

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 Sup-
port 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 advocates 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

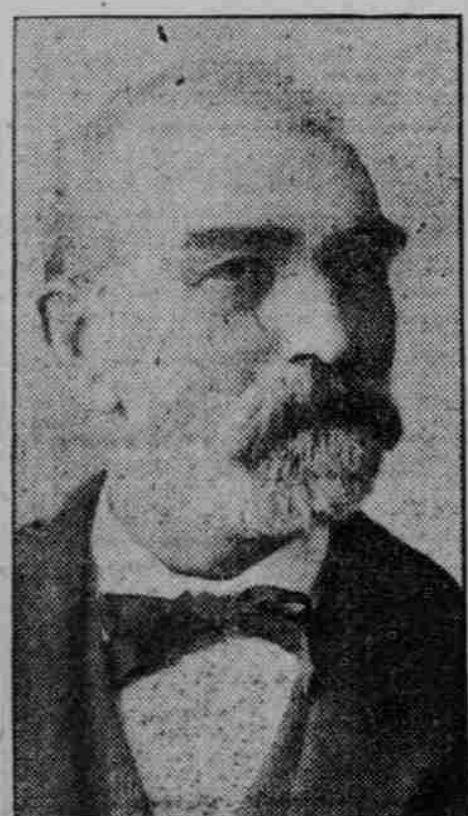
"Owner" of White Sox Will
Have to Settle With
Injured Boy.

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.

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

FRANK P. KEILMAN.



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

Authorities Try Hard To
Sift Mystery In Whole-
sale Fries.

Unless the authorities get at the bottom of the mysterious fires which continue to break out in neighborhood of Fayette street and Walter street Hammond will some day suffer a disastrous fire.

Another fire in that neighborhood broke out yesterday evening on Walter street, near Torrence avenue, and only for the prompt arrival of the departments Nos. 1 and 4 was the fire put. Fortunately it was only a little shed and the damage was nominal, but it was evidently of incendiary origin.

It is thought that a gang of boys ranging from 12 to 15 years in age, are responsible for the series of fires. About three weeks ago they were of daily occurrence when suddenly they stopped. They seem, however, to break out with renewed activity. Only last Tuesday the departments were called out to the same place and again last night.

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 4209 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 Side street pavement, and also adopted an improvement resolution for the Fine street local sewer section C, running from One Hundred and Fiftieth street north.

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

AT DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS.



—Gillam in New York Globe.

SEWAGE PROBLEM IS BEING DISCUSSED

Many Prominent Men Take
Up Big Question at
Mayor's Dinner.

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS THERE

Luncheon Was Held at Hotel Carle-
ton This Afternoon and Was
Well Attended.

The sewage problem of the Calumet region extending from Michigan City to the Illinois state line is at last up to a body of determined men who are willing to solve it.

The initial step toward the solution was taken today at a mayor's meeting, which had been called together by Mayor Becker at the Hotel Carleton. It was attended by city officials from the various cities and private citizens who are interested in the solution of the problem. Prominent among those who were not city officials were: C. W. Hotchkiss, president of the Indiana Harbor railroad. Mr. Hotchkiss is the champion of the drainage district, and at the meeting this afternoon offered his view of the solution of the problem.

Mr. Hotchkiss would take the matter into the legislature of Indiana and go about it in the same manner that Chicago used when it created its drainage district. The men who gathered at the dinner table for this was the means that Mayor Becker used in getting them together, were already partially acquainted with the movement that Mr. Hotchkiss promises will relieve this district, and which is practically the same as the one advocated by THE TIMES.

The question was discussed from many sides. Maps and plans were supplied, showing that some earnest thinking had already been done on the subject. The engineers had called on Michigan City to sit up and take notice. With a hope held out to it that it may be included in the district it hurried to the conference to learn what could be done in the way of giving it relief from its greatest drawback. In the way of disposing of sewage it is a worse condition than Hammond. Hammond at least has a river sluggish as it is into which to empty its sewage. Michigan City has no relief. Its sewer outlets and drinking water intakes in Lake Michigan are neighbors. These matters and many more important phases were brought up and thoroughly discussed.

The Guests at the Luncheon.
The out of town guests were: C. W. Hotchkiss of Chicago, president of the Indiana Harbor railroad; William McMaster of Chicago, connected with the Indiana Harbor railroad; Fred C. Miller, mayor of Michigan City; Mayor Fred Smith of Whiting; Mayor Edward DeBrie of East Chicago; W. W. Pepple, city attorney of Michigan City; J. D. Kennedy, city attorney of East Chicago; Dr. A. J. Lauer, secretary of the Whiting board of health; George W. Ross of Indiana Harbor; K. H. Bell of Chicago.

Among the local men who were guests at the luncheon at which Mayor Becker was the host were Messrs. J. D. Smalley, city controller; P. J. Lyons, city engineer; Councilman John Kane; Adam Ebert, president of the board of public works; Peter L. Davis, member of the board; Jacob Schloer, member of the board; S. E. Swaim, M. P. Ludwig.

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 condition and it is possible that one or both of them may die.

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

Taken to Hospital.
Jomokowski will be taken to St. Margaret's hospital and the extent of his injuries will be determined. The prisoner seems to be alert this morning 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 Jomokowski 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 Anton 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 murder 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 advised by Dr. Chidlaw to go to the hospital 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 Jomokowski became drunk in the saloon of Blazack Notik and fell from his chair while in a stupor. He struck his nose on the floor and thought some one 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 Officer Schacht 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 the 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 Festal Board To Do Honor
To Louis Roth.

Hoch der Kaiser! Louis Roth celebrated his fiftieth birthday last evening. Incidentally the old German settlers 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 settlers of Hammond. He has been in this city for the past 30 years. He was among the first of the substantial Germans who settled in this community and has built up a moderate fortune for himself and his children.

Fifty years old, thirty years in Hammond and German day that was enough of a reason for almost any kind of a celebration and so the members of the Sedla Singing society, the Germans who were the first settlers here and other of Mr. Roth's friends gathered around the festive board and drank to his health.

Johnsburg Flows.
Mr. Roth came from Johnsburg, Germany, and so to top off the whole affair he sent back to his native town and purchased a quantity of Schloss Johnsburger, 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 Germans 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. E. 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, Tolleston, and other of the first cities of the county. The guests were entertained by selections sung by the members 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. & L. railroad tracks caused the department an hour's work, and for a time threatened property on Van Buren street.

TAPPER DECIDES TO BUILD

Hammond Man Will Begin
the Erection of a Splen-
did \$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 Build-
ing Out of It for Expensive Of-
fice Suites When Completed.

Anthony Tapper has definitely decided to build a fine three-story office building on his lot at the corner of Hohman and Sibley streets, and work will be begun on the building June 1, 1909.

The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000 and will, excepting the Hammond building, be the finest office building in the city. Mr. Tapper said today that nothing would stand in the way of his decision to build next spring.

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

Dr. Shanklin, Dr. G. L. Smith and Dr. Oberlin 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 Citizens' German National bank will occupy the main floor of the building 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 Bimback 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

Woclan Danecki Brings
Damage Suit Against
Lake Shore.

Woclan 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, Danecki 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. Woclan Danecki wants \$10,000 damages from the various railroads which are mentioned as defendants in these suits.

SPLendid SPEECH AT BROOKS'

Congressman E. D. Crum-
packer 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. Crumpacker addressed a comfortably filled house in Brooks theater last night and made one of the speeches, the irresistible logic of which could not but help to convince the hundreds who heard him that the republican party is the best one to be entrusted 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. Crumpacker had got well started in his speech the hall was completely filled.

The quartette of the Young Men's Republican club rendered a selection entitled, "On the Billy, Billy Van" and where encored. Most of the county candidates were seated on the stage when the speaking began.

Shows Up the Democrats.
Mr. Crumpacker was at his best last evening. He ripped up the democrats as the allies of the "labor" and showed that in the southern states where that party is in control there had been less done for labor than in any other part of the United States.

He riddled the plan of the democrats to guarantee bank deposits and this issue, which the democrats themselves are already pushing up, was shown to be another of the foibles of Bryan's disordered brain.

Mr. Crumpacker summed up the antagonism of Mr. Gompers for the republican party in the following terse statement, which was roundly cheered. "Mr. Gompers," said Mr. Crumpacker, "seems to have more solicitude for organized democracy than he does for organized labor."

Considers Gompers An Ingrate.
Mr. Crumpacker then went on to show that Mr. Gompers was an ingrate considering all that the republican party has done for labor. Mr. Gompers says that the injunction issue is the paramount one and Mr. Crumpacker quoted William Randolph Hearst as saying that the industrial depression which was brought on during the Cleveland administration, as a result of democratic tampering with the tariff, has cost labor more hardship, more sorrow, more starvation and more trouble than all of the injunctions that have ever been issued in this country.

He showed how foolish was Mr. Gompers' attack on Mr. Taft when leading labor union officials all over the country admitted that Mr. Taft did only what his oath of office required him to do when he issued certain injunctions for which he has been criticized.

Tells What Mr. Taft Has Done.
Mr. Crumpacker then told of what Mr. Taft had done in the Philippines. When he arrived on the islands he found that the very fact that a man combined with his fellow to secure better wage conditions was cause sufficient to have him thrown into prison. Mr. Taft immediately pardoned one man who had been thrown into prison on such a charge and established the fact that labor in the Philippines is a right to organize. Following this the wages of the Philippines was more than doubled.

He then pointed out the abominable labor conditions in the south. He showed where the great cotton mills of the south, one of which was owned by the governor of Alabama, employed children of tender ages and kept them working in the most unsanitary surroundings, denied them God's sunshine and the educational advantages which were free to the children in the north.

A Pertinent Question.
All of this takes place 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

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