

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 Purchase of Entire Block on Hohman Street Between Charlotte and Detroit, Including All Side Street Lots as Well.

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

Leo Wolf of the firm of Kaufmann & Wolf, next to Walter Hammond, purchased 100 feet of Hohman street frontage from Peter Crumpacker for the record-breaking price of \$6,000, or \$60 a foot.

### Paxton Buys from Bach.

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

F. Richard Schaeff 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 improves 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 entire 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 street. 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 Dryer property, which is not yet on the market.

### DEATH OF WHITING MAN.

Whiting, Dec. 19.—(Special)—The funeral of W. F. Hall, who died yesterday after an illness of several years, during which time he suffered with cancer of the stomach, will be buried tomorrow afternoon. The funeral services 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 potente of Medina temple, Mystic Shriner of Chicago, last night. This temple is the wealthiest and largest in the world, having a membership of nearly 8,000. Mr. Lampert is vice president of the Fort Dearborn 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 Influence Was Exerted on Decedent in Making of Will Which Stipulates 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 company 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 Williamsport. 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 entire section of land. All the bequests with the exception of that in which she gave her daughters a life interest, were given in fee simple. Two of the daughters objected to a life interest in the residue of the property and decided 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 Benton county, and Mrs. Charles Jewell of Hammond, decided to stand by the will.

Trust Company Also Defendant.

The Lafayette Loan and Trust company is defendant in the proceedings. Much testimony is being introduced by both sides, and the case may continue until next week. The contestants declare 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 grandchildren of the testatrix at the death of her daughters.

### DEATH TO THE TELEPHONE

Imperfect Connection With Crown Point Responsible For Misquotation.

Owing to an imperfect telephone connection 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 naturalized 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 before the commission that he, personally, had naturalized two aliens and he states that one of these was an Englishman 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 engineer of Hammond, and one of the cogs in the local democratic machine, was placed on the stand late yesterday afternoon on the fifth day of the Simon-Wickey contest.

The testimony, which Mr. Lyons introduced, was of relatively little importance 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.

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## WAS GOSTLIN IN CHICAGO TODAY?

Report Circulated That Postmaster Has Been Practicing.

## MANY OTHERS IN TRAINING

Big Scores Are Run Up at Bradford 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 prospect 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 light gloves 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 Superintendent McDonald, Dr. Fox, Dr. Sharer and Sam Bell, who are bowling regularly at the Bradford alleys in preparation 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 table 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 Attorney W. J. McAleer for honor 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 Public School Superintendent McDonald tried his prowess on the Bradford alleys and was able to score 168.

Already assurances have been secured that 30 prominent business men will bowl against thirty others for the honor 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 morning in the heart of the city, came near pinning a lady between Ruff's hardware building and the wagon. The lady did not see the horse coming until 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 Humperin Bros. grocery, was making his last delivery. The horse, being close to the barn, started off at a good pace. He came up Hohman 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 Padula and Daniel Manico, figured, or rather failed to figure, and this morning Chief of Police Rimbach of the Hammond police department received a message from the father of Joe Padula 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.

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## WHEELS IN NEW PLANT TURN SOON

O. K. Champion Potato Machinery Co. About to Occupy New Building; Cover Two Acres of Ground and Fire-Proof.

## ARE SOLID CONCRETE NEEDS NO INSURANCE

Otto Knoerzer, President of Corporation, 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 piles have 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 substantiality and solidity of it until one enters 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 company has four times as much room as it had previously.

Mr. Knoerzer the Live Wire.

Otto Knoerzer, president of the company, was constructed under his personal supervision. He acted at once as architect, contractor and construction 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 contrary, 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 enabled to compete 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 wonderful 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 deserves 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 300 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.

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 dimmer and dimmer.

Whether he went out to look for another wife who was capable of supporting him is not known, but the fact remains that he disappeared and Mrs. Hute was left at home with the four 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 encouragement for the reason that it is suspected that Mr. Sam Hute is going back to the old country and as he disappeared Dec. 17, there is not much hope of catching him.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED  
TO MEET FIREMEN'S PAY ROLL.

Notices were sent out this morning to the city councilmen of a special meeting to be held next Tuesday evening. The object of the meeting is for the purpose of transferring \$1,000 from the general fund to the fire department's fund. This action is taken at a special meeting in order that the controller may make out the firemen's pay checks before Christmas.

The notice asks for a full attendance in order that the firemen may benefit by the action before Christmas.

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE TO BE CONFERRED TONIGHT.

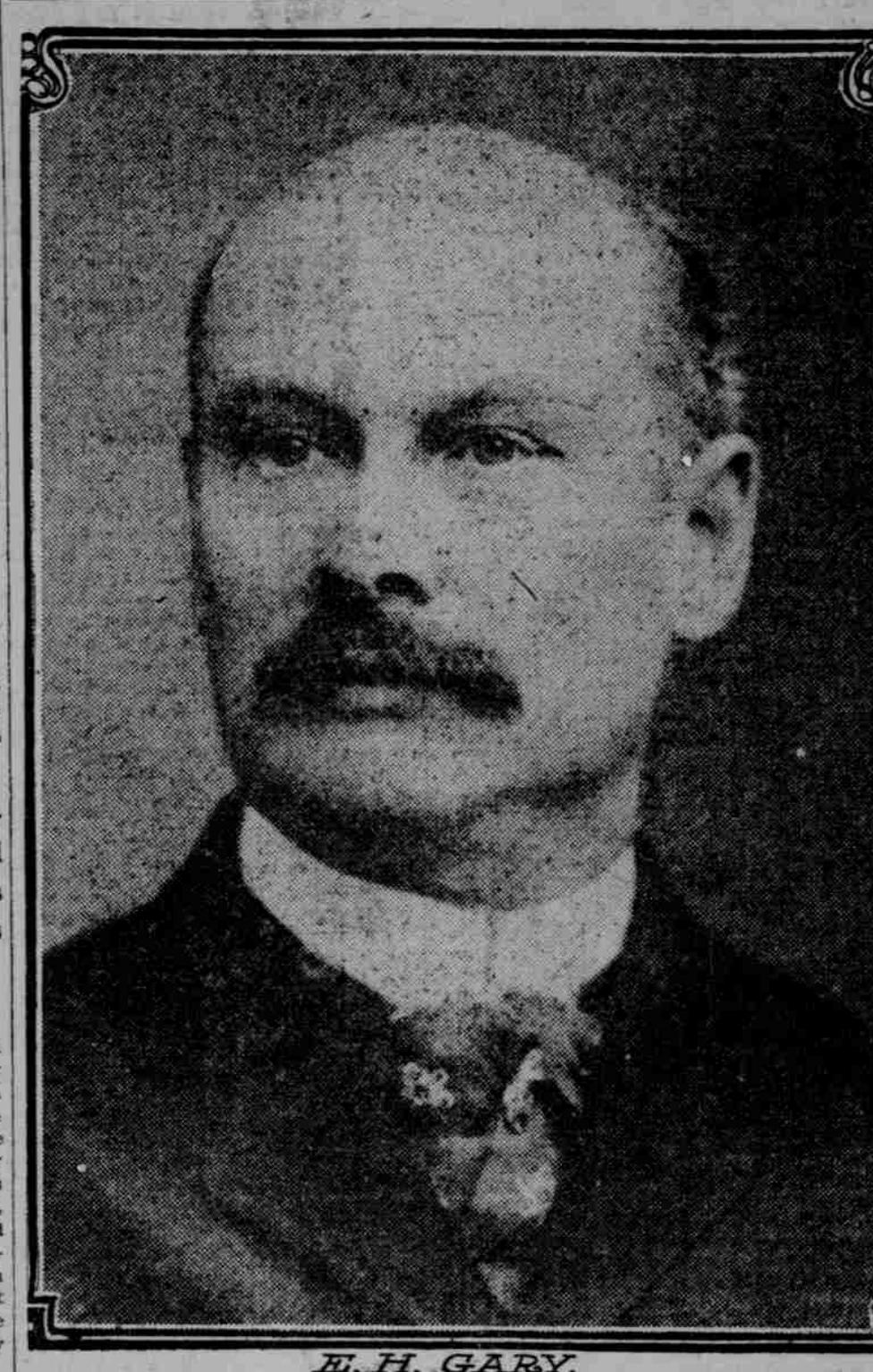
The Royal Arch degree will be conferred upon two candidates this evening in the Hammond chapter.

The Blue Lodge held a regular meeting last evening, at which time the first degree was conferred upon Charles F. Ault. At the same time the second degree was conferred upon Messrs. Grant W. Hunter, Charles Williams and A. E. Crowell.

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

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## Steel King For Whom Gary Was Named Was Before Congress



E. H. GARY.

## 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 Committee 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 corporation of the problems presented by all great combinations, including the transportation companies.

Judge Gary, known as the diplomat of the steel corporation, a witness under oath, gave valuable testimony in the inquiry which is now being conducted 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 opinion 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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## ACCIDENT AT LAFAYETTE SCHOOL

Mother Says Boys There Are All Rough and Says Game Shouldn't Be Permitted.

WHILE LUCHT, aged 14 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lucht, 423 Michigan avenue, is quite ill at his home today as the result of an accident which befall him yesterday afternoon at