

WEATHER.
Fair and slightly warmer
tonight; rain or snow Sun-
day.

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DIAMOND BROKERS ARE SUED

West Hammond Woman,
Employed at Reid-Mur-
doch Plant, Succeeds in
Getting Manager of Con-
cern into Court.

BROKERS ARE SCORED BY JUDGE

Judge Says Case Is an Attempt at an
Outrageous Swindle and Firm Will
Have to Stand Trial in Chicago on
Dec. 10, When Witness Will Ap-
pear Against Yott.

Loftis Brothers, diamond brokers at
22 State street, Chicago, with whom
many Hammond people have come in
contact with the installment plan,
have been made defendant in a suit
brought by Mrs. Mary Novak of West
Hammond on charges of having ob-
tained money under false pretenses.

In the preliminary trial that William
H. Yott, the manager of the firm had
yesterday in Judge Dicker's court, the
methods of the diamond brokers were
severely scored, but the end of the suit
is not in sight until Dec. 10, to which
date it has been continued.

Did Not Understand Contract.

The facts in the case, as far as pre-
sented, show that Mrs. Novak, who is
employed at Reid-Murdoch's, went to
Loftis Brothers some time ago and
made two purchases, on one of which
she deposited three dollars and on the
second two dollars. She was asked to
sign a contract which she did not un-
derstand, being unable to read and
write the English language. She was
also requested to give references, which
she did. Having made her deposit of \$5
she was sent away without her pur-
chase. It having been explained to her
that she would come into possession of
them as soon as the references had
been looked up. The further under-
standing was that she should then pay
\$1 a week until the sum of \$32 had
been paid.

Received No Satisfaction.

Several days ago she called on the
firm for her purchase, but was told
she could not have it for the reason
that her references had been unsatis-
factory. Indignant at this, she de-
manded the money she had deposited,
but was told that it was used toward
payment of looking up her references.
She went back repeatedly but was sent
from one department to another in
search of her party, but with no suc-
cess. Legal action followed, in the
course of which Judge Dicker scored
the firm for its methods.

Finds Letter at Home.

When Mrs. Novak returned to her
home at West Hammond yesterday after-
noon, after attending court, a letter was
awaiting her from Loftis Brothers.
Inclosed was a check for \$5. The mis-
sive had been mailed early Friday
morning. The letter, with the check,
read as follows:

"Dec. 4, 1908.—Mrs. Mary Novak,
West Hammond, Ill.—Dear Madam: As
you have evidently changed your mind
in regard to the purchase you expected
your money refunded now, we beg
you to hand herewith our check for the
amount of your deposit, \$5, to balance.

"We trust we may be favored with
your further business when in the mar-
ket for goods in this line. We are
yours,

"LOFTIS BROS. & CO."

LAD IS IN THE HOSPITAL

George Darrow, Aged 15, of
East Chicago, Is Fat-
ally Injured.

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 5.—As the
result of an accident in the C. T. T. rail-
road shop in this city, George Darrow,
aged 15, lies at St. Margaret's
hospital, in Hammond, in a very criti-
cal condition. The lad was crushed be-
tween a brick wall and a large car-
timmer planer about 3 o'clock yesterday
afternoon and received injuries which
may prove fatal. The lad was taken
to the office of Dr. A. G. Schleicher who
declared that the care of the hospital
attendants was necessary to preserve
the young man's life.

Darrow is the elder son of a widowed
mother, who maintains a small candy
and cigar store on Forsyth avenue,
near the Wabash tracks. The case is
more pathetic for this reason, as the
son is rapidly nearing the age when
he will become a potent factor in the
support of the family, and residents of
East Chicago are sincere in their ex-
pressions of sympathy in the boy's mis-
fortune.

EDWIN FREDRICH WINS THE HONORS

Son of Charles H. Frederick
Easily Surpasses All His
Rivals in Contest.

VICTOR IS GIVEN TWO FIRSTS

Six Contestants Strive For Victory
and Each One Makes a Credit-
able Showing.

Edwin Friedrich, 16, was crowned
victor last night at the First Methodist
church in the annual declamatory con-
test of the Hammond high school. As a
result the young orator will represent
the local high school next year in the
Lake county oratorical contest, and also
in the northern Indiana high school
contest. The church was well filled
with relatives and friends of the young
orators.

The honors that the modest young
man won last night were well deserved and
able judges gave the decision that of six contestants he was the best.

Had Strong Competitors.

He had to compete with classmates
and students of the high school who put
his ability to a severe test, and Hammond
people who know young Friedrich feel sure that at the coun-
try contest next spring he will come
out with flying colors. He is one of
the natural speakers that has ever
stepped on the stage and he enters into
his subject with an enthusiasm that is
thrilling.

The contest last night was declama-
tory and the work was judged on the
delivery alone. For the contest of next
spring, however, each of the contestants
will prepare their own orations
and at that time they will be graded
in thought and composition.

Murray Close Second.

Floyd Murray, '10, was a close sec-
ond. Friedrich, having defeated him by
only one point for first. Raymond W.
Zoll and Robbin E. Amos tied for third
and John Rhind and Floyd Monnett
for fourth. All, however, made a good
showing and were a credit to the
school, but they were out-distanced by
Friedrich and Murray. Edwin Friedrich
was born in Crown Point and is the
eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fried-
rich, 113 Webb street.

He chose for his declamation,
"Toussaint l'ouverture's Place Among
Great Men."

The others were as follows:
"Savarano, Priest and Patriot"—
Floyd Murray.

"The University, the Training Camp
of the Future."—Raymond Zoll.

"The National Flag."—Robbin Amos.
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nett.

"The New South."—John Rhind.
Judges Figures Made Public.

The music for the evening was furnished
by the high school orchestra. Farrell Dickey added piano solo and
Miss Mildred Collins sang a solo.

The judges of the evening were: Dr.
W. Mayes Martin, president of the Lin-
coln-Jefferson College of Law; Super-
intendent F. F. Heigh, F. F. Heigh-
way and Dr. E. M. Shanklin.

The markings were:

Friedrich	1	1	3
Murray	2	3	1
Zoll	6	2	4
Amos	5	5	6
Monnett	4	4	6
Rhind	3	6	5

BUSINESS PICKING UP

Show World Speaks Encour-
agingly of Stage Work
in Indiana.

The Show World, in commenting on
the fact that the show business all
over the country is picking up, has
the following to say about Indiana
towns and neighboring cities:

"Himmelein's Imperials, a repertoire
organization, held forth at Hammond,
Ind., on Thanksgiving, and had nice
returns. The Grace Hayward company
did fine at Waukegan, Ill., and Rosalie
Mason did well at Michigan City, Ind.
Logansport gave Harry D. Carey's Mon-
tana \$600 on the day. The Flower of the
Ranch did fine at both performances
at Vincennes.

The Morris-Thurston company broke
a record at Racine, Wis. A cowboy's
girl did fair at Portage, and Sherbert
& Rostell, who book thirty-two attractions
in all, say that business was
average in the towns they represent.

"The newspapers insist that the coun-
try is in a fair way toward complete
recovery from the depression of last
year, but the receipts of traveling the-
atrical companies hardly bear out this
contention. Here are a few encourag-
ing reports from Illinois: A Stubborn
Cinderella did \$2,300 at Peoria on
Thanksgiving matinee and night. Paid
in full did \$2,000 at Rockford, Henry
W. Savage's The Devil did \$1,700 at
Aurora. Chuck Conners in From Broad-
way to the Bowery did over \$800 at
Joliet which is particularly good for an
attraction playing at popular prices,
and False Friends did nearly \$500 at
East St. Louis at prices ranging from
15 to 50 cents and incidentally reports
of the show are very favorable. The
smaller towns of Illinois seem to have
had only fair returns on the holiday.

ELOPEMENT IS NIPPED IN THE BUD

Mrs. Bronko Branding Tries
to Get Away With
Her Affinity.

There was another scene over in the
police station this morning as a result
of the attempt of Mrs. Bronko Branding
to run away with George Bibin. She
not only intended to leave her husband,
but she took \$60 of his money and actu-
ally fought at the idea of being com-
pelled to go back and live with him.

Some of the foreigners in the Standard
district have a strange conception
of morality. There have been numerous
instances where women have run away
with other men with as little thought
of the moral obligation to their hus-
bands as though there had never been
a wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Bronko Branding complained to
the police that her husband abused her.
She said that she had decided to live
with George Bibin. The fact that she
had not had a divorce and that she had
not yet been married to Bibin did not
seem to make any difference with her.
She simply put her 6 months old baby
on her shoulder and started out with
Bibin. Some one tipped it off to her
husband and the runaway couple was
taken to the police station.

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man won last night were well deserved and
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TIGERS BILLED AGAIN

Last Football Game of the
Season with the Ham-
mond Iroquois.

RUTLEDGE WILL APPEAL

C. I. & S. Foreman Proves
Hartsdale Farmer Is
Guilty of Trespass.

The case of William Rutledge against
Daniel Ralling, foreman at the C. I. &
S. railroad section gang at Hartsdale, this
morning, the game to be played on the Hammond gridiron. This
will be the deciding game of the series,
two former games having resulted in
the scores of 0 to 0. Both Sternberg, of
Indiana Harbor, and Pete Flannery,
East Chicago's new "end," are in the
best of condition, and Captain McShane
is confident that his team will settle
in tomorrow's game the mooted question
of gridiron supremacy that has
always been in evidence between the
two cities.

The body of Charley Rice, the 15-
year-old son of William Rice, who died
last Thursday evening from injuries
which he received in the Erie yards
where he was employed as call boy,
was shipped to Decatur, Ind., this fore-
noon for burial. The inquest was held
at Emmerling's morgue this morning
at 10 o'clock, but was continued by
Coroner Shanklin until next Tuesday,
when, it is expected, that a settlement
will have been reached between the
railroad company and William Rut-
ledge.

The facts in the case are that Wil-
liam Rutledge, who is a farmer near
Hartsdale, rented 40 acres of land from
his mother-in-law, paying her \$100 a
year. Before the lease had expired the
woman sold to the railroad company
200 feet of the land for right-of-way
purposes and when the section men in
compliance with the company's orders
attempted to put up a line fence they
were ordered off the property by Rut-
ledge. Ignoring these orders the suit
was filed against the section men, in-
cluding the foreman, Daniel Ralling.

The other section men are: Walter
Riddell, Henry Hower, Joseph Marko-
vich, Jacob Schoon and William Boss.

LAKE SUPERIOR COURT.

Nv Cases.
5252. Heinrich Marots and Albertin
Martz vs. the town of Toledo.
848. State vs. K. Benjamin Kline.
5253. Arthur Arnold, by W. S. Red-
ding, his next friend, vs. Chicago, Lake
Shore & South Bds.
5254. John Ambos et al vs. Diny Ba-
cell.

MAIDEN FEAZES THE CONSTABLE

Miss Mary Garletz Takes to
Her Bed When Subpoenaed
in Indiana Harbor Court,
and Trusty Constable Is
Embarrassed.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 5.—It is not
often that Constable Jim Lowden of
Judge W. A. Reiland's local court fails
to get his witnesses, but he certainly
failed in a desperate attempt yesterday
morning. He was outwitted by a woman
and a man, a resident of the Oklahoma
district, and Jim is still feeling a little
embarrassed at her treatment of him.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Representative E. D. Crumpacker of Indiana has
refused to make any more recommendations for fourth class postoffice ap-
pointments. Pending the taking effect of the new executive order placing the
fourth class postmen under civil service, the congressmen are being called upon, as usual, to name the appointees. Crumpacker received notice today from the post office department the post-
master at New Chicago has resigned and requesting him to suggest a successor. He returned the paper to the department with this endorsement:

"I suggest you refer this matter to the
civil service commission."

In discussing the matter, Crum-
packer said:

"The post office at New Chicago pays
about \$7 a year, and I imagine there
will be a fierce rush to take com-
petitive examination for it."

Crumpacker made recommendation for
two presidential offices today. He named James Nedjl for postmaster at Whiting and Moses Specter for post-
master at East Chicago. S. L. Kirk and Albert Lewis of East Chicago arrived here today to object to the appointment of Specter, but Crumpacker informed them they were too late.

It appears that Lowden was given a summons ordering Mary Garletz of 5032 Alexander avenue, to appear as witness in the trial of Katie Spude vs. Magletz. Miss Garletz evidently thought that she would be safe in evading the summons—probably having read of