

WEATHER.
Partly cloudy today and
Sunday; colder today; fresh
southwest winds.

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SELLS FOR \$6,000 PER 100 FEET

Leo Wolf Buys Acreage on
Hohman Street for \$60
Per Front Foot, and Sale
Breaks All Records for
Homewood Property.

W.G. PAXTON WILL ERECT SPLENDID HOME

Negotiations Are on Foot For Pur-
chase of Entire Block on Hohman
Street Between Charlotte and De-
troit, Including All Side Street
Lots as Well.

Two real estate deals on South Hoh-
man street, south of Harrison Park,
were made this morning and are among
the most important transfers in resi-
dence property that have ever been
made in this region.

Leo Wolf of the firm of Kaufmann
& Wolf, next to Walter Hammond, pur-
chased 100 feet of Hohman street front-
age from Peter Crumacker for the re-
cord-breaking price of \$6,000, or \$60
a foot.

Paxton Buys from Ihach.
At the same time Mr. W. G. Paxton
of this city purchased from J. G. Ihach,
who represents the Webb properties,
seven lots, including the northwest cor-
ner of Charlotte and Hohman streets,
and will build a magnificent residence
on the property in the near future.

F. Richard Schaaf and Mr. Paxton
will own the entire corner and it is
understood that Mr. Paxton will have
one of the finest suburban homes in
the city when he finally builds and im-
proves the property.

Mr. Paxton has also purchased four
lots in the rear of the seven lots he has
purchased on Hohman street and it is
his intention, if possible, to have the
alley moved back so that the house can
be set way back from the street.

Other Negotiations on Foot.
It is understood that negotiations
are on foot for the purchase of the
entire block west of Hohman street
and between Charlotte and Detroit
streets. This deal would include not
only the Hohman street frontage, but
all of the side street lots as well.

Should this sale be consummated it
would mean that all of the available
Hohman street frontage on the west
side of the street would be sold and on
the east side of the street there are
only a few lots left in the South
Homewood addition and in the Webb
holdings excepting, of course, the Dyer
property, which is not yet on the
market.

DEATH OF WHITING MAN.

Whiting, Dec. 18.—(Special).—The fu-
neral of W. F. Hall, who died yester-
day after an illness of several years,
during which time he suffered with
cancer of the stomach, will be buried
tomorrow afternoon. The funeral ser-
vices will be held at the Whiting M. E.
church at 1 o'clock. Interment will be
at Oak Hill cemetery.

NELSON N. LAMPERT.



RE-ELECTED BY SHRINERS.
Nelson Norman Lampert, well-known
in Hammond, was unanimously re-
elected illustrious potentate of Medi-
nah temple, Mystic Shrine of Chicago,
last night. This temple is the wealth-
iest and largest in the world, having a
membership of nearly 8,000. Mr. Lam-
pert is vice president of the Fort Dear-
born National bank, where he started
as a messenger twenty years ago.

SUIT TO BREAK THE WILL

Hammond Lady Is One of
Defendants in Million
Dollar Lawsuit Now on
Trial in Warren-Benton
County Circuit Court.

TWO OF DAUGHTERS CONTEST HAWKINS WILL

Contestants Declare That Undue In-
fluence Was Exerted on Decedent
In Making of Will Which Stipu-
lates That Residue Shall Go to
Grandchildren of Testatrix.

Mrs. Charles Jewell, 135 Webb street,
Hammond, is one of the defendants in a
suit which has been begun against
the Lafayette Loan and Trust company
to break the will of her mother, Mrs.
Jane Hawkins of Earl Park, who is said
to have been the richest woman land-
owner in Indiana.

The Lafayette Loan and Trust com-
pany was made defendant in the suit
for the reason that it is the executor
of the estate of the dead woman. The
estate is valued at \$1,000,000.

Will Contest Now On.
Mrs. Jewell of Hammond was one of
the four daughters who was left this
vast property. The contest to break the
will is now in progress in the Warren-
Benton county circuit court at Wil-
liamsport. Mrs. Jane Hawkins died
several months ago.

To each of her four daughters she
left a quarter section of land and a
dwelling, as well as a life estate in
many acres of valuable real estate in
Benton and surrounding counties. To
a son of Edward Hawkins, a deceased
son of Mrs. Hawkins, she left an en-
tire section of land. All the bequests
with the exception of that in which
she gave her daughters a life interest,
were given free simple. Two of the
daughters objected to a life interest
in the residue of the property and
decide to break the will. They are
Mrs. George H. Hart and Mrs. John L.
Bond of Earl Park. The other two
daughters, Mrs. W. C. Dutton of Ben-
ton county, and Mrs. Charles Jewell of
Hammond, decided to stand by the will.

Trust Company Also Defendant.
The Lafayette Loan and Trust com-
pany is defendant in the proceedings.
Much testimony is being introduced by
both sides, and the case may continue
until next week. The contestants de-
clare undue influence was exerted over
Mrs. Hawkins in the making of her
will, which stipulates that the residue
of the property shall go to the grand-
children of the testatrix at the death
of her daughters.

DOE TO THE TELEPHONE

Imperfect Connection With
Crown Point Responsible
For Misquotations.

Owing to an imperfect telephone con-
nection with Crown Point yesterday
afternoon in obtaining the day's result
of the election contest there, Secretary
Nick Lauer's testimony was erroneously
quoted. Mr. Lauer was credited with
the statement that "He had naturalized
180 foreigners," when it should have
been "We (the democrats) had natural-
ized 180 foreigners." Of course, this
puts a different aspect on the situation
as far as Mr. Lauer is concerned and
THE TIMES is glad to set the general
democratic secretary right in regard to
the testimony. Mr. Lauer testified be-
fore the commission that he, personally,
had naturalized two aliens and he
states that one of these was an Eng-
lishman and one an Italian.

PETER J. LYON GIVEN A CHANCE TO HURL JAVLINS.

Was Placed on Stand Yesterday and
Will Go on Again Monday in
Simon-Wickey Contest.

Peter Lyons, the present city engi-
neer of Hammond, and one of the cogs
in the local democratic machine, was
placed on the stand yesterday after-
noon on the fifth day of the Simon-
Wickey contest.

The testimony, which Mr. Lyons in-
troduced, was of relatively little im-
portance even though he did make a
trip to New York with some papers
and brought quite a bundle back with
him.

Mr. Lyons will continue his testimony
next Monday. There was no session
of the board of commissioners today,
but the contest will be taken up again
next week.

WAS GOSTLIN IN CHICAGO TODAY?

Report Circulated That
Postmaster Has Been
Practicing.

MANY OTHERS IN TRAINING

Big Scores Are Run Up at Brad-
ford Alleys In Anticipation
of Event.

The great bowling contest by which
the new alleys in the Masonic temple
are to be opened is attracting attention
all over the city. The prominence of
the men who will bowl and the pros-
pect of having a great time while the
contest is going on will attract Masons
and their friends from all over the
city.

One of the developments of the day
is the fact that A. M. Turner learned
late this morning that Postmaster Billy
Gostlin, the man with whom he is to
contest, has been in Chicago for twenty-
four hours, practicing up.

It is understood that Bill O'Rourke
and C. R. Stevens at the gas office have
been bowling all morning with arc
light globes to get into trim for their
contest.

Bob Kidney and Otto Rabe are also
training for their part of the exhibition.
There are others, including Superin-
tendent McDaniel, Dr. Fox, Dr. Sharrer
and Sam Bell, who are bowling regu-
larly at the Bradford alleys in prepa-
ration for this evening's contest. At
the oyster supper, which is to be served
in the temple after the games, the
winners will sit on one side of the ta-
ble and the losers at the other.

Great Interest in Game.
Since the bowling craze was started
in the Bradford alleys in this city
the business and professional men have
become very much interested in the
game. Last evening Fred Newell, who
is scheduled for a contest with Atter-
ney W. J. McAleer for honors on the
Masonic alleys, ran up a score of 268.

This is a magnificent record and is
the best score that has been made in
Hammond in recent years. Even Pub-
lic School Superintendent McDaniel
tried his prowess on the Bradford al-
leys and was able to score 168.

Already arrangements have been made
that 20 prominent business men
will bowl against thirty others for the
honors and a good supper and this will
make sixty bowlers in all.

The new balls and pins have arrived
and the alleys have been put in the
best possible condition for the contest.

LADY HAS NEAR ESCAPE

Grocery Horse Creates a
Scene on South Hohman
Street Today.

A runaway which occurred this morn-
ing in the heart of the city, came near
planning a lady between Ruff's hard-
ware building and the wagon. The
lady did not see the horse coming un-
til it was upon her and had little time
to escape being hurt.

The runaway started from behind
the courthouse, where George Houser,
the driver for Humphreys Bros. grocery,
was making his last delivery. The
horse, being close to the barn, started
off at a good pace. He came up Hoh-
man street and as he tried to make the
turn in the alley beside Ruff's hardware
store the wagon turned over on one
side.

A Polish lady, who lives in West
Hammond, was passing at the time and
was nearly hit by the wagon. As the
wagon turned over it fell upon an iron
hitching post which stands in front of
Ruff's hardware store. This ran
through the canvas top of the wagon
and thus prevented it from hitting the
large window in the front of the store.

The only damage done was the hole
that was made through the canvas by
the wagon falling on the hitching post.

FATHERS ARE ANXIOUS OVER THE BOYS.

The local correspondent of the New
York World sent an account of the
bear hunting exploit to the paper, in
which two little Italian boys, Joe Pa-
dula and Daniel Manico, figured, or
rather failed to figure, and this morning
Chief of Police Rimbach of the Ham-
mond police department received a
message from the father of Joe Pa-
dula in which he offered to pay the
boy's fine if there was any to pay and
any other expenses that the boy may
have incurred.

Chief Rimbach sent a telegram to the
boy's father at once and told him that
the boys had not been arrested and
that they had gone back east on their
way home.

The two boys left their revolver and
their dagger in the local police station
and they went to Michigan City from
here. The chief does not know just
where they went, but he suspects that
they are still in Michigan City.

THE NUMBER OF COPIES OF THE
TIMES SOLD ON THE STREETS OF
HAMMOND ALONE EXCEEDS THE
ENTIRE CIRCULATION OF ANY OTHER
PAPER IN THE CITY.

WHEELS IN NEW PLANT TURN SOON

O. K. Champion Potato Ma-
chinery Co. About to Oc-
cupy New Building; Cover
Two Acres of Ground and
Fire-Proof.

ARE SOLID CONCRETE NEEDS NO INSURANCE

Otto Knoerzer, President of Corpora-
tion, Is the Live Wire—Planned
and Supervised Structure—Gets
More Business and Now Turns His
Eyes Toward Canada.

Another month or six weeks will find
the O. K. Champion Potato Machinery
company of this city in operation in
its new plant. For months the concrete
pile has been going up from the
ground until today it is practically
completed. The factory as it stands
today covers two acres of ground and,
owing to the fact that it is constructed
of cement and iron, is absolutely fire-
proof. As an indication of the strength
of the building it may be stated that
ceiling supporters are just about three
times as strong as those required by
engineering laws.

One does not appreciate the substan-
tiality and solidity of it until one en-
ters it. It is two stories in height,
the roof itself being of concrete. With
the completion of the new building the
O. K. Champion Potato Machinery com-
pany has four times as much room as
it had formerly.

Mr. Knoerzer the Live Wire.
Otto Knoerzer, president of the com-
pany, was constructed under his per-
sonal supervision. He acted at once
as architect, contractor and construc-
tion engineer, and, if necessary, took
a hand at mixing the concrete. The
plant as it stands today is the product
of his brains. He said this morning
that if he had to rebuild it again he
would use precisely the same plans that
he carried out in the present building.

In addition to planning the building
and supervising the construction of it
he has not permitted the business of
the company to suffer. On the con-
trary, he has built up new business
for the ensuing year and the prospects
are better than ever. In addition to the
prospective business for next year Mr.
Knoerzer has been looking over the
Canadian field and plans are now in
formation, according to which plant
will be built in Canada. By doing this
the company will get away from the
Canadian tariff and be able to com-
pete with the Canadian machines.

Machines Sell on Their Merits.
When viewed in the light of its past
history the O. K. Champion Potato
Machinery company has had a wonder-
ful growth. From three machines a
week in the original little blacksmith
shop, which stood where the Hammond
building now stands, it is putting out
twenty-five a day and the company de-
serves all the more credit for this since
the growth was built upon the merits
of the machinery alone.

The company has representatives in
every state of the Union, and in most
of the counties in the more favorable
states. For instance, in Long Island,
N. Y., alone there are more than 200
machines and in some other districts
there is not a farmer without either
a planter, a digger or a sprayer. Any-
one who has occasion now to visit
the plant can't help but feel proud
of it for the sake of Hammond and
the fact that the company is composed
of local men.

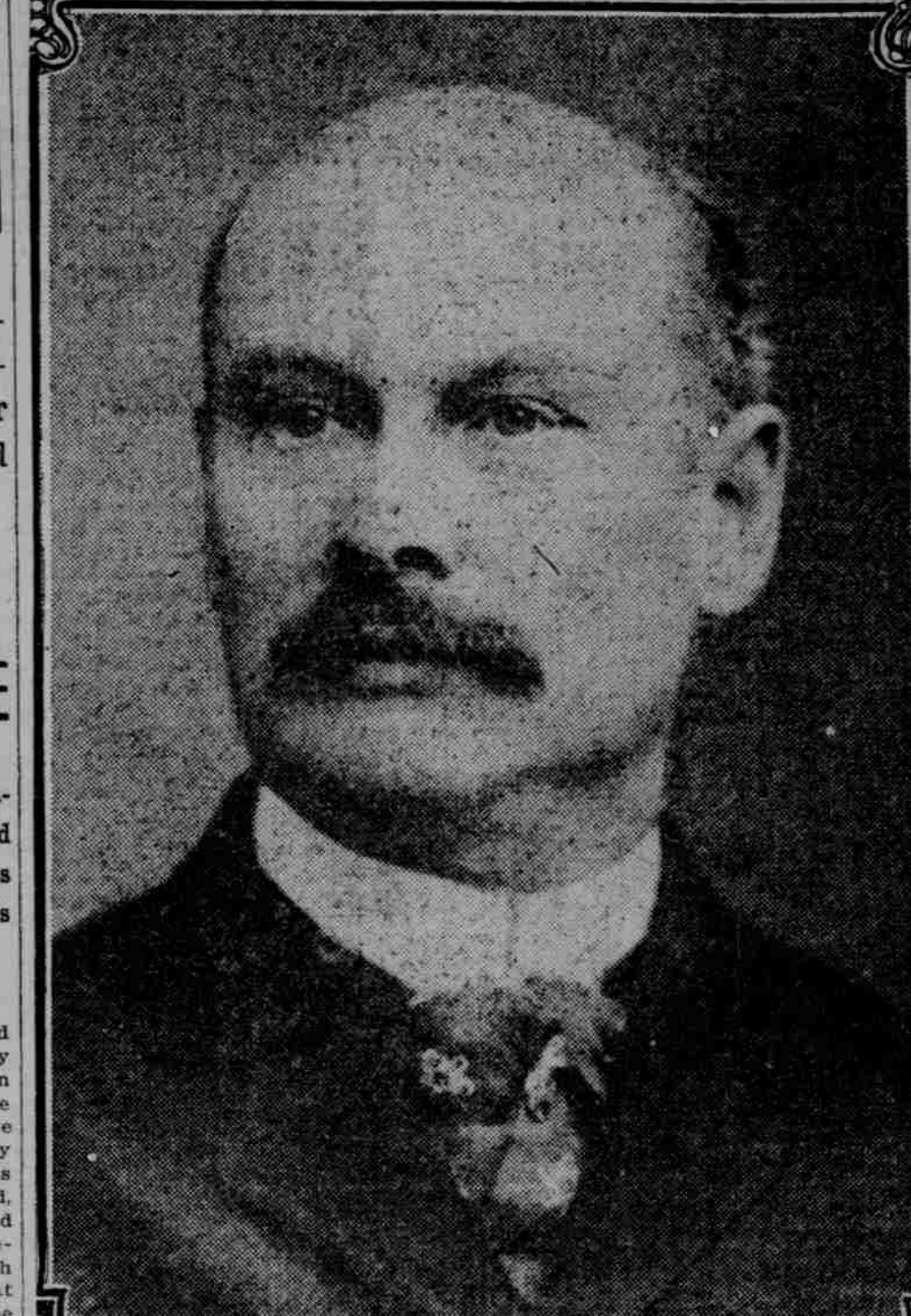
MAYOR IN GOOD SPIRITS

Gratifying News Comes
From Mr. Becker's Bed-
side at Hospital.

The reports from the bedside of
Mayor Becker, who was operated on
at St. Margaret's hospital yesterday
afternoon are most encouraging. All
indications point to the fact that the
operation was most successful. The
patient spent a restful night and his
condition continued to improve this
morning.

Numerous calls have been received at
the Becker home this morning, all an-
xiously inquiring about Mr. Becker's
condition. Mr. Becker himself is in
the best of spirits and has every rea-
son to believe that in a few weeks will
enable him to be out and around again.
He has certainly had a long siege, and
it time spent as an invalid is deserv-
ing of any recompense he ought to be
well now.

Steel King For Whom Gary Was Named Was Before Congress



E. H. GARY.

BRUTE IS DISCOVERED SCHOOL BOY IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Steals \$500 That His Wife
Had Earned by Wash-
ing and Skips Out.

As a result of the discovery of a
case of destitution in the Standard
Steel Car district, by one of the lo-
cal police officers, the fact becomes
apparent that there are still brutes
who are masquerading as human be-
ings, even in Hammond.

Sam Hute is the meanest man that
ever visited this city, although there
are others still in the city who have
his kind of meanness. Hute is one of
those fellows who married a woman
so that she could support him.

Mrs. Mary Hute and her elder daugh-
ter took in washings and did house-
work. By the strictest economy they
managed to save \$500 and support the
good-for-nothing whose only claim to
the family was the fact that he was the
father of the four children.

Left in Delicate Health.
After the birth of her last child Mrs.
Hute was left in very delicate health.

She was so sick in fact that she was
unable to do her customary outside
work. In the meantime the daughter
had married and Mr. Sam Hute saw
that his prospects of being supported
were getting slimmer and slimmer.

Whether he went out to look for an-
other wife who was capable of sup-
porting him is not known, but the fact
remains that he disappeared and Mrs.
Hute was left at home with the little
children.

The fact of his disappearance would
have been rather welcome news if it
had not been for the fact that he took
with him the \$500 which his wife and
daughter had saved through their thrift.
The police have not been able to give
the poor little mother very much en-
couragement for the reason that it is
suspected that Mr. Sam Hute is going
back to the old country and as he dis-
appeared Dec. 17, there is not very
much hope of catching him.

Picked Up Senseless.
Mrs. Lucht, in speaking of the af-
fair, was outspoken in her denuncia-
tion of the game. "It is too rough and
the boys are too rough. It should not
be permitted by parents, nor by the
school officials."

LAKE SUPERIOR COURT.

New Cases.
5287. Wisconsin Lumber and Coal
Co. vs. William Matuszand et al. Me-
chanic's lien.

5288. Wisconsin Lumber and Coal
company vs. John Woyula et al. Me-
chanic's lien.

5289. James H. Tollman vs. William
Herkner. Quit title.

5290. Sarah M. Lynch vs. William
A. Kennedy et al. Foreclosure of
mortgage.

52 91. Trux Green & Co. vs. J. A.
Chevigny. Suit on account.

5292. John K. Mitchell vs. C. C.
Cronin. Appeal.

5293. Chas. Smith vs. Joseph Fisch-
bein et al. Appeal.

5294. The Chicago, Lake Shore &
South Bend Railway Co. vs. Wabash
Railroad Co. Condemnation.

E. H. GARY FOR FEDERAL REGULATION

Head of the Steel Combine
Gives Views to Committee
of Congress, and Says Big
U. S. Steel Corporation
Should Publish Affairs.

DECLARES TARIFF ISN'T NECESSARY

Witness Tells Ways and Means Com-
mittee That Free Iron Would
Destroy Only the Independents and
Admits That Company Is Able to
Break Competitors But Doesn't.

Publicity and government control, not
government ownership nor government
supervision, was the solution offered
congress yesterday through the ways
and means committee by Judge Elbert
H. Gary of the United States Steel cor-
poration of the problems presented by
all great combinations, including the
transportation companies.

Judge Gary, known as the diplomat
of the steel corporation, a witness un-
der oath, gave valuable testimony in
the inquiry which is now being con-
ducted preparatory to the preparation
of a tariff bill. He was very frank and
straightforward, did not equivocate in
answering the questions, and at times
indulged in argument with members
of the committee to emphasize his opin-
ion that the tariff on steel should not be
lowered.

Trust Doesn't Fix Price.
"Is it true that the United States
Steel corporation fixes the price of
steel and steel products?" asked Mr.
Clark, at the examination in New York.
"Certainly not."

"Then how is it that for some years
back the price of steel rails has been
\$28 a ton?"
"The price was fixed in 1899 at a
conference of steel manufacturers and

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ONE CANDIDATE QUILTS

End of Election Fraud Con-
test Is Freely Predicted
at Indianapolis.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18.—Bert
New, who was the democratic candi-
date for reporter of the supreme court,
decided today to make no contest for
the office in the legislature. He says
he believes that he was elected, but
the expense of the contest and the
prospect of long litigation is more than
the office is worth. New was defeated
by George Self, republican. James F.
Cox, democrat, defeated for secretary
of state, and Marion Bailey, democrat,
defeated for auditor of state, say they
have not changed their minds and will
go ahead with preparations for the con-
test. It is believed, however, that they
will finally take the same action as
New. New says he will not make fur-
ther investigation of Lake county an-
nullation frauds, but others say
they will go ahead.

DR. H. E. SHARRER.

Hammond Shriner who was elected
last night, representative from Murat
Temple to the Imperial Shrine Coun-
cil at Louisville next year. Dr. Shar-
rer was notified of his election today
by Indianapolis wire.

