

WEATHER.
Rain or snow, followed by
clearing and colder today;
brisk northwest winds.

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WANTS NO RACE LINE IN GARY

Letter of Protest Is Sent to the Gary Times, Objecting to School Board's Proposed Plan to Segregate the Blacks and Whites.

OFFICIALS THINK THEIR PLAN BEST

Writer, However, Says Separation Creates Animosity, and Is One of the Causes Which Lead to Lynching and Rioting—Colored Republican Club Interested.

The negroes of Gary have entered a formal protest against the board of education for their intended segregation of the colored and white students in the public schools. The matter is now being considered by the Colored Republican club, which reorganized after election for social and beneficial purposes.

At their meeting Tuesday night a committee from the Colored Republican club will be appointed to confer with the board of education on the establishment of the school for colored boys. They regard the action as one that will be detrimental to their race for the reason that the friendly relationship which they bear in school, and are inclined to carry to a certain extent through life, is not attained when they are taught separately.

The idea of Mr. Wirt, superintendent of the board of education, in establishing a separate school, was to give the boys better instruction by having a colored teacher and a course which will be more suited to their needs. At first they planned to start the school on a small scale and then gradually increase it until they had a building of their own. The whole idea of the project was to benefit the condition of the colored children.

One of the officers of the Colored Republican club has written a communication to THE TIMES, in which his position in the matter is set forth. He says that he thinks the club will be unanimous in protesting against the segregation of colored children. He also says he thinks the colored children ought to be benefited by the good moral effect of white children's conduct.

The writer of the letter to THE TIMES even goes so far as to say that the segregation of the colored pupils means future race hatred and will in time precipitate race riots and lynching. The following is the letter:

"To the Editor of the Gary Evening Times:—Dear Sir: I notice, through the columns of your paper, that the board of education has concluded to educate the white and colored children separately."

"I was sent to a public school where there was a colored principal and all colored teachers."

"After that I attended a mixed school of the same grades, and I noticed the school paraphernalia was such that a child could learn easier, quicker and more accurately."

"Besides, in the minds of all good people, it drives out prejudice and it helps to elevate the black boy when he becomes a man."

"Now, for instance, suppose you wanted a clerk and I applied for the position and because I am a black boy you would say, 'I think you inefficient,' and suppose there should be a clerk in your employ that attended school with me."

"If he was a gentleman and a scholar and was not prejudiced, he would speak up like a man and say, 'I am fit to be a clerk and I am fit to be a clerk because we attended school together and graduated from the same class.'"

"If a sheep and a wolf are raised together they will be friendly when grown. If they are kept apart the wolf will devour the sheep."

"So a white child and a black child, if they are reared and attend school together will be friendly. Such steps as you are taking causes lynching and barbarous treatment such as the colored people are undergoing in various parts of the south."

"We could hardly expect any more from Tillman, Vardaman and other representatives of the south. Remember, at the polls we have no separate ballots."

"I am respectfully yours,
"READER, GARY EVENING TIMES."

Attorney John M. Stinson has returned from Indianapolis where he has been the past few days on business.

C. A. Theis, claim agent for the C. I. & S. R. R. is in Hammond today on business.

Sheet music, two for 5 cents at the 3c and 10c store.—11.

FRIDAY FATAL DAY FOR TWO UNKNOWN

Monon Train Crushes Life Out of Man at Hegewisch.

MAY HAVE BEEN SUICIDE

Horse Shies at Street Car at East Chicago and Victim Is Thrown Under the Wheels.

Friday proved to be a fatal day for two unknown men who were instantly killed today, one in Hegewisch by a Monon train northbound, due in Hammond at 11:11 in the forenoon, and the second by a street car in East Chicago. By some who saw the accident in Hegewisch, near One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street, it was argued that the man committed suicide, but this will remain to be proven at the coroner's inquest. The man seems to be about 40 years of age and a working man. He had nothing on his person to identify him. His hair and mustache were of sandy complexion and he wore a dark striped suit and a heavy top shirt.

Accident at East Chicago. He carried a Waterbury watch and had \$4.60 in money on his person. He is about five feet and six inches in height and is of medium weight. He was found by Officer John Spanier, who ordered him taken to Korthaus' morgue, where the inquest will be held. The man killed at East Chicago was riding horseback when his horse shied at a street car at One Hundred and Forty-third street. He was thrown directly in front of the car, which could not be stopped in time to permit the man to get away. He was crushed so badly that his features were unrecognizable. The fatality was purely accidental, and it is hoped that by this evening his identity will have been established. The accident happened after 1 o'clock today.

SIMS TO PROSECUTE REID-MURDOCK CO.

The Reid, Murdock company of his city is one of five firms which are alleged to have violated the pure food laws and is a defendant in two of seven suits which have been begun by District Attorney Sims and Assistant District Attorney Legg yesterday in the United States district court in Chicago.

Reid, Murdock & Co. are alleged to have made two shipments of Monarch Extra Cream olive oil, which was misbranded and not of the quality represented. The Thompson & Taylor company is charged with shipping Standard lemon flavor which contained no lemon juice, as represented. The shipments are said to have been made to the Riley-Wilson Grocery company and the Kansas City Wholesale Grocery company, both of Kansas City.

The Tolman concern is alleged to have made a shipment of misbranded Topmost cane and maple sirup to Dutton & Sorenson, grocer, Algona, Ia., and the Gowan company is charged with having sent a package of misbranded pneumonia cure to the Washington wholesale drug exchange of Washington, D. C. The Eyrin company is alleged to have placed an illegal and false brand on a shipment of its product to E. G. Hanson, 1760 U street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

The pure food act of June 30, 1906, under which the cases are brought, provides a \$200 fine for first offenses and \$300 fines or imprisonment for six months for subsequent offenses.

The firms named are: Reid, Murdock & Co., two cases; the Eyrin company, one case; John A. Tolman & Co., one case; the Gowan company, one case, and the Thompson & Taylor Spico company, two cases.

BECKER AT THE HEAD

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—Mayor Lawrence Becker of Hammond has called a meeting of all the mayors of the Indiana cities, to meet in Indianapolis on Dec. 15, to begin a concerted movement for a revision of the cities and towns law to the effect that mayors in office may succeed themselves.

Nearly all the mayors of the various cities are expected to attend this convention.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OPENS FIRE STATION BIDS.

The board of public works held a regular meeting this morning at which time the four bids for the Robertsdale fire department were opened. Parker & Spafford were the lowest bidders, their bid including a hot water heating system, being \$6,690, and including steam heat for \$7,090.

The primary assessment role for the Ada street completed sewer was accepted, as was also the inspector's report for the West Ogden street brick pavement. This pavement, although short, is one of the best streets that the city of Hammond received at the hands of the contractor, W. F. Brunt, who was the contractor, has been the recipient of many complimentary remarks for the good work that he has done.

NOW IN ONE BIG SOCIETY

The Fidelia and Hammond Saengerbund Consolidate; Articles of Agreement Drawn Up, Signed and Accepted.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OVER THREE HUNDRED

New Organization Will Elect Officers Dec. 16—Enthusiasm is High and a Permanent Home Is Now Looked Forward to—Big Event is Coming Soon.

Harmony was the keynote that was sounded last night when committees from the Fidelia Singing society and the Hammond Saengerbund adopted articles of agreement by which these two leading German singing societies in Hammond will be consolidated.

This is one of the most important moves that has been made in years in Hammond by singing societies and every German today who at heart is stirred with the "saengerlust," is discussing the consolidation and mutual congratulations are being exchanged on all sides between the members of the two organizations who, by agreement of last night, are now one.

Articles of Agreement. Each of the societies held a separate meeting last evening and after due consideration the committee of each organization met for the adoption of the articles of agreement.

The provisions in the articles of consolidation are in substance as follows: 1. That the name of the consolidated organization shall be the Hammond Saengerbund-Fidelia.

2. That the Hammond Saengerbund abandon and surrender its charter.

3. That the Hammond Saengerbund transfer all its property and paraphernalia to the consolidated organization.

4. That a new set of officers be chosen for the consolidated singing society on Dec. 16, 1908.

5. That all members of the two separate organizations shall be members in good standing in the consolidated organization.

Have 300 Membership. The articles of agreement were signed by Messrs. Henry Roennen, John Follmar and C. Markmiller for the Hammond Saengerbund, and Messrs. Max Noak, Otto H. Duelle and Richard Zimmerman for the Fidelia.

The Hammond Saengerbund-Fidelia, owing to the consolidation, attains a membership of over 300, thus making it one of the strongest in northern Indiana. It will have an active choir of sixty voices, which will rank equal with some of the well-known organizations in Chicago.

As an indication of the spirit that reigns in the new organization, it may be mentioned that the plans for a new clubhouse have been received with a new enthusiasm, and as a primary step a big concert, with several good prizes, will be given early in January.

Will Have Own Clubhouse. A year from next April the Fidelia would have celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary, but this will be an event now to be observed by the new organization.

The plans to consolidate the two societies have been of years' standing. For almost seven years men in both societies have worked hard to bring the societies together, but the clanish spirits could not be merged until last night. Not too much credit for the happy consolidation can be bestowed upon F. C. Miller, president of the Fidelia, and George Lewke, president of the Hammond Saengerbund. However, other members have been working just as faithfully.

BAPTIST ATHLETIC LEAGUE VS. METEORS OF CHICAGO.

Good Basketball Ball Game Is Scheduled To Be Played in Hammond Tomorrow Night.

The Baptist Athletic League of this city has a game scheduled with the Meteor Athletic League of Chicago for tomorrow evening, to be played at the Baptist Athletic League gymnasium on State street.

The Meteors are all graduates from Chicago high school, and with a splendid record, that the local boys have basketball fans have a right to expect one of the very best games of the season.

FUNERAL OF MRS. THOMPSON WILL BE HELD TOMORROW.

The funeral of Mrs. Tren Thompson has been set for tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and will be held from the home of her father, Mr. Sullivan, on 2nd street. The Rev. Switzer will officiate, and interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

THE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS PAPER SAY THAT--

DRUGS. Summers Pharmacy says: "It is nothing to crow about, but—" Yes, see their ad on page 5 and look for the rooster.

SHOES. Orrt & Towle, 179 Hohman street, have an ad on page 2 and you, who are in need of footwear—from the baby to grandma—will get a lot wiser by reading the same. Today they have a special talk for you, Madam.

JEWELRY. Baster & McGarry have two ads scattered through this paper. As there is nothing comparable with jewelry as Christmas gifts it will be well to read the ads on pages 2 and 12.

WHAT TO EAT. Fred Kunsman, 38 State street, offers a list of special bargains for Saturday on page 5. Among the things we see fresh chickens at 15c per pound. And, say, you, Germans, look what the Branschweiler Leberwurst and Blutwurst sells for.

The Hammond Meat Market, 99 State street, offers as a leader in their ad on page 2 ten pounds of fresh leaf lard at \$1.95 and Armour's Star cured hams at 11c per pound. Numerous other items in the meat line will be found.

Joe L. Humphrey & Co., 280 State street, have a special list of Saturday bargains on page 5 and by perusing the list the economical housewife will find she could hardly do better anywhere else. Just think, Mayer's No. 1 hams at 11c per pound.

The E. C. Minus Co. grocery department in their ad on page 4 advertise as a leader breakfast bacon at 12c per pound, other bargains, just as good, will be found in their ad.

The Lion Store grocery department on page 2 have their usual big display of groceries, candles, liquors and cigars, and bargains to suit everyone will be found in the different departments. But remember, you must have the coupons to get these bargains.

WHAT TO WEAR. The Lion Store has all of page 3 occupied with an ad of gent's furnishings, shoes and other miscellaneous lines. It will be well for you to study their ad as bargains of exceptional merit are contained in the ad.

The E. C. Minus Co., with a full-page ad on 8 ought to attract the attention of the bargain loving public, especially those who want to make preparations to receive Santa Claus within their midst. Bargains of the very best kind are brought out in the ad.

FURNITURE. The Lion Store furniture department says it has presents for grandma down to the baby in their ad on page 9. Incidentally some more free offers are being made which it would be well to study.

HOHMAN IN LIME-LIGHT

Village Clerk of Blue Island One of Targets in Crusade.

Hammond people are interested in a situation that has developed in Blue Island this week and which involves the village officials, including the village clerk, Fred Hohman, who was formerly connected with the Towle Lumber company of Hammond.

The trouble started last Tuesday when a citizens' committee began circulating pamphlets branded in which the city administration is charged with graft.

The pamphlet comprises the work of several months' investigation of the administration by the citizens, headed by W. N. Rudd and I. S. Bratton. The accusing evidence, which embraces charges against the mayor, George C. Gobet, and a number of aldermen, will be turned over to State's Attorney Wayman.

The accusations of the committee cluster mainly around the administration's methods of buying coal for the city's municipal lighting plant, and Alderman Engelland, chairman of the police and fire committee.

"Yes, I know these fellows," said Mayor Gobet. "They are a bunch of live wires all right, but prompted by political jealousy. The charges are false as far as I know, and I am willing to let any one scrutinize my record as mayor."

"I am not afraid of the charges," said Alderman Engelland. "I have receipts to show my dealings were straightforward."

FIND A DROWNED MAN

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 11.—An unknown man was taken from the little lake near the Buffington plant today. Up to noon today he had not yet been identified, but the body was removed to the morgue of Kfebs & Burns, where the inquest will be held.

INSURANCE RATE TO BE LOWER

Hammond's Chances For a Reduction Most Promising, Owing to Its New Additions for Fire Protection; Mr. Kelly Explains.

HAMMOND BUSINESS MEN IN SESSION

Meeting Is Well Attended and Much Good Is Derived From Business Talks—Other Important Matters Are Laid Over for the Future—Good Attendance Last Night.

Hammond has partly fulfilled the requirements of the insurance inspector and may expect to have its rating improved as a result of the showing which was made at the meeting of the Hammond Business Men's association before W. P. Kelly, the state insurance inspector, who addressed the meeting last evening.

Before Mr. Kelly was introduced the fact was made plain that the damage to property by fire in Hammond has been very small, that there is ample equipment with which to fight fire, that the city has an up-to-date fire alarm system and Mr. Kelly was asked to explain if there was any reason why Hammond should not be placed in the preferred class where the rates would be lower.

Mr. Kelly went on to explain that while Hammond should have pumps at its pumping station with a capacity of 15,000,000 gallons, it was in fact, but a pumping capacity of half that number of gallons.

There are several other minor reasons why the city could not be given a top notch rating, but Mr. Kelly said that there was no question that the rating of the city could be improved.

The manner in which the various cities of the state are rated are as follows: Those having the poorest fire protection are rated at O, and those having the best fire protection and in which the risk is the lowest are rated at 6.

Hammond, at present, is rated at 3 1/2 and Mr. Kelly says while he thinks Hammond can probably be given 4 1/2 point higher rating, making its rating 4, there will have to be some further improvements in the city's fire fighting equipment before the city could be given a perfect rating.

The meeting was well attended by the business men of the city. The address of Mr. Kelly was very instructive, and there was not a man present who did not get a great deal of good out of the meeting.

The other matters which were to have been taken up were postponed until another meeting on account of the fact that the discussion of the insurance question took up nearly the whole evening.

It was 11 o'clock before the meeting broke up, and the session was voted one of the best that have yet been held by the association.

A committee will be appointed to make a report of the conditions in this city to the insurance inspector and it is expected that the inspector will send an engineer to this city who will make an investigation of the cities fire fighting equipment and then report back to the inspector.

If this report is satisfactory there will be an improvement in the classification of the city and an improvement in the rating.

ESCHER AND BECKER IN THE SAME STALL

It seems a shame to put the lion and the lamb under the same shelter, but that is just what is being done. Bert Escher, the republican township assessor, and John Becker, the democratic township trustee, will have quarters in the same room in the Lake superior courthouse.

Formerly F. Richard Schaaf was given the exclusive right to the room which he occupied, but now the county commissioners have declared that John Becker must share it with Bert Escher, and so a republican and a democrat will have desk room in the same room.

Township Trustee F. Richard Schaaf began getting ready today to move out. He is packing up his things and he will turn over his office to Mr. Becker the first of the year.

The first of the year will also be the beginning of the new administration of Bert Escher, but as he will succeed himself it is not likely that there will be much of a change in the office except that it is to be moved into the courthouse.

T. E. KNOTTS CONFERS WITH NEXT GOVERNOR

President of Gary Town Board Feels Out the Leaders.

HE ASKS, "HOW ABOUT GARY?"

Riparian Rights Bill, Superior Court and County Local Option Are Under Consideration.

President T. E. Knotts of the Gary town board, recognized as the leader of the Gary democracy, went to Indianapolis yesterday for a conference with Governor-Elect Thomas Marshall.

Mr. Knotts returned this morning and while he would not say what was his mission, except that he talked over matters which would be likely to come up in the next session of the legislature, it is generally understood that the riparian rights bill, the proposed superior court bill and the matter of county local option were the subjects under discussion.

The people of Gary are very much concerned about any attempt that might be made to repeal the riparian rights bill and the democrats of Gary realize that if a democratic legislature and a democratic governor were responsible for the repeal of that measure, democracy in Gary would receive a blow which it would never recover.

It is understood that some of the influential business men of Gary who represent both political parties are very solicitous regarding the fate of the riparian rights bill and it has been said that perhaps they suggested to Mr. Knotts the advisability of finding out what the governor would do regarding proposed legislation affecting Gary.

Mr. Knotts talked with some of the leading democrats over the state with the idea of feeling them out and determining what would be their attitude toward Gary in the matter of a separate superior court.

It is a little too early to get anything of an idea as to what the legislature will do, but it is possible at this time to get an idea as to what those who influence legislation think and that will point out the probable action of the legislature.

In the matter of county local option Gary democracy is only casually interested, but it is interested nevertheless and the people over there who have suffered as a result of township local option want to know what the democrats are going to do for them. It is expected that Mr. Knotts will make public the results of his conference as soon as he confers with the other Gary leaders.

MRS. HUNT RETURNS TO A SADDENED HOME

Witnesses in Case Are Back; Times Story a Shock to the Community.

Mr. Daniel B. Hunt returned to Hammond last night after he had been forced to the crushing realization that his husband had been sentenced to the United States prison at Leavenworth, Kan., as told in THE TIMES last evening.

Postmaster W. H. Gostlin, United States Commissioner Chas. Surridge and Messrs. Devlin, Murphy and others, including Attorney John M. Stinson, who appeared in the case, returned to Hammond today.

The information, which appeared exclusively in THE TIMES last evening, was a shock to the community, although it expected that Mr. Hunt would be convicted. The dramatic features of the story made it one of the most notable that has ever appeared in a Hammond paper.

There is positively nothing more to be said about the case today. The story was covered completely yesterday. The sympathy of the whole city is with Mrs. Hunt, who is innocent and yet must suffer along with her husband.

HAMMOND WOODMEN WILL SEND A DELEGATION.

Each Encampment in the District Will Have a Class at South Bend Next Monday.

A class from the Eureka encampment, Modern Woodmen, will go to South Bend next Monday to attend a course of instruction which will be presented there in the afternoon and evening. The Hammond class, which will have possibly ten members, will go to South Bend on the Interurban.

Delegates will be present from the entire district and several hundred visitors are accordingly expected in the city. Some of the principal Woodmen officials of the state will also be present to make the addresses. The visitors will be enlightened on many points pertaining to the constitution and by-laws of the order, many of these points being covered in the lectures while the others will be presented in answer to questions that may be asked.

J. KOPELKE POINTS TO A REMEDY

Oldest Practitioner in Lake County Points to Congested Courts and Declares Bar Wants Not the Desirable But Possible.

EX-SENATOR OPPOSES GARY SUPERIOR COURT

Crown Point Attorney Declares That Relief Will Naturally Come to Circuit Court, the Constitutional Court of the County—Wants More Judges at Hammond.

(BY JOHANNES KOPELKE)
(Dean of the Lake County Bar.)

The necessity for relief to both the circuit and superior courts is evident from the congested condition of business in said courts.

Our circuit court yesterday struck off from its trial list all the cases set for trial by the court for the days after Thursday of this week, because there is not time to try them, the preceding cases on the docket occupying all the time of the court to its close.

The number of cases thus put over is about one hundred, and when they are brought to trial, they will take about three months to dispose of.

The conditions in the superior court are as bad of worse. What shall be done to relieve these conditions is not so much a question of the desirable, but of the possible; the relief has to come from the legislature and the limit of the desirable is not always there attainable.

The legislature is mostly bent upon economy, and this feature will be more strongly accentuated in the approaching session, as the house is democratic, and that party being restored to a limited measure of power, it will desire to so legislate as not to give occasion for any charge of wastefulness in public expenditures, or unnecessary increase of officials.

The circuit court being the one that is established by the constitution, will be the one whose prospects of securing relief will naturally be better than even those of the superior court, and for that reason, the proposition to make the circuit court separate and continuous in this county has the best show of success, if it is not impeded by any local conflict of interests.

Should Wait Until 1911. Again, the superior court having been in successful existence in this county now for over twelve years, and the fact that the north end of the county is rapidly increasing in population and in business development, being well known throughout the state, the legislature will doubtless be disposed to give it the additional judicial facilities demanded, by adding another judge to the superior court.

The demand of our friends at Gary for the establishment of a branch of the superior court there is unjustified by their actual present needs, and will also meet with serious opposition by most members of the legislature, for the reason that to comply with it will again create unprecedented conditions in the divisions of the courts.

For these reasons, it should not now be pressed, but matters should be left to develop in their natural way in this county, and if a pressing occasion for a court at Gary should exist in two years from now, the situation might be presented to the legislature in 1911 for its consideration, and no doubt the reasonable demands of that new city would get that time receive proper consideration, and meet with little or no opposition, while at this time they are in conflict with every other present interest.

NEW ORDER STARTS: THIRTY CHARTER MEMBERS.

Protected Home (Circle of Indiana to Organize in Long's Hall This Evening.

The organization of the Protected Home Circle, under the jurisdiction of the Indiana Harbor order, will take place at Long's hall this evening. There are already thirty applicants for membership and it is expected that this number will be increased to thirty-five before the meeting is held.

There is already a Protected Home Circle in Hammond, but it is under the jurisdiction of Illinois. The new order is of a fraternal and beneficiary nature. It is a mixed order and is composed mostly of young people.

The social feature is considered one of the most important, and for this reason the order is popular with the young people. The organizer of the new order is William Charles Yergin, who expects to locate in this city.

MORE NEWS IN ONE WEEK IN THE TIMES THAN IN ALL THE OTHER PAPERS IN THE CALUMET REGION COMBINED. COMPARE THEM ANY SEE IF IT ISN'T SO.