



A Christmas Piano

No doubt there are those who have been thinking of buying a piano, but on account of the hard times could not see their way clear to do so. Things have now changed and the good times are upon us again and so are the holidays. If you are inclined to consider the piano question this year, your attention is called to the STARR and its pure, sweet quality of tone. We are prepared to offer you at this time the greatest possible piano value. An instrument that will be as good in every respect in the next ten or twenty years as it is the day you buy it. The STARR PIANO has made people happy at Christmas time for the past thirty-six years.

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UNKNOWN MAN TAKEN FROM LAKE MICHIGAN

Much Room For Speculation
As to His Manner
of Death.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 12.—Well-dressed, and having apparently been in the water but a few hours, the body of an unknown man was found in about three feet of water on the lake front at Pine Station early yesterday morning. The groomsman's find was made by Martin Friend, a teamster for the Indiana Harbor Lumber company, and Ray Stultz of Clark Station. They immediately reported the case to the Harbor police and the body was brought to the Krebs and Burns undertaking establishment yesterday afternoon. Coroner E. R. Gordon of Hobart held his autopsy at 5 o'clock last evening, returning a verdict of "death by drowning." He was unable to find any means of identifying the victim.

The body was found in a portion of the lake that is several miles distant from any piers, and the police believe that he either committed suicide by jumping from a small row boat or fell overboard from one of the large Gary-bound ore steamers. In the pockets of his trousers were found four cents and a copy of yesterday morning's "Chicago Examiner."

May Be of Irish Parentage.

The unknown victim is a man about five feet six inches tall and weighs 160 pounds. He possessed a sandy beard and had a high forehead, with the hair slightly tinged with gray. A man of about 40 years of age, he was dressed in a brown suit of underwear, covered with a pair of brown trousers and a blue woolen shirt. One red and one black mitten, found in a top coat pocket will likely be the only means of finding the man's relatives, this being the only unusual feature of his attire. The man is evidently of Irish parentage his features being characteristic of that nation. While no one could positively identify him last evening, several persons who called at the morgue declared that they had seen the man about Indiana Harbor several days ago, looking for work. The police departments of Gary and South Chicago have been notified of the ghastly find and Chief of Police Higgins expects to find some of the man's relatives within the next two days.

GARY STEED KILLS RIDER YESTERDAY.

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Hartwick declared that he would undertake to ride it from the steel town. He left Gary about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, remarking that if the horse "ever took it into his head to run away, his life would not be worth much." His words were apparently prophetic.

Hartwick Was Good Rider.

More than one citizen remarked upon the beauty of the horse and the ease with which its rider handled the reins. When the corner of One Hundred and Forty-first street and Forsyth avenue was reached, car No. 502 of the Whiting line approached the animal from the rear, and its noise evidently frightened the beast. Swerving to one side, Hartwick was thrown to the ground, immediately beneath the wheels of the car. The horse was struck on the haunches and will be of no use under the saddle for several weeks at least.

Motorman Cope and Conductor Montellus reported the accident to the police and were detained until brief statements could be taken from them concerning the details of the affair.

They were then released with instructions to appear at the corner's inquest, which will be held in this city this afternoon. The remains of Hartwick were then placed in a gunny-sack and carried to the undertaker's parlors. Here the ghastly results of the accident were exposed to the police, presenting one of the most grawsome sights ever witnessed by local morticians.

His Skull Was Crushed.

Hartwick's skull was crushed, the features being distorted and torn apart until recognition was practically impossible. Every bone in the man's body was broken, while deep, wide gashes in various parts of his body exposed to view the victim's vital organs.

To further complicate matters, no means of identification were found in the man's pockets. A gold watch and 65 cents in change were his only possessions, besides a November badge of General Teamsters' and Helpers' Union No. 742. It was by investigating the roll of this organization that Arnold was finally communicated with and the notification of Hartwick's wife made possible.

Coroner Gordon will conduct the inquest, and has issued subpoenas for Charles Reshan, James J. Nedli and Frank Greenwald, all of Whiting, who were on the car at the time the accident occurred. A Whiting woman was also on board, but failed to give her name to the police making the investigation. The verdict will doubtless be one of "accidental death," thus clearing the street car men from any connection with the occurrence. The Arnold horse is being cared for in the city barns, but will be taken to a South Chicago veterinary tomorrow.

Identified By Employer.

Mr. Arnold visited the undertaking parlors late last night and made positive identification of his man, informing the police that the unfortunate victim was 30 years of age and married. The family is reported in rather straightened circumstances and the details in the case have excited much sympathy for the bereaved wife. Arrangements will be made by the Teamsters' union to take charge of the funeral, which will probably be held in South Chicago tomorrow afternoon. It is not known whether Hartwick was a member of any other organization, although Mr. Arnold believes that he is a member of some Catholic fraternal and insurance society, who will doubtless care for the interests of the victim's wife.

GARY MERCHANTS TO HAVE A BLUE BOOK

Customers Will Be Rated in
Order That Credit May
Be Extended.

TO BE FINISHED BY JAN. 1ST

Storekeepers at Regular Meeting
Yesterday Afternoon Decide
to Close on Holidays.

The executive committee of the merchants' association met yesterday afternoon in the club room of the Gary hotel. After the transaction of the routine business, such as the allowance of bills, the great credit book system, which the merchants of Gary are about to establish was discussed. After the first of the year the merchants are planning to have every resident of Gary rated, so that they can be properly handled when they come to ask credit in purchasing goods.

It is planned to have this book ready for every merchant of the city by the first of the year. The work of compiling the data will fall upon the secretary who will be given reports from every merchant in the city on every person who trades at their stores. This data will then be compiled and the average opinion as to the standing of persons in the community among the merchants will be taken.

By the use of this plan the merchants believe that much of the money which is lost by extending credit to irresponsible persons will be eliminated. When one of the merchants loses on a creditor every merchant in the city will know about it so that the same person will not be able to cheat more than one merchant.

The merchants of the city also announced yesterday that their stores would be closed on Christmas and New Year's at 12 o'clock for the purpose of giving their employees a holiday and respect for the day.

ELECT UNION OFFICERS

W. H. Kliver Declines Third
Terms as President
For Carpenters.

The annual election of officers for the carpenters union of Gary was held on Thursday night at their regular meeting. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are: President W. W. Dicks; vice president, Elmer Reed; recording secretary, E. F. Fisher; financial secretary, William Wolf; treasurer, S. B. Stewart; conductor, Henry Parnau; warden, L. Anderson. Three officers, auditor, trustee and delegate to the district convention, are yet to be elected.

The new president, W. W. Dicks, succeeds William H. Kliver, representative-elect, who refused to run for a third term owing to his enforced absence from the city for two months during the sitting of the legislature. Mr. Dicks, however, is a capable young man and the union feels that its selection has been fortunate.

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