

## 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 Lynchings 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:

**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 man and say, if I am fit to be it is 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, Vardeman and other representatives of the south. Remember, at the polls we have no separate ballots."

"I am respectfully yours,

READER, GARY EVENING TIMES."

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

## FRIDAY FATAL DAY FOR TWO UNKNOWNS

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 \$4.50 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-MURDOCH CO.

The Reid, Murdoch company of his city is one of five firms which are alleged to have violated the pure food laws and is 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, Murdoch & 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 syrup to Dutert & Sorenson, grocer, Algona, Ia., and the Gowen company is charged with having sent a package of misbranded pneumonia cure to the Washington wholesale drug exchange of Washington, D. C. The Elyell 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 offense and \$300 fines or imprisonment for six months for subsequent offenses.

The firms named are: Reid, Murdoch & Co., two cases; the Elyell company, one case; John A. Tolman & Co., one case; the Gowen Medicine company, one case, and the Thompson & Taylor Spice company, two cases.

## BECKER AT THE HEAD

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—Major 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 \$7,099.

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.

## 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 Sohl street. The Rev. Switzer will officiate, and interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

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## 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 singing 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 present 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 board 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.

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The articles of agreement were signed by Messrs. Henry Roennen, John Pollmer and C. Markmiller for the Hammond Saengerbund, and Messrs. Max Noah, Otto H. Duekne 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.

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 clannish 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.

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## THE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS PAPER SAY THAT—

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

### SHOES.

Ort & 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.

Bastor & McGarry have two ads scattered through this paper. As there is no nothing comparable with jewelry as Christmas gifts it will be well to read the ads on pages 2 and 12.

### WHAT TO EAT.

Fred Kunkman, 88 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 Braunschweiger Leberwurst and Blutwurst sells for.

### MEAT.

The Hammond Meat Market, 99 State street, offers a special list of Saturday on page 2 ten pounds of fresh leaf lard at \$1.05 and Armour's Star cured hams at 11 1/2c per pound. Numerous other items in the meat line will be found.

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