

WEATHER.
Rain or snow and cold today; fresh to brisk southwest winds.

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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 legislators 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.

Program an Extensive One.

If all of the state officers come to Gary the seat of the state government will be in that city for at least twelve hours. The program for the entertainment of the distinguished guests includes a trip through the streets of the city in carriages and automobiles, a trip through the great steel mills and finally a banquet in the evening.

It can easily be seen how the business men of Gary expect to spend the \$2,000 or \$3,000 which is to be raised for the purpose of securing a superior court in Gary.

All of this was decided at a special meeting of the city general committee, which met at the Gary hotel last evening. In the meantime it was announced that Attorney Clarence Bretsch has already gone to Indianapolis to boost for Gary's superior court and he will be followed later by several other prominent citizens, including President T. E. Knott.

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 Schauf has no sooner pulled off an act in one ring of the big political circus tent than some other ambitious showmen starts stum 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 country where prospective candidates have not begun their wire-pulling which is expected to secure for the mite 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 nomi-

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 distance 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.

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 \$800 from him. The name of the victim is not given.

EAST LYNNETE 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 Charity Ball," "The Wife" and an unusual performance of this old play is assured.

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.

This will give the people of Hammond an opportunity which they have never had before and doubtless many will take advantage of it.

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 35, 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. Pilling, 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 Burgleow, Hanover, Germany, on Aug. 3, 1830. He came to Valparaiso in 1865, 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.

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 says 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 Railroad 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.

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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

Pretty School Teacher May Sue Because of Her Outraged Feelings.

ALSO DEVOURS WALLPAPER

East Chicago Officer's Animal Makes Much Trouble For Its Owner.

GOAT EATS UP TEACHER'S LINGERIE

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.

STELLA YOUNG MISSING

Towle Street Girl Fails to Return Home and Parents Are Alarmed.

RANDALL SUES FOR 2000

Crumpacker & Crumpacker Sue M. C. Railway Co.

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For Gary Man.

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