

# WORM TURNED AT LAST

Hegewisch Hopeless no Longer Now That Batling Nelson Has Taken Town Beneath His Sheltering Wings to Help It.

## BAT CREATS NEW TEMPLE OF LIBERTY

Chicago City Officials Make Pugilist Leader's "Constitutes" Very Wearied and Hegewisch Folk Turn to the "Champen" to Be a Modern Moses.

At last the worm has turned. Hegewisch streetless, sewerless, walkless, lightless, but not hopeless, so long as Battling Nelson will stand by the town, has issued a declaration of independence.

It is the old story of the tyranny of taxation without improvements, and Nov. 30 will hereafter be Hegewisch's independence day. Last night there was mass meeting in the Faneuil hall of the Eightieth ward and a new cradle of liberty was created.

Tired of procrastinations.

The people of Hegewisch are tired of the procrastinations of the Chicago city officials. They have reached the boiling point in their rebellion. If a referendum will do the business Hegewisch will soon become a separate municipality and so! Battling Nelson will be made its lord mayor.

Hegewisch, dragged down by the rest of Chicago, can't even get sewers, and Nelson and other property owners of that section are tired trying to improve the community with the rest of the town hanging on like a dead weight. The only way in which Hegewisch can realize its city beautiful dreams is to get an act of the legislature and a referendum and cut loose.

Nelson had some thought of running for the city council in the Eighth ward, but the idea cutting loose from the drag of Chicago took possession of the mass meeting last night, and now there's nothing to it. Nelson will run for mayor.

Wasted Lots of Time.

"We've wasted enough time out here," he said in explaining the city beautiful movement. "We can't get anything and we'll just have to cut loose and get a new town. We want to cut out the Thirty-first and Thirty-third precincts of the Eighth ward and fix up a real town, running from the lake to Stony Island avenue.

"They want me to run for mayor of the new town, and I guess it wouldn't do any harm to have a few fighters back of things. What you need are hustlers. Get some hustlers in a town and look what you can do with it.

Mr. Nelson was visibly impressed with the idea of becoming mayor, and in a speech of some length that sounded suspiciously like chapter eighteen of his newest and first book, Mr. Nelson accepted the honors about to be thrust upon him.

What Has Chicago Done for Us.

"Chicago has never done anything for this part of the city," he declared. "We have no streets, no sidewalks, no sewers, and yet we pay heavy taxes. Let us separate from the city and form a city of our own. Let us incorporate—let us elect a mayor—"

"Bat for mayor," shouted the crowd.

"Bat for us."

Bat flushed with pride and confidence.

"Let us elect a mayor who will make this the best little city in the world."

"Bat for mayor," came the cry again in clarion tones.

"Thanks again," said Mr. Nelson. "If you did elect me I would make this a great little city. But first we must separate from Chicago."

Mr. Nelson will head the delegation that will call upon County Judge Rinker today and ask him by what means Hegewisch can separate from Chicago and elect Mr. Nelson mayor.

## BANK ORDERS ITS SAFE

The contract has now been let by the new Calumet bank of Gary for their vaults to the Mossier Safe company. The manufacture of the safe will require ninety days and by that time the new bank will be ready for business. The safe will be one of the finest in the city. The size is 10x14 feet and will be equipped with an automatic time lock. It will also be provided with a heavy double door.

The bank, which will be located in the Burge building next to THE TIMES office on Broadway, is rapidly nearing completion. The carpenters are now working on the finishing of the building, and they expect to have it ready so that the fixtures can be put in three weeks. C. O. Holmes & Co. expect to have their offices moved to the bank from the Cali building in about a month.

## TOLLESTON DIVISION NEARLY COMPLETED

Interurban Division to Be Completed by 15th of the Month.

## THE EXTENSION IS GRANTED

Company Hopes to Finish Work in Two Weeks—Grading Ready for the Rails.

The Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend, Tolleston division is now practically completed and will probably be in running order by the 15th of this month, the time limit set in the franchise. They have already finished the grading, which is the most difficult part of the work of building this extension, and the work of laying the rails is now being started.

If the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend road should not have their spur into Tolleston completed by the middle of this month, the citizens of that city will not be disposed to grant them extension as they were the last time that it was asked for.

Recently the branch was inspected by General Manager Wallace and Chief Counsel Meyers. They expressed themselves as satisfied that the work would be completed in the required time.

The completion of the Tolleston spur will not only mean much to the citizens of that city, but will afford an outlet for Gary people who desire to live just outside of the city in a quiet suburb such as Tolleston. There are now several Gary business men living at Tolleston and they will soon have no difficulty in solving the transportation question. The Gary real estate men say that it will also tend to boom property in that direction for residence purposes.

## TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF FIRE PROTECTION

Gary Town Board Holds Its Regular Meeting Today.

## APPLICATION FOR CHIEFSHIP

Only Experienced Men Need Apply, Says Mayor Knotts—Contract May Be Let.

At the regular meeting of the town board this afternoon the all absorbing topic which will come up for discussion is the proper fire protection for this city. Every member of the board is anxious to see definite steps taken towards the establishment of a fire station and equipment and they will find out today just what they can accomplish with the limited means at their disposal.

There will be several applications presented before the board for the office of fire chief and for firemen. These will probably not be acted upon today but if the men are present they will be given a chance to talk and show their qualifications to the town board. In choosing the members President Knotts said yesterday that they would only choose experienced men or men with enough experience so that they would have no difficulty in learning.

It is also probable that the contract for the fire station will be let today. The building will be located on the corner of Seventh avenue and Massachusetts street, and the work will be started at once. There will be but a few men put on at the present time as the equipment will not justify using many men, but the improvement in the service will be felt in fighting fires in the future.

At FIRST ANNUAL BALL

St. Andrew's Society, Gary, Newly Organized, Entertains.

Joe Bernard Receives Confession About Stolen Chickens.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 1.—Evidently suffering with a wounded conscience, Wavrin Skotinski confessed to Joe Bernard, a foreigner living on Magoun avenue, that he had stolen eight chickens and three rabbits. The robbery was committed last April, with the assistance of one Charles Hulme of Barrington avenue. Bernard immediately had warrants sworn out for the offenders and they are now in jail awaiting trial by Judge W. A. Reiland.

The disclosure occurred in a strange manner. Bernard paid the fine of the confessor on a charge of intoxication some time ago, thereby proving his friendship. In the light of his past deeds, Wavrin thought it best to confess his part in the robbery. The chickens were prize ones, valued at about \$2.50 each, and he planned a complete confession. Not so with Bernard, who had been raised for an opportunity to find the thief. Instead of words of forgiveness, Bernard made a dash for the local justice shop and secured a warrant. This time he refuses to pay Wavrin's fine, and the two defendants will likely serve a term in the county jail for their misdeeds.

IOWA IMPLEMENT DEALERS.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 1.—The Iowa Implement Dealers' Association, one of the strongest organizations of its kind in the country, began its annual convention in Des Moines today with a large and representative attendance. The convention program covers three days and provides for the discussion of numerous questions of interest and importance to the trade.

## MAY GIVE TOWN COLD SHOULDER

Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Railroad May Decide to Give Batling Nelson's Town the Grand Razoo.

In the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Interurban company to give Hegewisch the cold shoulder?

If the rumors that are floating around are to be given credence that is to be the fate of Batling Nelson's town.

The Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend company has been doing all it could to secure the right to cross certain streets in the town of Hegewisch and Kensington. It has been balked on every hand by the city officials of Chicago, who think they can compel the Illinois Central, which has a traffic agreement with the local interurban, to electrify its terminal in return for the rights that may be given to the interurban.

The Illinois Central may decide to electify, but neither this railroad or the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend line officials propose to be brown-beaten.

As a result, it is understood that the interurban line is to take a northerly direction from Burnham and will purchase its right of way to the Pennsylvania railroad cut-off and will run its cars into Chicago over this line until the city officials relent and decide to give the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend line a franchise in Hegewisch.

The officials of the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend line are very impatient to make their terminal connections in Chicago. The line will be operated at a loss until these connections are made. They see no hope of the Chicago city officials coming to terms and so they are casting about for another way to get into Chicago.

It is understood that if these plans carry it will not be many months before the patrons of the road in Gary and Hammond will be able to go all of the way into Chicago by interurban.

In the meantime the expensive bridge which has been built over the railroad tracks east of Hegewisch, and the one which has been built over the river east of that place, will have to be abandoned until the Chicago "dogs in the manger" relent and permit the road to cross the Hegewisch streets.

## CASE LOST BY DEFAULT

Personal Injury Suit Continued Until Plaintiff Leaves Town.

Attorney Harry Call of Gary went to Valparaiso yesterday where he appeared in the famous case of Riley vs. Peterson, a personal injury case, which was set for trial several months ago and had been postponed until yesterday. Riley was one of the old characters in Gary eighteen months ago, and one day while working for Peterson, a grading contractor, met with an accident in which he broke his ankle and was laid up in the hospital for some time.

One of the Gary attorneys secured the case and when it came up for trial it was venue to the court at Valparaiso. Here it was continued from time to time until finally Riley, who was more or less of a "rounder," left the city and it came up for trial yesterday. Riley was not present and the case was lost by default.

## AT FIRST ANNUAL BALL

The St. Andrew's Society, Gary, Newly Organized, Entertains.

The St. Andrew's society of Gary held its first annual ball last night in the Gary hotel and the function was a fine success. There were a large number of people present from out of town, and the attendance as a whole was satisfactory to the management. A buffet lunch was served by Manager O'Donnell the Gary hotel.

The St. Andrew, although one of the youngest organizations of the city, is one of the largest and strongest as evidenced by their first ball last night. All of the members are either Scotch or of Scotch descent. They organized about three months ago and their society has been growing rapidly since that time.

The decorations last night were beautiful. Throughout the dining room, lobby, etc., the walls were decorated with Scotch plaid, bunting, etc. In the dining room and other places many ferns were scattered about. The members of this society are planning to give several other functions during the year and will make this dance an annual affair.

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## FOR CHURCH FEDERATION.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—Distinguished divines and laymen representing various religious denominations are gathering in this city to take part in the meeting of the Federal Council of Christ in America, which aims to bring about a closer union of the different denominations in various branches of their work. The sessions of the council will begin tomorrow and continue through the remainder of the week.

Five More Saloons OUT OF BUSINESS.

Chief Martin Keeping Close Tab on All the Wet Goods Emporiums.

With the closing of the present month there will be five more saloons go out of business in Gary which will leave forty-five yet to do business until the last of April.

Chief of Police Martin is keeping close tab on all the saloons in Gary and is watching that they close their doors at the date their license expires.

The saloons to go out of business today are: Fred Stuckem, Charles Vanguyler, Mike Mandish, John Farrell and Anton Szmit.

The majority of the saloons will close their doors in March.

Join THE ARMY WHO HAVE TRIED TIMES WANT ADS AND HAVE NOT FOUND THEM WANTING.

## COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 1.—Delegates from all parts of the country assembled in this city today for the fifth triennial convention of the Council of Jewish Women, which has a membership of nearly 10,000. The opening day was devoted to a meeting of the national committee and to the address of the president, Mrs. Hugo Rosenberg of Pittsburgh. Wednesday and Thursday will be largely taken up by reports of progressive work on the part of various departments of the organization.

Industrial education, practical philanthropy, aids to immigrants and other topics of general public interest will receive attention.

The visiting delegates are being entertained by the leading Jewish families of Cincinnati and its suburbs. Besides this arrangement general entertainment and reception committee has prepared for the comforts of the guests.

## WEDDING OF MISS CRYDER.

New York, Dec. 1.—A small but fashionable wedding today was that of Miss

Ethel Cryder of this city and Mr. Cecil Higgins of London. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cryder, in Washington Square. The bride is one of the belles of New York society. Her sisters are Mrs. William Woodward of New York and Mrs. F. Lothrop Ames of Boston. Mr. Higgins, the bridegroom, is a son of Henry V. Higgins of London and was formerly secretary of the British legation in Washington.

## U. D. C. OF TEXAS.

Terrell, Texas, Dec. 1.—With an exchange of cordial greetings and a program of excellent music the thirteenth annual convention of the Texas division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy had an auspicious beginning in this city today. The gathering was called to order this morning in the Presbyterian church by Miss Katie Daffan, the state president. The roll call showed an attendance of delegates representing the various chapters of the organization throughout Texas.

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