

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 Offer-
ing Him \$850 If He
Would "Lay
Down."

"I was approached yester-
day by a democrat in secret
and offered \$850 if I would
'lay down' and not be a candi-
date for prosecuting at-
torney."

GEORGE A. MEEKISON.

George A. Meekison of Whiting filed
a writ of mandamus in the Lake superior
court in Hammond this morning, in
which he seeks to compel the board of
county election commissioners to place
his name on the democratic county ticket
as the candidate for the office of
prosecuting attorney.

After he had filed the writ he called
at the editorial offices of The Times
voluntarily and made the sensational
charge that a certain member of the
democratic party yesterday, at a secret
conference, offered Mr. Meekison \$850 if
he would lay down.

Mr. Meekison pointed to this as evi-
dence that the democratic party is ex-
ceedingly 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 name
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 if 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 de-
nounces the county chairman for "get-
ting together on the prosecutorship."

He denies that he made the dem-
ocratic promise that he would not file
a petition to have his name placed on
the ticket, and says that when they re-
fused 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 au-
thority 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 hi-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 en-
force to the letter, if he is elected.
Furthermore, he claims that he has all
of the law-abiding people of Porter
county behind him.

Strange State of Affairs.

If his name is not put on the ballot
he claims he will carry the election 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 af-
fairs 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 Greenwood more." The democrats
say that Meekison can never get on
their ticket for the reason that Green-
wald 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.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF CROWD

Republicans Busy With Im-
portant 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 repub-
lican 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 en-
dangered if a through passenger train
should run through several thousand
people while Mr. Taft was speaking.

May Leave Train.

The idea then occurred to the com-
mittee that it would be a good plan to
secure a flat-topped dray wagon, and
after decorating it with flags, back it
up to the special train as soon as it
gets in, and then take Mr. Taft on it
to the rear of the federal building,
only 400 feet away, where, with the
building for a shelter, he could address
the crowds which would assemble on
the lawn in the rear of the federal
building.

This plan has been adopted, although
it is known that the national commit-
tee has issued a statement in which it
was announced that Mr. Taft would
not leave the train at Hammond.

To make sure that the plan will
carry, a photograph of the Michigan
Central depot and its surroundings will
be taken, and F. Richard Schaaf, the
county chairman, will take it to Michi-
gan City, where he will meet the Taft
special, and explain the situation to the
man who has charge of the presidential
candidate's tour.

To Gary for 10 Cents.

There is no question that he will see
the danger of having the train stop
on the right of way while trains are
rushing through every few minutes,
and that he will agree to Mr. Taft's
speaking in the rear of the federal
building.

The announcement is made at the
republican headquarters that everybody
who wants to go to Gary on the special
train, which will leave this city as
soon as Mr. Taft gets through
speaking, may do so for a fare of ten
cents for the round trip.

This is an exceedingly low rate and
will give the people of Hammond an
opportunity to see the big celebration
which the Gary people are planning,
and which is expected to be the big-
gest of its kind that has ever been at-
tempted in Lake county.

FEICK HERE SATURDAY

Democrats to Hold a Meet-
ing at Huehn's Hall
on Saturday.

F. L. Feick, who was in Hammond
recently with Samuel Gompers, will go
here again on Saturday night to speak
under the auspices of the State Fed-
eration of Labor. The speech is set for
eight o'clock in Huehn's hall and the
democrats hope to get out a good crowd
despite the Taft meeting in the even-
ing.

It is estimated that the biggest por-
tion of the laboring classes will go to
Gary in the evening on the special
train that has been arranged by the re-
publican county central committee.

Mr. Feick, who will speak here under
the auspices of the State Federation
of Labor, chairman of the state legisla-
tive committee of the Brotherhood of
Railroad Trainmen.



Bryan: "Who has been watering that plant?"

—Donnell in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

BERT PIERCE IN MORE TROUBLE

Charged With Forging the
Names of Relative and
Friend to a Check.

OFFICERS CAN'T FIND HIM

Former Gary and Hammond Man Is
Wanted By Hobart Authorities—
Last Seen in Hammond.

Hobart, Ind., Oct. 22.—Bert Pierce,
formerly of Hammond and later of
Gary, is up to his head and ears in
trouble again. Pierce, it will be re-
membered, is the young conductor who
was accused of considerable loose-
ness in his monetary transactions and
was arrested about two weeks ago is
now a fugitive from justice.

Scarcely was the news of his first
deviation from the straight and nar-
row path forgotten when Mrs. Mary
Tyler, of this place, found that Pierce
had got money from her on a note to
which was forged, it is declared, the
names of M. F. Pierce of Merrillville
and D. Franz of Turkey Creek.

Swears Out Warrants.

Mrs. Tyler swore to warrants for
Pierce's arrest and Deputy Sheriff
James Gill arrested Pierce in the even-
ing. On Tuesday night, he gave bond
in the sum of \$300 before Squire
Mathews for his appearance in his
court on Wednesday morning. A Lake
Station man named Florian, went to
his security. On Tuesday night Pierce
left for Hammond over the Pennsylv-
ania. He telephoned from thence yester-
day morning that he had missed his
train and would be here later in the
day. But he never showed up. Last
night Deputy Sheriff Gill went to
Hammond, but failed to get any trace
of Pierce.

HOLD GOOD MEETING

Michigan City Entertains
E. D. Crumpacker
Last Night.

Congressman E. D. Crumpacker was
in Hammond yesterday on his way to
Michigan City, where he addressed a
large audience on the issues of the
campaign. Mr. Crumpacker dwelt on
the record of republican party and paid
a high tribute to President Roosevelt's
administration. He described the pub-
lic record of William H. Taft and said
that there was not a man in the coun-
try more fit to carry out the Roosevelt
ideas.

Mr. Crumpacker was given an en-
thusiastic reception in Michigan City
and his meeting was a success in
every particular. Mr. Crumpacker is
one of the most popular men in public
life in this region today and his con-
stituents always rally to his support
and make it a habit to listen to his
speeches every time an election comes
around.

PLAN CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER RINK

Big Skating and Dancing
Parlor to Be Built on
State Line.

Plans are out for the construction
of a large skating rink which will be
built on the State Line in West Ham-
mond. The new rink will be one of
the largest in this part of the country
and will be constructed for the pur-
pose of a rink and for that purpose
only.

The promoters of the deal refuse to
have their names mentioned for the
time being but they will be made public
as soon as the deal is consummated.
There will be a place reserved in the
center of the hall for a \$2,500 auto-
matic organ.

The floor will also be used for large
dancing parties. The entrance to the
rink will be on State Line street and
on either side of the entrance there
will be lounging rooms and toilets for
men and women.

The building is to be built of brick
and will have an attractive front. It
will cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000
and will be one of the finest rinks in
Northern Indiana when it is completed.

COME TO CHOPIN HALL

Republican Club Assures
Everybody a Good
Time Tonight.

The meeting of the republicans at
Chopin hall this evening is already
an assured success. Everybody is in-
terested and there will be sure to be
a crowd present.

The occasion will simply be one in
which the members in the party will
get together for a good time and talk
over the general situation. Preparations
will be made for the trip on the
ten-coach special which will leave this
city for Gary as soon as Mr. Taft
is through speaking here.

Lake county is wild with enthusiasm
over Taft and Watson. The meetings
which have already been held indicate
this and those which are to be held
will prove it.

With the failure of the Marshall
meeting the republicans are more con-
fident than ever. At Chopin hall this
evening the manner in which the re-
publicans will make the trip to Gary
will be discussed.

Light refreshments will be served
and there will be music and entertain-
ment of other kinds. A good time is in
store for all those who care to come
and there will be a rollicking crowd of
good fellows present.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

Officer Hillbrick reports that the rear
door of Summers saloon was found
open at 11:30 p. m.

Some boys have been breaking globes
from the electric lights and coal from
the electric light plant in the vicinity
of Cleveland and Allee streets and have
been reported to the police.

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 driv-
er of one of Stevenson & Co.'s auto
trucks, had his arm broken when he
drove towards Chicago late last evening 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 at
about 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 hospi-
tal.

There it was discovered that outside
of the fractured arm Mr. Shebes had
not sustained any other injury. An of-
ficer 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 acci-
dents, 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 bro-
ken 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 de-
molished that it could not have been
taken from the place by its own power,
but there are no clues 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 ex-
ception 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 hap-
pened last night and no appeal for help
came to Hammond people neither to the
White House which would have been the
nearest place.

WILL SERVE TURTLE.

A turtle to be served to the ad-
herents of all political faiths at Miller
this evening will be the preliminary
stimulant to a democratic rally which
will be there.

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

Judge W. W. McMahon, Ed Simon
and Fred Carter will furnish the trim-
mings for the occasion.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The funeral service of Mrs. Edith
Fox Burg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
E. E. 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 Par-
ade For Taft Which They
Will Have Next Saturday
Night at That Place.

ARRANGE ORDER OF THE PARADE

Seven Divisions to Monster Torch
Light Procession, Which Will Es-
cort Republican Candidate For
President to the Speaker's Man-
form.

The full line of march for the great
parade Saturday has now been an-
nounced by Grand Marshal C. H. Ma-
loney. From two to three thousand
people are expected to be in line, par-
ticipating in the remarkable demon-
stration 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. New-
lands, Louis DuBetz, E. A. Schmidt, Dr.
R. S. Gardner and A. B. Scrogin; mounted
club of Gary, fifty horses; First Regi-
ment 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 au-
tomobile, James E. Watson, C. H. Man-
love, J. J. Verplank, J. A. Brennan, E.
D. Crumpacker. Third automobile,
Senator A. J. Beveridge, James Hemen-
way, M. W. Hodges and J. H. Cothery.
Fourth automobile, W. H. Kilver,
Richard Schaaf Jr., Senator A. J. Bow-
ser and two congressmen.

Third division—Chesteron band,
Chesteron republican club, Crown
Point republican club, Lowell republi-
can club, Hobart republican club.

Fourth division—Porter band, Valpa-
raiso republican club, Porter republi-
can club, Laporte republican club.

Fifth division—Barney Taylor's band
of Hammond, Hammond republican
club, East Chicago republican club,
Whiting republican club, Indiana Har-
bor 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 Prasca; Italians, John Colos-
simo; Servians, Mitchell Duchieli; Pol-
ish, A. Backus; 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 Michi-
gan 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
Manlove yesterday received word from
State Chairman Sims, by telegram, that
Hitchcock had just assured him that
the candidate would be in Gary Satur-
day. It was thought for some time
yesterday that Mr. Taft's voice was in
such condition that he would be un-
able 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, how-
ever, 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 con-
dition of John W. Kern Jr., the 4
year old son of the democratic candi-
date for vice president, became sud-
denly 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.