

YES, IT WAS ENOUGH TO KILL HIM

Gary Man Buys Carbolic Acid With Suicidal Intent, and Asks Pertinent Question Before Leaving Drug Store; Clerk Has no Suspicion.

LEAVES MYSTERIOUS NOTE FOR FRIENDS

Reads "After Seven Years of" and Then Stops There—Victim Is William Deneen, Foreman for Green & Sons Company—Death Follows a Debauch With Companions.

With a smiling countenance, William Deneen left a Gary drug store yesterday noon with an ounce bottle of carbolic acid in his pocket which he had just purchased. As he turned to leave the store he inquired: "Is this enough to kill a man?" A half hour later the clerk who sold the drug identified a lifeless form in the morgue as the man who had purchased the acid.

William Deneen, a foreman for the Green & Sons company, the big sewer contractors, drank the carbolic acid as he lay on his bed in a shack at Eleventh and Massachusetts street. His death came instantly, although several of his comrades worked incessantly for fifteen minutes on his body until a physician could be called.

Death Follows Debauch.

The suicide of Deneen followed in a long debauch with a number of his comrades. All of the men in the shack had been drinking all day Saturday, nearly all night Saturday night and again Sunday morning. During all this time, however, Deneen did not intimate in any way that he was despondent. None of his friends could guess his purpose when he went down to the drug store and returned in a few minutes, ready to take his own life. They did not even grow suspicious when the man called out to them: "Goodby, boys; I'm going!" just as he drank the fatal liquid.

The acid was procured at a local drug store shortly after noon. The clerk tested at the inquest that the man seemed perfectly sober at the time he asked for the acid and that he was not suspicious of him in the least. The man laid down ten cents on the counter, probably the last sum of change he had, and took the bottle labeled poison and walked towards the door.

Tells Friends "Goodby."

Just as he started to open the door, Deneen turned around, and with a smile, asked the clerk if the acid in the bottle would be enough to kill him.

"I should say so," answered the clerk. "But if I thought for a second that you wanted it for that purpose you would never get past that door." Deneen did not reply, but left the store at once and hurried down the street. The next heard of the man he was lying in the morgue.

As soon as the acid was taken and he had yelled "goodby" to his friends in the next room of the shack Christopher Riley and Joe McCarty, who were in the next room, suspected that everything was not right. They investigated and found their friend dying. He was at once carried out into the open air where they pounded his back and forced water down his throat in an effort to induce him to vomit. His death was almost instantaneous.

Leaves Message Undone.

The only message left by Deneen was on a piece of wrapping paper written in an almost illegible manner. He was either very nervous or weak at the time from his long debauch, as the more he wrote the worse the writing became. As near as could be deciphered the following was on the paper:

"Rooney (his alias),

"Dec. 12, 1908.

"Goodby, kind friends.

"After seven years of"—this sentence was never finished. It might be possible that he intended to write a confession of some kind but did not have the courage to finish it. What he intended to say will never be known, although that might have had something to do with the suicide.

The body was removed to Jones' morgue, and the police notified relatives in Chicago. The deceased has a brother working on the Chicago fire department, and other relatives in and about Chicago. Deneen has been employed by Green & Son for seven years.

WHITING IS READY TO CARE FOR POOR

Relief and Aid Society Is Now Permanently Organized.

CONSTITUTION IS ADOPTED

Several Cases of Destitution Are Already Reported and Have Been Looked After.

(Special to THE TIMES) Whiting, Ind., Dec. 14.—The Whiting Relief and Aid society held their second monthly meeting on Friday night in the parlors of the Congregational church.

The main feature of the meeting was the acceptance of the constitution drafted by the committee, composed of Rev. F. M. Webster, Masters, William Greatrake and James M. Smith.

The object of the society, as stated in article III of the constitution, "is to provide effective means to alleviate the suffering of the needy; to minister to the sick, and in every way lend a helping hand to our neighbor in distress."

Article five, regarding the membership, says that "any person a resident of Whiting, Robertsdale, Wilcox or Stiegeltz Park, may become a member of the society by application to any member of the board, either personally or through another member."

No Direct Taxes.

Article six, dealing with the funds, says, "There is no initiation fee nor will there be direct tax levied. The methods of obtaining funds will be:

"(a) By free will offerings of money, etc.

"(b) Contributions of clothing, fuel, etc.

"(c) By entertainments under the auspices of the society.

"(d) By any means that the executive board may arrange."

The annual meeting of the society, as designated in the constitution, will be held on the Tuesday preceding Thanksgiving of each year, when the election of officers will take place.

The regular meeting will be held once each month, which shall be the first Tuesday of the month, at 8 o'clock p.m.

The scope of the society will take in all cases in Whiting, Robertsdale, Stiegeltz Park and Wilcox. This is much more territory than it was at first thought to be able to cover, but as it is a Whiting society it can be seen that the acts of charity will also include Hammond and East Chicago territory.

Three cases were reported at the Klemm case of Robertsdale, a Finnish family living at 422 Fred street, and a Polish family.

Cause is a Most Worthy One.

Dr. Kohn of Robertsdale, who is vice president of the society, said he did not think it necessary for the society to take action in the Klemm case, as the children had been made quite comfortable by kind-hearted citizens and arrangements had already been made to send them to a home.

The Fred street family is in need of fuel, the father having gone away to seek employment.

An interpreter was sent over to converse with the woman and she will be given coal. The relief society will also look into the case of the foreign family.

Much suffering will undoubtedly be saved this winter by the work of this society, and persons having any donations to make will do well to give to this society, knowing it will go for a good cause, and perhaps save a suffering fellow man.

CHORAL SOCIETY WORKING HARD

Christmas Exercises Being Arranged by East Chicago Musicians.

(Special to THE TIMES)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 12.—The choral society of the East Chicago Congregational church are working energetically towards the completion of their cantata, which will be presented to the public on next Wednesday evening.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the use of the church and choir. The society expects to clear a net sum from their efforts.

The cantata is of sacred composition, entitled "The Coming of the King," by Dudley Buck. Opening with the Noel prelude, solos dealing with the birth of Christ and his subsequent discovery by the three wise men will be rendered by the choral society soloists and the general chorus. Miss Townsend will render the contralto solo, and James O. Parks and Evan Lloyd are to sing the tenor and bass solos. The choral society is one of twenty-five voices, all well trained by the director, Miss Mary A. Stone, who is also teacher of music in the East Chicago public schools.

Following the rendition of the cantata, a program of especial merit has been prepared, at which both local and neighboring city talents will be in evidence. Mrs. H. L. McCoy of Magoun avenue has consented to give several readings, as will also Miss Mary Leo Morrison of Whiting. Miss Neilson of South Chicago, who is particularly well known throughout the Calumet region, will render some of her pleasing violin solos, while other musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, will be rendered by East Chicagoans.

The program will be given in the Congregational church, corner of One Hundred and Forty-fifth and Magoun avenues, and an admission fee of 25 cents will be charged.

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SELECTS SIX MEN TODAY

Gary's New Chief, Joseph Feeley, Has Ten Applicants to Choose From; All Have Had Some Training in the Past.

DEPARTMENT TO BE ON DUTY TOMORROW

Temporary Station Is Completed By Contractor Gallagher Today—Will Accommodate Hose and Chemical Wagons—Big Fire Alarm Will Be Installed.

Today Chief of the Gary Fire Department Joseph Feeley will select six men from the list of ten applicants who will compose Gary's first paid fire department.

By tonight the new fire station, being erected by Contractor Gallagher, will be finished and tomorrow the men will be housed in the new station. These are the men from Chief Feeley will select his fire fighting force: G. H. Baldwin, Oscar Olson, E. L. Elderkine, F. L. Undre, L. M. Lovejoy, J. W. Duncan, Stephen Geresy, James B. Frazer and E. C. Naylor.

The selection of the men, all that is required by the board of town trustees is that Chief Feeley must select the best force of fire fighters he can obtain, and he will be held responsible. Religion and politics will not be taken into consideration, but the active qualities of the men and their ability to cope with the drills which they will be put through today will mean much in their selection on the force.

On Duty Tomorrow.

The hose wagon has arrived and together with the chemical wagons and other fire fighting paraphernalia, will be placed in the new station today. Stoves have been purchased and a bunk room has been arranged in the second story of the station, so that by Tuesday night the men will commence duty at the station and will be ready for their first call for fire.

A big fire alarm will be placed in the town which will be sounded whenever a fire occurs.

\$20,000 CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED TODAY

Ten Bids in Hands of the Builders of the Mast Block.

MORE RESIDENCE BUILDING

Attorney Frank C. Gavit of Whiting Orders Construction of Ten Homes—Is \$25,000 Job.

Today at 4 o'clock in the offices of Architect C. E. Kendricks, the contract for the erection of the Mast building, which will cost from \$18,000 to \$20,000, will be awarded.

It is understood that there are at least ten contractors figuring on securing the contract and the competition will be lively. The foundation of the new building is already in, and as soon as the contract is awarded work will be started and rushed until completion.

The Mast building is situated on Broadway, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, next to the John O. Bowers building now under construction. It will be a three-story brick with offices on the second floor and flats on the third. It is said the front decoration of the building will be the finest of any in Gary.

The Smith Construction company of Gary was awarded the contract on Saturday for ten brick story and a half houses for Frank Gavit of Whiting, to be erected near Twenty-second and Jefferson streets at Gary. There were ten bids received on the contract, but the Smith company underbid the other contractors and the sole contract by \$4,000. The new residences will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000 and will be the best in that section of the town and will be used by Mr. Gavit for renting purposes. Architect J. J. Verplank is the designer of the new residences.

Birth of Slavery in United States. Slavery began in the United States in 1619, when a Dutch trading vessel sold 20 negroes in Virginia.

WILL WORK FOR WICKEY

Interest in Contest Instituted By Ed Simon Growing.

(Special to THE TIMES) East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 14.—Attorney George W. Cromer, of Indianapolis, arrived in East Chicago yesterday and was in conference with Attorney A. O. Oettemiller and Representative E. W. Wickey relative to the trial of the Simon-Wickey legislative contest at Crown Point today. Mr. Cromer is an ex-congressman and is in Lake county in the interests of the republican state committee. In the southern part of the state, it is believed that the contest is instituted by the democratic party not so much for the overthrow of Mr. Wickey's candidacy but for the defeat of a few republican candidates who

were elected by a few hundred majority. It is these doubtful ones that Mr. Cromer will represent in the future hearings of the contest. He is confident that Mr. Wickey will retain his seat in the house and will use every energy in securing the positive holding of office by every elected republican.

The two justices who will try the case expect to be busy for at least two weeks, as it is believed every vote cast will be brought as evidence, and its validity or invalidity proven to the satisfaction of the trial court. The contest is arousing much more inquiry in other states than in Lake county.

"In Washington," says Mr. Wickey, "I was besieged by newspaper men, as

soon as they associated me with the

contest, and was interviewed by them

on every possible angle of the affair;

There is a great deal more interest

shown in the capital city than in East

Chicago, where it is readily believed

that Mr. Simon's defeat will be made

doubtly sure."

JOIN THE ARMY WHO HAVE TRIED TIMES WANT ADS AND HAVE NOT FOUND THEM WANTING.

MAY BE MR. DAUGHERTY

Auditor Johnson Reported to Be Ready to Make Changes.

(Special to THE TIMES) Crown Point Ind., Dec. 14.—A report circulated yesterday says that Charles J. Daugherty, ex-sheriff of Lake county, Johnson's last regime, and that John Wise is getting the hobbles on the office of sheriff of the circuit court in the event of a vacancy being caused by the present incumbent getting the office of sheriff's plum. Mr. Daugherty has had long standing in clerical and matters pertaining to the office work of the courthouse and would be an ideal man for the situation, and his many friends would like to see him in the office if he wants it. An unconfirmed

rumor has it that Fred Furman, who took an active part in the recent political campaign in Center township, has been rewarded for his activities by getting the deputy sheriff's plum for the central part of Lake county, to begin with the seating of Thomas Grant, the present sheriff-elect. Fred is conversant with the duties and routine of the office and if the rumor is true, will no doubt fill the position favorably. The report, although unofficial, has gained wide circulation and is given credence among those who are near the firing line.

Luck and the Gambler.
Luck is another name for superstition. The whole betting mania is based on pure superstitious belief in a blind chance that will somehow turn and help a fellow out some time. And that's why the innocent victims keep coming in a never-ending stream, beginning to be shorn. And verily, they are not disappointed.

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