

## An Earthquake in Calabria Drawn by Signor Matavia an Eye Witness.



FAIL OF A VILLAGE ON EDGE OF A CLIFF.  
CALABRIAN EARTHQUAKE OF OCTOBER 1907

## ANGRY FATHER SEEKS ELOPING DAUGHTER

Nineteen Year Old Gary  
Boy Marries Rich  
Ohio Girl.

## GOES HOME FOR A VISIT

Norman Cole, Son of Druggist, Said  
He Would Visit Mother—Takes  
a Wife Instead.

It was learned today from a reliable source that Norman Cole, the 19-year-old son of W. H. Cole, proprietor of the Borman-Watson Drug company, 718 Broadway, had stolen a march on his parents by eloping and marrying Miss Mary Walker of Dillonvale, O., girl the day after Christmas.

The story was given further credence this morning when it was learned that J. C. Walker, who is said to be the wealthiest man in Dillonvale, O., had arrived in Gary last night and was looking for his daughter, but could find no trace of her here.

Norman Cole left Gary on the 17th of December to spend the holidays with his mother and other relatives in Dillonvale, O. Mr. W. Cole and son have just recently purchased the Borman-Watson Drug company on Broadway. Their home was in Dillonvale, O., before moving to Gary about a month ago. It was here that young Cole met Miss Walker, who is but 16 years of age. Both attended high school together and had known each other for years. When the young man came to Gary, it is said, that the two kept up a secret correspondence together through the aid of a "best friend" in both cities. This gave both the young people a chance to lay the plans for their elopement and marriage.

Were in Toledo.

Cole left Gary for Dillonvale the week before Christmas, and in the meantime Mr. Cole arrived in Gary to take his son's place in the store. On Saturday, the day after Christmas, Norman left home as did Miss Walker. Nothing save a telegram from Toledo, O., has been heard of them since except a short letter and several postal cards, which hinted that the two had married and would probably arrive in Gary some time this week. Mr. Walker arrived in Gary last night and hoped to find that he had arrived in time to head off the marriage, as he considered his daughter too young to take such a step. But he counted without cost, for the young couple are now spending their honeymoon and by the time they arrive in Gary the wrath of the irate parent will have subsided and instead of giving vent to their feelings they will shower their blessings.

work far superior to that actually furnished by the L. G. & E. F. people. The complaint is mainly against the outside fixtures, comprising the large art posts at the head of the outer steps. These are now surmounted with stiff-looking, ugly head-piece and not the artistic adornment supposed to have been selected by the committee. The inside fixtures are also frail and not well constructed. One of the councilmen expressed himself last evening by declaring that the "installation was about as good as could be done by an average wash-woman." Round castings have been furnished to fit over hexagonal and octagonal slugs and other mechanical discrepancies too numerous to mention were pointed out by the council.

Chief of Police Higgins also succeeded in securing three new policemen for the regular force. Hold-ups have been so numerous in this city for the past two months that it is becoming dangerous to walk about the streets at night. Leo McCormack and William Hughes, the latter of the Harbor, have already been selected to fill the positions, and Mayor DeBrie will make his third choice this morning.

## WILL THEN BE A DRY CITY

After April 30 There Is to Be  
an Awful Gurgling in  
the Steel City.

## BAD ON PARCHED THROATS

People of Gary Will Then Become  
Very Sociable With North Town-  
ship Tavern Drinks.

On the thirtieth of April, 1909, Gary will be so dry that it will parch one's lips and call forth nothing more than a rasping whisper to even mention the name of the new steel city.

Five saloons went out of the business yesterday, seven will quite the latter part of January, ten will close up shop in February, eleven will become drug stores or blind tigers in March, and in April eighteen saloons will either board up the front doors or start to doing business in the woods just for the novelty of it, don't you know.

The slaughter of innocent little saloons in the next few months in Gary and vicinity will simply be horrible. There will be a general taking down of the bars, and the thirst parlor in Heaverville, Gibson and Indiana Harbor will do all of the Calumet township business.

## Expect a Lot of Sociability.

It is expected as a result that the people of Gary will become much more sociable with the people of North township than ever before. In the future, the people of Hammond must not suspect that every time a Gary lawyer comes to Hammond he is after the superior courthouse.

The men who will be compelled to close this month are John F. Farrell, Mike Mandish, Anton Samit, Fred Stuckman and Charles Van Guilder. Some of these are among the best known in the business.

Gary will be the first city in this part of the state which will have an opportunity to try the blessings of being dry. The people of Hammond, East Chicago and Indiana Harbor will be able to look over the corporation line in a few months and say: "Hello, Gary, how do you feel since you have sworn off?" and the people of Gary will wince and squirm and reply weakly, "I never felt better in my life."

The Union saloon, which was located on Broadway, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, closed Saturday night. The saloon is owned by Martin Bennett and was run by Bob Wilkins for the past month under Bennett's name. Bennett's license does not expire for several months and there is no explanation made as to his reason for closing. Bennett is known to have left Gary several weeks ago and has not been seen since.

## LEVI DESERTS HIS WIFE

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Allen Levi, a Gary tailor, was arrested this morning on the charge of wife desertion, charges having been preferred by his wife, who was compelled to "make her own living in a little shack" in the neighborhood of Eleventh avenue and Washington street. Levi will have a hearing today in Justice Townsley's court.

Mrs. Levi has the sympathy of all the people who know the facts in the case. She has tried hard to make a living for herself and her four children, and the episode of several months ago is still fresh in the minds of some people, especially the Jews of Gary, when Levi tried to produce testimony to the effect that his wife was insane. The entire Jewish community stood by the wife, with the result that she was exonerated of the charges that her husband tried to prefer against her.

## FIGHT IN SALOON NOW IN COURT

Piechocki Bros. of Indiana  
Harbor Are Made  
Defendants.

## S. KOWALSKI IS THE PLAINTIFF

Says He Was Relieved of a Gun and  
\$75 in the Place—Provocation  
Case Up.

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 29.—Judge G. E. Reiland will today preside at the hearing of several flagrant statute violation cases. The participants in every occasion are residents of the foreign district and their fights were evidently occasioned by too great an indulgence in "Christmas joy."

Stanley Kowalski yesterday appeared before the court and asked for a warrant for the arrest of Leo and Stanley Piechocki, the Alder street saloon-keepers. Kowalski had two beautifully decorated optics, swollen so badly that he could not even peep from beneath his eyelids and had to be led into court by his brother. Kowalski recited a pitiful story which, if true, will mean a heavy fine for the Piechocki brothers. On Christmas eve, he declared, he entered the Piechocki saloon, intending to buy a few drinks. No sooner had he entered the door when Leo, who was evidently half-full, stepped up and relieved him of his gun and \$75 in cash.

## Another Provocation Charge.

He was then beaten, bruised and battered and his battle-scarred body thrown into the street, where he was later found by friends and taken to his home. Piechocki brothers resent the assertion that they robbed their victim, declaring that Kowalski attempted to draw his gun in their saloon and that they merely took it away from him and gave him a lesson that he will long remember.

As a new angle in the troubles of John Ondrak and Mike Christian, the latter has Ondrak arrested on a charge of provocation. The defendant in the new case recently charged Christian with the theft of a valuable gold ring and on Saturday evening demanded its return. Christian maintained his innocence and declared that he knew absolutely nothing about the jewelry. He was then met with a voluminous attack of curses, "much to his disgust and dismay." Instead of striking Ondrak, Christian resorted to the natural course of the law and will secure legal redress. The case will be defended by Attorney J. D. Kennedy of Magoun avenue.

## GARY MASONS INSTALL

Colored Lodge Men Have a  
High Time at Gregory

(Special to THE TIMES.)

St. Luke's lodge, Gary colored Masons, last night gave a public installation of officers and a most pleasing entertainment to the lodge members and their wives.

The ceremonies took place at the Gregory hall, on Washington street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues, and were well attended. A stringed orchestra provided the music for the evening while the wives of the Masons prepared and served an excellent luncheon.

D. W. Caine of Indianapolis, grand master of the state, was present and officiated at the installation and later made a short address. One of the pleasing numbers on the evening's program was a vocal selection by Mrs. Oscar Byrd, Mrs. Emmett Bell and Mrs. Mary Champ.

The arrangement committee consisted of John Goston, chairman; Henry Travis, secretary, and John H. Jones, treasurer.

## COOKED HIS GOOSE ALL RIGHT

Amusing Petit Larceny Case  
Is Brought Up for Trial in  
Judge Fitzgerald's Court  
in Gary Yesterday After-  
noon.

Wouldn't it make you angry if you bought a goose for Christmas, had it cooked at a friend's home for your affluence as your wife wouldn't get "wise," and then have your friend get drunk and permit the goose to cook for twelve hours, until it resembles a cross between an old shoe and a platter of tripe?

That was exactly what happened to Robert Burnett, erstwhile janitor in various Broadway buildings and who resides at the corner of Seventh avenue and Washington street. The friend who "cooked his goose," as far as the affluence part of it was concerned, is Henry Pettit, who appeared before Judge P. L. Fitzgerald yesterday, charged with petit larceny to the extent of a \$1.76 goose.

The case created a great deal of amusement in Gary yesterday afternoon when the case came up for trial. Much pro and con evidence was introduced at the trial until finally the facts were sifted to the bottom and the real cause for the arrest of Pettit was discovered. Attorney Clarence Bretsch drew from the prosecuting witness the fact that Pettit really had not been arrested for stealing the goose, but for the way in which the fowl was cooked.

## This Is How It Was!

The story of the unique affair is as follows:

Bob Burnett purchased a Christmas goose for the sum of \$1.76. The goose he intended to serve to his affluence, a buxom colored Miss of the south end. Not wishing his wife to discover this fact he had the defendant, Henry, slip into his house the night before Christmas and take the goose from the table and carry it home, where he was to have parboiled it so that it could be easily cooked the next morning.

After a few rounds of drinks was had the goose was safely tucked under the arm of Henry, who took it to his own shack. He then, after drinking another small bottle of whiskey, proceeded to slam the goose into the wash-bowling and set it on the stove. With a clear conscience he then lay down to sleep off what looked like a pretty good sized "stew" of his own.

## Oh, Such a Headache!

The next time that Henry "came to" he found himself confronting Bob and trying to explain how the goose was all cooked to pieces, and Bob was trying to console his affluence. Finally, however, he became so enraged at missing the feast that he had his former friend arrested on a charge of petit larceny, but he could not prove the charge.

After the trial Bob, being unable to make the charge hold good against his former friend, turned around to the judge unexpectedly and asked him if he knew the difference between a wife and an affluence.

The judge shook his head, pleading ignorance. "It's just this way," Bob explained hastily, "my wife cooks my meals and my affluence cooks my goose."

## TWO CASES OF TYPHOID AT MILLER STATION.

Two cases of typhoid fever are reported from Miller. The two children of George Buckingham, George and Clara, are said to be the dangerously ill, the condition of the little girl being especially serious.

## NOTABLE EARTHQUAKES TAKES A MILLION LIVES.

| Place.                    | Year. | Lives lost. |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Catania, Sicily           | 1137  | 15,000      |
| Syria                     | 1158  | 20,000      |
| Cilella                   | 1298  | 60,000      |
| Naples                    | 1456  | 40,000      |
| Lisbon                    | 1531  | 30,000      |
| Naples                    | 1626  | 70,000      |
| Ragusa                    | 1697  | 5,000       |
| Schamaki                  | 1697  | 80,000      |
| Port Royal, Jamaica       | 1692  | 3,000       |
| Sicily                    | 1693  | 100,000     |
| Aquila, Italy             | 1703  | 5,000       |
| Jeddo (Aokio)             | 1703  | 200,000     |
| Abruzzi, Italy            | 1706  | 15,000      |
| Algeria                   | 1708  | 20,000      |
| Palermo                   | 1726  | 6,000       |
| China                     | 1731  | 100,000     |
| Naples                    | 1732  | 1,900       |
| Lima and Callao           | 1746  | 18,000      |
| Grand Cairo               | 1754  | 40,000      |
| Kaschan, Persia           | 1755  | 40,000      |
| Lisbon                    | 1755  | 50,000      |
| Fez, Morocco              | 1757  | 12,000      |
| Syria                     | 1759  | 20,000      |
| Martinez                  | 1767  | 1,000       |
| Tauris                    | 1780  | 45,000      |
| Calabria                  | 1783  | 25,000      |
| Bolivia                   | 1797  | 40,000      |
| Naples                    | 1805  | 6,000       |
| Kutch, India              | 1819  | 2,000       |
| Aleppo                    | 1822  | 20,000      |
| Murcia, Spain             | 1828  | 6,000       |
| Canton, China             | 1829  | 6,000       |
| Calabria                  | 1835  | 1,000       |
| Martinique                | 1839  | 700         |
| Cape Haytien, South       |       |             |
| Dominago                  | 1842  | 5,000       |
| Point-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe | 1843  | 5,000       |
| Great Sanger              | 1856  | 3,000       |
| Calabria, Italy           | 1857  | 10,000      |
| Quito                     | 1859  | 5,000       |
| Ezzeroun, Asia Minor      | 1859  | 6,000       |
| Mendoza, S. America       | 1861  | 7,000       |
| Manila                    | 1863  | 1,000       |
| Mitylene                  | 1867  | 1,000       |
| Peru and Ecuador          | 1867  | 25,000      |
| Santaander, Colombia      | 1875  | 14,000      |
| Solo                      | 1882  | 4,000       |
| Cashmere                  | 1885  | 3,000       |
| The Riviera               | 1887  | 2,300       |
| Yusuan, China             | 1898  | 4,000       |
| Valparaiso, Chile         | 1904  | 1,500       |
| San Francisco             | 1906  | 452         |
| Kingston, Jamaica         | 1907  | 1,100       |
| Total                     |       | 1,192,552   |

Rome, Dec. 29.—Fifty thousand persons were killed, according to one estimate, by an earthquake which this morning destroyed most of the human habitations on the island of Sicily and in the department of Calabria, Italy. It is believed to be the greatest disaster of modern times.

Reports arriving late tonight all tend to confirm the statement that the catastrophe possibly will equal that which occurred in 1783, when 40,000 persons perished at Messina. Thousands are believed to have been killed in other places.

According to late advices tonight the city of Messina, Sicily, was terribly damaged by the first shock at 5 o'clock, and later three-fourths of the town

practically was swept from the earth by a vast wave from the sea. Few living things escaped from this inundation.

Among those lost was Commander Passino of the Italian navy, and a body of men whom he had led ashore as a rescue party from his ship, the Barbor, after the first shock.

Four Cities Wholly Lost.  
Calabria towns, Palmi, Reggio, Scilla, and Bagnara are reported to have been destroyed completely, being now merely masses of ruins. Many hundreds of persons were killed or injured in each place. It is reported that Reggio met the same fate as Messina.

Mount Aetna seems to have been the center of the disturbance and that portion of Sicily within a radius of forty miles seems to have been laid waste. It is not known whether the volcano is in action, as that section of the island is completely cut off from the world, even the railroads of the entire eastern half of Sicily being destroyed.

The region devastated today is sub-



ject to earthquakes and probably 250,000 persons have been killed by these phenomena in Sicily and Calabria in the last three centuries.

## EAST CHICAGO COUNCIL LETS FIRE STATION CONTRACT

Architect J. T. Hutton of Hammond Draws Plans for  
New Fire Station There Which Will Complete  
East Chicago's Municipal Buildings.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 29.—The fondest hopes of Fire Chief Nelson De Lers are about to be realized and the city given an adequate fire station. At the regular meeting of the common council last night it was decided to thoroughly remodel the old Water and Light company's plant, in the rear of the new city hall. Plans have already been submitted by Architect J. T. Hutton of Hammond, and in accordance with these plans, A. H. W. Johnson, a local contractor, was awarded the reconstructive plum. There were three bidders for the work. Mr. Johnson offered to complete the contract for \$8,365, while Fred Stewart of East Chicago bid \$8,450 and Eric Lund of Hammond \$8,650.

In Mr. Hutton's plans the exterior of the building remains unchanged. The inside, however, will be remodeled to permit the use of the building for the city stables as well as a substantial engine and hose house. The second story of the building will be used for the storing away of the city's hay and feed. With a new city hall, a new police station at Indiana Harbor and a

## Don't Like the Fixtures.

The aldermanic body also took occasion to express their dissatisfaction with the new electric fixtures in the city hall. The fixtures cost \$1,525, and were supplied by the Illinois Gas and Electric Fixture company. It appears that the Chicago company has no contract with the city for the furnishing of the material, having installed their work on the recommendation of Alderman Wiekinski and a purchasing committee. No acceptance record can be found on City Clerk Spencer's books and it is not unlikely that the entire contract will be given to another concern.

On their visit to Chicago, the councilmanic committee, headed by Alderman Lewis, were shown a grade of

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