

SEE NEW ANGLE IN OPTION WAR

Movement on Foot Among Democratic Members of Legislature to Make Republicans Take Initiative in Repeal of Law.

DEMOCRATS DON'T WANT TO INJURE PARTY

Governor-elect Is Calling on State Institutions With a View to Getting Estimates on Running Expenses and Getting Acquainted With Conditions.

(Special to The Times.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—There is a movement on foot among democratic members of the legislature to compel the republicans to take the initiative in bringing about a repeal of the county local option law, if it is repealed at all. Some of the democratic members of the house are behind the scheme.

They argue that the republicans are responsible for the enactment of the county option law, and that the republicans must accept the responsibility for its repeal. They point out that the law has proved unpopular as a political measure and ought to be wiped off the statute books. It is as distasteful to the republicans as to the democrats, they say.

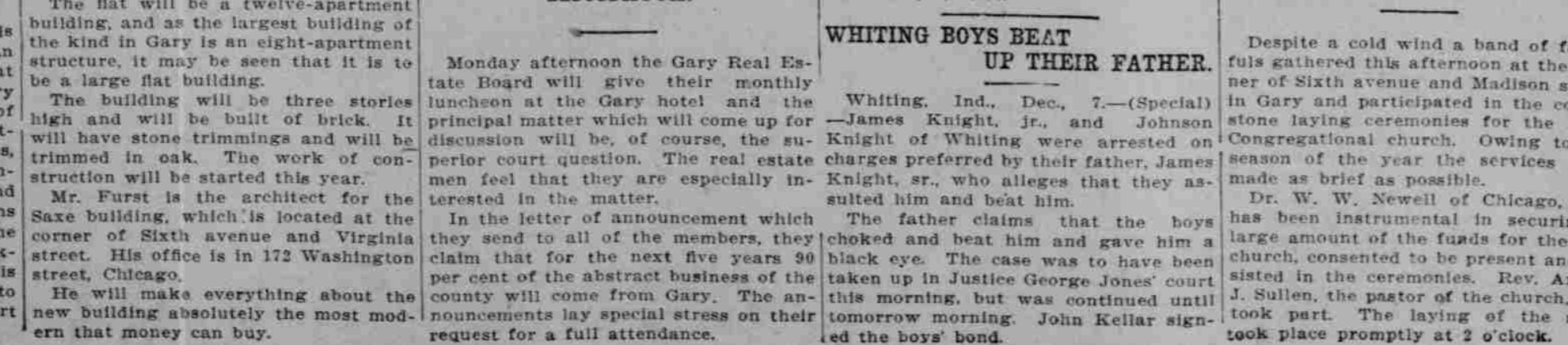
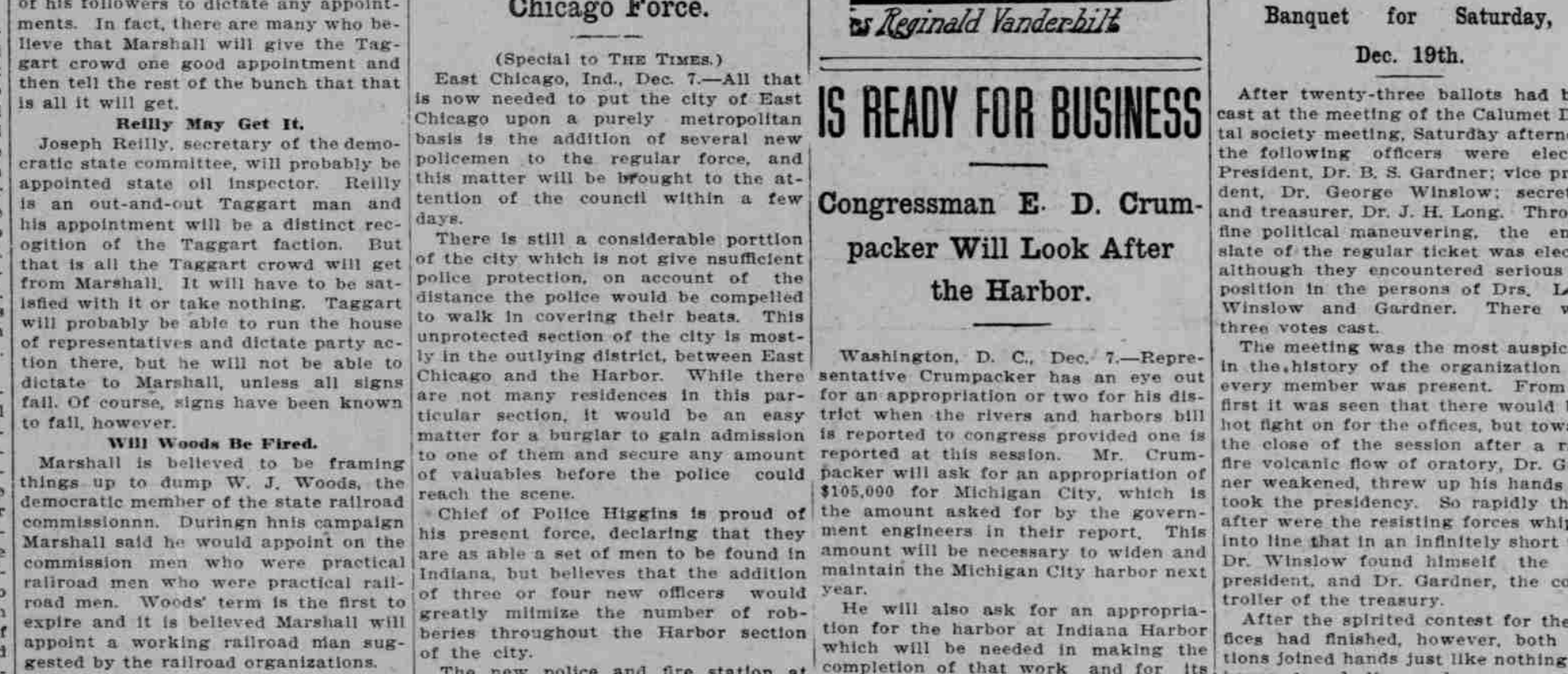
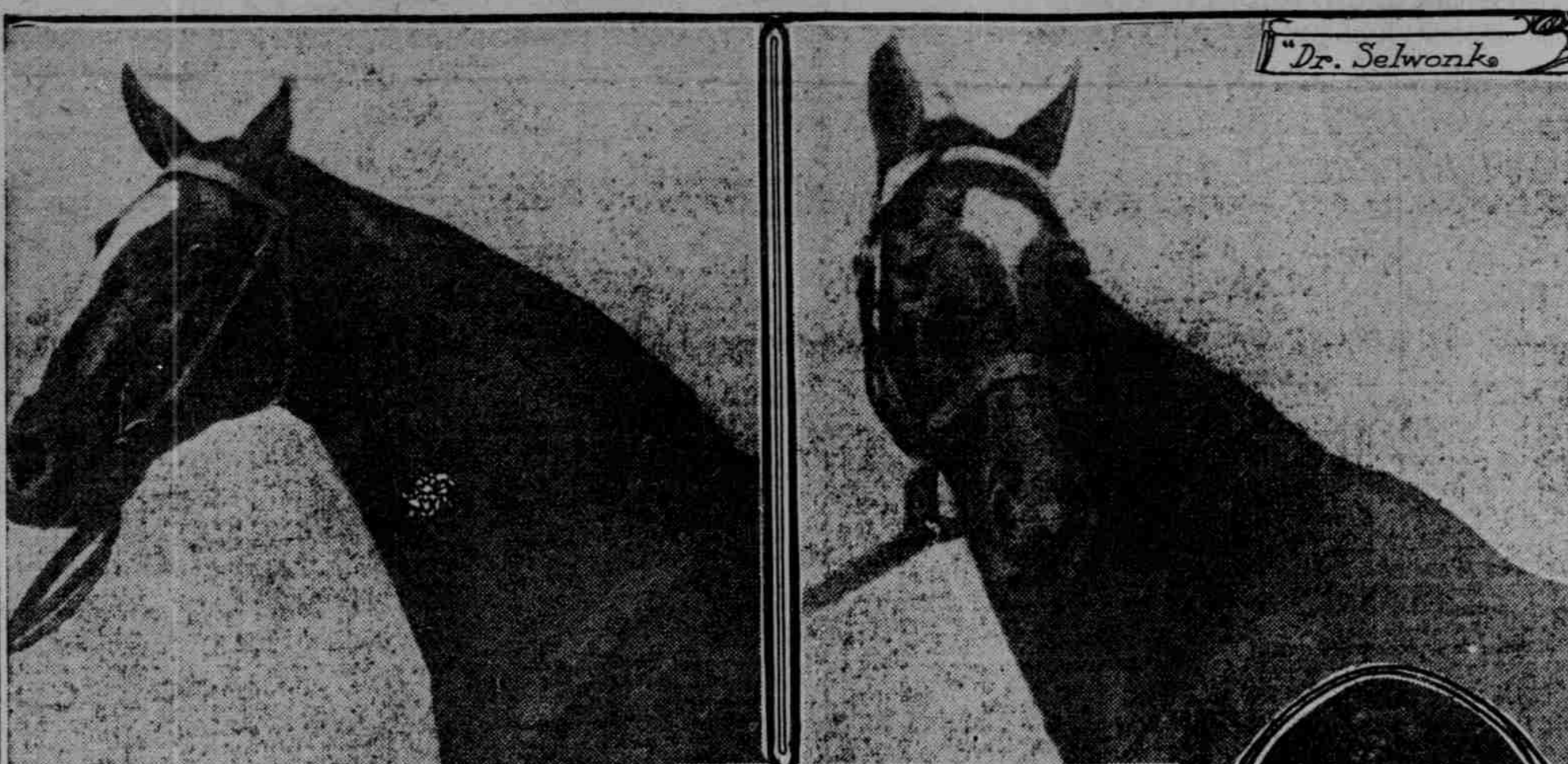
Don't Want to Take Risk. But these democrats say they do not propose to run the risk of injuring their party with the people by trying to bring about the repeal themselves. If they introduce a bill in the house for the repeal of the law they say it will pass that body without a doubt. But it might have tough sledding in the senate, in which the republicans will have a majority. If the democratic house passes the repeal bill, they say, and it goes to the senate afterward the republican senators can vote against it and prevent its becoming a law. Then the republicans would be in a position, they say, to go before the people and claim the credit for saving the county option law from repeal and thus make the republican party more solid than ever with the temperance forces of the state, while the democrats would have to stand the shame of having attempted to get rid of the law.

Doubt as to Ability. Some influential democratic representatives are behind this scheme and they will work to carry it through, but it is doubtful if they will be able to do so. The democratic party is pledged to a different kind of local option and it is believed that a majority of the members will demand that the platform pledges be carried out to the letter along that line. If they depend on the republicans to start the machinery to repeal the law they will wait in vain. That much is certain, for the republicans will not do anything of the kind. But the scheme of these democrats is likely to cause a serious situation with reference to the local option law.

Why He Is Making Rounds. Considerable speculation has been indulged as to the reason why Marshall is making a round of the state institutions prior to taking office as governor, but a story leaked out here today that may throw some light on the matter. A few weeks ago Governor Hanly appointed a committee of members of the legislature to visit all these institutions in the state and ascertain their needs. This committee is to make a report to the legislature with recommendations as to the amount of money that ought to be appropriated for their use. This has been the practice for years and no one before has ever raised a question as to its propriety or justice. But the question has been raised at last. Governor Hanly appointed on that committee this year Senator Horace Hanna of Hendricks county, Representative Gus Greiger of Laporte county and Representative Henry P. Sicks of Boone county. When Hanna was a member of the house two years ago he was one of the governor's most loyal supporters in everything he wanted the legislature to do. Sicks was one of the democratic members of the house that voted for the passage of the county local option bill, which the governor supported. Greiger was opposed to the county option bill, but came around and voted for it because he wished to be loyal to his party.

Won't Pay Attention to It. The charge is made now that it is practically a unanimous republican committee, and that it will do what Governor Hanly wishes done. The story now is that the democratic portion of the legislature will not pay any attention to what this committee does, and that the house will send its committee on benevolent institutions around over the state to visit the institutions and make a report of its own. The story also says that Marshall is making his tour to get information of his own, so that he, too, may be able to ignore the visitation committee's report if he takes a notion to do so.

Exhibits and Exhibitors at Chicago's Big Horse Show.



RINK IS DESTROYED BY A BIG BLAZE

Ten Thousand Dollar Fire Again Visits Gary This Morning.

BUILDING WILL BE REPLACED

Police Believe That Rink Was Set on Fire By Discharged Employees.

The skating rink in Gary, located at the corner of Fifth avenue and Mass street and made famous by the fact that President-elect William Howard Taft spoke there during the recent political campaign, burned to the ground early this morning from a fire which is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

The building was owned by V. U. Young and H. A. Vossler, of the real estate firm of Young & Vossler, and Dr. C. H. Long of Chicago. There was \$8,000 insurance on the building and the owners have announced that they will at once begin the erection of another rink to take its place.

Fire Could Not Be Stopped. The fire started this morning at about 4:30 a. m. and was not discovered until half an hour later. When the fire was discovered it had gained such headway that there was no use to attempt to stop the progress of the flames.

The building was all of wood and it burned like tinder. The police are of the opinion that the fire was started by incendiaries, for there are evidences that it started in the rear of the building and at one corner. At the time the fire started there was no fire in either of the stoves in the rink, and the owners do not see how the building could have caught fire in any other way.

Some time ago there were several young fellows who were employed in the building and were discharged peremptorily. The police have started an investigation along the line that possibly these young men were responsible for the fire.

Building Lasted Half an Hour. So hot was the fire and so quickly did it spread that it did not take more than half an hour to consume the whole building. The owners announce that they will at once begin the erection of a new brick rink which will be the most expensive one in Lake county. It will be larger than the old one and will be up to date in every respect.

There were several hundred dollars' worth of skates burned in the fire.

T. G. DAVIS DEPUTY P. M.

Is Appointed by Mose Specter for East Chicago Office.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 7.—Thomas G. Davis of Magoon avenue has been appointed deputy postmaster in this city, according to a decision reached by Postmaster Specter late Saturday evening. Mr. Davis will commence upon his new duties next Monday morning, when the office will be turned over by Mrs. Mary A. Ross to the new official. Mr. Davis' appointment will meet with the approval of all prominent East Chicagoans who have watched the young man's work in political circles. During the last year he was one of the most potent influences of the young men's republican club, and assisted materially in the winning of their battles in this city.

Mr. Davis will succeed William A. Fuzzy, who during his term as deputy in the local office has proved competent and careful in his manipulation of the office affairs, and his many friends sincerely regret the dismissal of his energies. Mr. Fuzzy has not yet decided the direction in which his future endeavors will lie, but will likely accept a position in the Chicago postal department.

LAKE SHORE PROFITS BY FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Wins Traffic Which Formerly Went Over Other Line, Being Compelled to Run Additional Trains.

Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 7.—Freight traffic over the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern has reached abnormal proportions during the last few days because of the live stock quarantine in Michigan against the foot-and-mouth disease. Additional through freights were put on today between New York and Chicago. The Lake Shore is handling the live stock shipments which formerly were dispatched over the Michigan Central, Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette roads from Chicago to eastern points.

Government Inspector Turner has charge of disinfecting the stock cars at this point. An average of 100 cars are disinfected here daily. As the embargo on the roads traversing Michigan has been established for six months local Lake Shore officials are rapidly preparing for a continued rush of freight traffic.

ADVERTISED MAIL.

The following letters remain un-called for in the Hammond postoffice for week ending Dec. 7, 1908: Ed Burns, James Burns, Mrs. Maud Bradford, Mrs. Lilly Fonchen, Mrs. Glass, J. A. Gerwin, Mrs. Thomas Jones, Miss Annie Kraft, K. Kankosko, Miss Lena Lutz, E. McKeever, Pullman Motor Car Co., (4), Earl Patterson, Miss A. J. Shober, Albert Stankus, Miss Anna Sagai, Edward Swan, J. W. Stoner, Miss Martha Smernock, W. M. Schmucker, George Taylor, Jan Te-katz, T. P. Tivy.

WM. H. GOSTLIN, Postmaster.

GARY IS ORGANIZED FOR FIGHT

Session of Representatives From Four Organizations Is Held Last Saturday and Sub-Committee Is Appointed.

\$5,000 FUND TO BE RAISED FOR CAMPAIGN

"No Compromise" Spirit Still Reigns and Will Not Subside Until at the End of the Battle—To Present the Minority Report This Evening and Withdraw From Meeting.

The central superior court committee of Gary composed of representatives of various business and professional organizations met Saturday night to form a tangible plan of action towards securing a superior court in Gary. The only definite action taken was the appointment of a sub-committee composed of one member of each association represented, whose duty it will be to collect data for Gary's case which will be presented at the next session of the legislature.

The members of the central committee and the bodies which they represent are: Commercial club, John Brennan, Homer J. Carr and George Manlove; Contractors' association, Ingwald Moe, C. H. Maloney and M. L. Maxon; real estate board, W. H. Fitzgerald, T. E. Knotts and T. W. Englehardt; Retail Merchants' association, J. W. Pryale, E. C. Simpson and Samuel Miller; Bar association, Ora Wildermuth, W. F. Hodges and Harvey Curtis.

The sub-committee appointed is: Geo. Manlove, C. H. Maloney, E. C. Simpson, T. E. Knotts, L. H. Reed, Ora Wildermuth and another member of the bar association who is to be appointed by Mr. Wildermuth. Most of the active work in fighting Gary's claim will fall upon these men, who have been instructed to begin along a designated line of action at once.

In addition to the appointment of the sub-committee it was definitely decided to have a central committee go to Indianapolis in a body, where they will lobby for their measure. Not only they will work at the capital but any one who is supposed to have sufficient influence to carry weight with the legislators. Special effort will be brought to bear to secure lobbyists who have come to Gary from various sections of the state so that they might have influence through personal acquaintance and in this manner offset the advantage which the older cities of Hammond and Crown Point might have with the lawmakers.

Will Spend Thousands. If money in carrying out their plans proves to be an important requisite in securing the court for Gary members of the central committee last night expressed their belief that the combined organizations of Gary could raise \$5,000. This money would be expended in the collection and compiling of data, having it printed in pamphlet form and sending the delegation of perhaps twenty-five Garyites to Indianapolis.

A startling suggestion was made at the meeting Saturday night, which at first was scarcely considered in a serious vein, but later was treated more seriously. This scheme was to invite the Indiana state legislators to Gary in a body where they would have an opportunity to see the steel mills, the city itself and more fully appreciate the future of the city for the coming municipality. They would then more fully grasp the necessity of establishing a court in this city. This would probably entail an expenditure of many hundreds of dollars.

Will Present Minority. Again there was expressed at this meeting the spirit of "no compromise." In Gary the feeling exists that if the court cannot be secured for this city they will oppose the improvement of conditions in any other city in the county. This is because of the fact that they realize that once the present congestion is relieved in the court there will be but a slight opportunity of securing a court in this city for some time to come.

The fighting blood of every member of the committee was aroused, and it was unanimously agreed that any steps no matter how complicated or expensive they might prove to be towards securing success would be undertaken. They feel that the spirit that prevails in Gary, together with the name of the city itself, will bring them success in the end.

At the meeting of the Lake County Bar association, which will be held Monday, the Gary delegation, which will be present, were instructed to make their minority report and then fight the matter to a finish.

To Shut Out Noise.

To shut out the various small noises which so annoy and distract one engaged in study or other work demanding concentration, try the Fourth of July "stunt" of stuffing the ears with cotton. This is far more effective than stopping the clocks and exiling the family.

REILLY MAY GET OIL INSPECTORSHIP

Governor-Elect T. R. Marshall May Reward State Secretary.

MARSHALL CUTS NEW DEAL

Governor-Elect Will Probably Appoint a Practical Railroad Man on Commission.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—Governor-Elect Marshall, while he was in this city the past two or three days, did not make anything known as to his intentions with reference to any appointments. He is keeping that to himself. But there is a strong belief that he is going to stand for an entire new deal in the offices at his command, and that little attention will be given to the various factions in the democratic party. One thing is certain, Marshall will not do much for the Taggart outfit. There is good reason to believe that he will not allow Taggart or any of his followers to dictate any appointments. In fact, there are many who believe that Marshall will give the Taggart crowd one good appointment and then tell the rest of the bunch that that is all it will get.

Reilly May Get It. Joseph Reilly, secretary of the democratic state committee, will probably be appointed state oil inspector. Reilly is an out-and-out Taggart man and his appointment will be a distinct recognition of the Taggart faction. But that is all the Taggart crowd will get from Marshall. It will have to be satisfied with it or take nothing. Taggart will probably be able to run the house of representatives and dictate party action there, but he will not be able to dictate to Marshall, unless all signs fail. Of course, signs have been known to fall, however.

Will Woods Be Fired. Marshall is believed to be framing things up to dump W. J. Woods, the democratic member of the state railroad commission. During his campaign Marshall said he would appoint on the commission men who were practical railroad men. Woods' term is the first to expire, and it is believed Marshall will appoint a working railroad man suggested by the railroad organizations.

ARCHITECT WILL BUILD

Charles J. Furst of Chicago Will Put Up \$40,000 Apartments.

One of the finest apartment buildings which has yet been constructed in Gary, is to be built by Charles Furst, a Chicago architect, at the corner of Sixth avenue and Van Buren street, and will cost \$40,000.

The flat will be a twelve-apartment building, and as the largest building of the kind in Gary is an eight-apartment structure, it may be seen that it is to be a large flat building.

The building will be three stories high and will be built of brick. It will have stone trimmings and will be trimmed in oak. The work of construction will be started this year.

Mr. Furst is the architect for the Saxe building, which is located at the corner of Sixth avenue and Virginia street. His office is in 172 Washington street, Chicago.

He will make everything about the new building absolutely the most modern that money can buy.

WANT MORE PROTECTION

Additional Policemen Are Needed on the East Chicago Force.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 7.—All that is now needed to put the city of East Chicago upon a purely metropolitan basis is the addition of several new policemen to the regular force, and this matter will be brought to the attention of the council within a few days.

There is still a considerable portion of the city which is not given sufficient police protection, on account of the distance the police would be compelled to walk in covering their beats. This unprotected section of the city is mostly in the outlying district, between East Chicago and the Harbor. While there are not many residences in this particular section, it would be an easy matter for a burglar to gain admission to one of them and secure any amount of valuables before the police could reach the scene.

Chief of Police Higgins is proud of his present force, declaring that they are as able a set of men to be found in Indiana, but believes that the addition of three or four new officers would greatly minimize the number of robberies throughout the Harbor section of the city.

The new police and fire station at the Harbor will be completed shortly after the first of the year, and when the alarm and report system being contemplated by the chief is given the necessary recognition by the council and installed, no better regulated police department will be found in this section of the state.

BOARD MEETS TODAY

Gary Real Estate Men Enjoy Monthly Luncheon This Afternoon.

Monday afternoon the Gary Real Estate Board will give their monthly luncheon at the Gary hotel and the principal matter which will come up for discussion will be, of course, the superior court question. The real estate men feel that they are especially interested in the matter.

In the letter of announcement which they send to all of the members, they claim that for the next five years 90 per cent of the abstract business of the county will come from Gary. The announcements lay special stress on their request for a full attendance.

IS READY FOR BUSINESS

Congressman E. D. Crumpacker Will Look After the Harbor.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Representative Crumpacker has an eye out for an appropriation or two for his district when the rivers and harbors bill is reported to congress provided one is reported at this session. Mr. Crumpacker will ask for an appropriation of \$105,000 for Michigan City, which is the amount asked for by the government engineers in their report. This amount will be necessary to widen and maintain the Michigan City harbor next year.

He will also ask for an appropriation for the harbor at Indiana Harbor which will be needed in making the completion of that work and for its maintenance. The amount will be in accordance with the recommendation of the engineers.

Henry A. Barnhart of Rochester, who was elected to fill out the unexpired term in congress of the late Representative A. L. Brick, arrived in Washington last night ready to assume his duties. Mr. Barnhart will join other Indiana democratic members of congress and reside in Congress Hall, which is just across the street from the house office and near the capitol. He has made arrangements to occupy the office room 156, vacated by his predecessor, Mr. Barnhart has in mind the introduction of only one bill at this session, and that will be for the reimbursement of the South Bend postmaster, whose office was robbed of stamps to the value of \$18,553.50.

WHITING BOYS BEAT UP THEIR FATHER.

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—James Knight, Jr., and Johnson Knight of Whiting were arrested on charges preferred by their father, James Knight, sr., who alleges that they assaulted him and beat him.

The father claims that the boys choked and beat him and gave him a black eye. The case was to have been taken up in Justice George Jones' court this morning, but was continued until tomorrow morning. John Keller signed the boys' bond.

DENTISTS DODGE ELECTIVE OFFICES

Gary Tooth Pullers Hold Their Regular Session Saturday.

DR. B. S. GARDNER PRESIDENT

Organizations Arranges First Annual Banquet for Saturday, Dec. 19th.

After twenty-three ballots had been cast at the meeting of the Calumet Dental society meeting, Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. B. S. Gardner; vice president, Dr. George Winslow; secretary and treasurer, Dr. J. H. Long. Through fine political maneuvering, the entire slate of the regular ticket was elected, although they encountered serious opposition in the persons of Drs. Long, Winslow and Gardner. There were three votes cast.

The meeting was the most auspicious in the history of the organization and every member was present. From the first it was seen that there would be a hot fight on for the offices, but towards the close of the session after a rapid and voluble flow of oratory, Dr. Gardner weakened, threw up his hands and took the presidency. So rapidly were after the resisting forces whipped into line that in an infinitely short time Dr. Winslow found himself the vice president, and Dr. Gardner, the controller of the treasury.

After the spirited contest for the offices had finished, however, both factions joined hands just like nothing had happened and discussed a more agreeable topic. This proved to be the arrangements for a banquet which they plan to give at the Gary hotel a week from Saturday night. A committee on general arrangements, composed of Drs. Winslow, Long and Gardner, was appointed to take charge of the entire affair and issue invitations to the members of the organizations and their guests.

The meeting held Saturday was the first annual meeting of that body, and the banquet which they plan for a week from Saturday will be the first annual banquet.

CORNER STONE IS LAID

Despite a cold wind a band of faithfuls gathered this afternoon at the corner of Sixth avenue and Madison street in Gary and participated in the corner stone laying ceremonies for the First Congregational church. Owing to the season of the year the services were made as brief as possible.

Dr. W. W. Newell of Chicago, who has been instrumental in securing a large amount of the funds for the new church, consented to be present and assisted in the ceremonies. Rev. Arthur J. Sullen, the pastor of the church, also took part. The laying of the stone took place promptly at 2 o'clock.