

WEATHER.
Fair and cooler, preceded
showers today; fresh west-
erly winds.

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DEMOCRATS GET SHOCK IN HUB ELECTION CONTEST

Indianapolis Attorney Grabs Hold Of
A Live Wire In U. S. Deputy Fed-
eral Clerk Surprise Today

DEMOCRATS BROUGHT IN CASE AS NATURALIZERS

Alleged Election Fraud Hearing at Crown Point So Far
Is Source of Much Satisfaction to the Ma-
rked Republicans of Lake County.

Deputy Clerk Surprise's List of Men Who Were Naturalized

Democrats:
E. D. Brandenburg, Hammond.
Dante Haralovich, Hammond.
John Krupa, East Chicago.
Walter Riley, Indiana Harbor.
John S. Rae, Hammond.
Mr. Fuzzy, East Chicago.
Mr. Fuzzy, East Chicago.
M. M. Deutschich, Gary.
Attorney Hunter, Gary.
Mr. L. L. Loring, Hammond.
Mr. Edward M. Miller.
John Colosama, Gary.
John Fueta, Whiting.
John Gibson, Hammond.
John Campian, Indiana Harbor.
Steve Sabo, Whiting.
James Cottrell, Gary.
J. J. Mather, Gary.
John Lundquist, Hammond.
A. J. Lundquist, Indiana Harbor.

(By THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.)

Down at classic Crown Point the Simon-Wickey fray is the attraction for Indiana politicians regardless of party affiliations in these days. Resulting from the democratic attacks—the outgrowth of defeat—the Lake county republican leaders have been reprehensibly denounced and branded up and down the state by the democrats, who have shouted "wolf" so much that they believe their own foul insinuations of republican fraud. The contest never worried the republicans. Their day dawned yesterday. The sun set on it last night, but it dawned again today. The democrats learned that they have bitten off more than they can chew. Facts that blister and burn came out today. There is a whole scorching shell and sharpel battery of them held in reserve.

The black frying pan, which has been hurling abusive epithets at the sooty kettle ever since election, was brought up with a sharp clank at Crown Point yesterday in the alleged election fraud investigation now going on before Justices Fisher and Reiland. Incidentally, Henry Seyfried, the attorney for the defeated democratic state candidates who hope to squeeze into office, put his foot into it. To be more explicit, he put both feet into it. If you ever deftly and unwittingly inserted a piece of hot boiled potato into your mouth at a hasty dinner, when you wanted to catch a train, and you particularly wanted to make someone think it didn't hurt, and wanted to laugh at some bon mot while suffering excruciatingly, then you know how one Seyfried felt.

SURPRISE WAS A TARTAR.

The democratic attorney caught a Tartar in United States Deputy Federal Court Clerk Charles Surprise of Hammond. Mr. Surprise looks young and innocent, but it would take a number like Seyfried to bluff or intimidate him. In the testimony introduced yesterday and today at the county seat, several little surprises have been unclashed, and Pater Surprise did the stripping. It made Mr. Seyfried squirm and nearly made him blush. "Now, Mr. Surprise," said Seyfried in his most pompous fashion—they were on the question as to who had charge of the foreigners brought into Mr. Surprise's office to be naturalized—"tell us who the 'big fry' were who brought these gangs to be naturalized!" (Of course, Seyfried had reference to the republican leaders, whom he facetiously dubbed "small fry").

Now comes the passionate potato. "Well," said Mr. Surprise, "some of them were Sam Abelman, A. J. Lundquist, Jacob Schlosser, Nick Lauer, Judge W. W. McMahon, Bruno Schreiber, E. D. Brandenburg, Arden Dearhoyne, Mr. Fuzzy, John L. Rhode, and John Koscer." Note well that the blackfaced names are democrats. "Some of these are democrats," said Seyfried. "Yes; seven of them are," retorted Mr. Surprise, and the republicans in the little courtroom chortled joyously. Mr. Seyfried started on another tack. Mr. Surprise had made him gape. He let the fiery potato drop. Some of the democrats had imagined that the United States deputy federal clerk would dodge the examination.

DEPLORED LACK OF MONEY FOR EXPENSE.

In fact, Mr. Seyfried asked the official whether or not he claimed exemption under the federal statute which makes it lawful to refuse to answer a question of it was self-incriminating. Mr. Surprise answered that he had absolutely nothing to fear and would answer all questions. It also developed today that many of the men who brought in foreigners did the interpreting. Some of these were democrats. Seyfried thought he had another corker for Surprise when he said, "Did you ever mail papers to republican headquarters?" "I did," answered the official. "I also mailed them to democrats as well."

Then Mr. Surprise shot another Joyian bolt at Mr. Seyfried. He told that Judge McMahon of Hammond said: "I have 400 men in Gary; what sort of a race can you make?" Mr. Surprise told him that he couldn't make him any. The democrats were evidently looking for bargain counter days.

When County Chairman Dick Schaaf was put on the stand, his testimony was hard as nails for the contestants. He swore that he had no intention of voting "illegal" and informed his quizzer that he had been specifically instructed not to get any papers for any man not entitled thereto, and he so guided his lieutenants. Mr. Seyfried didn't want Mr. Schaaf very much.

Some other gingerly testimony is to be brought out today, that made the precinct in Hammond illegal votes were cast. This is the sweet-scented place, where, it has been said, that \$500 was spent by the democrats the day before election. This is the place where John Papp got his work. This is the place where Taft carried the precinct by 100 and the state ticket went 100 democratic. This is the place where the democrats told the foreigners, if you want free vote, vote for Marshall.

DEPUTY CLERK HAD NO FEAR.

Attorney Cromer brought out these facts. He brought out that J. L. Rohde of Hammond had asked Mr. Surprise to "have plenty 'anks ready if we get the money." Mr. Surprise declares that Mr. Rohde said, pathetically, "Charley, we just haven't got the money or we'd bring them over." This has been the republican claim all along—that the democrats would have voted the foreigners in droves if they had had the money to pay the expenses. In the meantime, some more tobacco testimony is on deck. The republicans have not shot all their ammunition yet. Attorneys Cromer and J. F. Meeker will do a little bombing on their own account. The cross-examination of Mr. Surprise has been severe. County Chairman Schaaf and William Hastings were subpoenaed this morning to appear before that commission.

The twin tribunal will sit at Crown Point until 9 o'clock tonight to complete the examination of Mr. Surprise. It is estimated that next week will be consumed before the testimony is all in. The contest is attracting great attention all over the county and the state in fact. Much hinges on it. But the democrats are not as jubilant as they were. It doesn't do to cackle before the egg is laid.

DENOUNCES NEW YORK WORLD.

LAKE SUPERIOR COURT.

(Social to The Times.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt sent a social message to con-
gress today denouncing the Panama
canal scandal story dug up by the New
York World, Indianapolis News, Cleve-
land Journal and other papers. He ad-
vocated the prosecution of the New
York World.

New Cases.

5274. Thatchers Furnace Co. vs. Mon-
arch Hardware Co.
5275. Thomas Johnson et al. vs. Chi-
cago, Cincinnati & Louisville Railway
Co. Cyl.
5276. Richard Adams vs. John Bren-
nock. Civil.

LOCATE SLAYER OF KOVAC

Extradition Papers Will Be
Asked for Today by Sher-
iff Carter to Arrest Anton
Zacher, Who Killed Wife's
Paramour.

WHITING SCENE OF FOREIGNER'S TRAGEDY

One Day More Than a Year Ago the
Husband Came Home and Found
an Affinity Seeker in His Home—
He Shot Him Immediately Upon
Sight.

Chief of Police Lawler of Whiting and Sheriff F. S. Carter went to Indianapolis this morning, where they will get out requisition papers for Anton Zacher, who murdered Steve Kovac of Whiting Oct. 26, 1907. Zacher has been located in a town in Ohio, near Toledo, and the local officers are confident of effecting his capture.

The murder, which occurred in Whiting a year and a half ago, was the result of a love affair in which two men and one woman figured. Steve Kovac was in love with Anton Zacher's wife. For a time he boarded at the Zacher residence, but finally Steve Kovac became aware of the fact that Kovac was trying to win his wife away from him and he ordered him out of the house.

One day when Zacher came home unexpectedly he discovered that Kovac was in the house with his wife. He promptly shot him dead and made his escape. The police made an effort to locate the murderer, but were not able to do so.

After the murder the wife of Anton Zacher created a serio-comic scene when she went to the undertaking establishment in Whiting where her sweetheart's body lay and wept hysterically. When some one asked her why she wept so over the death of one who was not her husband she said that she had lost both her husband and her lover. Her lover had been shot and her husband had been forced to flee for his life.

Just recently Chief of Police Lawler of Whiting learned the whereabouts of the murderer and he communicated with Sheriff F. S. Carter regarding the matter. Today the two went to Indianapolis for the purpose of securing the requisition papers and if the law takes its course it is possible that both Mrs. Zacher's lover and her husband will be permanently removed from here as a result of her actions.

DOCTOR DRILLS FOR OIL

Chicago Man Has Faith in
Project Now Being Car-
ried on in Cady Marsh.

The people of the southern part of North and Calumet townships are very much interested in the fact that Dr. Brown of Chicago is again drilling for oil in the Cady marsh near Maynard.

Dr. Brown has great faith in the work he is carrying on and believes that he will strike oil if he goes down far enough. It is said that his drillers have already gone down 900 feet in the effort to strike oil.

Several years ago Dr. Brown hired some drillers to make an effort to find oil in the vicinity of the Cady marsh. After they had done a certain amount of work they suddenly abandoned the job and disappeared in a mysterious manner leaving \$400 in money which was coming to them.

This story has been told again and again and it has always been suspected that some one who was interested in keeping down the production of oil had bought off the drilling crew.

The doctor has begun drilling again and he thinks he will strike oil in the near future. The whole neighborhood is interested in the venture.

Joe Coneya Re-Arrested.

Joe Coneya, who was arrested some time ago and fined \$25 and costs for assaulting his employer, paid his fine and was again arrested on a surety of peace charge. The case came up in Judge Prest's court and Coneya was

LAST DAY FOR CHARTER MEMBERS

Old Masonic Temple to Be
Converted Into Ath-
letic Quarters.

The members of the Hammond Athletic club last evening decided to rent the entire third of the Old Masonic temple, owned by Dr. Clark, and will convert it into the finest club room in the city.

This action is probably the most important that has taken place since the club was organized and makes it possible for the members to go on with the organization of the various departments of club activity.

The lease will be arranged with the doctor in the near future and the quarters will be occupied by the club as soon as possible. The committee, which was appointed to buy furniture, will go ahead and make its purchases, and it will not be long before the club members will be in a position to hold a stag in their own quarters.

Today is the last day for the admission of charter members at the rate of \$5 "per" and after today those who become members will have to pay \$5 for the privilege.

Will Make Improvements.

Dr. Clark has promised to make certain improvements in the near future, which will add greatly to the advantage of the new quarters and as soon as possible the entire third floor will be turned over to the club members.

At the present time there are several secret orders, including the Modern Woodmen, the Owls and several others, which are occupying one of the halls and their leases will be turned over to the Hammond Athletic club.

The prospects of the new organization were never brighter and with a rapid increase in membership it is expected that the club will become one of the largest and most influential in the city.

DEATH OF MRS. J. K. VOLK

Patient Sufferer Is to Be
Buried Thursday at
Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. John K. Volk of 271 Douglas street, who died yesterday forenoon at her home will be buried next Thursday morning in Greenwood cemetery.

Mrs. Volk died after an illness lasting for several months, her last few weeks especially having caused her considerable suffering. She leaves a husband and four children.

Having been a member of the Rosary society of All Saints' church she will be buried under the auspices of that body next Thursday morning. The body will be taken to All Saints church where a requiem high mass will be held at 8 o'clock in the morning. Interment will be at Greenwood cemetery.

HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Simplex Benefit Association
Elects Nick Lynch
President.

The Simplex Benefit club held its annual meeting last evening at Chopin hall, and at the same time elected its officers for the ensuing year. The club, which has enjoyed an existence of six years, is in a flourishing condition and is now at the beginning of what promises to be another successful year.

The officers and directors for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—Nick Lynch.
Vice-president—Henry Radloff.
Secretary—Peter Ripley.
Treasurer—William Thomas.
Board of directors—Albert Walter, chairman; Max Haberman, Oliver North, Ralph Spencer and Ed. Venske.

THIRTY THIRDERS VISIT THE HAMMOND MASONIC

Temple Degree Work Brings Out a
Large Crowd to Masonic Temple.

The Temple degree work brought out a good attendance of the Hammond commandery and a good program was carried out.

The commandery holds an election of officers next Monday evening.

SUES RAILROAD FOR DAMAGES.

Thomas Johnson is suing the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville railroad for \$100 damages which he claims was done to his farm and crops when the railroad went through his property.

He claims that they dug post-holes and threw the dirt on his fields and destroyed the crops for a distance of several acres on each side of the right-of-way.

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BRUCE IS CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Hammond Lawyer Believes
He Is About to Secure the
Release of Murderer Who
Was Sent Up for Life
From Lake County.

Attorney Milo Bruce, who has been so persistent in his efforts to secure the release of Constantine Stathacopoulos, who killed Demetrios Kokklinatos, by stabbing him in the breast two years ago, thinks that he is about to secure the release of the prisoner.

Attorney Bruce claims that the stabbing was done in self-defense. Prosecuting Attorney D. E. Boone secured the conviction of Stathacopoulos on the charge of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced to be hanged, but was later reprieved and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mr. Bruce now thinks that he can secure the release of the prisoner. He is securing the signature of practically all of the jurors who tried the case to a petition to the pardon board asking that the prisoner be pardoned.

It is said that Prosecuting Attorney D. E. Boone will also agree to the pardoning of the prisoner on the grounds that there was considerable provocation for the assault.

Up to Board of Pardons.

The matter will be taken before the board of pardons after the holidays and with the assistance he has secured Mr. Bruce expects to secure the release of his client.

Mr. Bruce has made several other attempts to secure the release of Stathacopoulos, but has not been entirely successful. He has stuck by his man religiously, however, and he soon expects to be rewarded by seeing him released.

It is said that the fight was precipitated while the two men were working together in the Gibson railroad yards near here. They were both wheeling barrels and Kokklinatos persisted in dumping over Stathacopoulos' wheelbarrow.

This interference lead to a fight and in the melee Kokklinatos was fatally stabbed with a small knife.

LIBRARY LECTURE COURSE ASSURED

First Evening Has Been Set

for Wednesday, Jan.

Sixth.

The library lecture course, mention of which was made in THE TIMES yesterday, is assured, final arrangements and plans having been made at the library trustees' meeting yesterday afternoon. A committee was appointed to furnish the assembly hall on the second floor of the building with the necessary chairs and tables and the first lecture arranged for the first Wednesday evening in January, which will be on the 6th. After that date they will be weekly feature, coming regularly on a Wednesday evening. The program for the first two months has been practically arranged and contains and includes a musical which will be given on the first Wednesday night of February. Mrs. Joseph Bach will be in charge of the musical, which also will be a regular event throughout the year.

While the committee, consisting of Dr. Howatt, Rev. C. A. Smith and Mrs. Mary Holm, already have assurances from the leading professional and business men of Hammond that they would dedicate an evening to the cause, the speaker for the evening is still in doubt. A number of the lecturers have several subjects which they can discuss with equal authority.

It is probable that in the course of time an organization will be formed under whose auspices these lectures will be given. For the present the committee, however, will be in charge.

Business Men Are Awake.

The library lecture course, after being announced through the press last night, has caused quite a stir in that circle which has the welfare of Hammond at heart, and the indications are that it will be well received. It was surprising to some that some of the business and manufacturing men took up the matter so readily. This is said to be the surest sign that the project has struck a right chord and that it will get away from the pedantic sessions to which people go just because they "belong."

One man, who is very enthusiastic about the course, said:

"I am glad to see the business men come to the front in this matter in the way they are. The course would have been very good with just professional men on the lecture platform, but who is there to say that with the business men added to it that it will not be better. I venture to say that they will add about as much snap and ginger as any class of men could add."

ICE COMPANY MUST PAY THE \$9,000

George Gray of Hammond
Again Wins His Suit
Against K. I. Co.

The supreme court of Indiana has denied a rehearing in the case of the Knickerbocker Ice company vs. George Gray, which was tried twice before Judge H. B. Tuthill in this city. Gray was given a verdict at the second trial in the amount of \$9