

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 novelty wore off and then Mr. Heintz was forced to close down and go elsewhere.

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 Logical 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 WICKEY

Important Republican Meeting Takes Place at Indianapolis.

TIMES BUREAU, AT THE STATE CAPITAL, Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—The republican representatives met at 10 o'clock in the state house today to consider the county option, metropolitan police law, applications for state institutions, floor 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, Gellger, Simson, Haggard and Switzer, all of the tenth district, held a conference 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 Transaction of New Business.

TIMES BUREAU, AT THE STATE CAPITAL, Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 23.—The second meeting of the executive committee of the Indiana Federated Commercial clubs since Nov. 18, was held yesterday 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 permanent organization, was composed of the officers of the new federation, including a vice president for each of the thirteen congressional districts of the state.

Members of the executive committee who attended the meeting were President John T. Beasley of Terre Haute, Vice Presidents W. V. Dixon, Evansville, first district; John Freeman, Linton, second district; E. M. Frank, Jeffersonville, third district; B. D. McCready, Connersville, sixth district; R. G. McClure, Indianapolis, seventh district; Arthur W. Brady, Anderson, eighth district; George W. Duke, Kokomo, ninth district; E. F. Johnston, Hammond, tenth district; E. E. Tolley Marion, eleventh district; R. B. Hanna, Ft. Wayne, twelfth district; C. E. Pattee, South Bend, thirteenth district; 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 report of the resolutions adopted at the Richmond meeting to be directed to all the vice presidents, particularly the resolutions having to do with the future work of the federation.

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

The members of the executive committee 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 Occasions Alarm.

There are several cases of the contagious eye disease, known as trachoma, in Hammond. This is the disease which if found in the eyes of an emigrant will deprive him from this country.

There are, in fact, numerous cases called to the attention of the emigration officials every month and in every case the foreigner is sent back to his native country.

In Hammond trachoma has been confused with another prevalent eye disease 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 impossible 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 handkerchiefs.

They seemed to be suffering considerably from the disease and were unable 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 discovered a number of school children had been exposed.

JAIL TWELVE MONTHS FOR GOMPEERS.

District of Columbia Gives Decision in Famous Contempt Case.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—The famous contempt case of the Bucks' Store and Range Co. against President Gomper, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor was decided today by Justice Wright of the supreme court of the District of Columbia adversely to the federation officials.

Gomper was sentenced to twelve months in jail, Vice President Mitchell to nine months, and Secretary Morrison to six months.

POLICE BAFFLED OVER TOOL THIEVES

New Conkey Residence Is Broken Into and Carpenters 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 puzzle.

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 expected that the thief is 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 discovered that thieves had broken into the new residence of W. B. Conkey, which is being constructed on South Hohman street, and had stolen a number of tools.

Other Cases Cited. This following 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 number 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, a 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 regular employes 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 management is not unappreciated. The employes 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 instead of at 7 o'clock.

In no store in the city are the employes 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 ANY OTHER 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 Pittsburgh Region.

New York, Dec. 23.—According to dispatches from Milwaukee, the United States Steel Corporation is planning to build a \$1,000,000 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 this plan, it is said, the concern will save the expense of shipping unworked ore to the Pittsburgh region and will instead be able to ship finished steel to the west or east. About a year ago the company purchased several thousand acres of land for the new plant.

Architect George L. Harvey of Chicago has completed plans according to which the proposed private hospital for the Indiana Steel company at Gary will be built. The contract for the institution, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, will be let as soon after Jan. 1 as possible.

The site for the building is that place of ground located south of the mills, but north of the river, between Broadway and Virginia streets. The ample grounds surrounding the hospital will be turned into a small park and will form an attractive setting for the building.

The hospital will be a private institution and will be used only for the patients of the Indiana Steel company and the subsidiary corporations of the United States Steel corporation.

Modern in Every Respect. The building itself will be five stories in height and will have a large basement. Its length will be 160 feet and in width 50 feet. It will be so arranged as to accommodate at least 120 patients. It will be as nearly fire-proof as possible, the exterior to be of fire-proof brick and stone trimming. The interior of the hospital will be supplied with all the latest improvements and conveniences.

A private hospital is a necessary adjunct to such big mills as will be in operation in Gary in a short time. First aid to the injured is of vital importance and the company takes this into consideration by building the hospital near the plant. The Illinois Steel company at South Chicago, which is also a subsidiary corporation of the United States Steel company, maintains a similar hospital near its plant, but the Gary building will be far superior to the South Chicago place.

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HERKNER ESTATE GOES TO LOCAL MEN

F. R. Mott and F. R. Schaaf Become Owners of 40-Acre Tract.

Fred Mott and Richard Schaaf, this morning purchased from William Herkner, the administrator of the estate of William Hilgendorf, 38.75 acres of land, a mile southeast of Heaverville, on the Nickel Plate railroad, for \$4,100.

This is a little more than \$100 an acre and is considered a good speculative investment. The sale of the land was made by auction and took place in Judge William McMahon's office in the Hammond building.

The only other bidder was J. S. Blackmun. Blackmun offered \$4,100 for the property, but as Fred Mott and Richard Schaaf offered to pay one-half cash and the other half in a year, and Blackmun would only pay one-third down and the other two-thirds in two annual installments, so the Mott-Schaaf offer was taken up.

It is said that the daughter of Mr. William Hilgendorf, the deceased, who inherited the property, was very much pleased over the fact that the property brought as large a sum as it did.

PETITION WAS GRANTED

Otto C. Borman Restrained From Attaching Certain Property.

The case of Mott vs. the South Chicago City Railway company was dismissed in the Lake superior court this morning. The petition for an injunction, in which Apperson and Valette sought to restrain Otto Borman et al. from attaching certain property to recover a judgment of \$48, was granted.

The court announced this morning what would be the settings for the first part of the adjourned term of court, to begin Jan. 4. The court cases which were set for the seventh Tuesday, beginning with No. 3283, Standard Steel Car company vs. Douglas, will be taken up Jan. 4.

The cases set for the seventh Wednesday, Dec. 23, will be taken up Jan. 5. The cases set for the seventh Thursday, Dec. 24, will be taken up Jan. 6. The cases set for the eighth Monday, Dec. 28, will be taken up Jan. 7. The cases set for the eighth Tuesday, Dec. 29, will be set for Jan. 8. After that the cases have not been set.

Pocket Book Lost. M. J. Gillen of 269 Oakley avenue lost his pocketbook shortly after leaving the 5 and 10-cent store on State street. The pocketbook contained between \$8 and \$10 and it was lost after 3 o'clock.

Teams Walks Away. A team belonging to the East Chicago Transfer company walked away from its hitching place and disappeared. It was reported to the police station at Hammond and was afterward recovered by Officer Homerich.

Horse Dies at Standard. After an unsuccessful effort was made by a local veterinarian to save the life of a horse, which was taken sick in an alley back of Fields avenue, Officer Hanlon was finally compelled to shoot it.

HOLDS REGULAR MEETING. The board of public works this morning held a regular meeting. There was nothing of special importance before the board, and this gave the board an opportunity to pass on the regular weekly bills wis dispatch.

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

INDIANA STEEL COMPANY TO HAVE A PRIVATE HOSPITAL

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WILL NOT TAKE PLACE TILL SUMMER

Hammond Will Have a Direct Route to Gary in New Road.

When Gary & Western Is Completed Loop Service Will Be Established.

An inquiry at the office of the Chicago, Indiana & Southern railroad, at Gibson, makes it apparent that the installation of the suburban service on the Gary & Western, which has been taken over by the New York Central lines, will not take place until along next summer.

The road is now being used for freight service and freight trains have been running over it for about a month, but no passenger trains will be put on until later in the coming year.

When the passenger service is finally installed, it will provide the people of Hammond with a most convenient method of reaching the new steel city. Hammond people will be able to take a train at the Lake Shore and Nickel Plate depot in this city, from where they will go to Gibson and thence in a westerly direction to Gary, where they will be deposited at the Broadway elevated depot.

This will give Hammond a most direct route to Gary and will give the people of Gary a very direct route to Hammond, and will be a popular route for the people of South Gary to take to Chicago. It is prophesied that as a result of the building of the outer loop of the Lake Shore railroad, or what is known as the Gary & Western railroad, the New York Central lines will be in a position to monopolize the suburban passenger traffic of the whole region.

When the Gary & Western suburban service is established, it will be possible to take a train at the Hammond Lake Shore depot directly east to Chicago, directly west to Gary, either way around the present Lake Shore loop, which will give access to the cities of Whiting and Indiana Harbor, and either way around the outer loop, of which the Gary & Western will be the connecting link, to all of the towns on the main line of the Lake Shore road from Gary to Chicago.

ELECTION CONTEST IS STILL ON AT CROWN POINT.

No Important Elements Have Been Brought Out in the Evidence Today.

(Special to The Times.) Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 23.—The election contest, in which Edward Simons is seeking to prevent Edward Wickey from holding the office of representative from this district, was continued today without the development of any important evidence.

The questions still relate to the number of foreigners which were naturalized by the republicans and democrats and to their nationality.

A full report is being made of all of the evidence and it is understood that this is to be printed and furnished to the members of the state legislature for their consideration.

E. W. Wickey is in Indianapolis attending a meeting of the assembly men.

SPANKING DUE BOLD HUNTSMEN

Paternal Discipline in Store For Two New York Lads Who Arrived in Hammond Last Week to Hunt Bear.

LURED BY LETTERS FROM BOB COSTELLO

Disgusted, So They Were, to Find After Their Arrest That Indiana City Harbored Only Civilized People, Says New York Paper in Describing Affair.

Masters Padula and Manasco are back in New York after their bear hunt in Hammond. The youngsters, whose runaway was the sensation of the hour last week, gave the blame and effect to something to read about. In telling their story the New York Telegram says:

"Not a single redskin hit the dust, not a bear rolled over with a groan. There was not even a chance to draw a trusty weapon and rush bravely to the rescue. Despite this lack of opportunity to become Indian hunters or faunal naturalists, there is plenty of excitement in store for Joseph Padula and Daniel Manasco when they reach their homes in Brooklyn today. At least, their fathers hint at such a happening.

"Joseph lives, or did live, with his prosaic parents at No. 76 East Fifth street, while Daniel camped with unromantic relatives at No. 142 on the same trail. The boys were in the habit of calling their houses tepees, but after this they will be less emotional and the letters from their friend, Bob Costello, will not be awaited with the same avidity as heretofore.

Lured by Hammond Lad. "Bob Costello also lived in the borough of Brooklyn at one time, but he moved with his parents to Hammond, Ind. Prior to his leaving Bob had conducted numerous Indian hunts in Prospect Park, and he hailed the move to the west with joy.

"Soon after he arrived in Hammond 'Bob' began writing to 'Dand' and 'Joe' and telling them of the real joys of life in the uncivilized districts.

"Indiana? Well, rather. There were so many real, untamed savages about the place, he wrote, that extra barbed wire had to be put up around the house to keep them from trampling the flower beds, and bears and buffaloes were so common that cartridges were not wasted on them any more, the most common method of slaying them being with clubs, stones or even kitchen utensils thrown out of the back parlor window.

"These letters were more than human nature could stand, so 'Joe' and 'Dand' decided that Brooklyn was too tame. Indiana and its Indians became their dream both day and night.

Where Did They Get Money? "How they saved up enough money to go west, neither of the boys parents can say, but they did it, besides laying in an Indian-buffalo-bear outfit that would do credit to a South American regiment. They set out last Monday, and when they did not come home Tuesday the parents began to get worried and started an investigation. Then Bob Costello's letters were heard of and the police were notified to send out a general alarm. Captain Kelly of the Parkville police station decided that the boys must have headed for Indianapolis, or some other place with Indian in it, and sent word to that effect to policemen out west. When the boys got off the train at Hammond they were taken into custody and police of this city were notified.

"But that was not the worst of it, for there in Hammond they saw police, and churches, and all the other things that they had tried to get away from. The wildest thing at large there was a chipmunk which was not half as large as the gray squirrels in Prospect Park. As for Indians, well, the police there had never seen any, but they had heard that you could see them aplenty when Buffalo Bill's show came to New York.

"It was too much.

"As was said before, there is to be a lot of excitement for the boys when they arrive at their Brooklyn homes."

Loses His Overcoat.

J. D. St. Clair, 178 Clinton street, reports that he lost his overcoat. He says it was stolen this afternoon out of the Erie yards. It is valued at about \$10.

Sensitive Audience. "What started the riot at the performance of 'Hamlet' last night?" "Why, Hamlet held the skull and said: 'Alas, poor Yorrick! You are not the only deadhead in the house.'"

Tit-Bits.