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KNOTTS DEALS WITH PROBLEM

President of Lake County Bar Association Discusses Congestion of Courts in Lake County and Expresses Sane Views.

TAKES UP BOTH SIDES OF QUESTIONS

Brings Porter, Newton and Jasper Counties Into the Argument, Says That Establishment of Continuous Court at Crown Point Would Destroy Balance of Power.

A. F. Knotts, the president of the Lake County Bar Association, consented to an interview with a reporter of the TIMES this morning in which he expressed his views on the matter of relieving the congestion of the Lake Superior court. As Mr. Knotts was the father and founder of Gary, his remarks are worthy of commendation at this time.

Mr. Knotts said, "The number of cases filed and the number of cases disposed of in spite of the known diligence and efficiency of Judge Virgil S. Reiter makes it very apparent that there is a necessity for relief."

There should be no opposition to the Hammond court for the reason that Hammond, easily accessible on account of its numerous railroads, is more nearly in the center of population in Lake county than either Gary or Crown Point."

Look Up Both Sides of It.
Attorney A. F. Knotts took up two sides of the question. He first tried to anticipate the objections that would be raised in Porter and LaPorte counties to the continuous court at Crown Point in order that such opposition could be met and disposed of and secondly he touched on the political features of the question.

Mr. Knotts said the people of Porter and LaPorte counties would argue that a separate and continuous court

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GRIFFITH MAN INVENTS PATENT TIE

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YOUNG INVENTOR EXPLAINS IT

Defies Any Person to Show Him Where His Invention Is Weak or Unprotected.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Griffith, Ind., Dec. 7.—It was left for a Griffith man, Joseph Grimmer, car inspector on the E. J. & E. railroad to invent an improved metallic railroad tie. The inventor has already received his patent from Washington and railroad men who have heard of it are very much interested. They believe that it is the thing that have long been looking for.

The invention is a metallic shell of rectangular form, entirely closed with the exception of the fore holes. It has a surface of eight inches wide and is closed at the end. The top is entirely closed excepting where the bolt heads are allowed to be forced in on either side of the rail.

WH Prevent Accident.

In this manner the rail is securely locked to the tie. A clamp which is also attached to the device adds further security.

Nearly all of the severe accidents are due to spreading of the rails while the trains speed along at a rate of fifty or sixty miles an hour. The new tie locks the rail so securely that it is impossible to spread, and the young inventor defies anybody to show a point in the tie where it is weak or unprotected.

INJURED LAD IS RECOVERING.

Word received by friends of W. A. McHie this afternoon indicates that his son George, who was accidentally shot last week, is recovering nicely. He ate his first meal today since the injury.

SCARE ON WABASH LIMITED

Passenger Coach on Train No. 1 Is Set Off at Hammond Depot Because Officials Thought Baby Had Smallpox.

A passenger coach was cut out of a Wabash train, No. 1 westbound, yesterday afternoon and quarantined in this city for several hours until it was finally discovered that a little Servian girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zoriksak, had the measles and not the smallpox.

It is rather unusual for a family of foreigners to have a special car of their own to the exclusion of all other passengers, but that is just what happened to John Zoriksak and his little boy.

The conductor on the train noticed that the little boy had an eruption on his face when the train was at Westville. He telegraphed ahead and asked the officials of the road what he had better do about it.

Ordered to Cut Off Car.

They informed him that he had better cut the car off at Hammond and inform the health officials there of the condition of the little girl. Consequently when the train arrived at Hammond all of the passengers had been sent from the coach, which contained the infected child, to others in the train and the car was cut off and placed on a siding.

As soon as the train arrived in Hammond at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, word was sent to Dr. Wels, the city health officer, to go to the Wabash depot and investigate the condition of the little patient.

The doctor happened to be busy with another patient, but he got to the depot as soon as possible. As Hammond has no isolation hospital, Dr. Wels was up a stump for a place to take the patient.

On Way to Superior Region.
He did not want to take a patient with an infectious disease into St. Margaret's hospital, and it was only after considerable difficulty that he found a room for the little family where it would be protected from the cold. As soon as the railway car was cut off it began to get cold and so it was necessary for the doctor to find quarters for the family as quickly as possible.

The Servian family was on its way to the Lake Superior iron region and would have arrived today if it had not been for the sickness of the baby. The foreigners have been in this country for some time and speak English fairly well.

BAKERY WAGONS HIT

Two Covered Wagons Collide With Monon Passenger Trains.

Another grade crossing fatality was narrowly averted at 7:30 this morning when a Monon passenger train crashed into a bakery wagon which was being driven by Frank Fredorowicz of 156 Doty street, and who was driving for the Moni bakery in West Hammond.

Fedorowicz was driving west on Russell street and failed to see the approaching passenger train, which was coming from the north. The view of the track was obstructed by several boxcars which were standing on the track and Fredorowicz was on the track before he saw the train.

The engine struck his wagon and damaged it considerably and threw the driver out. As the train had not gained much headway after its start from the depot and it was not going at a high rate of speed.

As a result Fredorowicz was only bruised about the side, with the possibility that he may have several ribs cracked. He walked home without assistance. He believes he had a miraculous escape from death.

A South Chicago bakery wagon was hit last Saturday by a Monon train at Russell street, but no one was hurt.

BILLIK IS REPRIVED

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—Herman Billik, the necromancer, charged and convicted of murder and three sentenced to be hung, was reprieved for the third time this morning until Jan. 20, by Acting Governor Lawrence Sherman.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS FOR WESTRUMITE

At the regular meeting of the board of public works this morning the primary assessment role for the Summer street main sewer was adopted and the contract between the city of Hammond and the Westrumite for material for the Truman avenue pavement was entered into.

BLACKHEARTED, IS TONY FAERE

Taken Out of the Cold, He Robs People Who Are Kind to Him.

THIEF LANDED AND ARRESTED

Will Go to County Seat to Live With Both Sheriff and F. S. Carter and Sheriff-Elect Grant.

Tony Faere is the personification of ingratitude. He arrived in the Standard Steel Car district Saturday and because he was without friends and without money he was taken into Tony Malo's place.

During the night he got up and went through the pockets of all of the boarders in the place. He took two watches and \$1.60 in change, the total value of which was about \$15.

One of the boarders in the place thought he heard some one rummaging around the place. In a few minutes he noticed that Tony Faere was gone. Then the theft of the watches and money was discovered.

Track Him Through Snow.

The police were notified at once and got on a hot trail. A light snow was falling and the police were able to trace the fugitive as easily as though they had bloodhounds.

The trail led for miles in this direction and in that, until finally Captain Austin and Officer Borchert, who took on the trail where Officer Lamb and French left off, captured the prisoner.

The preliminary hearing was held this morning and Tony was found guilty, fined \$22 and given thirty days in jail.

The police have discovered that they have a description of a very much wanted criminal which is almost identical to that of the man captured Sunday morning.

As Faere is sure to have to stay in jail a good long time, the police will have time to thoroughly investigate his record, and it is found to be a 'bad man' he will be turned over to the Chicago authorities.

The articles which Faere took were the property of Geovanni and Mike Chiorelli, and they appeared as witness against him at the trial in Judge McMahon's court this morning.

MUSICIAN IS HONORED

Party Given in South Chicago for Well-Known Hammond Man.

Professor Joseph Memmehsimer, former director of the Hammond Singing society, was highly honored last Friday evening when a concert was given in his honor at Gately theater, South Chicago, in honor of his 25th anniversary as a music master.

The concert was a testimonial to his years of labor among singing societies and choirs in and around South Chicago. Hammond men, too, who had sung under his former leadership were present to convey their esteem of Professor Memmehsimer.

Program Was Excellent.

The program was one of the finest which has ever been rendered in South Chicago. The numbers were all furnished by artists and encores were numerous. At the conclusion of the affair the people in the audience lingered in the hall in order to congratulate Professor Memmehsimer upon the completion of twenty-five successful years as a musical director and choir leader and upon the excellent entertainment which his friends and admirers had arranged in honor of the event.

When Mr. Memmehsimer came upon the stage to direct the choir early in the evening, Rev. Hishen, pastor of the Holy Cross church, came forth and after grasping his hand and expressing his congratulations, presented him with a package of twenty-five new silver dollars in honor of his silver jubilee.

Oubursts of applause followed and in response for calls for a speech Professor Memmehsimer came forth and thanked his friends for their remembrance. He was visibly affected and declared afterwards that he was forced to leave unsaid much that he would like to have told the audience.

PUT ON YOUR FURS TODAY; ZERO WEATHER IS FORECAST.

Cold Wave, with Biting Winds from the North, Is Predicted as Lake County's Lot for Two Days.

A cold wave is to follow the two and one-half inches of snow that fell in Lake county Saturday night and yesterday, the temperature to be near the zero mark, according to the weather man. Much colder, with brisk northerly winds is the forecast for today and tomorrow.

The temperature ranged near the freezing point yesterday until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when it went up to 36 degrees, but dropped to 23 degrees by 8 o'clock in the evening as the wind whipped around to the north with a velocity of thirty miles an hour.

The mean temperature for the day was 22 degrees freezing, and the humidity 99 and 90 per cent, owing to the two inches of snow.

The services at St. Joseph's church will be at the usual hours as on Sunday, with an early mass at 8 o'clock, high mass at 10:15 and vespers at 2:30 in the afternoon.

At All Saints' church the first mass will be at 5:30 and the second at 8 o'clock.

FAMILY IS ROUTED BY FLAMES

Will Go to County Seat to Live With Both Sheriff and F. S. Carter and Sheriff-Elect Grant.

Flats.

Avenue People Last Saturday Night When Disastrous Blaze Destroys Malo Flats

Plates.

Money, Watch Chains and Jewelry Among Things Stolen By Juvenile Thief.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Lowell, Ind., Dec. 7.—Meritorious Rowe, the little 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rowe, mysteriously disappeared from the home of his parents some time last Friday, and no trace of him can be found. On Thursday, the day before he took French leave, he broke into the house of Thomas Arnott in South Burnham street and stole two watch chains, eight Columbian half dollars, one-half English sovereign gold ring and other articles. Mr. and Mrs. Arnott live over their furniture store, down town, and do not occupy their Burnham street home only on Sundays.

Fire of a mysterious origin last Saturday night destroyed the frame building of Mrs. Margaret Malo at 510 Indiana avenue, and routed two families out of bed, leaving them not sufficient time to get into their clothes.

The lower flat of the building was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaufman, while the upper flat was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sigler. William Malo also occupied a room in the second story, which he rented from Mrs. Malo.

Had it not been for the timely discovery made by Mr. Malo the results might have been worse than what they really were. Mrs. Sigler did not escape from the room until the fire department arrived. Both No. 1 and No. 3 answered the box call, which was sent in.

Mr. Sigler awoke near 3 o'clock in the morning and smelling the smoke he called to Mr. Malo inquiring if there was anything wrong.

Further inquiry proved the entire building to be filled with smoke, and it was only with difficulty that the occupants of the building could slip into a few clothes and make their escape.

Thought He Heard Somebody.

It developed that the fire broke out in a store-room on the floor used by Mrs. Malo. It spread from here to the other parts of the house, destroying the furniture in both flats and practically all of the belongings of the occupants. The entire loss is estimated at \$1,500, the smallest part of which is only covered by insurance. There was no insurance on the Kaufman furniture and it was a total loss.

William Malo, the roomer in the house, after the fire, related a circumstance which makes the origin of the fire more mysterious. He remembered of having heard a slight noise in the store-room at about 2:30, but paid little attention to it. The last time that Mr. Sigler had entered the room at 6:30 in the evening when he went there to get water. He did not use a light in the store-room, however, as the kitchen light was sufficient when the door was left open.

The Siglers retired at 10 o'clock, but like the occupants of the building had spent the remainder of the night with neighbors.

At 6 o'clock in the morning both departments were called out again, a spark having remained in the wall and which finally broke out into a flame again.

SMART SET' A SCREAM

Great Show Keeps Towle's Patrons Laughing All the Time.

The Smart Set, which appeared at Towle's Opera House last evening, was a scream from start to finish.

The opera house was packed from parquet to gallery and from the time the first curtain went up until the final scene the crowd was kept in continual laughter.

It is safe to say that there has not been a show in Hammond since Towle's opera house opened that was funnier than the Smart Set. The negro chorus was a good once and the colored folks had some sprightly dances.

S. H. Dudley, the negro comedian, was the best of his race that has ever been seen here. His grimaces were funny and his acting was good. The forty-nine others were all creditable.

The show was put on at popular prices and demonstrated the fact that the public's desire for comic opera is still not satisfied. The "Top of the World," which will be put on here next Sunday, will be even better than the Smart Set, and is one of the best attractions on the road.

It is expected that the seal sale for this attraction will be a record-breaker and seats will have to be reserved in advance to insure admission.

LAST FOOTBALL GAME IS DECLARED OFF.

Snow Interferes With Game Scheduled For Yesterday Afternoon at Harrison Park.

Owing to the snow covered ground

the afternoon football game between the Hammond and the East Chicago team was called off. It would have been one of the best games of season, however, had it been played. The players were evenly matched and had played two tie games earlier in the season. The football season as far as Hammond is concerned is practically ended.

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will be at the usual hours as on Sunday, with an early mass at 8 o'clock, high mass at 10:15 and vespers at 2:30 in the afternoon.

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As a result of an assault in which

Joe Comoyer, an employee of the brick

yards at Maynard, beat up John Quick,

the superintendent of the plant who

had refused to give him a job, Comoyer

was fined \$10 and costs, amounting

to \$25.55 this morning.

The assault occurred in the brick

yards and if the testimony of Mr.

Quick why he