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THE SCOFFER IS SILENCED AT LAST.

When two years ago the beginning of Gary began to assume proportions that made the eyes of the doubting Thomases pop out of their heads like so many wall-eyed pikes, there were then those who scoffed at the idea that Gary would be anything but a bluff or a land selling scheme. Some of those were excusable for they had burned their fingers in the Dwiggs-Griffith fiasco, following the world's fair in Chicago, but others were just natural-born, dyed-in-the-wool skeptics and scoffers. They declared with much heat that Gary would never amount to anything and, more's the pity, some of them were supposed to be loyal Lake county people. The metamorphosis on the sand dunes has, however, silenced the squawking of the knocker. Gary is to be all that it was intended it should be and even more. Yesterday one of its big furnaces was blown and the fires started in the mammoth mills that are to be the wonder of the whole manufacturing world. From this time on Gary will even surpass herself and all the fondest hopes of those who have sworn fealty to Gary in her hours of toil and moments of doubt will be realized a hundred fold. The immense interest that has been taken in the city is only a little beginning of what it is to be from this time on. Gary can congratulate herself and Lake county can congratulate her. Indiana can congratulate itself that Gary nestles on the Lake Michigan shore. While Gary primarily is to be benefited, others in Indiana will also help to reap the harvest of golden shekels that Gary is to make for those who dwell within her midst and for her neighbors. Her reward and the reward of her people is at hand.

A CROWN POINT LAWYER'S VIEW.

Hon. J. B. Peterson, one of the Nestors of the Lake county bar, has brought up in an interview one side of the court congestion question that is virgin timber. He declares that conditions are and have been for two years somewhat abnormal and gives three reasons for it. These are that the tearing up of the courthouse at Crown Point has sent a lot of business to the superior court, the panic caused a lot of new business and the building of Gary has brought a lot of land titles into court. He believes that the litigation will henceforth decrease. He holds too that a lesser number of courts with harder access to them will have a tendency to decrease litigation and there is much truth in this novel view. Mr. Peterson is the first Lake county lawyer outside of Gary to advocate giving Gary a city court with jurisdiction in civil matters to \$2,000 and power to adjudicate punishment in all misdemeanors, including jail sentences. Taken all in all, Mr. Peterson's opinions on the weighty subject that has aroused the county, are well presented and deserving of much favorable notice. They are unbiased and extremely rational and THE TIMES is glad to have been the medium by which they have been expressed.

AN OLD LANDMARK'S PASSAGE.

The first brick building that was ever put up in Hammond, which of course means the first ever erected in North or Calumet townships, was sold at auction this afternoon. Known as the Central block and standing in what was in years gone by the heart of the city, there are memories connected with the gallant old structure that would make interesting reading if some of the old timers in the city could be induced to talk. Built by M. M. Towe, one of the very few men whose name is associated with the up-building of Hammond, it was considered in its day a magnificent building and a credit to the man whose efforts caused it to be built. The various businesses that have been housed among its walls, the professional men who have officed there, the little social gatherings that have taken place in it, all bring up memories of by gone days to those who knew the Central block in years gone by.

IT WAS NOT long ago that comment was made in these columns on the odious and nauseating DeSagan-Castellane scandal and the horror of the three Gould-Castellane children being compelled to live with anyone akin to the principals in the scandal. Cables now tell us that the children will be taken away from the Gould woman and her rone husbands, which is the best thing that could happen to them.

THIS IS THE blessed season of the year when everybody believes in Christmas, everybody except those cruel mothers who knock the breath out of their children by telling them there is no Santa Claus, and those officials who are inclined to pass ordinances compelling Santa Claus to wear asbestos whiskers.

A WOMAN JUSTICE of the peace says that Adam was a loafer and that Eve originated most of the good things in the world. Among these good things of course we will have to include the corset, the merry widow hat, angel food, fudge, alimony, snake juice and apple jack.

REFERRING OF COURSE to his poor old neck the barnyard turkey was heard saying: "Oh dear, there's something coming off again this week."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 22.

1620—Landing of first settlers at Plymouth, Mass.

1668—Stephen Dye, who did the first work done in the colonies on a printing press, died in Cambridge, Mass. Born in England in 1611.

1719—The "American Weekly Mercury," the third newspaper in America, made its first appearance in Philadelphia.

1723—Ann Haseltine Judson, first woman missionary, born in Bradford, Mass. Died Oct. 26, 1826.

1728—Thomas Wentworth Higginson, American author, born in Cambridge, Mass.

1825—Principal Grant (George Monroe), whose writings first revealed to the world the possibilities of the Canadian northwest, born in Nova Scotia. Died in Kingston, Ontario, May 13, 1902.

1831—Jerome C. Case, millionaire manufacturer and horse breeder, died at Racine, Wis.

1894—Captain Dreyfus found guilty and

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.
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NAPOLEON.

If you want to read something worth while, take up General Wolsey's "The Young Napoleon."

Wolsey says of Napoleon that he was "the greatest human who ever lived."

That is a great soldier's tribute to a great soldier from a soldier's point of view.

Wolsey, "the greatest living general," points out also the weaknesses and the lack of that great human who strode the world of his day like a colossus.

In this connection the following incident of Napoleon, from a Russian source, is told by Will L. Comfort. Any one who has read Tolstoy's "War and Peace" will appreciate the somber picture:

"On the battlefield of Borodino lay 30,000 half devoured corpses as a result of that terrible battle of the Moscow campaign."

"Death has feasted here," said Marshal Ney to the emperor, who was staring gloomily at the field of the slain.

"Nay," replied Napoleon; "death has only nibbled here. After death has once feasted he will sleep."

"THE WOLVES WILL BURY THEM," replied the Mars incarnate falling asleep on his great white horse.

Such was the tender mercy of this cruelly great man who in 1812 led the glittering files of France across the Niemen river and invaded Russia.

Let the wolves bury the dead!

Of what use are dead men to a general? He who played the game of war with master hand regarded men as mere pawns to be placed at his imperial nod. If they are dead, let the wolves perform the offices for the dead!

The incident, which fits in so perfectly with all we know of him, gives a look into the soul of Napoleon.

Perhaps he had, bowels of mercy. If so he did not reveal the fact. If he ever showed emotion it was for effect. No man knew better than he the way to the hearts of his soldiers. His bulletins are masterpieces of simulated feeling and high heroics.

Napoleon lacked the nobility of greatness. His brain was a marvelous mental machine but his heart was atrophied. He was almost devoid of pity or sympathy.

Remember the little girl that went over his battlefield giving water to the wounded?

She was infinitely nobler than he!

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

Ah, it isn't like the good old days. They are now trying to dike out Santa Claus with asbestos whiskers. A has the asbestos.

THE FATHER AND MOTHER WHO ARE DEAD SURE WHERE THEIR GIRL IS WHEN SHE IS OUT OF NIGHTS ARE THE ONES WHO MAY HAVE SOME WORRYING TO DO.

Another epoch in Gary! In years to come some old trembling codger will pipe in trembling falsetto: "Yes, I was there when they first blew in No. 12."

It is all right to keep a stiff upper lip, but the man who lets the lower lip get limp and dangle around makes a big mistake.

Frost on the Pumpkins.

The sociable was the fourth in succession at which Little Jimmie Sultz has recited that tiresome mess entitled "When the Pigs are in the Pumpkins and the Pumpkins are in the Pigs."

We can't kick, as we went in on a comp, but if the program was four etatons but if the program committee thinks that the public will stand for four bits worth of pumpkin dope every two weeks, they are very much mistaken.

BIG BEND COR. RIVERTON (Wyo.) REPUBLICAN.

WANTS RECEIVER APPOINTED.

George W. Gordon, an architect of Greenfield, has petitioned the circuit court to have a receiver appointed for the National Adjustable Chair company of that city. He declares he owns ten shares of stock valued at \$1,000; that the company is indebted to the amount of \$10,000 with total property and assets worth \$6,000.

VERDICT WAS MURDER.

The jury in the William W. Delph case at LaPorte returned a verdict of first degree murder last night, imposing a life sentence. Delph became involved in a quarrel with his brother-in-law, Edward Meacham and, making threats to kill him, armed himself with a shotgun and started in his pursuit. Mrs. Sarah Meacham, mother of Delph's wife, thinking to save herself, started after him, when Delph, following close behind, fired a load of shot into her back, killing her instantly.

REPORTS BANK CONDITIONS.

The condition of the national banks of Indiana, at the close of business on Nov. 27, was made public in Washington today by the controller of the currency. On that day the national banks of Indiana, outside of Indianapolis, had total resources of \$150,329,781. The amount of individual deposits was \$94,505,710. The percentage of legal reserve of deposits was eighteen and fifty-two hundredths.

THANKS COSTS A LIFE.

Frank J. Whitney of LaPorte, an electrician, received a high voltage of electricity this morning while working at the top of an electric light pole. While his body was being lowered, and while he was thanking a fellow workman who had come to his assistance, his body slipped through the belt which held him to the pole, the fall breaking his neck.

SELLS SIX SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Trustee May of Hawcreek township has sold at auction six school-houses and grounds for \$1,500. They were buildings that were abandoned when the schools of the township were consolidated last fall.

Real Water.

Visitor—is this lake in your garden artificial?

Child of the House—No, sir-ee. It's real. I fell in and got as wet as anything.—St. Louis Republic.

Sometimes silence is honesty.

Congress has got through spitting on

its hands until after the Christmas holidays.

Though a man
Hates to be called an
Indian, he is never so approachable
As when he is smoking
His after dinner
Pipe of peace.

Christmas Dinner in the Air.

Lundy Absher passed through the first of the week with a drove of 100 turkeys which he was having carried to Iredell, to satiate the Christmas appetites of those people down there. It was about dark Sunday evening when they reached town and when the turkeys saw the cedars near the Baptist church they immediately took up camp and went to roost, and the drivers had to wait till next morning before proceeding.—Wilkesboro (N. C.) Chronicle.

If you are busy with your own business you can't be busy with the business of others.

This is the season of the year when everybody is kind to father and where they generally try to see that his every want is anticipated.

UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

L. P. A. ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Indianapolis Passenger association held its regular meeting Saturday and elected as officers for the ensuing year F. E. Hines of the Monon, chairman, and J. H. Morrissey of the Indianapolis Southern as secretary. Both are new men in the association.

TO SPEND XMAS AT HOME.

Fulfilling his own prophecy, William H. Andrew of Moseville, Ind., who was shot by Edward Junar Robinson, colored holdup man, may spend Christmas at home, according to an announcement made by Dr. J. L. Freeland, superintendent of the Indianapolis City hospital.

TO VOTE FOR TAFT.

The fifteen elected republican presidential electors from Indiana will meet in the chamber of the house of representatives in Indianapolis, Monday, Jan. 13, to cast their votes for the next president and vice president of the United States and to appoint a messenger to carry to Washington, D. C., the result of their voting, which will be read before congress.

ALL BUT ONE CONTEST.

That all but one of the democratic candidates for state office will contest the election of their republican opponents before the legislature was the statement issued by State Chairman Stokes Jackson following a meeting of some of the state candidates with their attorneys in Indianapolis yesterday afternoon at democratic state headquarters.

PUT \$350,000 IN A CHURCH.

Plans for the erection of a church in Ft. Wayne at a cost of \$350,000, aside from the cost of pipe organ and bells, are under consideration by the congregation of the English Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Services are now being held in the old church, at the corner of Washington boulevard and Fulton street, under the pastorate of the Rev. Theodore Hahn.

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East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.

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