

WEATHER.
Showers today; Wednesday partly cloudy; continued cool.

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POLICE START A SEARCH

Mysterious Fire at Indiana Harbor Causes Much Speculation Among the Authorities in That City These Days.

MILLINER IS NOT TO BE FOUND ABOUT

Many Suspicious Circumstances Are Brought Out in Connection With Blaze in Indiana Harbor Millinery Store Last Sunday Night on Michigan Avenue.

(Special to The Times.)
Indiana Harbor, Ind., Oct. 27.—A mysterious fire was discovered on Sunday evening in the millinery apartments of Miss Lucile Braswell, on Michigan avenue. About 11:30 o'clock, a policeman, while traveling his beat, noticed an odor of smoke coming from that direction and decided to investigate. Breaking in the door to the millinery parlors, he was confronted with a pouring roll of smoke, accompanied by the crackling of burning wood.

Hastily calling the fire department, he secured a bucket of water and attempted to extinguish the flames. With the assistance of the department, who arrived promptly, the flames were soon under control and an investigation of the affair started.

Said to Have Gone Away.
It appears that Miss Braswell left on the early Sunday evening train for Chicago. She has not yet returned and this, coupled with the other strange features of the case, have given citizens of Indiana Harbor an opportunity for the spreading of some very queer tales. An effort is being made to locate the woman and secure from her an explanation of the fire, but up to the present time, the police have been unable to find any trace of her.

The fire started in a small closet used for the storing of millinery furnishings. A small gas-burner, of the

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JOHN POPE IS DEAD

Unfortunate Derelict Dies This Afternoon In Hospital.

John Pope is no more. The aged derelict died at St. Margaret's hospital, where he was taken through the charity of the good sisters of St. Francis, who thought it a rule of the hospital not to accept delirium tremens patients, took in the aged man after Dr. H. E. Sharrer had interceded for him as he lay dying yesterday afternoon on his cot in the police station. The charitable police did all they could for Pope, but his last attack had come.

John Pope has been a familiar character on the streets of Hammond for years, and is one of the last familiar characters of the old regime to go. He was an exceptionally bright man in his earlier years, and was well connected, but the love of whiskey proved his bane and the manner of his death was not unexpected. He was 65 years old. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

INDIANA SAFE, SAYS NEW.

Former National Committee Chairman Thinks State Will Be in Line.

Indiana will cast its electoral vote for Judge William H. Taft is the opinion of Colonel Harry S. New of Indianapolis, former chairman of the republican national committee, and now one of its executive committees. "There is a hard fight on in our state," he said at the Auditorium Annex hotel last night, "one of the hardest in its history, but after the chaff has been separated from the wheat I feel positive that Taft will carry the state, as he will the general election."

He said the state ticket was in about the same condition as the fight now being waged in Illinois.

BETTING ON ELECTION IS BECOMING ACTIVE

Whiting Man Has One Thousand Dollars to Bet on Watson.

REPUBLICANS RAISING POOL

Little Money In Evidence That Indiana Will Go Democratic on National Issues.

The betting in the election is becoming very active. There seems to be plenty of money on both sides and it is expected that before the election there will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000 bet in Lake county on the election. The betting is of course even and both sides seem confident of winning. In Whiting George Gerard has raised a pool of \$1,000 which is to be bet on Watson and it is rumored that there will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 raised among the Hammond republicans to bet on the state ticket.

There are lots of republican money to be had on the county's going for Taft and also that the county ticket, with possibly two exceptions, will be elected. The best informed republicans do not hesitate to bet on Mr. Watson and to get a bet that Indiana will go republican and will deliver its electoral vote for Taft is like finding so much money. There are a few Hammond men who claim to have an unlimited amount of Indianapolis money to bet on Marshall but so far there has been but little of it actually in evidence. It is believed that the brewers are staking certain democrats with sufficient funds to bluff out the small better for the moral effect it will have.

It is a noticeable fact, however, that none of the brewery money will be bet in smaller than \$500 blocks. This looks like bluff to take up some of the loose \$500 bills that are flying around.

NEW GARY ROAD GETS IT

I. I. & M. Railway and Rockford Belt Transferred to C., M. & G.

Chicago, Oct. 27.—(Special.)—With the filing at the office of the recorder of Winnebago county of the deeds transferring the property of the I. I. & M. railway and of the Rockford railway company to the Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary railway company, the old titles may be said to no longer have existence. The new company leased the lines June 29th with a ten year purchase option which they accepted October 20th, the deeds bearing that date.

All the property of the two companies of every nature: right of way, track, age, franchise, buildings, rolling stock, etc., is included in the deal. The stockholders of the Rockford Belt line receive \$1,000,000 in Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary first mortgage bonds and \$1,000,000 in stock, while the Illinois, Iowa & Minnesota stockholders receive \$4,500,000 in each.

GUESTS GET RETURNS

Landlord Glennon to Get Election Returns For His Patrons.

Proprietor Glennon of the Majestic hotel is planning an innovation for election night. He is to have a private wire cut into the hotel over which will be received the election returns.

As the result will not begin to be known until eleven or twelve o'clock in the evening he will have the returns displayed in the dining room of the hotel where his patrons and others can order a meal and then watch the returns while they are eating.

He will reserve tables from now on so that any one who wants to be sure of having a good place where the returns can be heard can go there. It is expected that a great many women will accompany their husbands to the hotel and hear the returns in this manner.

Mr. Glennon's enterprise is greatly appreciated by his guests and it is expected that before election night every one of the tables in the dining room will have been reserved.

PIECE OF GLASS CAUSES FRANCIS RYAN TROUBLE.

United States Metals Employee Will Have to Undergo An Operation Shortly.

A little piece of glass which entered his hand several months ago, is giving Francis Ryan, who recently entered the ranks of the benedictines, considerable trouble.

Until within the last few days it has not given him any trouble, but now it has become so painful that an operation is necessary. Mr. Ryan is the chief chemist at the United States Metals Refining company.

SIX REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE AGAINST BRYAN

THINK THEM OVER

Because the voter will have no assurance that Mr. Bryan as president will not try to vitalize free silver, government ownership or railroads, and all the other "not dead but sleeping" isms of which he has been the parent.

Because when Mr. Bryan's present tariff idea was last enacted into law the country was thrown into the worst period of hard time it ever has known; tens of thousands of men now prosperous being thrown into idleness and destitution.

Because no man who changes his political panacea at the opening of every Chautauqua season is a fit guide for the nation's destiny.

Because Mr. Bryan, with no legal experience and with a total lack of the judicial point of view is unfit to fill the four vacancies in the supreme court which will occur during the next presidential term.

Because Mr. Bryan has had no training whatever in national administration and none in national legislation except two terms in congress where he was one of the sponsors for the disastrous Gorman-Wilson tariff bill.

Because we want one man as president, not a half dozen in one, because we want one man and want to know that man, as after twelve years on the stage the American people dare not say they know Bryan, the statesman of discarded issues, who is running away from his record.

TERSE MESSAGE IS SENT

Gary Democrats Want William J. Bryan For a Set Speech Or They Don't Want Him at All, Is the Message.

MAYOR KNOTTS SENDS THE WORD

Magic City Adherents of Democracy Offered a Train Platform Speech, But Decline to Take Half a Loaf, Saying They Would Rather Have None.

Gary democrats don't want half a loaf.

If they can't have Mr. William J. Bryan an evening to themselves they don't want him at all.

If Thomas E. Knotts doesn't want Mr. Bryan to come to Gary it is certain that the republicans will not make any very strenuous efforts to get him here. Therefore it looks as if Mr. Bryan would not be seen in the steel city during the present campaign. Unlike Mr. Taft, who gave Chicago the cold shoulder to come to Gary, Mr. Bryan, turned down the magic city and will speak in Chicago.

Can't See It That Way.

It had been suggested that the "Peerless Leader" spend a few minutes in Gary at least, but the local leaders cannot see it that way, for they want the whole thing or none. What is the use, they are asking, of having the silver-tongued orator, here for a few minutes, who could not possibly satisfy the people who are in the habit of being honored for an evening from presidential candidates during the present campaign.

Democrats as well as republicans realize this and therefore resulted in President Knotts' defiant ultimatum, of "We want all or none." This was sent in to democratic national headquarters at Chicago yesterday.

May Send Crowd to Harbor.

And aside from this the recent turn in the weather has made it so chilly that it is considered next to impossible to induce a crowd of any magnitude to stand upon the high altitude of the lake shore elevation and listen to even so fascinating a talker as William Jennings Bryan. Gary's share of the presidential aspirants time therefore will be delivered over to Indiana Harbor, with respects to the sister steel city, hoping that they can make better use of it than Gary can.

SWINDLERS SELL PATTERNS.

The Butterick Publishing company has sent the police a warning regarding two swindlers who are working over this part of the country and are representing that they will sell a number of Butterick patterns for \$3.50 and \$4.50 and then only deliver a part of them.

LOCAL NEST OF OWLS WILL HAVE BIG TIME

Invitations Are Issued for First Annual Ball for Thursday Night.

PRESIDENT TALBOT IS COMING

Masonic Hall Has Been Secured for Event at Which Large Attendance Is Expected.

Have you received an invitation to the owl's for next Thursday evening. If not you will miss a jolly evening in company with the Owls of this town.

Nest No. 24 will give its first annual ball, and as this is to be an annual feature of the lodge it will be something on the big order. The new Masonic temple has been secured for the occasion, this being only one of the indications that the event will be of a high class.

The Owls have given a number of social functions this year and each has been a tremendous success. The order is second to none in the city for good fellowship, and includes nearly all the good fellows in the city.

Ladies to Rejoice Supreme.

The ladies are to reign supreme at the function next Thursday evening, their comfort having been taken into consideration when the best hall in town was procured. Dancing will be the evening's principal entertainment, and will begin at 8:30.

J. C. Talbot of South Bend, president of the national organization of Owls, will be the guest of honor and will lead in the grand march. Mrs. Talbot had promised to be in Hammond too, but she is ill and that it is doubtful whether she will have sufficiently recovered by next Thursday night to come to Hammond. Good music has been provided for the occasion.

JUST LIKE FINDING IT

Another Hammond Man Lucky Winner in Rosebud Drawings.

Taylor Saxton, who was formerly of the firm of Saxton & Miller, lawyers and insurance men, might just as well have found \$2,000. Through the suggestion of Attorney Edward Schottler of this city, he filed a claim as an old soldier to a farm in Rosebud Reservation and drew number 741 which entitles him to a quarter section of as good land as there is on the reservation. It is said that the first 2,000 claims are excellent and that Mr. Saxton's number is worth 2,000 easily.

Mr. Saxton is not in the city at present. He is in New York but he will doubtless be very grateful to Attorney Schottler for urging him to file the claim. Under the rules of a lottery all but old soldiers have to go to the Rosebud reservation and file their claims but the soldiers may file them with an agent.

Notice to Water Consumers.

The semi-annual water rent falls due November 1, and must be paid before November 15, or a penalty of 5 per cent will be charged.

By Order
C. N. JEWETT,
Supt. Water Department,
the county chairman of the party make

HE CAN'T GET ON THE DEM. TICKET

Judge Virgil S. Reiter in Lake Superior Court Today Refuses to Mandate Election Board to Put Meekison on Ticket.

COURT RULES HIS PETITION ILLEGAL

Sensational Case Where Republicans Sought to Get a Prohibitionist on the Democratic Ticket, Is Thrown Out of the Lake Superior Court at Hammond.

(Special to THE TIMES)
Valparaiso, Ind., Oct. 27, 3 p. m.—Up on hearing the verdict in the Meekison case at Hammond the board of election commissioners of Porter county have decided to abide by Judge V. S. Reiter's decision and Meekison's name will not go on the Porter county ballot.

Judge Virgil S. Reiter of the Lake Superior court, at ten o'clock this morning rendered a decision supporting the action of the board of election commissioners in refusing to place the name of George A. Meekison of Whiting on the democratic ticket.

This decision is being awaited with great interest by the people in Gary, Hammond, Whiting and in fact every city of the county. The flamboyant Meekison has been an interesting figure all through the legal battle and on account of the sensational manner in which he attempted to force himself on the democracy of the county every one is interested in the outcome of his contest.

Judge Virgil S. Reiter rendered his decision at ten o'clock this morning in the present of the lawyers in the case and the few spectators who were anxious to know what would be the judge's decision in the case.

It was a trying place in which to put a judge who is a candidate for office but no one questions that Virgil S. Reiter decided the question as to whether Mr. Meekison should be placed on the ticket according to the law, the evidence and with absolute impartiality.

Explains Decision.
In explaining his decision, not to order the writ of mandate to issue compelling the board of county election commissioners to place the name of Meekison on the democratic ticket, Judge Reiter said after hearing the evidence he was convinced that the petition was not sufficient. In other words, it was not according to the prescribed legal forms.

He said he realized the fact that the democratic convention at Hobart, at which the delegates decided to have

TIMES WILL GIVE ELECTION RETURNS

Results in Nation, State and County to Be Thrown on Canvass Election Night.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE

People of Hammond Will Be Given the Result of Election as Soon as Known.

Arrangements have been completed by The Times to give the people of Hammond and Lake county the returns of the national, state and county election as fast as the returns are received from the balloting.

The result of the voting will be flashed by a stereopticon on canvas from the editorial offices of The Times in the Hammond building, beginning at 7 o'clock on the night of the election day, and will be continued until midnight.

Plans have been taken to secure correspondents all over Lake county who will get the return of the vote to The Times by telephone as fast as the results are known and these returns will be prepared for the stereopticon and thrown on canvas as soon as received. Arrangements have been made to secure telephone service that will be exclusive so that Times' readers and friends may be sure that can get good service.

By arrangement with the Chicago Telephone company the returns of the voting over the state and nation will be obtained and given to the people in this way. You will not need to go to Chicago to get the results of the election. Advise your friend in Crown Point, Lowell, Gary, East Chicago and Indiana Harbor, as well as all other Lake county points, to come to Hammond where they can get the results right off the bat. This election service is free to everybody, democrats and republicans, prohibitionists and independents. Everybody is welcome. There will be pictures for the children and ladies and figures for the men. These returns have been given by The Times in the past, but owing to the importance of the election the service is secured this time is to be better than ever. Tell your friends to come out.

LOCALS GET THE GAME

Hammond Boys Awarded Game With West Suburbans of Danville.

The Hammond boys who returned from the meeting of the Suburban football league were pleased to learn that the Central Athletic league of Hammond was awarded the game which it was supposed to have lost to the West Suburbans of Danville, Ill., by the score of 16 to 0.

After an investigation of the game by the officials of the league it was decided that the West Suburbans won the game by unfair methods and it was awarded to the Hammond boys by the score of 16 to 0.

The West Suburbans were also ruled out of the league for their conduct and so the playing and the sportsmanship of the Hammond team was vindicated all around.

DIES IN STRANGE LAND

Family in Old Country Waiting for Message From Father.

Nicholas Salvoski, the foreigner who struck by a Pennsylvania train at Maynard last Saturday evening died last evening in St. Margaret's hospital. The man who is about 35 years old was internally injured and little hope for his recovery was entertained last Sunday.

The inquest over the remains will be held at Emmerling's morgue tomorrow. The family of the deceased lives in the old country and have not yet been apprised of his death. Salvoski was a laborer around Maynard and unless friends of his can be found, he will in all probability be buried in the potter's field.

WILL COME HOME TO VOTE.

Indiana Men Employed at Washington Depart This Week.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The present week will mark the departure of about 400 Indiana republicans, mostly employed in government departments, to Indiana to vote. There will be a larger representation of the nonresidents' vote this year than since 1896. The arrangements for getting out this vote have been in the hands of A. W. Tracy, formerly of Hartford City. His energy has been generally commended by republican leaders.

John W. Foster and Mrs. Foster left for Indianapolis this afternoon to attend the unveiling of the Benjamin Harrison monument.

WILL WE GET NEW CITY HALL?

Speculation Is Rife Regarding Prospects of New Building in Place of Antiquated Structure Now to Be Seen.

CAN HAMMOND STAND THE STRAIN?

Office Holders Are Cramped for Room and Want New Quarters, But Two Per Cent Limit Is Raised and Many Moot Questions That Come Up.

When will Hammond get a new city hall?

The question rises spontaneously within the passer-by as he notices the antiquated structure. The new Central fire station will soon be finished on Truman avenue. It is doubtful whether much will be done this year in the way of improving the old structure. Once the fire department vacates the place there will be plenty of room for the various city departments.

As far as the room is concerned enough will be furnished to answer the needs of the city for a long time to come. It is the appearance of the building which will be all the more marked when the new fire station is completed that is proving an eye sore to the people of Hammond. It is more than likely that the city controller's office and the city treasurer's office will be located on the first floor. It is with these two offices that the public comes most in contact with.

Plenty Room for All.

Adequate room will also be provided for the superintendent of the water department and the street commissioner. The water department now is compelled to use the council chamber as his working place, while the street commissioner is housed in a cubby hole entirely too small to do any business there. At the present time there is no proper place in which the street commissioner can store his implements, but this too will be remedied when the building has been vacated.

In order that the offices may be moved in their proper places, and the entire building remodeled considerable expense will be incurred. It is not a question whether the remodeling of the building will be practical, but rather whether the city should maintain an antiquated building any longer or supplant it with a new and up-to-date structure which would be a credit to Hammond.

Mooted Question Is Raised.

The question of the 2 per cent debt limit is raised here. Nothing less than a \$50,000 or \$75,000 bond would be considered when the time arrives. It is a mooted question whether the city is now in such a financial condition that is, so far under the 2 per cent that a debt of \$50,000 or \$75,000 could be incurred. Technically the city is out of debt, if one would consider the waterworks system the property of the Lake City Water company, which was formed to take over the plant. Morally, however, this is a debt of the city and brings the city's indebtedness for a new city hall above the 2 per cent limit, and anybody could get out a restraining order against the city should steps be taken to build a new city hall.

TAFT LABOR'S FRIEND.

The wage workers of this country have never had a better friend in the White House than Mr. Taft will prove to be. Mr. Taft rendered to labor a great and signal service, for it took the form of deeds rather than of mere words.

While on the bench Mr. Taft rendered a service to labor so great that it can hardly be overestimated.

Mr. Taft's election should be advocated by all who believe in making a far-reaching effort toward the betterment of our scheme of social and industrial life.

If Mr. Taft is not elected, a period of chaos and business bad times will ensue in which the workman will suffer far more than any other class.

—Declarations by President Roosevelt.