

WEATHER
Partly cloudy today, with possibly showers. Friday fair and cooler.

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HE FILES A WRIT OF MANDAMUS

Geo. A. Meekison Of Whiting Begins Action In Hammond Court For His Rights

TELLS OF BRIBE OFFER

Accuses Democrat of Offering Him \$850 If He Would "Lay Down."

"I was approached yesterday by a democrat in secret and offered \$850 if I would 'lay down' and not be a candidate for prosecuting attorney."

GEORGE A. MEEKISON.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF CROWD

Republicans Busy With Important Meeting and Are Working on Problem of How to Accommodate the Big Crowds.

One of the hardest problems which the Hammond republicans have had to figure out in a long time is that of accommodating the crowds at the Michigan Central depot when the Taft special arrives in town and the republican candidate makes his speech.

At first it was thought to be a good plan to simply have the rear end of the special train, from which Mr. Taft will speak, rest over Oakley avenue and then let the crowd assemble on the right of way of the railroad and hear the speaker.

The fact was pointed out, however, that there are a number of passenger and freight trains which pass over the road at that time and that the lives of hundreds of people would be endangered if a through passenger train should run through several thousand people while Mr. Taft was speaking.

Mr. Meekison pointed to this as evidence that the democratic party is exceedingly anxious that his name be kept off from the ballot. He did not offer any reason why that party was so exceedingly anxious to have the space where the name of the candidate for the office of prosecutor should appear, left vacant.

Meekison Talks Fight.

Mr. Meekison made the statement that he would fight the matter out to a finish and said that he would take the case to the supreme court of the state if the lower courts did not give a decision in his favor. He claims that there is no question about his right to have his name on the ballot, and denounces the county chairman for getting together on the prosecutorial side.

He denies that he made the democratic promise that he would not file a petition to have his name placed on the ticket, and says that when they refused his request he swore by all that is holy that he would file a petition and get on the ticket anyway.

He says he will represent himself in court and that he has ample legal authority to show that all that it was necessary for him to do was to file a petition signed by twenty-five voters, fifteen days before the election. He claims that he has followed the law in every particular.

Mr. Meekison made the sensational statement that he had been bribed in the presence of several witnesses. He refused to divulge the name of the man who made the attempt and declined to give any clue to the man's identity whatever, except to say that he was a democrat. He insinuated that there was a bi-party plot to keep him off the ticket, but said he would reserve his fire for the courts.

Mr. Meekison says that he is a legal voter and that he has been in Whiting since last June. He says he was in Valparaiso for three years, and that he came to Valparaiso from Napoleon, O.

Mr. Meekison's action is causing a great deal of discussion among the members of both political parties. They are wondering what effect his action will have on the election.

Mr. Meekison states that he stands for the enforcement of the law. He says that there will not be a single law in the penal code that he will not enforce to the letter, if he is elected. Furthermore, he claims that he has all of the law-abiding people of Porter county behind him.

State of Affairs.

If his name is not put on the ballot he claims he will carry the matter to the supreme court and will sue the counties of Lake and Porter for the salary of prosecutor for the two years of the term.

Was there ever a situation like it in local politics? The democratic party is fighting to keep a republican candidate from having democratic opposition. It is the most peculiar condition of affairs that has ever been created in this county.

It seems to be a case of "Not because they love Meekison less, but that they love Greenwald more." The democrats say that Meekison can never get on their ticket for the reason that Greenwald was formally nominated by the democratic party, although the law will not permit his name to appear on more than one ballot. That was the decision of the county commissioners at Crown Point.



AUTO BADLY SMASHED

Sheffield Avenue Proves to Be the Road to Destruction for Many Machines that Travel Between Lake County and Chicago.

TWO ACCIDENTS HAPPEN LAST NIGHT

South Chicago Man Suffers a Broken Arm and His Machine Is Crippled When He Collides With a Bump in the Road on His Way Home From Hammond.

T. Shebes of South Chicago, the driver of one of Stevenson & Co.'s auto trucks, had his arm broken when the large machine which he was driving ran into a hole in the road and then into the ditch before the driver could control it.

The accident happened in the vicinity of Sheffield avenue and One Hundred and Nineteenth street and occurred about at midnight. The ditched machine was noticed by the motorman of a red line street car, and the injured man was brought to Hammond on a car and was taken to St. Margaret's hospital.

There it was discovered that outside of the fractured arm Mr. Shebes had not sustained any other injury. An officer was sent to investigate the hole in the road which the injured man claimed had caused the accident and he found it, but he reported that there was plenty of light near it so that it would have been seen by a careful driver.

Was Plenty of Light There.

According to the story Shebes tells he was driving along Sheffield avenue in the direction of Chicago when he suddenly ran into a hole and he at once lost control of the big machine he was driving. It then veered off to one side of the road and went into the ditch. As soon as the driver saw what was going to happen he jumped and in jumping sustained the fracture of the arm.

Sheffield avenue, which is earning the name of "The Road of Destruction," owing to the many automobile accidents, seems to have been the scene of another mishap last night, which if true, is absolutely shrouded in mystery. The only facts in the case that are known are that on the east side of the road at a place about a half mile south of the White House wheel trucks made by an automobile going south lead into the ditch. They go directly up to a guy pole for the street car line and the machine seemingly struck this post with great force, as it is not only broken off, but the lower end also removed about twelve feet from its base. Such a tremendous force one would think would have caused a serious accident and possibly a fatality. At any rate it is only reasonable to believe that the car would have been so badly demolished that it could not have been taken from the place by its own power, but there are no clews from which it might be learned what the cause and effect of the dislocation of the police were. Hammond authorities know nothing of an automobile accident on Sheffield avenue yesterday with the exception of the big Stevenson truck of Chicago, which went into the ditch, but not at the same place where the guy pole is broken off.

If there was another accident it happened last night and no appeal for help came to Hammond people neither to the White House which would have been in the nearest place.

WILL SERVE TURTLE.

A turtle to be served to the adherents of all political faiths at Miller's this evening will be the preliminary meeting to a democratic rally which will be to a meeting place where the guy pole is broken off.

Attorney Joseph Conroy will furnish the fire works in the way of speech-making and any lurid light that Hammondites may see on the eastern skyline may be attributed to "Little Joe."

Judge W. W. McMahon, Ed Simon and Fred Carter will furnish the trimmings for the occasion.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The funeral service of Mrs. Edith Fox Burg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fox of this city, will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24, at St. Paul's Episcopal church on Rimbach avenue.

Friends of the deceased who wish to view the remains may do so at the house at 128 Clinton, between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., as the casket will not be opened at the church.

Burial will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

ARRANGE LINE OF MARCH

Gary Republicans Announce Makeup of the Great Parade For Taft Which They Will Have Next Saturday Night at That Place.

ARRANGE ORDER OF THE PARADE

Seven Divisions to Monstre Torch Light Procession, Which Will Escort Republican Candidate For President to the Speaker's platform.

The full line of march for the great parade Saturday has now been announced by Grand Marshal C. H. Maloney. From two to three thousand people are expected to be in line, participating in the remarkable demonstration in honor of William Howard Taft, the republican candidate for president. Horses, banners, torches, and red fire will play a prominent part in what is conceded will be the most spectacular procession ever seen in this part of the state.

The following is the order of the parade:

First division—C. H. Maloney, grand marshal; aides, J. J. Kelley, T. Newlands, Louis Dubetz, E. A. Schmidt, Dr. B. S. Gardner and A. B. Scrozniski; mounted club of Gary, fifty horses; First Regiment band of Chicago, followed by the Marquette and Hamilton clubs of Chicago.

Second division—Four automobiles containing the speakers, as follows: First, W. H. Taft, E. J. Buffington, W. P. Gleason and H. S. Norton; second automobile, James E. Watson, G. H. Mangione, J. J. Verplank, J. A. Brennan, E. D. Crumpacker; third automobile, Senator A. J. Beveridge, James Hemway, M. W. Hodges and J. H. Crotty. Fourth automobile, W. H. Kilver, Richard Schaar Jr., Senator A. J. Bowes and two congressmen.

Third division—Chesterton band, Chesterton republican club, Crown Point republican club, Lowell republican club, Hobart republican club.

Fourth division—Porter band, Valparaiso republican club, LaPorte republican club.

Fifth division—Barney Young's band of Hammond, Hammond republican club, East Chicago republican club, Whiting republican club, Indiana Harbor republican club.

Sixth division—Miller band, Gary Poles, Gary Italians, Gary Servians, Gary Croatians, Gary Hungarians, Gary colored men.

Seventh division—Gary band, Gary republican club. The captains of the various divisions of foreigners who will march, is as follows: Hungarians, John Pracsak; Italians, John Colosimo; Servians, Mitchell Duchiich; Polish, A. Bacus; Croatians, John Bennett; colored, William Hotten.

This great mass of humanity will form on East and West Fifth avenue and will then march down to the Michigan Central depot, where they will meet Judge Taft as he arrives on his special train. The parade will then be continued south on Broadway to Twelfth street, when they will counter-march and return to Fifth avenue. Here the parade will halt and the speaking will be started.

All gloom which might have pervaded the promoters of the rally in Gary, as to the unlikelihood of the arrival of Mr. Taft was dispelled when George Marlowe yesterday received word from State Chairman Sims, by telegraph, that Hitchcock had just assured him that the candidate would be in Gary Saturday. It was thought for some time yesterday that Mr. Taft's voice was in such condition that he would be unable to speak.

In regard to a meeting place, it has finally been settled that the big tent used for meetings in Hammond should be used Saturday. The casino will then be put in use for an overflow meeting should the tent not be large enough. It is expected that over five thousand people will attempt to hear Taft speak Saturday. Most of them will arrive on trains of their own, however, so that there will be no difficulty in the way of transportation. It is also thought that most of them will arrive after 6 o'clock so that the great mass will not have to be fed.

JOHN W. KERN'S SPEAKING TOUR IS INTERRUPTED

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 21.—The condition of John Worth Kern Jr., the 30-year-old son of the democratic candidate for vice president, became suddenly worse this afternoon, and Mr. Kern, who has been speaking in the east and south, was today summoned to his home here. A message from the father said he would leave Syracuse, N. Y., for Indianapolis at 5 o'clock this afternoon and arrive home tomorrow morning.