

WEATHER  
Rain today and Tuesday;  
slight changes in tempera-  
ture.

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## DURBIN IS NOT A CANDIDATE

F. R. Schaaf of Lake County  
Is Again Urged to Become  
Candidate for State Chair-  
man, and Showing of Lake  
Is Brought Out.

## WORK IN LAKE CO. ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Aftermath of Recent Election Brings  
a Great Many Things to Light  
That Give the Republicans Over  
the Entire State a Great Deal of  
Concern.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 30.—Colonel  
Winfield T. Durbin of Anderson, is not  
a candidate for the chairmanship of the  
Republican state committee, nor will he  
be. He is rather inclined to be nettled  
by the reports that he wants the place.  
"You can say for me positively that  
I am not a candidate for the state  
chairmanship," said Colonel Durbin.  
"I don't want the place and would not  
take it. No one has had any authority  
to say that I wanted it or would be a  
candidate. I intend to give my time to  
business from now on, as I have de-  
voted enough to politics."

Our "Dick" is mentioned.  
No one can tell at this time who will  
be elected Republican state chair-  
man. There is a desire for new times. Re-  
cently there has been a suggestion of  
Dick Schaaf, Lake county chairman, for  
the place. It was learned today that  
Charles W. Miller, one of the prime  
ministers of the Beveridge contingent,  
discussed the state chairmanship with  
Schaaf, urging him to become a candi-  
date.

Schaaf's showing in Lake county is  
attracting attention throughout the  
state. He is a bundle of energy, and  
showed during the campaign that he

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## LIVERYMAN RETIRES FROM BUSINESS

D. B. Hostettler Out After  
Series of Misfortunes and  
Blows in Business.

D. B. Hostettler, the liveryman, will  
tomorrow retire from business. The  
State street business man, whose place  
of business is opposite the Whitaker  
barn, confesses that he is up against  
it, and has received such a succession  
of bumps lately as to make it impos-  
sible for him to continue any longer  
at the State street stand.

Loss of Team of Horses.  
The crowning blow to Mr. Hostettler  
came a week ago when he lost a team  
of horses and carriage by theft. The  
outfit was rented and never returned  
and Mr. Hostettler is out about \$400  
as a result. Henry Whitaker has pur-  
chased a quantity of the barn equip-  
ment, and Mr. Hostettler is disposing  
of his horses today.

The Hostettler livery barn was for-  
merly the John Huber establishment,  
and Mr. Hostettler came into posses-  
sion of the place four years ago and  
has had several partners since that  
time. He bought out Mr. Lafort last  
summer and since has been running  
the place alone. Mr. Hostettler has  
come to be known as a straightforward  
business man, obliging and popular,  
and his friends will learn of his retiring  
from business with regret. He will re-  
main in Hammond for the present.

## HAMMOND BR'G CO. RECEIVES ITS CHARTER

The Hammond Brewing company of  
West Hammond, Ill., received its char-  
ter yesterday from the state of Illi-  
nois and is now regularly incorpo-  
rated under the laws of the state.  
It is capitalized at \$200,000, and the  
names of the directors are the same  
as given in THE TIMES a few days ago.  
The company is making encouraging  
progress, and it is expected that the  
plant for all of the buildings will be  
ready for the contractors in a short  
time.

## ATHLETES ACCEPT A. M. TURNER'S OFFER

Hammond Athletic Associa-  
tion Holds Regular  
Meeting Yesterday.

## TOWLE DONATES EQUIPMENT

Charter List Will Be Kept Open  
Until the Fifteenth of  
December.

The meeting of the Hammond Athletic  
association, which was held in the  
proposed club rooms on the third floor  
of the First National bank building  
yesterday morning, resulted in taking  
the biggest step towards the realiza-  
tion of a dream of a Hammond athlet-  
ic club since the plan was proposed.

At the meeting yesterday two im-  
portant steps were taken. One was  
to definitely decide to accept the gen-  
erous offer of Mr. A. M. Turner, who  
will lease the quarters in the rear of  
the Chicago Business college, for a  
nominal rental.

Committee Is Appointed.  
The other was the appointment of a  
committee which will decide on the  
arrangement of the club rooms and  
submit the plans to the association so  
that arrangements can be made to have  
partitions put in before the first of the  
year.

The members of the new club were  
delighted at the announcement that  
Mort Towle, who owns the equipment  
of the old Iroquois Athletic club, will  
donate it to the new organization.

This will give the members an unex-  
pected boost at the very start and will  
be a very acceptable gift. The work of  
furnishing the new quarters will be  
taken up in the near future.

The members of the club were en-  
thusiastic over the prospects and with  
the interest that is being taken and  
the new members who are coming in  
it is expected that the club will be-  
come one of the largest and most influ-  
ential in the city.

The charter membership list will be  
kept open until the 15th of December  
and after that the initiation fee will  
be raised from \$2 to \$5. President C.  
C. Hibbard is acting as secretary and  
executive, and the plans of the mem-  
bers are being carried out with the  
greatest of harmony.

The committee on constitution and  
bylaws will report at the next meeting  
of the club, and it is expected that the  
laws which will govern the new club  
will be adopted then.

## CONTEST CASE LAGGING

Crown Point Lawyer Comes  
to the City to Hear  
Evidence.

J. Frank Meeker of Crown Point was  
in the city this morning for the pur-  
pose of hearing the evidence in the  
contest between Sam Ableman and John  
C. Becker for the office of township  
trustee.

For some reason or another the case  
seems to lag. The Republicans who  
were interested in the contest at the  
start are losing their interest, as they  
naturally would after such an elapse  
of time after the election.

Several subpoenas were issued and  
were to have been served by the sher-  
iff, but they did not get out in time  
for the witnesses to appear today.

Mr. Meeker does not feel that he  
wants to spend an indefinite amount  
of time working on the case and it is  
possible that the contest will be  
dropped unless there are some unex-  
pected developments.

After the attorneys in the Becker-  
Ableman contest over the office of  
township trustee appeared before spe-  
cial commissioner Frank Meeker in the  
superior court building this morning, it  
was decided to postpone the hearing of  
the evidence until next Wednesday.

A number of subpoenas were issued  
Saturday, but it did not give the deputy  
sheriff time to serve the papers, and  
so the hearing was delayed until Wed-  
nesday.

## WORKING ON ICEHOUSE

Twenty-Five Men Are Put  
at Work on Knicker-  
bocker Structure.

Work on the reconstruction of ice-  
house No. 3 for the Knickerbocker ice  
company, which burned down some  
time ago, will begin tomorrow. Twenty-  
five men will be put to work. It  
is expected that the work will be far  
enough advanced by the time the ice  
season arrives that ice can be stored  
there and that the construction will  
then keep pace with the ice harvest.

Ice house No. 3, located on Wolf  
lake, was one of the largest ice houses  
in the country. One Saturday after-  
noon several weeks ago it caught fire  
from some unknown cause and burned  
to the ground.

## ITEMIZED LIST IN DAMAGE SUIT

Gary Man Asks \$20,000  
Damages From Inter-  
urban Company.

## BLAMES INTERURBAN COMPANY

Injured Man Wants One Thousand  
Dollars for Mental Anguish  
Which He Suffered.

For medical attention.....\$ 200  
For loss of time.....1,000  
For mental anguish.....1,000  
For crippled condition.....18,000

Total damages asked.....\$20,200

Frank Kellerman, of Gary, is suing  
the Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend  
interurban for over \$20,000 damages be-  
cause of injuries he received when a  
car rounded a curve in Gary while he  
was on his way to work and struck  
him before he could get out of the way.

Blames Interurban Company.  
Mr. Kellerman blames the interurban  
company for the reason that the car  
was going across Broadway at the rate  
of forty miles an hour and did not slack  
up in spite of the fact that the view of  
the approaching car was obstructed by  
the curve.

The itemized list of the amounts that  
Mr. Kellerman wants for damages is in-  
teresting. He claims that as a result of  
the accident his legs and ankles were  
badly lacerated and he believes that the  
suffering and mental anguish he was  
compelled to go through are worth  
early \$1,000. In fact he would prob-  
ably not go through another ordeal of  
the kind for \$10,000.

Retains Two Attorneys.

Mr. Kellerman has retained McAleer  
and Modjeski as his attorneys and in  
the complaint, which they filed, they  
claim that the car did not whistle, that  
it was going at the rate of forty miles  
an hour and that it is impossible to  
see it approach on account of the curve.

They allege that as a result of the  
accident their client is a "pitiable and  
helpless cripple."

## NONE REPORTED BY HAMMOND BANKERS

However, They Declare It  
Be As Well to Be on  
Guard.

While people all over the country  
are being put on their guard by bank-  
ers against the \$5 counterfeit bills  
the counterfeiters of which were re-  
cently captured, local bankers are  
hoping out another warning to people.  
It is to the effect that just at a time like  
this people should be doubly careful  
as to other bills that may be worth-  
less.

Counterfeiters are just looking for  
times like these when everybody is  
looking for a particular note as it will  
give them an opportunity ring other  
phony money.

This has been discovered in Chicago  
within the last twenty-four hours  
where everybody was looking for \$5  
bills that caused such a sensation.

In the meantime a new counterfeit  
\$5 bill is being circulated and if the  
forgers find out that people in a cer-  
tain community have not been warned  
they will consider the people of such  
a place so much easier prey.

While the people have been on the  
alert in Hammond for the detection  
of any of the worthless bills it is not  
thought that any of it has been circu-  
lated here so far. This develops upon  
an inquiry by a TIMES reporter at the  
Hammond banks.

## FUNERAL TAKES PLACE

Attorney Peter Crumpacker  
Attends the Funeral of  
His Father.

The funeral of Theophilus Crum-  
packer of Valparaiso took place yester-  
day afternoon in the Christian church  
at Valparaiso, and was one of the  
largest ever held in that city.

The remains were viewed at both the  
residence and the church and all of  
the relatives of the family were pres-  
ent at the funeral. Even Peter Crum-  
packer, who has been very sick at the  
Augustana hospital in Chicago, bund-  
led up and managed to attend the fu-  
neral and see the face of his father for  
the last time.

One of the notable things about the  
funeral was the presence of so many  
of the old friends of the deceased. It  
is said that the church was filled with  
old gray-bearded and gray-headed  
friends of Mr. Crumpacker.

The interment was in Graceland cem-  
etery in Valparaiso and the funeral  
cortege was the largest that has been  
seen in Valparaiso recently.

Messrs. Fred and Owen Crumpacker  
returned this morning from Valparaiso.

## FUNERAL PARTY HAS HARD TIME

Many Hardships Are En-  
countered by Hammond  
People Who go to Beatrice  
to Witness Interment of  
Well-Known Man.

## ONE TRAIN IS DELAYED 9 HOURS

Conductor Forced to Take Party on  
Train and Let Them Off at Grif-  
fith Where Further Trouble in  
Shape of Long Delayed Train Is  
Met.

Malphus P. Frame, who died sudden-  
ly last Wednesday night, was buried  
yesterday noon in Ludington cem-  
etery, near Beatrice, Porter county.  
Those who attended the funeral will  
never forget the rigors of the day.

Forty-five people from Hammond, in-  
cluding friends and relatives, accom-  
panied the body to its last resting  
place, and they were met by hundreds  
of people from the surrounding coun-  
try near Beatrice, who knew Mr. Frame  
when he was a young man and lived in  
Porter county.

The Rev. W. F. Switzer of the First  
Methodist church of Hammond officiated  
at the services at the grave, having  
also officiated earlier in the day  
at the home at 336 Walker street.

Mr. Frame having been a carpenter  
and contractor the honor of pallbearers  
fell upon his associates in the trade.  
The following acted as pallbearers:  
Charles Pearson, Harry McMill, H. Zoll,  
W. A. Kirk, Joseph Tratebas and R. N.  
Porch.

Owing to the inclement weather and  
a nine-hour delay of a train on the  
C. & L., which should have taken  
the Hammond party back, the home  
trip was anything but pleasant.

The Hammond party gathered at a  
milk depot at Quinn's stop and waited  
there for several hours for their train.  
The roads were impassable. It was  
necessary to walk to any of the farm  
houses for shelter, and few of the city  
people went out prepared to wade  
through the mud.

Even to separation by the cold,  
and the delay the party stopped a work  
train and piled into the caboose despite  
the objections of the train crew. After  
considerable parleying the conductor  
agreed to take them to Beatrice, where  
they had better accommodations to wait  
for their train. Arriving at Beatrice,  
however, the people refused to get off  
and forced the conductor to take them  
as far as Merrillville. Having arrived  
at Merrillville they again refused to  
get and insisted on being taken to  
Griffith. The conductor pleaded with  
them that it was against his instruction  
to carry passengers, the majority  
finally prevailed. They were taken to  
Griffith, where they learned that the  
train for which they had waited at  
Quinn's stop was nine hours late. They  
waited there until nearly midnight,  
midnight, Erie express to stop for them.

## BOY UNDER PROBATION

"Sympathy" Lad Under  
Guardianship of Attor-  
ney Joseph Conroy.

Louis Koczeinak, the little Polish boy  
mother made such a demonstration in  
the police station in an effort to have  
the police release her son, is under proba-  
tion.

The case came up in Crown Point  
last week, and because Judge W. C.  
McMahon was too busy to go into the  
case to any great extent at that time  
the boy was placed on parole and At-  
torney Joseph Conroy was made re-  
sponsible for the little fellow's con-  
duct and his appearance in court at  
the time of the trial.

It is understood that if the little  
fellow behaves himself in the meantime  
and does not get into any more trouble  
the case against him may be dismissed.  
Louis Koczeinak is the boy who  
broke into Klitzke's milk depot and  
stole \$3.50. He is regarded by the  
police as an incorrigible.

## ADVERTISED MAIL

The following letters remain un-  
called for in Hammond postoffice for  
week ending Nov. 29, 1908:

Miss Elsie Anderson, John Brode-  
rick, Miss May Brannan, Ed C. Clarke,  
W. F. Flannigan, Charles Jones, D. O.  
Johnson, Jack Kennedy, Miss Morat,  
Mr. Ira McDunkin, Miss Francis Printer,  
Conrad Rutz, Edward Swan, Otto  
Schenke, Miss Mary Stripp, Samuel T.  
Wright, Hon. George W. Wall, George  
Wilson.

WM. H. GOSTLIN,  
Postmaster.

## FRED WINTER IS ARRESTED SATURDAY

Sheriff F. S. Carter Angered  
at Silly Action of the  
Chicago Authorities.

## MANY LEGAL COMPLICATIONS

Prisoner Is Let Out on \$1,000 Bail  
and Will Now Fight  
Extradition.

Fred Winter, who was arrested in  
Chicago on a fugitive warrant after he  
is alleged to have stolen \$500 worth of  
tile roofing, was released Saturday on  
\$1,000 bail.

There are legal complications regard-  
ing the release of the prisoner on bail  
which may cause a great deal of  
trouble before the case is tried. Ac-  
cording to Sheriff F. S. Carter, the Illi-  
nois authorities should never have per-  
mitted Winter to give bail there but  
should have awaited the extradition of  
the prisoner to Indiana and permitted  
him to give bail here.

To show what a hotch Chicago made  
of the affair, as soon as Carter heard  
of the arrest of Winter in Chicago, he  
went to Indianapolis and Springfield to  
arrange for the extradition of the pris-  
oner.

Let Him Out on Bail.  
While he was completing the ar-  
rangements the authorities in Chicago  
let him out on bail. This complicates  
things in such a manner that there is  
some question as to whether he can be  
extradited until after his hearing later  
on.

It is understood that Winter is to  
fight extradition and in that event he  
will have an opportunity to take ad-  
vantage of technicalities and may not  
be brought to justice at all.

Casper Schmidt, Winter's business  
partner, has not yet been arrested and  
it is not known what the sheriff will  
do in his case. Winter and Schmidt  
are alleged to have stolen the roofing  
from a roofing company in Cloverdale,  
Ky. Winter lives at 2242 Lakewood  
avenue, Chicago.

## SHINE NOW A THEATRICAL PROMOTER

Hammond Officer and Wm.  
Dietel Open Family The-  
ater at Standard.

Frank Shine is now a full-fledged  
theatrical promoter. The strange thing  
about it all is that Frank was able to  
keep the truth from us for such a long  
time.

Frank Shine and Billy Dietel have  
started what is to be known as the  
Family theater in the Standard district.  
It is to be a 5-cent theater and will  
be similar to the Wonderland on West  
State street.

The scramble to get into the 5-cent  
theater business seems to be so great  
that the next thing in order will be  
the formation of a club of managers  
of 5-cent theaters.

The latest information is that Har-  
vey Brooks will not lease Postmaster  
William H. Gostlin's theater on State  
street, but that Billy Crick, an elec-  
trician, has secured the lease and will  
run the theater.

The work on Mr. Gostlin's building  
is being rushed and it is expected that  
it will be ready for occupancy before  
spring. Mr. Crick has been employed  
with the Campbell Plumbing company,  
and it is understood that he will cease  
his connection with that firm.

## DUCK HUNTERS' GLOOM

Hammond Nimrods Blame  
Summer Drouth for Poor  
Sport This Year.

Duck hunting this season is a flat  
failure. The past drouth and result-  
ing low water are directly responsible  
for this. The season, which opens  
Sept. 1 and closes April 1, may yet be  
productive of good shooting, but not  
any more this year. It is probable that  
if there is plenty of rain early next  
spring that the shooting will be good,  
and Hammond hunters are hoping that  
this will be the case.

"There is nothing to the duck hunt-  
ing this year," said George Drackett,  
one of the busiest hunters in Hammond.  
"There may be a stray duck here and  
there but there will not be enough to  
warrant a man spending his time. I  
was down the Kankakee two weeks  
and all day long nary duck did we see."

Frank Williams, another of Ham-  
mond's nimrods, when asked about the  
hunting, said: "Don't know; I'm too  
busy."

THE NUMBER OF COPIES OF THE  
TIMES SOLD ON THE STREETS OF  
HAMMOND ALONE EXCEEDS THE  
ENTIRE CIRCULATION OF ANY OTH-  
ER PAPER IN THE CITY.

## FOOTBALL BOYS ARE BANQUETTED

Twelve Members of Ham-  
mond High School Team  
Get Their "H."

## M'ELROY ALSO GETS SURPRISE

Earlham Grad Now Principal of  
Hammond School, Pleasantly  
Remembered.

There are twelve proud young men  
in the Hammond high school today and  
there is nobody that will gainsay them  
their right to be so, for they are the  
school's twelve select men who have the  
right to wear the "H."

The "H" was awarded them by the  
principal of the high school, Frank Mc-  
Elroy, it having been promised them  
early in the football season on the  
condition each man to be awarded with  
the "H" be a student in good standing  
and pay in at least three high school  
football games this year. Coupled with  
this condition was the necessity of de-  
feating Crown Point twice and thus se-  
curing THE TIMES cup for the Hammond  
high school.

Principal McElroy made a banquet at  
the Hotel Carleton which he gave the  
occasion for awarding the letter.

Coch Allee Remembered.  
At 6:30 last Saturday evening Mr.  
McElroy as host, together with Super-  
intendent C. M. McDaniel, Coach Allee  
and twelve football players sat down  
to the feast. This over, they went to  
the hotel parlors where some time was  
spent in speech-making and short ad-  
dresses, including all who were pres-  
ent. The students had a little surprise  
for their able coach, Mr. Allee. They  
presented him with a fine jersey vest  
embellished with the letter "E," signi-  
fying his alma mater, Earlham college.

At the gathering of last Saturday Wal-  
ter Kennedy was made captain and  
Julius Meyer assistant manager.

The "H" was awarded to the follow-  
ing twelve:  
Bernard Graves, '11.  
William Atwood, '09.  
Floyd Murray, '09.  
Raymond Zoll, '10.  
Will Keith, '09.  
Julius Meyer, '10.  
Fred Ebert, captain, '09.  
Carl Bauer, '10.  
Cleon Whitney, '10.  
Will Whitaker, '09.  
Hollis Hunter, '09.  
Walter Kennedy, '10.

## WANTS MORE CITATIONS

Judge Reiter Wants More  
Law in the Gary Re-  
monstrance Case.

Judge Virgil S. Reiter of the superior  
court, who has taken under advisement  
the motion of the attorneys for the  
remonstrators to dismiss the ap-  
peal of the attorneys for the saloon-  
keepers, today asked for further cita-  
tions of authority before he will an-  
nounce his decision.

It is not believed that Judge Reiter  
will announce his decision in this case,  
which will determine the fate of the  
saloons in Calumet township, until the  
early part of next week.

The judge is very busy in other court  
matters, and as there are a great many  
fine legal points involved it is expected  
that he will take his time in look-  
ing up the law and making his de-  
cision.

The time of the court this morning  
was taken up with a motion hour, and  
this afternoon the cases which will  
come up for consideration in the or-  
der given below are Scig vs. Mai and  
Korff vs. the Federal Cement and  
Tile company.

The court house was crowded with  
attorneys who desired to be present in  
court at the regular Monday morning  
motion hour, and the court has not  
had such an air of hustle and bustle in  
some time.

## BOY IS HEARD FROM

John Dunleavy, the 12-year-old son of  
Mr. and Mrs. John Dunleavy, who con-  
duct a saloon in East Hammond, has  
been heard from. This morning they  
received word from the chief of po-  
lice at Toledo, O., that the boy has been  
located there and that he would be  
sent home.

Robert Shaw, who was a boarder  
with the Dunleavys, has been arrested  
on the charge of having been implicat-  
ed in the kidnaping and will have his  
trial tomorrow in Judge Prest's  
court.

The parents who were very much  
worried about the absence of their son  
have not yet learned the details of how  
their boy happened to get to Toledo.  
The last they saw of him was two  
weeks ago last Friday when he left  
his home to go out with his school-  
mates of the Wallace school to play  
"shinny."

## "FLY" MEN LOOK FOR THE FIENDS

Times Exposes Brings Out  
Chicago Detectives to Get  
Line on Druggist Who  
Peddles Cocaine to Chi-  
cago Fiends.

## NEWSPAPER MAKES A STARTLING STATEMENT

Says That Indiana's Farcial Fights in  
Liquor and Horse Racing Bring  
Out State's Negligence Over Moral  
Duty of Its Druggists in This  
Vicinity.

"The state of Indiana, with all  
its lurid legislative and election  
fights over the sale of liquor,  
gambling, horse racing and oth-  
er alleged deadly evils, has been,  
it is said, almost criminally  
asleep to the growth of this  
newest and most terrible evil,  
and culpably negligent of the  
moral duty it owes to its neigh-  
bors as to its own unfortunate,  
misguided or weak-minded citi-  
zens."

Following the expose of THE TIMES  
regarding the sale of "coke" in Ham-  
mond, detectives representing state  
officials have tried to catch some of the  
local druggists in the act of selling the  
drug.

It is understood that some of them  
have even tried to impersonate doc-  
tors, but their efforts have been of  
no avail for the reason that the druggi-  
sts who are engaged in this nefarious  
traffic know their customers and will  
trust only those who have proven them-  
selves reliable.

Yesterday the sale of "coke" in  
Hammond was commented on by Chas.  
H. Leichter in a feature article in  
the Chicago Record-Herald, in which

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## STORM ASSUMES CYCLONIC SIZE TODAY

Much Damage Is Done by  
High Wind, But Rain  
Helps a Lot.

The storm last evening was char-  
acterized by a wind of cyclonic propor-  
tions. All day yesterday a drizzling  
rain fell and the wind blew at a ve-  
locity that made light articles which were  
not anchored down the prey of the  
storm.

The damage to telephone and tele-  
graph wires was considerable and there  
was also some damage done to signs  
and buildings about the city. The  
storm was one of unusual severity, con-  
sidering the season of the year.

The rain came down in torrents and  
the precipitation of last evening was  
sufficient to make up for the lack of  
rain this fall.

## WEST HAMMOND COMMERCIAL CLUB TO HOLD MEETING.

The West Hammond Commercial club  
is due for a meeting this coming  
Wednesday evening. Prominent among  
the questions for discussion at the  
meeting will be that of lighting the  
village. No satisfactory arrangement  
has yet been reached and as the com-  
mercial club is vitally interested in  
the welfare of the village it may soon  
be expected that the club will put it-  
self on record favoring a proposition  
which it may discuss at its meeting.

## MAYOR BECKER HAS LOST 30 LBS. IN WEIGHT

Friends of Mayor Lawrence Becker  
are delighted to see him on the streets  
again after his long illness. He shows  
plainly the effects of the siege and says  
that he has lost thirty pounds in flesh  
since he was taken ill. Indeed, the  
city's executive is hardly recognizable  
so wasted are his features. He is com-  
pelled to use a cane, but has now  
reached the stage where recuperation  
will be rapid. "I feel fine," said Mayor  
Becker, this morning, "and will soon  
be my old self again."