

WEATHER
Slowly rising temperature with fair weather today; light southerly winds.

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LEAGUE BEGINS WORK IN SECRET

Lake County To Be Scene Of Anti-Saloon League Activity After New Year

LEADER GIVES STREET IS TORN UP AGAIN

Saloon Situation in Lake County Closely Watched By Temperance Men.

"We warned those fellows to be good, but they thought we were joking. Now they will have to take their medicine. We have already punished Christ Lassen of Cedar Lake by closing his place up, and we are going after others, including Kaiser."

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 3.—Otto J. Bruce, the Crown Point attorney, who is recognized as one of the leaders in the anti-saloon movement in Lake county, was asked, in view of the fact that county local option elections are to be called simultaneously in several Indiana counties, when the fight would be started in this county.

Mr. Bruce protested that he was not any more interested in the abolition of the saloon than many other of the Anti-Saloon league workers. He admitted that county local option fights were to be begun in Whitley, Huntington, Marshall, Randolph and Jay counties before the first of January.

The anti-saloon men in Lake county will not start their fight here until after the workers down in the state have had a chance to try out public sentiment," said Mr. Bruce, "but as soon as we find out what the people are going to do in the counties that we have a

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UNCLE SAM BUCKS SANTA CLAUS NOW

Secretary of Agriculture Takes Up Question of Straw-Stuffed Toys.

Hardly a Yule tide approaches, but what Santa Claus does not find himself up against some proposition. One season it is the scarcity of reindeer, in another he finds himself up against the labor union for buying non-union made toys.

This year it is your big Uncle Sam who steps in and lays the stumbling in the road for the saint with the jovial face and the flowing white beard. Uncle Sam will not permit Santa to distribute toys this year which are packed in hay or straw and coming from either Maryland, Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York. Not only has the reindeer driven to this, but the New York board of trade has taken the matter up with Secretary Wilson, Uncle Sam's representative in the department of agriculture.

All the big manufacturers in New York and other eastern cities and the agents of European toy makers from whom Santa Claus buys his holiday supplies are also up in arms against the decision.

Many large consignments of holiday dyes were returned from freight depots where they were sent for shipment, and their return was the first thing that the consignors knew of the quarantine against hay and straw. As it is getting rather late in the season, and Santa Claus will start on his rounds in just about three weeks, the delay occasioned by Secretary Wilson's order may be responsible for much vacant space in many a stocking on Christmas night and many a disappointed little boy and girl, or even a disappointed big girl or boy.

The trouble comes from the fact that the department of agriculture has discovered that there is a contagious disease among the cattle of Maryland and Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

FOR THE RARE BIT FRIENDS.

Thirty seven rabbits will serve tomorrow night to the friends and patrons of "Frenchy" Poland at his place, 226 Sibley street. The feast is free and plent of the goods have been provided for the evening.

HAMMOND AGAIN GRETNAGREEN FAILURE

Composer and Pretty Actress Who Wedded Here Now Separate.

ELOPEMENT IS REMEMBERED

Joseph E. Howard and Mabel Garrison Again Tired of the Matrimonial Bonds.

It isn't so long ago that Joseph Howard and his petite little wife No. 3, Mabel Garrison, sang and danced at Towlie's Opera House in the "Rose of the Ranch."

It wasn't so long before, that, they came out to Hammond as soon as Howard was divorced from Ida Emerson, and were married by Judge W. W. Mahon.

Now the Scene Shifts Again. Joseph E. Howard, actor, song writer and stage manager, after many stirring episodes in divorce courts, is once more attracting attention.

Investigation of a report from New York brought to light several startling facts, principal among which is that Mabel Garrison, his present wife, has signed a two years' contract with the Shuberts; that she has left vaudeville and Joseph Howard, and that her husband is now playing a sketch with Anna Laughlin known as "My Sister's Big Beau."

Separated Several Weeks. The theatrical separation of Howard and Mabel Garrison took place several weeks ago, and is said to have followed an exciting family scene. Then Mabel quit the vaudeville turn which she had been doing with her husband, and Anna Laughlin was engaged to take her place.

Immediately following the alleged trouble Miss Garrison signed the two-year's contract with the Shuberts for the leading role in "The Blue Mouse." At the time of Howard's marriage to Miss Garrison, about two years ago, it was agreed that neither would ever sign a contract in which the other was not included.

At the time of the Howard-Garrison romance the song writer was known as quite a "man about town," and it was stated that the young actress was marrying him in order to "reform" him. The "reform" is said to have lasted for several months. Then Joe is declared to have remained out late one night, and when he returned Mabel reprimanded him in quite a pugnacious manner.

Singing oward's Song. Coupled with the rumors of marital unhappiness it is said that Ida Emerson, the actress and former wife of Howard, has just introduced the song writer's latest production, called "I'm Going to Love You."

Howard and Miss Emerson were divorced and remarried twice. The last divorce was granted in October, 1906, and within a few days Howard eloped with Miss Garrison, who had also just secured a divorce, and the couple were married at Hammond.

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Will Be Disastrous to Paving.

As a result it has become necessary to tear up all of the brick on the outer edge of the car track and after cleaning them off relay them before they can be bound together with the asphalt filler.

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The trouble began with the laying out of the street. Hohman street was to be widened and straightened according to the popular impression of what the city officials were going to do with the street.

More Crooked Than Ever.

Instead of that it was widened in places and made more crooked than it ever was before. While the property owners south of Harrison park were compelled to put their sidewalks back to within three feet of the lot line, the influential property owners north of the park were able to induce the mayor and city engineer to give them a great many friends in this city and he is relying on their patronage.

The new stables are to be repaired and cleaned out. Birch Wells and F. S. Carter will abandon their livery barn at the corner of Hamlin street and Truman avenue, and think the new location on State street will be much better.

The building, which Mr. Carter will occupy, is the property of Mr. Peter Davis and will be leased from him by Messrs. Carter and Wells. The new barns will be open and ready for business as soon as the necessary repairs can be completed.

On the other side of the street the condition is even worse. A property owner on South Hohman street made the statement the other day that if a man had a rose bush on the edge of his lot and a "pull" with the mayor he could have the sidewalk built over on the street to avoid moving the bush.

"There has been the rankest discrimination shown," he said, "and while some of the owners of Hohman street frontage were compelled to sacrifice a great deal to make the widening of the street possible others were permitted to keep their walks in the street." The newly elected trustees are as follows:

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TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED

At a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church held in the church parlor the evening of Dec. 1 five trustees were elected. A Christmas tree is being arranged for the children, and a committee of seven, with Mr. F. J. Ellick as chairman, was appointed to co-operate with the Sunday school in the Christmas celebration.

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POLICE SLATE IS RUMORED

Report Is Circulated that Sheriff Carter, Deputy Trost and Captain Peter Austgen Will Head New Police Squad.

STORY HOWEVER IS PURELY SPECULATIVE

Oil Inspectorship Desired By Sheriff Carter May Not Be Vacated for Two Years Unless Governor-Elect Marshall Removes Republican Appointee for Cause.

For chief of police—Fred S. Carter. For assistant chief—James Trost. Chief of detectives—Peter Austgen.

In spite of the fact that Sheriff Fred Carter denies that he will accept the office of chief of police in Hammond, it is rumored that he will take the office and that his right-hand man, Jimmie Trost, is to be the assistant under him and will have charge of the night force. The story is purely speculative, but there is more to it than appears on the surface.

It must be remembered, however, that the local police department will be a very different organization than that which has protected the city during the administration of Mayor Lawrence Becker.

Many Improvements Planned.

While Lawrence Becker was so opposed to the metropolitan police department that he could not see his way clear to buy the city department a patrol wagon and kept the force down to the minimum, it is understood that the opposite is to be the policy when Thomas R. Marshall becomes governor.

When Mr. Marshall gets into office it is prophesied that he will at once appoint a new police board. This board will, of course, be composed of two democrats and one republican, and if it is at all like the board of public works it will be practically composed of three democrats.

It will then be up to the local democrats to dictate the selection of the chief of police and practically the entire force on the police department.

OIL INSPECTOR? NOT FOR TWO YEARS.

Regarding the probability of the selection of Sheriff F. S. Carter, it has always been understood that he could have the appointment if he wanted it. It was first suggested that he would take the oil inspectorship instead.

There is no doubt that the office of deputy oil inspector would be acceptable to Mr. Carter, as he would receive a salary of \$1,500 a year and the office would permit of his engaging in private business as well.

But it is understood that Mr. Grazeff, who now has the office, may not be asked to retire for two years, for the reason that he cannot be removed from office except for cause. This would make a long wait for Mr. Carter, and it is probable that he would rather take the office of chief of police, now.

The office of chief of police will also be more attractive when Mayor Becker permits its reorganization along lines which the size of the city warrants.

There will be a chief of police, an assistant chief of police, a chief of detectives, two or three captains and ten or twelve more patrolmen than are now employed on the force. The next census will provide for this.

To be the head of such an organization, with a patrol wagon, possibly a hospital corps and a new police station, would be an honor not to be thrust away by even a defeated candidate for sheriff.

Of course, the mayor would agree to an increase in salary that would be commensurate with the responsibilities of the new chief, and instead of getting a meager \$1,200, which is now the salary of Chief of Police Rimbach, Mr. Carter would probably get \$2,500 a year.

With the extra men and the improved equipment the new police department would be able to make a great showing in comparison to the present department, and the democratic administration would get the credit.

WON'T GO TO DELHART UNTIL NEXT SPRING

Judge Jordan says that he will probably not go to Delhart, Tex., until next spring. He says that he has not changed his mind, but he does not want to leave this city until he sells his holdings here.

He has his hotel business and several pieces of property in the city, which he must sell before he can pull up stakes. He expects to take the money he realizes from the sale of his Hammond holdings and put it into a Texas farm.

GEORGE M'HIE IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Ten Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McHie Victim of Dangerous Bullet.

MISSILE ENTERS HIS LIVER

Lad Is Playing With Old Pistol When Weapon Is Discharged In Accidental Manner.

JOBS GOOD FOR LIFE TIME NOW

Many Third Class Postmasters In Lake County Will Now Have A Lifelong Job By Executive Order

TOLESTON IN NUMBER

Many Postmasters Affected By Change Will Get Christmas Present

W. C. MEE GETS TWENTY-FIVE FEET FRONTAGE ON HOHMAN STREET AND PAYS FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS PER FOOT FRONTAGE THERE.

MANY BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY DEAL

Young Business Man Secures Five Year Lease of Arkin Jewelry Store—Sublets First National Bank Property, Re-Leases Present Location to Brahos Bros. in Addition.

Will C. Mee has engineered and completed a real estate deal whereby he comes into possession of the Ben Hayes property, which has a twenty-five foot frontage on West State street and extends back 167 feet, adjoining the Hobman property. The purchase price was \$10,000, or \$400 a front foot. This is the highest figure ever paid in Hammond for twenty-five foot property and is a decidedly new standard for Hobman street property.

Local real estate dealers believe the investment is a good one and that while this is a top notch price for twenty-five feet at present, it is within reason as compared with prices asked for other property in the business district, especially on Hohman street.

While the investment is all right as its stands, it will be materially enhanced by the combination that Will Mee has planned.

Has Lensed Arkin Store.

In addition to purchasing the property outright he has also secured a five-year lease on the Arkin Jewelry store, located in the Hohman street. This store has a twenty-five foot frontage and will be fitted up for a haberdashery and cigar and book store.

In this way the proprietors of the National haberdashery, now situated in the First National bank building, and Mee's cigar and book store, located in the Heinz building, will be concentrated in one building.

The further plan of Mr. Mee includes a new building to occupy the site he has purchased. This building will be modern in every detail and will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. It will be arranged for bowling alley purposes in connection with a billiard and pool hall. This building will stand independent of the building already on the property and now occupied by Carl Schumacher as a saloon. The saloon extends back eighty feet, this leaving eighty-seven feet for the new building.

Will Have Three Entrances.

The plans include an entrance to this building directly from the Hobman street store. It may, however, be reached also by an alley either between Ruff's and Brennan's places or from a State street passage-way. The alleys will be paved and properly lighted.

Work on the new building will begin at once. It is Mr. Mee's intention to occupy the Arkin store by Feb. 1, his agreement being with Arkin that the latter vacate after the holidays.

The front of the store will be remodeled, on the line of the Model Clothing store. The lease that Will Mee and Roscoe Hemstock hold on the rooms in the First National Bank building will be sublet and the pool room there abandoned. Brahos brothers have already acquired the unexpired lease to the Mee store in the Heinz building and will enlarge the Palace of Sweets. Charles Arkin will remove his stock to his West State street store which he built recently.

Friend Will Move Along.

Friends of "Billy" Mee are gratifying him upon the deal. In the absence of a suitable place where the young men of Hammond could get together for a social hour, his place has been the only shelter for them and the boys are always with "Billy."

LAKE SUPERIOR COURT.
New Cases.
5244. United Breweries company vs. William Riley. Breach of contract.
5245. William H. Rehm et al. vs. Frank Pidio et al. Foreclosure of trust deed.
5246. Wm. W. McMahon vs. Michael Ormond. Civil.