

WEATHER.
Fair today with fresh west-
erly winds; Tuesday rain or
snow.

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FURNACE IS BLOWN TODAY

Manufacture of Steel in
Gary Is Begun This Morn-
ing, Which Marks New
Industrial Era for Calu-
met Region.

GEN. SUPT. GLEASON MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

Gary People Rejoice and Entire Calu-
met Region Anticipates Becom-
ing Great Industrial Region in the
Whole World, Barring None Hence-
forth.

Without the blare of trumpets or the
sound of cymbals, the first step in the
creating of a new steel and iron center
at Gary, which promises to make the
Calumet region the greatest industrial
center in the world, was taken today
when blast furnace No. 12 was blown
and the actual manufacture of steel
was begun at Gary.

After nearly three years of prepara-
tion, in which one of the most stupendous
undertakings of the age is nearing
one of the first stages of completion,
the crucial moment has arrived.

The driving of the first stake which
marked the location of Broadway and
Fiftieth avenue and consequently located
the city of Gary, was the physical be-
ginning of the project.

ANOTHER MOMENTOUS OCCASION.
The arrival of the first load of
ore was a momentous occasion, which
was celebrated in a fitting manner, but
the blowing in of blast furnace No. 12
is of greater significance than that.

It is the actual opening of the mills.
It is equal to the president's touching
the button which starts the machinery
at a great industrial exposition, except
that it means more. It is keeping
faith with 15,000 people who have come
to a wilderness and built a city solely
on the representation of a great cor-
poration that it intended to spend a
hundred million dollars in the develop-
ment of a new steel producing center
which will exceed all others.

ANNOUNCEMENT QUIETLY MADE.

The announcement was made quietly
from the office of General Superinten-
dent W. P. Gleason, the great genius
under whose direction the whole pro-
ject has grown from an idea to an ac-
tuality, and so little fuss was made over
it that one would think that the reali-
zation of a dream of such magnitude
was an every day thing with this in-
dustrial field marshal.

But in Gary the people are rejoicing.
They know that anticipation has at
last become realization, and that each
and every one of them will be in some
measure prospered by this fact. Gary
is gay today.

DEATH OF MRS. WILD

Former Hobart Lady Dies
at the Home of Her
Daughter.

Mrs. Mary E. Wild, one of the old
residents of Lake county, died last Sat-
urday evening at the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Jacob Becker, 511 Michi-
gan avenue, in Hammond.

Mrs. Wild, who was 88 years old,
had been failing since last May and had
her death occurred during the past
month it would have been unexpected.
The funeral has been arranged for to-
morrow morning. Services will be held
at 10 o'clock at the German Evangelical
church, on Sibley street, and at 11:25 the body will be taken over the
Nickel Plate to Hobart for burial.

During her forty years of life in Lake
county, Mrs. Wild has divided her time
between her former home, near Hobart,
and Hammond.

When she and her husband retired
from active life they moved to Ham-
mond and they had been making their
home here during the past thirteen
years. Her husband died about five
years ago.

The deceased leaves five children,
they being Mrs. Jacob Becker, 511
Michigan avenue, Hammond; Mrs. Au-
gust Schreiber, South Hammond; Alvin
Wild of Hobart, and trustee of Hobart
township; Ben Wild of Fidellia, Mo., and
Ed Wild of Foley, Ala. Messrs. Ben
and Ed Wild were in Hammond re-
cently where they visited their mother
and are not expected to be present at
the funeral.

"*ATTENTION PLEASE
DO NOT SELL THIS COPY
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UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1909.*"

FIRST BRICK BUILDING TO BE PUT UNDER HAMMER

Central Block Once the Hub of Hammond and Connected With Its Palm-
iest History in the Old Days, Is To Be Sold at Auction
Tomorrow Afternoon at 2 O'Clock.

The Central block, the first brick
building in Hammond and about the
only landmark in the heart of the city
which connects the present metropoli-
tan industrial center with the little
struggling village of a quarter of a
century ago, is to be sold at auction
tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Central block was built in the
early days and at that time contained
the general store, which was under the
control of the Towle boys, M. M. Amos,
Porter and Everett.

In this store was a grocery, a meat
market, a general merchandise store
and above all the postoffice. One of
the Towle's was the postmaster, another
was the mayor and, in fact, the
whole city was managed by the Towles.

Was Towle's Headquarters.

In those days M. M. Towle was re-
puted to be worth a million and the
impetus which Hammond received in
those days as a result of his energy and
initiative made it and not Gibson, the
principal industrial city of Lake
county.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY GETS AN ATTRACTION

Talented Young Virtuoso
... Will Appear in This
City on Jan. 6.

MAY BE ANOTHER KUBELIK CASE AGAINST HIM CONTINUED

Otto Meyer to Include Hammond on
His Great American Tour
Now On.

Without any delay the Musical Art
society of Hammond has made an en-
gagement with Otto J. Meyer, one of
the greatest violinists in America, to
appear at Towle's Opera House
Wednesday evening, Jan. 6, under his
nunclies.

Otto Meyer arrived in New York last
November for his American tour of
1908 and 1909 and it is exceedingly
fortunate that through close friends of
the great virtuoso the Hammond
Musical Art society was enabled to ar-
range a Hammond appearance of Otto
J. Meyer.

May Equal Kubelik.

The press notices, which this great
virtuoso, who is still a young man,
has secured in the Bohemian, German
and French papers, makes it apparent
that Otto J. Meyer is to be another Jan
Kubelik and may even surpass this
great musician.

It is expected that musicians in
towns for miles around, who have heard
of Mr. Meyer, will journey to Ham-
mond on the evening of the concert to
take advantage of this rare opportunity
to hear one of the world's greatest mu-
sicians.

Many Boys in Party.

In the party of boys were: John
Gerke, his brother, Willie Gerke, Ben
Wagner, Tony Jones, Erwin Miller and
a boy they call Mike, the Jew. These
boys went to Harrison Park Sunday
evening and started to drink the whisky
they had purchased.

It was not long before the Gerke
boy was dead drunk and the rest just
managed to get away. It was one of
those cases where young boys thought it
was smart to go out and get drunk,
and Solomon Grossman is alleged to
have helped them accomplish their pur-
pose.

Complaint against Grossman was
made by the father of the Gerke boy
and the case will be vigorously prose-
cuted.

REPORTS ENCOURAGING

Mayor Lawrence Becker Is
Doing Nicely at St. Mar-
garet's Hospital.

The reports from Mayor Becker's
bedside continue to be encouraging.
He has spent two restful nights. He
is at his ease in his waking hours, but
owing to his long continued illness he
is considerably weakened.

All visitors have been denied admittance
and none will be admitted until
Christmas day, when it is hoped that
he will be strong enough to receive a
few for a short time.

Mr. Becker will spend at least another
two weeks in the hospital and will then be removed to his home on
Rimbach avenue.

The Becker home continues to be the
center of many inquiries from
anxious friends, who insist on having a
personal assurance that the city's
chief executive is "doing fine."

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 21.—The
Simons-Wickey election contest was
postponed today on account of the
necessity for the absence of Repre-
sentative E. W. Wickey, who has gone
to Indianapolis.

Crown Point is to be given a rest
from the publicity which it has been
enjoying and the terrible suspense
which it has resulted.

It is understood that the contest will
be taken up tomorrow and carried to
its conclusion early this week.

MEET TO FRAME A PROTEST

Mail Carriers and Postal
Clerks of Hammond Hold
Indignation Meeting and
Object to Council's New
Plan of Renumbering.

ANOTHER MEETING TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Postoffice Employees Will Gather To-
night for the Purpose of Appoint-
ing Committees Who Will Wait on
Mayor and Common Council at Fu-
ture Meeting.

The National Protective Association
of Mail Carriers of Hammond and the
National Protection of Postal Clerks
of Hammond will hold a joint meeting
this evening for the purpose of protesting
against the plan for renumbering
the city, which has been adopted by
the mayor and city council of Ham-
mond.

The postal clerks and mail carriers
say when the announcement was made
several months ago that the renumbering
of the city had been decided upon
they did not realize that it meant an
entirely new system had been adopted.
They thought it was simply a plan
to provide new metal numbers for the
old ones and supply numerals where
there had been none before.

Are More Concerned.

As the postoffice employees are more
concerned about the adoption of a new
system of numbering than any other
group of men in the city the letter
carriers and postal clerks think the
mayor and council should have called them
into consultation.

Instead of securing suggestions from
the very men who know more about
streets and numbering than any other
set of men in the city, the city of
officials went on and framed up a re-
numbering ordinance.

It was not until the work of re-
numbering had actually begun that it
dawned up the postoffice employees that a
radical new system had been decided
upon.

Form a New Basis.

They then discovered that the city
had decided on Calumet avenue and
Gostlin streets as the basis for the
renumbering. Everything east of
Calumet would be known as East State,
East Sibley, etc. Everything west of
Calumet would be known as West State,
West Plummer, etc.

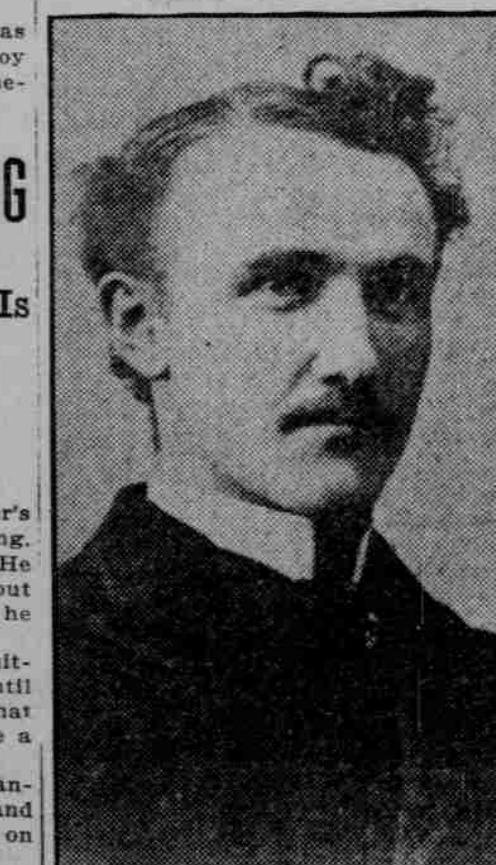
In a like manner Hohman street south
of Gostlin street, would be known as
South Hohman street and north of Gostlin
street would be known as North
Hohman street. This would be true in
the case of all the other north and
south thoroughfares in the city.

The result of this plan of numbering
would be to make the corners of
Gostlin street and Calumet avenue the
geographical.

The theory of this plan of numbering
is that the corners of Gostlin street and
Calumet avenue are the geographic-

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J. FRANK MEEKER.



Crown Point Lawyer Who Is Appearing
in Simon-Wickey Contest at Crown
Point and Is Doing Good Work for
Republicans.

ARE YOU SENDING OUT ANY RED CROSS STAMPS?

Club Women Report That Sales Are Rather Discouraging and It Will
Reflect on Hammond If Little Things Have To Be
Returned Without Being Used.

"Good evening, have you used a Red
Cross stamp yet?"

"No." "You are not in it then. You
have lost an opportunity costing you
only 1 cent by which to send a holiday
greeting. You have furthermore for-
gotten in the rush of your Christmas
shopping which after all is prompted
by your generosity to remember those
who appreciate your generosity most,
the consumptives throughout the United
States, for the proceeds of the sales
of Red Cross stamps are used for a
fund with which to fight the 'white
plague'."

The stamps may be bought in practically
every business house in the
Hammond business district and the re-
ports from some of these places are
encouraging, while others say the sales
are slow.

Last week Hammond received a con-

NOTED LAWYER COMING HERE TO PRACTICE

Fire Breaks Out on North
Side—\$400 Worth of
Damage.

CAPT. GREB'S COMPANY BUSY

LINCOLN V. CRAVENS THE MAN

Building Located at Corner of Towle
and Gostlin Streets, Owned By

Charles Keilman.

One of the Strongest Teams In the

Profession in Lake County Will

the New Firm Be.

The Lake County Bar association,
that part of it residing in
Hammond, is to be enriched with an-
other legal light, Hon. Lincoln V. Cravens
of Madison, Ind., on the Ohio river,
having decided to come to Hammond
to practice here with Attorney Joseph
Ibach. It is expected that Attorney
Cravens will begin the practice of his
profession in Hammond as soon as pos-
sible, after the close of the January
term of court in Jefferson county.

The firm of Ibach and Cravens will
occupy Attorney Ibach's offices on the
third floor of the Hammond building,
and it is conceded all around that they
will form one of the strongest teams
in the north part of the county. His rela-
tives made a claim for damages. The
company agreed to pay a certain sum
which was satisfactory to the de-
fendants. Such settlements, under the
law to be binding, must be made
through an administrator with the ap-
proval of the court.

How It Was Done.

"An administrator was appointed by
the circuit court and the whole matter
adjusted and money paid over to the
satisfaction of all concerned. A few
days ago I discovered that an admin-
istrator had been previously appointed
in the same matter in the superior

VETERAN LAWYER'S OPINION

IMPRESSED WITH KLIVER'S SUGGESTION

Believes That Lake County Should
Pay No Attention to Porter and
LaPorte—Says That Conditions In
This County Have Been Abnormal
and Believes That Litigation Will
Soon Decrease.

That a continuous court at Crown
Point and an extra superior court judge
at Hammond is the only possible solu-
tion of the extra superior court question,
is the opinion of Hon. John B. Peterson
of Crown Point, who is one of the
oldest and ablest practitioners in the
state.

Attorney Peterson has practiced law
in Lake county twenty-eight years and
is one of the oldest and most experi-
enced members of the bar today and
has seen litigation of the county
grow from the time when the circuit
judge at Crown Point was able to dis-
pose of all the cases with ease, until
the present time, when other measures
are needed to take care of the enormous
amount of litigation in the coun-

try. Devoting all his time to corporation
practice alone, Mr. Peterson probably
visits more courts in Lake, Porter, La-
Porte and St. Joseph counties than any
attorney in the county, and knows full
well the evils of centralizing the
courts in Lake county.

(BY HON. J. B. PETERSON.)
"I have been much impressed with
the suggestion made by Mr. Kliver, as
reported in THE TIMES some time since,
to the effect that the courts should be
centralized as much as possible. It
would be a mistake to have branches
of the higher courts scattered around
over the country. I had an experience
last week which will illustrate to some
extent this point. A man was killed
in one of the manufacturing plants in
the north part of the county. His rela-
tives made a claim for damages. The
company agreed to pay a certain sum
which was satisfactory to the de-
fendants. Such settlements, under the
law to be binding, must be made
through an administrator with the ap-
proval of the court.

As a secretary of the Commercial
club, he has been active and influ-
ential in that organization and the hard-
est worker in it. As secretary of the
Chautauqua association, he has been
the life and soul of the institution.

Is Past Grand Master.

In the Masonic bodies and the
Methodist church Mr. Cravens has been
faithful and distinguished, and he will
surely be missed there as elsewhere.

Mr. Cravens's friends have the fullest
faith that a more brilliant future
awaits him in his larger field of use-
fulness, but that they part from him
with the most sincere and profound re-
gret."

Mr. Cravens has two sons, Frank and
William, who are