

WEATHER.
Much colder with brisk
northerly winds today and
tomorrow.

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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. Heller 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."

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GRIFFITH MAN INVENTS PATENT TIE

Railroad Men Believe It is the Thing They Have Long Looked For.

YOUNG INVENTOR EXPLAINS IT

Defines 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, an 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.

Will 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 defines 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 Serbian girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zoritsak, 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 Zoritsak and his little flock.

The conductor on the train noticed that the little baby had an eruption on its 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. Wells, 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. Wells 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 Serbian 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 Momi bakery in West Hammond.

Fredorowicz 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 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 REPRIEVED

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 7.—Herman Billik, the neomercer, charged and convicted of murder and three sentenced to be hung, was reprieved for the third time this morning until Jan. 29, by Acting Governor Lawrence Sherman.

BOARD F 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 Maa'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 Ausgen and Officer Borchert, who took up the trail where Officers Lamb and French left off, captured the prisoner.

The preliminary hearing was held this morning and Tony was found guilty of \$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 if he 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 Geovannian and Mike Chiorrell, and they appeared as witnesses 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 Memmesheimer, former director of the Hammond Singing society, was highly honored last Friday evening when a concert was given in his honor at Galey 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 Memmesheimer.

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 Memmesheimer 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. Memmesheimer came upon the stage to direct the choir early in the evening, Rev. Hilsen, 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.

Outbursts of applause followed and in response for a speech Professor Memmesheimer came forth and thanked his friends for their remembrance. He was visibly affected and declared afterwards that he would like to have told the audience.

PUR ON YUR FURS TODAY;

ZERO WEATHER IS FORECAST.

Cold Wave, with biting winds from the North, is predicted as Lake County's lot for two days.

Wear your furs today. 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 32 degrees freezing, and the humidity 95 and 90 per cent, owing to the two inches of snow.

FAMILY IS ROUTED BY FLAMES

Flats. Avenue People Last Saturday Night When Disastrous Blaze Destroys Malo Flots

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 4:30 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 to spend the remainder of the night with neighbors.

At 8 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 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 yesterday the 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.

NINE YEAR OLD ACCUSED OF THEFT

Meritous Rowe Scandalizes Good People of Lowell With Actions.

BREAKS INTO HOUSE; STEALS

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

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Lowell, Ind., Dec. 7.—Meritous 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 Arnot 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. Arnot live over their furniture store, down town, and do not occupy their Burnham street home only on Sundays.

Found It Had Been Entered.

Yesterday afternoon, when they came home, they discovered that it had been entered through the back screen and door and upon search found that the above things had been taken. This called to Mr. Arnot's mind that he had seen the Rowe boy with a watch chain on Friday that looked familiar to him. Upon further investigation it was found that the juvenile thief had given one of Peter Seymour's little girls Mrs. Arnot's watch chain with the request to the little girl that she should not give it away where she got the chain. This established beyond any doubt that the Rowe boy was the thief or knew something about it.

Rune Away From Home.

A search warrant was issued and with Marshal Belshaw Mr. Arnot and a Times reporter went to the home of the boy's parents, when it was found that he had run away and that they knew nothing of his whereabouts, being greatly alarmed over their wayward son's disappearance. It is thought the little fellow got onto the fact that he was suspected and skipped out to escape the cruel clutches of the law. This is not his first offense. The little fellow is guilty of being light fingered on other occasions. His parents, who moved here from Chicago about three months ago, had him placed in the Chicago parental school for running away so much, and is out now on parole. They feel quite chagrined over their little son's actions and are very anxious that he be captured and sent to the reform school again.

MYSTERY IS DEEPENED

Father Visits Times Office and Says He Is Baffled.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of John Dunlevy, the 12-year-old son of John Dunlevy, a saloon-keeper, residing in the Standard Steel car district, remains unsolved, according to statements made by the father in THE TIMES office this morning.

While two letters have been received regarding the whereabouts of the boy there was not sufficient news in them to lead to the boy's finding.

One of the letters was sent from Fort Wayne and was signed by Fred Bell, a step-brother to the missing boy, but the father does not believe that it was written by Bell himself. The second letter was from the National Telephone Supply company at Cleveland advising that Bell had been there, but that his present whereabouts was unknown.

While the father is greatly worried about his son, whom he believes to have been kidnapped, the mother is distracted by the disappearance.

Robert Shaw, a boarder in the place who has been arrested in connection with kidnapping, will have a hearing this week in Judge Prest's court. The only evidence that can be presented against Shaw is that he made a statement that he could lay his hands on the boy.

HOLIDAY IS OBSERVED

Feast of Immaculate Conception to Be Celebrated Tomorrow.

Tomorrow being the feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Catholic church it will be observed as a holiday of obligation. Special services will be held in every Catholic church, and the day will be observed like the Sabbath were this possible.

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.

SAM DROPS FIGHT FOR THE OFFICE

Hammond Man, Beaten by Margin of Twenty-seven Votes, Will Not Proceed Further to Contest Election of J. C. Becker.

I have decided to drop my contest for the office of trustee of North township. I am satisfied that I was elected by the people and also that I was counted out by the officials in certain precincts. I have, however, decided to give up the fight, for the reason that I do not want the office if I have to make a fight in the courts to get it.

I want to thank my many friends who have stood by me through the recent election and who have interested themselves in the contest after the returns showed that I had been defeated by a narrow margin.

My decision not to contest is against the advice of my attorneys, who think that I have a good chance to win and who advise me to go ahead for the moral effect a successful contest would have, if for no other reason. SAM ABELMAN.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Sam Abelman has thrown up the sponge. After being in the thick of the last campaign and demonstrating beyond the question of a doubt that he is a good campaigner and deserving of victory, the most interesting figure in the last county campaign is compelled to admit his defeat.

Attorneys Edward Schottler and Dan Moran were preparing evidence which was to have been placed before Frank Meeker, the special commissioner who was appointed to hear the evidence, but Mr. Abelman finally decided that he would not carry the contest any farther and so the matter was dropped.

John C. Becker will be given his certificate of election in the course of time. He will succeed F. Richard Schaaf, the best township trustee that North township ever had, the first of January, and he is the one of the few democrats to be elected to a county office in Lake county.

Mr. Abelman's reasons for withdrawing from the contest are best stated in the interview which he gave to THE TIMES. He feels his defeat keenly, as he naturally would under the circumstances, and he is certain that he has been greatly wronged. He points to the fact that in the twelfth precinct the total vote cast for the office of township trustee was twenty-seven more than that cast for governor or president, and points to that as evidence of ballot stuffing.

MR. SAUER'S PICKLE

Tries to Get Off Street Car and Stands on His Head.

Mr. Sauer was in quite a pickle last Saturday night.

In other words Mr. Sauer was pickled, or you might say a sour pickle. Carried a little farther it might be said that he was a dull pickle, but filled with too much of the liquor which makes the head light and the feet heavy. Mr. Sauer, living in the Standard Steel car district, attempted to step off a street car as it was about to cross the Calumet avenue bridge. He very naturally lost his balance and fell. First report had it that he suffered a broken nose, but an inquiry shows that his injury was slight, as he had merely stood upon his head rather than up on his feet.

EMPLOYEE IS ARRESTED

As a result of an assault in which Joe Comuoy, 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, Comuoy 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 is to be credited Comuoy was guilty of a vicious attack and might even have been charged with assault with intent to kill.

Comuoy is said to have asked Mr. Quick why he did not give him back his old job and then assaulted him. As a result he was arrested and taken to Hammond, where he was arraigned before Judge William W. McMahon.

Even when Comuoy was before Judge McMahon he showed the most bitter resentment towards his former employer and did not deny his guilt.

MOTHER IS RETURNED TO ASYLUM

East Chicago Woman Sent to Longcliffe Six Weeks Ago Is Returned as Cured, But Her Condition Appears Unimproved.

INSTITUTION OFFICIALS HELD RESPONSIBLE

Husband Returns From Work and Finds That Wife Has Wandered Away From Home—Family In Desperate Circumstances at the Present Time.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 7.—Pro-nounced perfectly sane by the officials at the asylum at Longcliffe, Logansport, Mrs. Anna Stipka was brought home Friday evening of last week, within an hour after her arrival, here she had disappeared and was not found, or almost an entire day after that time. When discovered she was about a mile from her home on Northcote avenue and was in a sadly demented condition, refusing to recognize anyone.

Mrs. Stipka was taken to the insane hospital about six weeks ago after several attempts to commit suicide. While returning from a church service at Whiting with her husband and two small children, she deliberately threw herself in front of approaching street cars, carrying her baby with her. She was rescued by passers-by, however, and taken to the East Chicago police station.

Family Is Poor.

A commission appointed by Judge William A. Relland declared the woman insane and ordered her taken to the Logansport hospital. The father has been anxiously awaiting the day when he could bring his wife back to East Chicago and has been almost a constant visitor at police headquarters, asking for information regarding his wife's condition. Consequently, when told that his wife was cured, there was great rejoicing in his home, and

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BRADFORDS OPEN

BILLIARD PARLORS
New Place of Business in the Hohman Block Draws Crowds.

The informal opening of Bradford's billiard parlors and bowling alleys on the second floor of the Hohman block was an event which will be long remembered by many of those who attended it Saturday night.

It was only by rushing the work that the rooms could be put in condition by Saturday afternoon. In the evening the crowd began to gather. It was not long before the new parlors were filled with those who enjoy billiard and pool or who like bowling.

The tables were soon filled with players and the alleys were busy all of the time. The crowd seemed reluctant to leave and at 1 o'clock there were still a large number of people in the room.

Crowds There All Night.
At 4 o'clock there were still a large number of players and it was not until 5:30 in the morning that Mr. Bradford and his son finally locked up the place and went home to bed.

At 9 o'clock Sunday morning they were back at the parlors again and the crowds began to gather. By noon all of the billiard and pool tables were engaged, and bowling alleys were busy again. In the afternoon the crowds were so great that there was hardly room enough for the players. The interest continued all evening and as a result of the showing that was made it is expected that the new parlors will get a large amount of patronage.

Formal Opening Wednesday.
It was announced that the regular opening would be next Wednesday afternoon and evening. Mr. Bradford also announces that he will put in a little lunch counter where the patrons of the hall may get a little lunch in the evening.

All of these features appeal to the young men of the city, and the new place of amusement is sure to be popular. If the business keeps up as it has started Mr. Bradford will enlarge the hall and put in even more billiard and pool tables.