germans Sit Around  
the Festive Board To Do Honor  
To Louis Roth.

**Hoch der Kaiser!** Louis Roth cele-  
brated his fiftieth birthday last even-  
ing. Incidentally the old German set-  
tlers celebrated German day and as  
sumptuous a banquet was served in  
Roth's hall last evening as has ever  
been prepared in this city.

There were 185 persons seated at the  
long tables and it was a jolly crowd  
which gathered to do honor to Mr.  
Roth. Mr. Roth is one of the old  
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Mr. Roth came from Joliet, Illinois,  
and so to top off the whole  
affair he sent back to his native town  
and purchased a quantity of Schloss  
Johansburg, the most famous Rhine  
wine of Germany.

After the banquet had been served  
the tables were cleared away and the  
invited guests and their wives danced  
during the remainder of the evening.  
It is the universal opinion of those who  
were present at the banquet that it  
was one of the finest affairs that has  
ever been given by the German's in  
Hammond.

After it was over Louis Roth was  
content to pass the fiftieth mile post  
in his life. There was speaking by  
several of the guests present including  
Mayor Lawrence Becker, Mr. F. C.  
Miller, who read a historical paper on  
the Germans in America, Carl Bauer,  
Michael Grimmer and Charles Lavine.

There were many of the first German  
settlers from Crown Point, Tol-  
ington, and other of the first cities of  
the county. The guests were entertained  
by selections sung by the mem-  
bers of the singing society and the  
those who were privileged to be present.

**PRAIRIE FIRE DOES**

## A LOT OF DAMAGE

Fire department No. 4 was called to  
two fires, one of which threatened to  
be serious. A prairie fire near the  
C. C. & L. railroad tracks caused the  
department an hour's work, and for  
a time threatened property on Van  
Buren street.

Later the department was again  
called out to the same territory to put  
out another prairie fire.

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**A Pertinent Question.**  
All of this takes places under  
complete democratic rule and yet the  
democrats presume to come up north and  
tell the people in republican states  
what labor laws they shall pass. Mr.  
Crumpacker wanted to know why Mr.  
Gompers did not spend his time in