

FRIENDS OF SCATENAS' WORRIED

Earthquake News from Italy Alarms Friends of Well Known Hammond Business Man Who, With His Family, Is There.

FAMILY IS NOT IN DANGER ZONE

Scatena's Partner, Vincent Del Becaro Says That Family Is at Lucca, in Northern Part of Italy, and No Where Near the Great Volcano of Mount Aetna.

Vincent Del Becaro, who succeeded Paul Scatena in the fruit business and who has his place of business at 136 South Hohman street, is one of the best educated of the Italians in Hammond.

When the information reached Hammond of the terrible catastrophe, which had occurred in South Italy and in Sicily as a result of volcanic and seismic disturbances there, the acquaintances of Paul Scatena, who is now in Italy, wondered if he was in the danger zone.

Mr. Becaro was consulted about the matter and said that Scatena is in the little town of Lucca, in the northern part of Italy, and nowhere near the great volcano of Mount Aetna.

Mr. Becaro says so far as he can judge from a hasty perusal of the papers the disturbance and the area which was destroyed by the volcano and the earthquake was in the vicinity of the Straits of Messina.

The principal cities destroyed were Messina and Reggio, although there are many other towns in the vicinity which doubtless were destroyed completely or partly.

Mr. Becaro says that in the pre-historic times the island of Sicily and the peninsula of Italy were all one continent, but volcanic disturbances of such a nature as the one which occurred yesterday finally resulted in the Sicily football being the toe of Italy seems to be kicking, being separated from the main land.

He says that it is hard to estimate the losses of life at this stage of the game. He points to the fact that the Inter-Ocean, in its earlier editions, estimates that 75,000 people were killed and The Tribune 50,000. The Tribune's estimate was brought down to 20,000 in the later editions. Though further advices make the loss of life greater than has been published yet.

It is southern Italy and not northern Italy which suffered and is understood that Vesuvius at that other center near Naples is resting peacefully.

CONTEST WILL BE A COSTLY ONE

The Alleged Election Fraud Hearing at County Seat May Amount to \$2,000.

WILL NOT BE OVER FOR 10 DAYS

Insurance Agent (?) Weiss is on the Witness Stand in Contest Today.

(Special to THE TIMES.) Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 29.—If Edward Simon falls to unseat Edward Wickey in the contest which he has been carrying on at Crown Point, it will cost him, or more likely the democratic party, in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

It was learned today that Court Reporter Patton not only demanded his fee of \$300 for the work that has already been done, but he will demand \$1,000 for writing the transcript of the case.

Then there will be all of the other expenses of the hearing, which has been going on for ten days, and these will amount to from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Will Last Ten Days Yet.

What is more, it was reported at Crown Point today that the hearing will consume another week or ten days and that will run the expense up to the much feared \$2,000. As one politician put it: "The money those democrats are spending to get Simon into the legislature would naturalize a couple of thousand foreigners."

The man whom the democrats have on the stand today is Charles M. Weiss, the detective, which they hired to go under the stand of an insurance agent and find out how long each foreigner had been in this country. Weiss has been on the stand all morning and it is thought that the democrats will spend the rest of the day with him.

It is expected that Ed Simon will go under the stand in his own behalf in a day or so and add what he can to the evidence which has already been introduced.

Then there are the witnesses who will be introduced by the republicans, and it is thought that before the testimony is all in the hearing will have taken at least a week longer.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES IS STARTED TODAY

Two suits for damages against corporations were started in the Lake superior court at Hammond today. In one, Irwin Miller asserts that while he was drilling through a piece of iron ore in the Pittsburgh-Luther plant, it struck him in the wrist and his hand and wrist was damaged to the extent of \$1,000.

John Henry and Thomas Hunt are the administrators of the estate of Patrick Henry, who was killed while riding on a freight car, are suing the Lorimer-Gallagher company for \$10,000 damages, the limit which can be collected under the law.

NOTICE.
All teamsters are requested to attend a special meeting Tuesday night, Dec. 29th. Election of officers—28-2.
THOMAS HARRIS,
Secretary, No. 362.

5073 NOW ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

Lincoln-Jefferson College of Law of Hammond Shows Wonderful Growth in the First Half Year of Its Existence.

ITS OWN TEXT BOOK IS SECRET OF SUCCESS

Unlimited Capital Has Brought Together the Best Brains of the Country, Including Noted Jurists, Lecturers and Teachers—Collegiate Course Added to Juris Prudence.

Five thousand and seventy-three students to date. That is the marvelous record which the Lincoln-Jefferson College of Law of Hammond has achieved since its inception last July. It is a record unsurpassed by any other school in the world, and is already far beyond that of many other schools who are of years' standing. What a continuance of such progress would mean for the future would almost take a stretch of the imagination. The five thousand and more students already enrolled are taking the extension course and do not include those who are taking advantage of the night course in the residential school in Hammond.

The Foundation of Success.
In looking for the cause of the wonderful success of the Lincoln-Jefferson College of Law it would indeed be a hard matter to locate it if it were not initiated into the fact that it is solely due to unmitigated capital which has gathered together the best brains of the country and evolved a system and laid out a course of study which is indeed ideal both for the student who has the time to attend the residential day or night school, or for him who must seek his knowledge in his own home by the use of the set of textbooks—the Putney Law Library—published by the Cree Publishing company of Minneapolis. The Putney Law Library is the foundation of the success of the Lincoln-Jefferson College of Law. The school is incorporated as a university, and the next step in carrying out this original idea will be taken next year when a collegiate extension course will be added and possibly also introduced in the residential school. This course, extending over a term of four years, is equally as original as the law course and may never be equaled in the history of the college's effectiveness. In compiling these courses the people behind the school have spared no money when it came to connecting the best textbook, writers and teachers in the country. The result is that a brilliant aggregation of men, including famous jurists, among them Judge Clifton of the Indiana supreme court, authors and lecturers, have been brought together.

Another Star is Added.
One of the latest additions to this star coterie is Dr. Hubert M. Skinner, poet, author and lecturer. He is the man who wrote the World's Fair Ode for the St. Louis exposition, and who laid out a course for the International Teachers' Reading Circle, and from whose work the American Book, to whose staff he belonged, made fortune after fortune. He is the author of the collegiate course which is being put into circulation now and which may be put into the residential school next year.

The building of its own buildings in Hammond in which to house the Lincoln-Jefferson university is only a matter of time, and it may only be a year or two before Hammond will be graced with its own university building.

Was Repeatedly Realized.
But if the people of this city were ashamed of the reception they gave "Cora" those who did see her matchless performance of last evening were generous in their applause and the star of the east was compelled to appear for certain calls again and again.

It is doubtful if there could possibly have been a better medium for the display of Bertha Kalich's versatility of expression than the drama "Cora." Cora, the actress, the idol of a thousands of audiences, in love with a young man of good family. The affair is opposed by the parents of the young man and his mother finally persuades her, secretly, to do something that will turn him against her and prevent what she regarded as a disgrace, her son's marriage to an actress.

In the first three acts there is the persistent wooing of "Cora" by her lover and then in the third act her sacrifice. It is a banquet in which her bacchanalian hilarity she turns the love of one who respected her to disgust.

Then comes the explanation of it all, eight years later, and the unexpected ending of the affair. It is a perfect medium for Miss Kalich to show her wonderful versatility and the audience was charmed with her efforts.

JACOB HAYDEN, LAKE COUNTY PIONEER GONE

Joins "Innumerable Caravan After Three Score Years of Labor."

WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED MAN

Lived Retired Life at Lowell, But Spent Most of His Years on West Creek Farm.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Lowell, Ind., Dec. 29.—Jacob Hayden, a retired farmer and one of southern Lake county's early settlers, died at his Lowell home Sunday night. He had been a great sufferer with cancer in the face, which was the cause of his taking away.

The death of Mr. Hayden takes away a familiar character known in all parts of Lake county, especially in the southern part where he has lived for more than half a century. Mr. Hayden was one of a family of thirteen brothers and sisters and came with his parents from Ohio to Lake county when six years of age. He has lived to see the great county of Lake grow from its infancy hardships and experiences of pioneer life to its present state of great wealth and improvement. He obtained a meager education in a log schoolhouse near his father's farm in West Creek township. At an early age he began to assist in the cultivation and development of the home farm and continued to follow agricultural pursuits for many years.

He was married to Miss Sarah M. Knisely, who is also well known throughout Lake county, in December, 1864. At the time of their marriage Mr. Hayden, with his faithful helpmeet, began their domestic life in West Creek township, where he engaged in farming, and where he lived for more than forty-four years, the fruits of their labors being rewarded with a good share of this world's goods and comforts at the sunset of life. At one time Mr. Hayden's realty wealth comprised much of the best farm land in Lake county, but being of a very generous nature he had divided a great deal of his landed possessions with his seven surviving children. As many other early settlers, Mr. Hayden hauled wheat and grain to Chicago with an ox team, taking perhaps one week or more to make the round trip.

At death Mr. Hayden was about 78 years of age. His wife and one son and one daughter preceded him to the Spirit Land, and thus one by one are the ranks of our pioneers and respected citizens being thinned.

KALICH DRAWS A SMALL AUDIENCE

Gifted Actress, However, Delights Theatergoers With Her Talent.

"CORA" IS POWERFUL DRAMA

Better Medium for Display of Actresses' Expression and Ability Hard to Find.

Bertha Kalich, tall, graceful, beautiful and a finished artist, appeared before a small, but appreciative audience, of Hammond theatergoers last evening and delighted them with her art and the pleasing character which she portrayed.

It is a sad commentary on Hammond's appreciation of an artist that Bertha Kalich should have come to a city of 30,000 inhabitants with one of the best attractions on the American stage and then draw only half a house.

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APPEAL TO PRES. FOR GOMPERS

Carpenters' Union of Gary Sends a Letter of Protest to President Roosevelt in the Now Famous Contempt Case.

WANT THE PRESIDENT TO PARDON LEADERS

Gary Labor Leaders Declare That Wright's Decision Has Gone Far to Widen Chasm Already Existing Between the Forces of Capital and Labor.

The carpenters' union of Gary, No. 985, believing that a great injustice has been done President Samuel Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell, and Frank Morrison by Justice Wright's decision in the famous contempt case, yesterday acted through a committee, consisting of Frank F. Fisher, John T. Hewitt and W. W. Dicks, and sent a letter of appeal to President Roosevelt to intercede in the matter and save the labor leaders from going to jail.

A copy of the letter, which was drafted yesterday afternoon, will also be sent to President Gompers, showing him that the sentiment of the union men is with him. The letter was written to President Roosevelt in the hope that by the great pressure brought to bear by the union men all over the country, that the decision against the labor leaders will be reversed in a higher court or that the president will grant them pardon.

One of the most startling statements which is made in the letter to the president is that "it is our belief that as a result of the decision referred to, more has been done to widen the chasm between capital and labor than any previous action in the history of our country."

The letter in full is as follows:

GARY, IND., DEC. 28, 1908.
Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Executive Mansion, Washington, D. C.
Sir: In respect to the sentence imposed upon the labor leaders, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison by Justice Wright by the district court of the District of Columbia, we, the authorized committee of the carpenters' union, No. 985, Gary, Indiana, believe that it is our duty as law-abiding citizens and as interested parties to the action of that court, to submit to your Honor, the president, our opinion in regard to this decision.

Upon due consideration, it is our belief that as a result of the decision referred to, has done more to widen the chasm between labor and capital than any previous action in the history of our country. We have had many contempt cases among the higher classes and none of the defendants have ever before had a jail sentence. We believe that the law should apply to all citizens equally for like offenses.

Mr. President, we are willing to instruct this matter to your justice and integrity.

Respectfully,

FRANK F. FISHER,
JOHN T. HEWITT,
W. W. DICKS.

HAMMOND DID NOBLY IN SALE

Hammond has done nobly in the purchase of Red Cross stamps and only a least little stretch of generosity before New Year—for the stamps are appropriate during the entire holiday season—will give Hammond a clear slate. It will then have given its assistance to one of the noblest causes in this country now—that of eradicating the white plague. Nearly 10,000 of them were sold in Hammond.

All of the business houses which had a supply have sold out their supply of Red Cross stamps with the exception of four places, they being the First National bank, E. C. Minas, Hahstadt's and the Model Clothing store.

The stamps carry a greeting for the holiday season and are consequently just as appropriate for New Years as they were for Christmas.

It was indeed surprising to many Hammond people to see how many letters and packages they received during the Christmas season labeled with the Red Cross stamps.

The proper place to paste the Red Cross stamp on an envelope is in the lower right hand corner. It is conspicuous there and will easily be seen there. A stamp only costs one cent, but the purchaser must not labor under the impression that it will pay postage.

OLD SOLDIER SUFFERS A BADLY BROKEN LEG

Adam Stoll of Berry Lake Falls in a Peculiar Manner.

TILTED CHAIR KEELS OVER

Veteran of Many Battles Is Taken to St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 29.—After having lived for 68 years, gone through the civil war and carried civilization forward along with many other pioneers, Adam Stoll of Berry Lake met his downfall, with the result that he suffered a broken leg over the knee.

Stoll has been taken to St. Margaret's hospital, where the best of care is given to him now. He is unable to give an explanation as to how the accident happened. He was sitting on a chair, which was slightly tilted backward, and without warning he lost his balance and keeled over.

Mr. Stoll is a Grand Army man, 68 years old. Owing to his advanced age it is feared he may never again be able to walk on the injured member. Another thing which was not in his favor was the fact that, although the accident occurred at 5:30 p. m., it was impossible to get a physician to take the trip to Berry Lake, with the result that he went without medical aid until he reached St. Margaret's hospital at midnight.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stoll are well known here, and it is a source of regret to think such an accident should come into the family of two such elderly people.

SUPERIOR COURT.

New Cases.

5315. Emil Lins and Minnie Whitlock vs. Herman Lins et al. Suit to set aside a conveyance.

5316. Erwin Miller et al. vs. Fitzhugh Luther company. Personal injury.

5317. Gary Lumber company vs. D. Henry Johnson. Foreclosure of mechanics' lien.

5318. Annie Williams vs. Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

5319. John Henry et al. vs. Lorimer & Gallagher Co. Damages.

DR. F. B. OLWIN RETURNS TO HAMMOND TODAY.

Local Dentist Says That He Feels a Great Deal Better Now.

Dr. F. B. Olwin, who has been on a farm in Robinson, Ill., for some time in an effort to regain his health, returned to Hammond recently and says he feels like a new man again. He will begin the practice of dentistry with Dr. T. Edwin Bell in their offices in room 206 in the Hammond Building next Monday, and will be prepared to meet his old clients.

STORY OF NATURALIZATIONS WAS FAKE, PURE AND SIMPLE

Deputy Clerk Charles Surprise Says That Article Appearing in Local Paper Yesterday Was Absolutely Without Any Foundation Whatever.

An amazing lie nalled in the lair of yellow journalism is what Hammond people found themselves up against this morning when they questioned Deputy United States Clerk Charles Surprise about the alleged facts in connection with an alleged naturalization of foreigners, the story of which appeared in an alleged newspaper which poses as the only paper in Hammond that tells the truth and prints news when it is news.

The story was so utterly without foundation and such a deliberate attempt to blacken the integrity of the deputy United States clerk's office that even the paper's readers who have heretofore been befuddled by its "holier-than-thou-policy," suffered the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

Without a Grain of Truth.
The alleged facts which appear all the more as an outrageous lie when it is taken into consideration that they were specifically denied by Charles Surprise, who was interviewed by a reporter for the paper before the story was printed, were to the effect that five foreigners had been naturalized yesterday, that five or six were naturalized every day and that on Saturday a man had been naturalized who in answer to an examination said that Geo. Washington was the present president of the United States and that his only guess was right, was about Mayor Becker. The story further charged

Charles Surprise with acting the role of judge and handing out advice to the applicant. A fake lecture by a fake judge was another amazing bit of fabrication that was in the story.

Speaking of the alleged naturalization Mr. Surprise said today:

"Nobody was naturalized in my office neither yesterday nor Saturday. So much for that and the records will show that I am telling the truth. As for my questioning an applicant regarding his knowledge that would be usurping a power which I do not possess and which I would not attempt to exercise in my present position. That is wholly a matter for the judge who hears the examination for the second papers. During my term of office no second papers have been issued and none will be until the April term of court. I have only issued two sets of naturalization papers for over a month."

STEALS TWO OVERCOATS.

Frank Roth, who occupied room 12 in the Maine hotel, reports that Saturday night, between 9 and 12 o'clock in the evening, some one entered his room and stole two overcoats and other articles of clothing.

IF YOU ARE HURRY, TRY TO FORGET A LOT OF THINGS—AND REMEMBER THE WANT ADS.

EXTRA

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Rome, Dec. 29.—In the latest edition of the Tribune, the estimated number of earthquake victims is placed at between 65,000 and 75,000. The number of injured is placed at 100,000. At Messina the number of dead is estimated at 12,000. It is feared that hundreds of people are buried alive under the ruins and will be destroyed in the flames that are raging.

WORKED AS BARKER IN THEATRE

Sheriff F. S. Carter Lands W. R. Hughes, Formerly Superintendent of Cain Construction Co., at Spokane; Brought to Whiting.

Sheriff F. S. Carter yesterday brought a very penitent man in the person of William R. Hughes, aged 25, and formerly of the Cain Construction company of Indiana Harbor, to Whiting to face the charge of stealing \$300 in cash from his employer and forging a check for \$180.50.

Hughes was arrested on information which was furnished by detectives who have been working on the case for some time. When captured he was in a little place, seventeen miles by stage from Coleman, Wash., which is only a short distance from Spokane.

He was employed as a Barker in a five-cent theater. When he was brought back to Whiting he was very penitent and said that he did not know why he had given away to the temptation to steal the money.

Was Well Liked.

Hughes was the superintendent and paymaster for the Cain Construction company in Whiting on the job that was being done there. He was thought to be an honest man and was well liked by all who knew him.

On the day the job was completed, W. A. Cain made arrangements to pay the men off. Usually he paid in checks but this time he had \$300 in cash and so he gave that to Hughes and ordered him to pay off the men. Hughes was tempted to steal the money and did so. He also forged Cain's name to a check for \$180.50 and left town.

It was not long before Mr. Cain discovered the loss and efforts were made to locate Hughes. It was found that he had deserted his wife and had left the country.

Hughes was given a preliminary hearing in Justice George W. Jones' court and was placed under \$500 bonds for his appearance at the trial in the Lake superior court. It is believed that he will be able to furnish bond.