

WEATHER.  
Fair today and Thursday,  
slight temperature change,  
southwest winds.

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## SKATING RINK IS SHUT UP

Hammond Man Decides the  
People Here Do Not  
Want Skating Rink, and  
Herron Amusement Place  
May Be Closed.

## RINK BUSINESS HAS PROVED PROFITABLE

History of Rinks in Calumet Region  
Has Been One of Vicissitude and  
East Chicago Concern Is Now the  
Only One That Is Doing Business  
of Consequence.

Herron's skating rink closed down  
last Saturday and may not be opened  
again. It is understood that the lease  
will be thrown over and that the venture  
has proven a losing one.

The facts of the case seem to be that  
Hammond will not support a skating  
rink and the few people who do skate  
here seem to prefer to patronize rinks  
in the surrounding cities.

The rink business in the cities of  
the Calumet has proven very unprofitable,  
according to Fred Heintz, the veteran  
rink man of this district, excepting  
in several isolated cases.

First One in Hammond Building.

The first rink to be started in this  
region was on the fifth floor of the  
Hammond building, Hammond. The  
business was good there until the  
november wore off and then Mr. Heintz was  
forced to close down and go elsewhere.

Mr. Heintz then took up the idea of  
a portable rink. That seemed to offer  
the best solution of the problem of  
reaping the harvest while the amusement  
was a fad. Mr. Heintz proposed to  
go from one place and as soon as  
the people tired of the game in one  
place he would go to another.

Heintz was taken sick just after his  
arrival in Tampa, Fla., with his portable  
skating rink and was finally compelled  
to sell the outfit and return to this city.

Started One in Whiting.

He then started his rink at Whiting.  
This was a great success for a  
year or more. It was made to pay well  
through the careful management of Mr.  
Heintz.

When others saw what the Hammond  
man was doing at Whiting they thought  
they could do better by starting a rink  
at a more central location. Consequently  
rinks were started in Gary at the  
Coliseum, Indiana Harbor, at a  
rink that was built for the purpose and  
at East Chicago in the new Lewis'  
skating rink.

With all of this competition the  
Whiting rink was compelled to go out  
of the business. The Gary rink burned  
to the ground after doing a fair business,  
the Indiana Harbor rink was converted  
into a billiard and pool room,  
bowling alleys were installed, and the  
rink at East Chicago is the only one  
that now remains.

Location a Logistic One.

In fact the location of the Lewis  
rink at East Chicago is the logical  
one. It is in the geographical center  
of the Calumet region. It can be  
reached for a 5-cent car fare from  
Hammond, Whiting and Indiana Harbor  
and for a 10-cent fare from Gary  
and South Chicago.

That is probably the reason why it is  
now the sole survivor of all of the  
enterprises of that nature which have  
been started in this region.

## WILL SUPPORT WICKY

Important Republican Meet-  
ing Takes Place at  
Indianapolis.

TIMES BUREAU,  
AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—The re-  
publican representatives met at 1  
o'clock in the state house today to con-  
sider the county option, metropolitan  
police law, applications for state institutions,  
door leadership of the house, and the  
Wickey-Simon contest at  
Crown Point. Elliott of St. Joseph  
county seems to lead for the minority  
whip. Nearly all the members oppose  
the repeal of the county option law, but  
are divided on the metropolitan police  
law.

Representatives Wickey, Brown, Gel-  
ger, Simson, Haggard and Switzer,  
all of the tenth district, held a confer-  
ence today and all decided to stand by  
Wickey in his contest. Acting State  
Chairman Sims said that the entire  
state organization will support Wickey.

## E. F. JOHNSTON ATTENDS FEDERATED CLUB MEETING

Hammond Man, Who Represents the Tenth District in  
Commercial Club Federation, Assists in Tran-  
saction of New Business.

TIMES BUREAU,  
AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—The sec-  
ond meeting of the executive committee  
of the Indiana Federated Commercial  
clubs since Nov. 18, was held yester-  
day in the Commercial clubrooms.  
President J. T. Beasley of Terre Haute  
presided.

The executive committee, which drew  
up and adopted the by-laws and took  
other necessary steps to effect the per-  
manent organization, was composed of  
the officers of the new federation, in-  
cluding a vice president for each of  
the thirteen congressional districts of  
the state.

Members of the executive committee  
who attended the meeting were Presi-  
dent John T. Beasley of Terre Haute,  
Vice Presidents W. V. Dixon, Evans-  
ton, first district; John Freeman,  
Linton, second district; E. M. French,  
Jeffersonville, third district; B. D. Mc-  
Creedy, Connersville, sixth district; R.  
McClure, Indianapolis, seventh district;  
Arthur W. Brady, Anderson,  
eighth district; George W. Duke, Kok-  
omo, ninth district; E. F. Johnston,  
Hammond, tenth district; E. E. Tol-  
ley Marion, eleventh district; R. B.  
Hanna, Ft. Wayne, twelfth district; C.  
E. Pattie, South Bend, thirteenth dis-

trict; Secretary and Treasurer W. B.  
Campbell, Anderson.

Besides the adoption of the by-laws,  
which occupied a considerable portion  
of the time of the meeting, the chief  
business was provision for the issuance of  
a card authorized to be used in the  
interchange of courtesies between the  
clubs which are members of the Indiana  
federation.

The secretary-treasurer was ordered  
by the executive committee to issue a  
copy of the resolutions adopted at the  
Richmond meeting to be directed to all  
the vice presidents, particularly the  
resolutions having to do with the fu-  
ture work of the federation.

The by-laws adopted stipulate that  
regular annual meetings of the associa-  
tion shall be held on the third  
Wednesday of November of each year  
in Indianapolis, unless otherwise ordered.  
The executive committee will, how-  
ever, meet quarterly, the next  
meeting to be held on the third Wed-  
nesday in February. The meetings of  
the latter body will also be held in  
Indianapolis.

The members of the executive com-  
mittee returned to their homes with  
sanguine hopes as to the federation  
and the work which it will be able to  
do.

## FOREIGNERS SUFFER FROM TRACHOMA

Danger of Loathsome Eye  
Disease Spreading Among  
Foreigners Manifest.

## SEVERAL CASES IN HAMMOND

Contagious Eye Disease Is Spreading  
in This Locality and Oc-  
casions Alarm.

There are several cases of the con-  
tagious eye disease, known as trachoma,  
in Hammond. This is the disease  
which if found in the eyes of an em-  
igrant will debar him from this coun-  
try.

There are, in fact, numerous cases  
due to the attention of the emig-  
rant officials every month and in ev-  
ery case the foreigner is sent back to  
his native country.

In Hammond trachoma has been con-  
fused with another prevalent eye dis-  
ease known as the pink eye. There are  
many of the Americanized citizens of  
Hammond who have been suffering from  
the pink eye, but the cases of trachoma  
are confined, so far, to the foreigners.

In the case of trachoma the eye lids  
swell until the eyes are almost closed.  
The lids and the eyes become very  
much inflamed and it is almost impos-  
sible for the victim to see.

Foreigners Suffer From It.

Two foreigners, who were suffering  
from trachoma, were seen on the  
streets yesterday and were pointed out  
by a local physician. They stood in  
the bright sunlight blinking their eyes  
and rubbing them with their handker-  
chiefs.

They seemed to be suffering consider-  
ably from the disease and were un-  
able to work. Trachoma can be cured  
under treatment, but in the case of the  
foreigners there is danger of its spreading.

There is also danger of an epidemic  
of the pink eye. It is known that one  
of the teachers in the Hammond schools  
had a case of pink eye and before the  
nature of the trouble had been discov-  
ered a number of school children had  
been exposed.

MORE NEWS IN ONE WEEK IN THE  
TIMES THAN IN ALL THE OTHER  
PAPERS IN THE CALUMET REGION  
COMBINED. COMPARE THEM ANY-  
TIME IF IT ISN'T SO.

JAIL TWELVE MONTHS  
FOR GOMPERS.

District of Columbia Gives De-  
cision in Famous Contempt  
Case.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The  
famous contempt case of the  
Bucks' Stove and Range Co.  
against President Gompers, Vice  
President Mitchell and Secretary  
Morrison of the American Fed-  
eration of Labor was decided to-  
day by Justice Wright of the su-  
preme court of the District of  
Columbia adversely to the fed-  
eration officials.

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## POLICE BAFFLED OVER TOOL THIEVES

New Conkey Residence Is  
Broken Into and Car-  
penters Robbed.

The Hammond police are at a loss  
to know who are the thieves who have  
been stealing carpenters' tools of late.

There have been so many thefts of  
this kind that the case has become a  
real riddle.

Judging from the fact that the thefts  
have all occurred in about the same  
manner and that in each case no trace  
was ever found of the tools it is ex-  
pected that the thief has some second-  
store where he is able to dispose of  
the stolen goods to a good advantage.

The latest case was reported to the  
police this morning when it was dis-  
covered that thieves had broken into the  
new residence of W. B. Conkey,

which is being constructed on South  
Hohman street, and had stolen a num-  
ber of tools.

Other Cases Cited.

This following the announcement a  
week or two ago that a chest of tools  
had been stolen from All Saints' church  
and preceding that the theft of a num-  
ber of tools from the Princess theater,

which was building then, makes it  
apparent that the stealing of tools is  
a monomania with some one.

The tools stolen yesterday consisted of  
a combination plane, a jack plane,  
a smooth plane, fore plane, a saw,  
a brace and some bits and several  
other tools of less value.

The tools are all marked, according  
to the custom of carpenters, and could be  
easily identified if they should be found.

The police are busily working  
on the case.

GIVE A NICE PRESENT

All Clerks of Lion Store  
Who Have Worked a Year  
Get Vacation and Pay.

The best Christmas present of all,  
and one which redounds to the credit  
of the donors and to the great pleasure  
of the recipients, is a week's vacation  
with full pay, as arranged between  
the management of the Lion store and  
all of its clerks who have been in the  
employ of the store for at least one  
year.

Since there are more than 100 reg-  
ular employees in the store, it can readily  
be seen that the generosity costs

Messrs. Kaufman and Wolf \$1,800 in  
money alone, not to speak of the other  
concessions that go with a vacation.

But the generosity of the manage-  
ment is not unappreciated. The em-  
ployees still have in mind the reduction  
in working hours that the store  
inaugurated when it began to open its  
store at 8 o'clock in the morning in-  
stead of at 7 o'clock.

In no store in the city are the em-  
ployees more loyal to the firm than in  
the Lion store, and taking all this  
into consideration, Messrs. Kaufman  
and Wolf are fully repaid for their

part of the Christmas season.

TAKE THE TIMES AND GET MORE

HAMMOND NEWS PRINTED THAN IN  
AND HAMMOND PAPER, MORE EAST

CHICAGO NEWS THAN PRINTED IN

ANY EAST CHICAGO PAPER AND

MORE GARY NEWS THAN PRINTED

IN ANY GARY PAPER. THE ONLY

PAPER THAT PRINTS THE COUNTY

NEWS.

## U.S. STEEL CONSIDERS NEW GARY

Plan Is to Build \$1,000,000  
Town at Head of Lake  
Superior and Save Freight  
in shipping Unworked  
Ore to Pittsburg Region.

New York, Dec. 23.—According to  
dispatches from Milwaukee, the United  
States Steel Corporation is planning

to build a \$10,000,000 town at the head

of Lake Superior, about six miles from

Superior and Duluth, similar to Gary,

Ind. The corporation some time ago

announced its intention of building

steel mills near Superior at a cost of

nearly \$5,000,000, but since then it has

decided to build a model town around

the mills and construct a railroad to

connect the corporation's Minnesota

range mines with the through railroad

lines to Chicago and Milwaukee. By

the plan, it is said, the concern will

save the expense of shipping unworked

ore to the Pittsburg region and will

instead be able to ship finished steel

to the west or east. About a year ago

the company purchased several thou-

sands of acres of land for the new plant.

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MERRY WIDOWS

Hammond City Council, at  
Special Meeting, Dooms  
Ladies' Lids in Shows.

SWANTON CHAMPIONS FAIR SEX

Ten Thousand Dollars Is Transferred  
to General Fund for Christ-

mas Gifts.

The Hammond city council at a spe-  
cial meeting last night put itself on  
record as being opposed to the wear-  
ing of tall hats or other headgear

which, if worn in public places, es-  
pecially theaters and entertainments, will

obstruct the view of the people in the

rear.

On the face of it, it appears as a  
very ungodly act on the part of the  
city fathers, as the ordinance in its  
essence, is nothing more than an edict  
against the ladies. Of the fourteen  
representatives who appeared at the  
meeting last night only one, Tom Swant,

had the backbone to oppose the  
measure and that champion the cause  
of the maidens and the ladies. The  
other thirteen will have to explain  
what the better halves will have to

say this evening when they read the  
paper. It may be possible that some

of the councilmen will spend the even-  
ing downtown or in their various club  
rooms. The only argument that they

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