

WEATHER.
Rain or snow and colder
today; fresh to brisk south-
west winds.

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HAMMOND, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1908.

SOLONS INVITED TO VIEW GARY

Special Train Of Pullmans Will Bring
Legislatures From Indianapolis
To Steel City

GOVERNOR IS ASKED

Thousands of Dollars Will
Be Spent in Getting
Superior Court.

For one day at least Gary will be the capital of Indiana if the ambitious lawyers who are working unceasingly in the interests of a Gary superior court are successful in the plans they have inaugurated.

Today invitations were issued to all of the members of the Indiana senate and house to come to Gary and see the town. And if the plans of the general committee of the city carry the legislature will be shown the best time they ever had when they arrive in the new steel city.

Will Get to Gary in A. M.
A special train, consisting exclusively of Pullmans, will be run out of Indianapolis in the evening and will arrive in Gary the next morning. The train will be run either over the Monon railroad to Hammond and thence to Gary or over the Lake Erie and Western to Michigan City and thence by interurban to Gary.

As there are 100 representatives and fifty senators in the Indiana legislature it will be seen that it will require at least three coaches to convey the two law-making bodies of the state to Gary. It is probable that the invitation also includes the governor and the state officers and the party may include 200 people, together with the Gary reception committee.

LOOK FOR CROOK.

Word was received from Ft. Wayne this morning that a daring holdup was on the way here and asking the Hammond police to look through all of the passing freights in an effort to find the man.

The name of the holdup is not known. He is described as being 25 or 26 years old and 5 feet 5 or 6 inches tall. He is believed to have taken a freight on the Nickel Plate road at Ft. Wayne for Chicago.

He held up his victim at the point of a revolver and got \$20 from him. The name of the victim is not given.

"EAST LYNNE" TONIGHT.

"East Lynne" will be presented at the Towle opera house tonight by Joseph King's excellent company. Mr. King produced such plays as "Ninety and Nine," "The Charley Ball," "The Wife" and an unusual performance of this old play is assured.

JOHN BRENNAN OF GARY

LEADS IN RACE THERE

Political Fight Promised For Coming Spring Already

Has Begun To Attract A Great Deal of Attention in Political Circles.

In every center of population in Lake county, the political pot is again beginning to boil. It seems that Ringmaster F. Richard Schaff has no sooner pulled off an act in one ring of the big political circus than some other ambitious showman starts a stunt in another ring, and so the show goes on indefinitely.

The people of Lake county are now talking politics as a pastime. It seems to be about as good a form of amusement as could be provided for them, and incidentally the great work of providing for the government of the people of the county and the administration of its affairs is accomplished.

There is not a large city in the county where prospective candidates have not begun their wire-pulling which is expected to secure for the nomination for mayor or one of the other city offices.

Tempest Is Brewing.

Over in Gary, where they generally play every game they go into to the limit, there is a tempest brewing in the teapot. It is understood that John Brennan is the man who has been selected by the republicans as their municipal standard-bearer during the coming campaign.

Mr. Brennan is probably the strongest candidate that could be selected and it is not believed that he will have any opposition for the republican nomination.

MAYOR BECKER BETTER

City's Chief Executive Now
Receiving Callers at
St. Margaret's.

Mayor Becker, who is still in St. Margaret's hospital recuperating from the effects of the operation that he underwent there, is doing splendidly. He is permitted to be up for a short time in the day and has received quite a number of callers in his room. He is in the best of spirits and is hoping that he will be able to spend New Year's at home. Dr. W. F. Howatt, his physician, however, is inclined to keep him in the hospital a day longer.

Since his operation Mayor Becker's condition has been improving wonderfully. He has not suffered the least relapse in all this time, although for a few days he was a very sick man.

PICTURES PLEASING.

Large Crowds Attracted to
Colonial Theater.

The crowds which have been attracted to the pictures of the Passion Play, which have been shown at the Colonial theater in Hammond, indicate the deep interest which the people take in this great spectacle.

Monday evening the crowds were so great that they packed the sidewalk for considerable distances on either side of the theater. Tuesday afternoon there was a good attendance and Tuesday evening there was a good crowd in spite of the fact that the rain made it impossible for many to attend.

BRINGS A DIVORCE SUIT

Catherine Byers Attacks
Husband's Character in
Superior Court.

Catherine Byers has brought suit in the Lake superior court in Hammond against her husband, Frank Byers, in which she seeks to have the bonds of matrimony severed.

Mrs. Byers says that her husband is guilty of having improper relations with a woman in their own house and that he was accustomed to associate with low and immoral women.

She alleges that she was accustomed to go away from home and stay two or three days at a time, and that on such occasions she had no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Mrs. Byers says that her husband is employed by the Chicago and Erie Railway company as an engineer and is capable of earning \$100 to \$150 a month.

She asks that she be granted \$1,500 alimony and the custody of the little daughter, Frances.

TRAIN STOPS FOR THEM

Those Who Want to See Old
Year Out in Chicago
Are Favored.

Hammond people who are accustomed to go to Chicago on New Year's eve and witness the abandon and hilarity of a great city on the occasion of the ending of the old and the beginning of the New Year will be glad to know that the Monon paper train, which leaves Chicago at 2:45 a. m., will stop at Hammond.

This will give the people of Hammond a chance to stay in the city until the last dog is dead and then come home in time to get a little sleep on the first night of the New Year.

Usually the people of Hammond are compelled to leave the city just as the big demonstration commences unless they decide to stay in Chicago all night.

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BETZ IS INVITED.

Philadelphia Club Wants to
Pull Off Match.

Frank S. Betz, who has made the surprising score of 70 in the Masonic bowling contest and succeeded in defeating John E. Fitzgerald of Hammond, who scored only 55, has been invited to compete in a handicap bowling contest at the quarters of the Philadelphia Athletic club.

How Betz's reputation as a bowler reached Philadelphia so soon after he had defeated Mr. Fitzgerald is hard to understand. The man against whom he is to bowl is Charles J. Philling, the president of a large instrument house in Philadelphia. The contest is to be open only to the members of the club and their friends.

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HAMMOND LADY LOSES HER FATHER

George Flake, Father of
Mrs. E. E. Beck, Dies
at Valparaiso.

WAS ILL LESS THAN A WEEK

Decedent Was Born In Hanover,
Germany, 78 Years Ago and
Was Well Liked.

It will not be a very happy New Year for Mrs. E. E. Beck, 21 Williams street, who was yesterday afternoon notified of the sudden death of her father, Geo. Flake, at Valparaiso.

Mrs. Beck is one of two surviving children of a family of seven, her other living sister being Mrs. S. J. Summers of Valparaiso.

George Flake died after less than a week's illness, he having been taken ill on Christmas day with pleuro-pneumonia. His death came yesterday afternoon at about 1 o'clock.

Did Not Know It Was Serious.
His wife and daughter were with him at the time, but Mrs. Beck of Hammond was hardly aware that his condition was serious.

Mr. Flake was 78 years old and was born in Buregelow, Hanover, Germany, on Aug. 3, 1830. He came to Valparaiso in 1885, and was engaged in the boot and shoe business for twenty years, retiring in 1885, since which he has devoted much of his time looking after his farm, west of this city.

The funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock from his home, conducted by Rev. Chris. Herr of Osborn, O.

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LABOR WANTS ITS OWN

Organized Labor Will Keep
in Politics in Indiana, and
State Federation's Political
Activity Committee
Makes Report.

COUNTY SUPTS. ARE IN SESSION

Eight Members of Indiana's Con-
gressional Delegation Are Now
Ready to Retail to Private Life and
Most of Them Will Be Engaged
in Practice of Law.

TIMES' BUREAU AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—Action was taken by the Indianapolis Central Labor union last night indicates the political action that is to be taken by organized labor throughout the state.

Of course, it is only one branch of organized labor of the state, but it is the largest and numbers in its membership some of the state officers of the Indiana State Federation of Labor.

So, whatever the Indianapolis Central Labor union may do along that line gives a pretty good indication of the course that is likely to be followed by labor throughout the state.

TOOK AN ACTIVE PART.

During the campaign just closed organized labor took an active part, even going so far as to hire a special train and send Samuel Gompers and other noted labor agitators to the state to work against the republican ticket.

There has never been any question but that this activity on the part of organized labor had something to do with the defeat of James E. Watson for governor and the small plurality given to the republicans.

The Central Labor union has a committee during the campaign that was known as the political activity committee, and at the meeting of the central body this committee made a final report. In the report it told of all the campaigning that labor had done and reviewed the whole work.

REPORT WAS APPROVED.

The report was approved by the central body and a motion was carried to continue the political activity committee for future campaigns. The speakers who favored such action pointed out that labor has much at stake and that unless it takes care of itself it will get the worst of it.

It was pointed out in the speeches that a city election is to be held next fall in this city and that other elections are coming on also, and it agreed that labor should continue in the fight.

Whether other organizations throughout the state will follow suit is not known, but there is every reason to believe that they will. At least some of the Indianapolis labor leaders say that the propaganda will be pushed. Altogether it is looked on as an important move in labor circles.

COUNTY OFFICIALS MEET.

The county superintendents of schools from all over the state were here yesterday planning the legislation they will ask from the coming session. They wish their salaries increased first of all. A committee that has had the matter in charge has arranged the following scale of salaries which the legislature will be asked to embody in a law:

In counties having more than 16,000 children of school age, \$2,250; from 12,000 to 16,000, a salary of \$1,950; from 9,000 to 12,000, a salary of \$1,750; from 5,000 to 9,000, a salary of \$1,550, and in counties where the enumeration is under 5,000 children a salary of \$1,400. At the present time county superintendents receive \$4 a day for time actually employed.

Will Ask Other Things.
Other things that the county superintendents will ask are more strict qualifications for county superintendents, taking the office out of politics as much as possible, an extension of authority by giving county superintendents judicial power to locate buildings, erect buildings, select sites, abandon schools and to employ teachers. It is also proposed to authorize the employment of a deputy county superintendent in counties where one is needed.

It was held that a man should not be eligible to become a county superintendent unless he is capable of holding a six months' teachers' license, a life state license or a diploma from a professional course in an accredited normal school or college.

Changes are also proposed in the law for hauling children to school in the country. It is proposed to change the school book law so as to make a larger profit for the dealer. One of the superintendents said that he would like to see the law changed so that the dealer would not be allowed to make a profit of more than 10 per cent.

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He was born in Dayton, O., and his body will be shipped to that city for interment.

WON'T GO INTO OFFICE

UNTIL YEAR FROM JAN. 1.

Speculation Regarding New Term of Of-
fice Is Settled.

Judging from the number of questions that are asked on the street regarding the term expiration of the county commissioners there seems to be considerable speculation. For the benefit of the friends of both O. A. Krimbill and Richard Schaaf Sr., who will succeed the former in the first district, it might be said that Mr. Krimbill's term of office does not expire until January, 1910, and that Mr. Schaaf's term will not begin until then.

ALL TALK ABOUT PUBLICITY IS
"GRIEK TO YOU" UNLESS YOU AD-
VERTISE OCCASIONALLY.

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GOAT EATS UP TEACHER'S LINGERIE

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For Its Owner.

ALSO DEVOURS WALLPAPER

Pretty School Teacher May Sue Be-
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(Special to THE TIMES.)
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 30.—Anyone wishing a nice (t), kind (t), gentle (t) and well-behaving (t) goat please apply to Officer Mike Gorman of the East Chicago police department. Gorman's goat has been the source of several good newspaper stories already, but the latest caps the climax. Its actions have become so offensive to the blue-coat that he has decided that it is a question of either giving the goat away or selling it to a well-meaning butcher.

But to a recital of the goat's misdeeds! A few weeks ago Mr. William Goat entered upon the premises of one of Gorman's neighbors. The said neighbor had just finished papering the house and failed to notice the advent of his goatship. William, attracted by the scented paste, managed to paw the wall to a height of five feet. Tearing off the paper gently and munching it as he proceeded, William left the wall as bare as Jawn D.'s head without the wig. Of course Gorman is confronted by a bill for damages.

This is the Worst of All.
The wallpaper episode would not have mattered so much had not the goat become curious about the construction of ladies' wearing apparel. There is a sweet and comely school-teacher who has her weekly laundry done by a Sieglicht Park woman, residing near the Gorman residence. Of course, the distance was not too great for William Goat and he straightway commenced to investigate the usual Monday washings. When his investigation was completed, the goat was heavier by several pounds and the line was void of its bewitchingly beautiful lingerie. Laces were destroyed and the wearing apparel of the schoolmarm was given a severe relapse. Gorman was also faced by a bill for damages.

The only thing that complicates the matter, however, is that he has demanded of the school-teacher an itemized list showing the proper name for each and every piece of clothing masticated by his goatly protege.

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RANDALL SUES FOR 2000

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For Gary Man.

A. W. Randall is suing the Michigan Central Railroad company for \$2,000 damages for injuries received to himself and property as a result of being hit by a Michigan Central train on the Madison street crossing in Gary.

Randall alleges that the train was going through Gary at a rate of speed which was in excess of that permitted by the law. The train struck the wagon and Randall was thrown out.

He suffered from a fractured collarbone and the tearing of certain ligaments attached to the knee. Mr. Randall demands \$100 to cover the cost of the doctor's fees and \$1,900 damages. Crumpacker & Crumpacker have the case.

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SAMUEL MILLIGAN LOSES HIS LIFE

Switchman on I. H. Belt Is
Crushed and Dies Later
at Hospital.

BODY TAKEN TO MANSFIELD, O.

Victim of Sad Accident Was 37 Years
Old and Leaves Wife But
No Children.

Little did Samuel Milligan of 54 Sohl street think yesterday morning when he started out for his work as yard switchman in the Indiana Harbor belt that he would not live to see the New Year.

Death came to him within an hour after he was hurt. At 6 o'clock, in the yards near the distillery, he having suffered fatal internal injuries when he was caught between two bumpers as he tried to make a coupling. He fell beside the track unconscious and was picked up by his fellow workers who took him to the watchman's shanty, which was nearby.

Hurried to Hospital.
Here they waited for Emmerling's ambulance to arrive. Mr. Milligan was hurried to St. Margaret's hospital, where immediate medical attention was given him. All efforts to save his life were futile, he died within an hour after he was brought to the hospital.

Samuel Milligan was 37 years old and leaves a wife, who lived with him at 54 Sohl street.

The body will be taken to Mansfield, O., tomorrow, the former home of the deceased, where it will be buried.

STELLA YOUNG MISSING

Towle Street Girl Fails to
Return Home and Par-
ents Are Alarmed.

Stella Young, the 11-year-old sister of Flo Young, is reported missing at the police station. The little girl lives in 428 Towle street, and went down to get some postal cards for her mother. She had on a red dress and a brown coat. She was gone all night last night and her parents have no idea where she could have gone.

The other members of the family says that Stella Young has always been a good girl to their knowledge, and has always been in the house at 5 o'clock in the evening.

It is not believed that she has been thrown into the had company which has made the police record of her sister such a lengthy one and the officers at the local station have telephoned to all of the surrounding cities in the hope that the young girl may be located.

LOGANSPORT PRESBYTERY

WAS IN SESSION MONDAY

Rev. I. Eugene Snook of Hammond did not attend the meeting of the Logansport Presbytery, which met at the First Presbyterian church in Laporte Monday and dissolved relations between Rev. F. A. Munneke and the Bethel Presbyterian church at Union Mills. Rev. Mr. Munneke has accepted a call to the church at Decatur, Mich.

HOLD PLEASANT SMOKER.

The members of the University club of Hammond held a smoker in their club rooms last evening and served refreshments to those who were present. The evening was spent pleasantly and the party broke up at a reasonable hour. There was not a large crowd on account of the inclement weather.

MASS MEETING OF UNION

MEN MAY BE CALLED

Lake County Trades and Labor Council Members Will
Soon Take Action as to the United States-
Gompers Case.

A mass meeting of the Trades and Labor council of Lake county may possibly be called in the near future, which, if possible, may be a joint mass meeting of that body and also of the Building Trades' association. The object of the mass meeting would be in the interest of the recent decision of the United States district court of Washington, which sentenced Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, the three foremost labor leaders in the country to jail.

The matter of a mass meeting has been brought up in the Building Trades' association, but was voted down. However, there are leaders in both organizations would like to see a mass meeting of both bodies materialize.

With the close of the year most of

HIGHER ART NOT WANTED