

WEATHER.  
Fair and cold today, with  
diminishing northwesterly  
winds.

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## SECOND QUAKE HITS MESSINA

Number Of Dead In Awful Cataclysm  
May Reach Awful Number  
Of 250,000

## HORROR IS DEEPEDED

Rescuers Annihilated and  
Remaining Buildings  
Are Levelled in New  
Disaster.

### DEVELOPMENTS IN EARTH- QUAKE SITUATION.

EVERY dispatch from the de-  
vastated districts adds to enormous  
total of dead and injured and to  
property loss.

MANY maddened by the en-  
tropic and pain and privation are  
wandering through Italy nude and  
demented.

THOUSANDS known to have been  
routed alive in their homes panned  
down by wreckage which is swept  
by fire.

KING and queen reach Messina  
and take active part in the work of  
rescue, personally dragging injured  
from the ruins.

CHICAGOANS and persons in  
other American cities anxious re-  
garding friends in ruined section  
beside the State Department for in-  
formation.

UNITED STATES citizens are  
prompt in relief work and all coun-  
tries are raising funds and giving  
every assistance possible. American  
Red Cross Society cables \$50,000 to  
Italy.

Rome, Dec. 31. — Another violent  
earthquake shock occurred at Messina  
this afternoon. This second shock  
completed the work of ruin.

The few buildings which were left  
standing by the quake Monday col-  
lapsed and it is feared many more per-  
sons have been killed.

The news of the second disaster  
reached here this evening and has not  
yet been published in Rome.

It is believed the ruin of Messina is  
now complete and absolutely irrevoc-  
able.

Practically all survivors who are  
awaiting conveyances by warship from  
the scene, it is feared, were killed.

Many persons who were engaged in  
the work of rescue were also victims.

LONDON HASN'T HEARD OF IT.  
London, Dec. 31, 3 a. m.—None of the  
late dispatches from Rome confirm the  
report of a second shock at Messina.

One mentions a shock which threw  
down many ruinous walls, but adds it  
as an incident of the original disas-  
ter. A number of persons waiting at

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## CHICAGO DOPE FIEND TRIES TO TRAP HAMMOND MAN

H. M. Bicknell Receives Que er Letter From Robt. Whit-  
ney, But Fails to Be Ensnared in the Net  
Spread F or Him.

Is Robert Whitney of Chicago a  
cocaine fiend who is really anxious to  
buy some "dope" in Hammond or is  
he trying to trap a local druggist into  
breaking the law so that he can report  
him to the Indiana state authorities  
and end the cocaine traffic in Ham-  
mond?

This question is raised by the send-  
ing of a letter to Bicknell & Co., drug-  
gists, in this city, which reads as fol-  
lows:

Chicago, Dec. 26, 1908.  
Bicknell & Co.,  
Hammond, Ind.  
Gentlemen: Will you kindly let  
me know if you sell cocaine to  
purchasers in this city. Would  
probably be in the market for a  
quantity of it. Kindly quote prices  
and oblige, Yours truly,  
ROBERT WHITNEY.  
General Delivery.  
Think It Is a Trap.  
Of course, Mr. Bicknell does not sell

## FAREWELL BANQUET TO FRED S. CARTER

Friends Gather at Festive  
Board at Crown Point  
Last Night.

## IS VOTED A GOOD FELLOW

All Enjoy a Pleasant Evening in  
Honor of Lake County's Out-  
going Sheriff.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 31.—Sheriff  
Fred S. Carter, Lake county's outgoing  
sheriff, was the guest of honor last  
night at a banquet given last evening  
at the Commercial hotel in his honor.

At the festive board gathered rep-  
resentatives from both political faiths  
to do honor to the retiring democratic  
sheriff, who had found a place in their  
hearts because of his qualities as a man  
and an officer.

Few men have been in the sheriff's  
office who have been as popular as  
Fred, and the banquet last evening was  
a fitting tribute to the outgoing official.

The banquet lasted several hours and  
good fellowship reigned supreme.

The Toast List.  
The toast list was as follows:  
Herbert E. Jones, toastmaster.  
Ernest L. Shortridge—"Why We Are  
Here."

Herbert S. Barr—"When the Court  
House Clock Strikes."  
Frank B. Pattee—"Lake County's  
Future."

John H. Kopelke—"Our Servants."  
Harold H. Wheeler—"A Politician,  
Why?"

John B. Peterson—"The Judiciary."  
Judge W. C. McMahon—"A Glimpse  
of the Future."

The Menu.  
The menu was as follows:  
Oxtail Soup.  
Roast Turkey.  
Cranberry Sauce.  
Boiled Tongue.  
Currant Jelly.

Mashed Potatoes.  
Lobster Salad.  
Cucumbers, Beets.  
Celery.  
Apple Pie, Mince Pie, Pumpkin Pie,  
Pineapple Sherbet, Cake,  
Coffee, Tea Milk,  
Cigars.

The guests present were as follows:  
C. A. Johnson, C. J. Daugherty, H. B.  
Nicholson, M. McKenzie, E. Dirwiddie,  
E. L. Shortridge, Dr. Swartz, W. H.  
Hayward, George W. Fisher, Al Car-  
ter, H. H. Wheeler, A. A. Bibler, R. B.  
Bradford, J. Claussen, F. Pattee, N. L.  
Smith, E. M. Shanklin, H. Wheaton,  
Murphy, H. E. Jones, W. L. Houk, Al-  
bert Maack, J. E. Fraas, B. F. Hayes, C.  
W. Allman.

It is understood that in Chicago the  
sale of cocaine has been so restricted  
that the thousands of fiends in the city  
are desperate in their efforts to get the  
drug.

Many of the cocaine fiends make fre-  
quent trips to Hammond, Whiting and  
Gary in search of the fiend. They can  
be seen on the streets almost any  
evening.

Even the local druggists, however,  
who were responsible for the sale of the  
dope are becoming frightened and  
it is becoming hard to get the dope  
in this city.

## YOUNG THIEVES LANDED

Shoplifting Going on During  
the Holidays in Hammond  
Stores Is Broken Up by  
Police of Hammond and  
West Hammond.

## SOLD \$1.50 MUFFLERS FOR TWENTY FIVE CENTS

John Malkowski Picked Up By Cap-  
tain Bunde Believed to Have Been  
at the Head of School of Crime  
Across the Border in West Ham-  
mond, Ill.

The fact that there was considerable  
shoplifting during the holiday season  
is shown by the arrest of four West  
Hammond boys who have all confessed  
their guilt to the police and admit  
stealing \$25 to \$50 worth of goods and  
are believed to have taken even more.

The police were acquainted with the  
operations of the gang after certain  
boys had been discovered trying to  
sell \$1.50 mufflers for 25 cents. The  
first young man to be arrested was  
John Malkowski, who was picked up  
by Captain Bunde after he had been  
searching for the boy over in West  
Hammond.

Was En Route Home.  
Malkowski had been at the moving  
picture show in Hammond and was  
on his way home when he was met  
by the police at Clinton and Hohman  
streets and was taken to the station.

The case against Malkowski was so  
good that it was not long before the  
police compelled him to make a written  
confession of his guilt. In fact,  
so thorough had the police investiga-  
tion of the case been that they found  
a little boy who had seen Malkowski  
steal a box of mufflers.

The confession of Malkowski im-  
plicated several other West Hammond  
boys and also revealed the fact that  
Malkowski and his friends were con-  
ducting a school of crime and in one  
case paid a little boy 10 cents to go  
into the Lion store and steal a cap.

Turned Over to Police.  
The other boys were arrested as a  
result of the splendid co-operation  
which the Hammond police received  
from Officers Okra and Kulcheck of  
West Hammond. They were turned over  
to the Hammond police and are now  
in jail. These boys are John Nitz,  
John Stephanski and Tony Ketca.

All of these boys are tough young-  
sters and are thieves by nature. It is  
believed that they have been practicing  
thievery in the department stores of  
Hammond for a long time and that  
the amount of their thefts would prob-  
ably reach to several hundred dollars  
if it could be estimated.

The boys were found to have taken  
many mufflers and were known to have  
sold several to other boys for the price  
of a square meal. These boys will be  
made witnesses against the four young  
men and their conviction seems certain.

## LOUD SNORE PREVENTED ELOPEMENT

East Chicago Romeo Goes to  
Sleep in Clothespress,  
Waiting for Landlady to  
Retire—Hired Girl His  
Juliet.

## POLICE SUMMONED TO CAPTURE BURGLAR

Rosenthal Home Presents Dramatic  
Scene as Sleepy Lover Emerges  
From the Closet, Rubbing His Eyes  
and Blinking at His Blushing  
Bride-to-Be.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 31.—"Please,  
mister, come up right away, for there's  
a burglar locked in one of my clothes  
closets" was the tale that floated over  
the wires to Sergeant Charles Bowen  
early last evening. The voice was that  
of a woman, greatly excited, and at the  
thought of a possible heroic capture,  
Charlie grasped both his revolvers in  
his hands and made for the scene of  
the proposed conflict. The voice was  
that of Mrs. Sam Rosenthal, who man-  
ages the New York store on Olcott  
avenue.

Sergeant Bowen made a record trip  
to the Rosenthal flat, expecting to find  
the house in a state of turmoil. He  
was met at the head of the stairs by  
Mrs. Rosenthal, laughing so hard that  
she could hardly make the sergeant  
understand what had happened. Final-  
ly, after a bit of laughter, Bowen  
learned that a proposed elopement had  
been nipped in the bud.

The bride-to-be is a domestic in the  
employ of Mrs. Rosenthal.

Had not the man in the case fallen  
asleep while awaiting the appearance  
of his lady love all would have been  
well, but a little "snore" proved his  
undoing. He snored and was discov-  
ered by his sweetheart's mistress. In  
reciting the story to the police of-  
ficer Mrs. Rosenthal said that she had  
merely unlocked the closet door to see  
what the fellow looked like. Upon  
recognizing him the fellow was allowed  
to leave the house, much to Charlie's  
chagrin. "The poor fellow was going  
to wait in the clothes-press," said Mrs.  
Rosenthal, "until we had all gone to  
bed. He was then to be released by  
the servant and the pair intended to go  
to Chicago."

A good program has been arranged  
consisting of a short talk on scenic  
Alaska by Mr. J. W. H. Moore. Us-  
ing fifty or more colored slides, he  
will illustrate his personal observations  
during several months travel there last  
summer. A leasing part of the pro-  
gram will be a vocal solo by Mr. R. E.  
Garber. Not the least interesting are  
to be several informal talks.

Mr. James T. Roney, president of the  
Men's club of Hyde Park will be with  
us and give a short talk on the bene-  
fits to be derived by neighborhood  
clubs.

It is announced that refreshments  
and cigars will be served at 9:45 and the  
evening's entertainment will be provid-  
ed for the guests at no cost to them.

Those who have been invited are re-  
quested to bring their friends and any-  
one who is interested in a club of the  
kind for men are welcome to come to  
the meeting next Saturday and make  
his presence felt.

## ADOPT NEW CONSTITUTION

Members of Hammond Ath-  
letic Club Meet in Their  
Club Rooms.

The members of the Hammond  
Athletic club met in their club rooms  
on the third floor of the Masonic tem-  
ple on State street and adopted a con-  
stitution last evening.

As the constitution and by-laws are  
very lengthy and required a good deal  
of revising it took all evening to go  
over them and make the necessary  
amendments.

It was expected that there would be  
the nomination and election of officers  
for the ensuing year, but as it was  
12 o'clock before the important work of  
adopting the constitution was complet-  
ed it was thought advisable to post-  
pone this part of the business until  
another meeting next month.

Are Nicely Settled.  
The members of the club are now  
snugly settled in their new quarters  
and several rooms have been equip-  
ped with the furniture which was pur-  
chased. The rooms are nicely heated  
and are very comfortable.

In one of the rooms the athletic  
equipment is located and almost any  
hour of the evening a number of  
young men may be found playing  
games in the club rooms or taking a  
work out on the athletic paraphernalia.

The club now has a splendid start  
and the members look for a very pros-  
perous year during 1909.

On account of the New Year's  
holiday tomorrow there will be  
no edition of THE TIMES to-  
morrow.

We wish our readers a  
happy and the most prosperous  
year that has ever come to them  
yet.

### Turning the New Leaf

With reverent heart we turn anew  
An untouched page of time.  
Tis ours to fill with noble deeds  
Or stain with sin an crime;  
Then ere we mar its surface pure—  
Ere we begin anew,  
Tis well that o'er our last year's work  
We take a short review.

Alas! we scan through tears the page—  
We meant should be so fair—  
The blotted page where records live  
Of hope and toil and care;  
The page that ends the finished year  
Of loss and gain and strife,  
Of love and home's sweet happiness,  
And peace that blesses life.

So much there is of pleasantness  
Our record has to tell—  
And so much done unworthily  
We might have done so well!  
Though mental retrospection shows  
That shine exceeds the shade;  
Too late we would erase the blots  
Of past mistakes we made.

Then turn the new leaf. Look not back  
To grieve o'er loss and pain,  
But view the future's spotless page  
Where we begin again;  
And here resolve, by God's own grace,  
That we will do our best  
To keep life's record clean and pure  
And trust him for the rest.

—Margaret Scott Hall.

### MANY WILL ATTEND THE ENTERTAINMENT Men's Club Will Draw Big Crowd on Saturday Night.

Letters have been sent out to a  
large number of Hammond men invit-  
ing them to attend a complimentary en-  
tertainment, for men only, which is to  
be given at the First Presbyterian  
church, Saturday evening, Jan. 2, at 8  
o'clock.

The men who are standing sponsor  
for the meeting are Judge V. S. Reiter,  
Dr. H. E. Sharrer and Mr. F. I. Ellick.

The affair is to be given under the  
auspices of the Men's club of Hammond.

This club has been organized and  
this meeting is for the getting together  
of all the men of Hammond regardless  
of age, political or church affiliations,  
informal way with many of our neigh-  
bors and the citizens of Hammond and  
vicinity.

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## HASTINGS IS ELECTED.

Teamsters' Union Has Most  
Prosperous Year in Life.

At a regular meeting held last Tues-  
day evening, the Hammond teamsters'  
union closed one of its best years in its  
history. The membership has grown  
nor was the year marred by strikes  
and disturbances. The following offi-  
cers were also elected for the ensuing  
year:

President—Robert Hastings  
Vice president—Fred French  
Financial secretary and treasurer—  
Thomas Harle.

Recording secretary—Dan O'Brien.  
Trustees—William Shug, Fred Stelow  
and George Kleinman. Fred Stelow  
was elected business agent.

## TELEPHONE CO. DELAYS REMOVAL OF FIREMEN.

The firemen at the Central station  
who had hoped so confidently to be  
located in their new station will have  
to spend New Year's in their old quar-  
ters, owing to a delay that was caused  
by the Chicago Telephone company in  
moving the switchboard. The company  
was notified in due time, but has as  
yet made no move toward helping the  
firemen into their new quarters.

## WANTED HER BOY TO SING

Bandmaster Bernie Young  
Puzzled How to Solve a  
Telephone Dilemma When  
Budding Tenor Wants to  
Take a Girl's Role.

100 GIRLS ARE WANTED.

Wanted, 100 girls between the  
ages of 10 and 15 to sing at my  
concert on Feb. 4. All those who  
would like to take part kindly  
sign list at Kolb's drug store.  
There will only be two or three  
chanceurs and they will be held  
in the afternoon between 4:30  
and 5 o'clock. No evening re-  
hearsals. BARNIE YOUNG.

Barnie Young, the local bandmaster,  
whose concert early next year is al-  
ready making a stir in musical circles,  
was the most surprised man in Ham-  
mond yesterday when he had a tele-  
phone conversation with a well-known  
Hammond lady.

"Is this Mr. Young?" was the first  
question.

Mr. Young admitted his identity.

"Well, I notice you are advertising  
for girls in THE TIMES," then the lady  
went on.

"Yes, I want a hundred of them," said  
Mr. Young.

Then came the surprise.

"Well, I haven't any girls," said the  
lady, "but I have a fine boy who has  
a splendid tenor voice, and I could dress  
him up so that nobody would know  
the difference, and he would be glad  
to sing with the girls."

The genial bandmaster was quite at  
a loss what to say for a minute, but  
he had to decline, for while he himself  
could have sandwiched in the young  
tenor among his 100 girls he was fear-  
ful that they might not stand for it.

So the girls can rest assured that no  
budding Caruso will slip in among them  
unawares.

## NEW YEAR NEARLY HERE Passing of 1908 and Entree of Nineteen Nine Is Anticipated.

Hammond is going quietly about its  
preparation for the New Year. While  
there was much bustling about in  
preparation for the Christmas holiday  
the passing of 1908 and the beginning  
of 1909 is being quietly anticipated.

The stores and banks will all be  
closed and the activity in the great  
industries about the city will cease,  
in many cases until Monday. The post-  
office will be open from 9 until 10  
o'clock, and then will be one delivery  
in all arts of the city.

Most of the people of the city will  
spend a quiet holiday at home, but  
some of them have decided to go to  
Chicago and see the New Year in, where  
thrills are furnished every minute.

The business men and the heads of  
the various industries are looking for-  
ward to a prosperous year in 1909 and  
this will be true, especially, if the  
crops next year are good.

## LECTURE COURSE PROMOTERS ELECT THEIR NEW OFFICERS

First Meeting of Association Has Been Set for January  
Seventh and Varied Program Is Being  
Arranged.

A preliminary meeting of the pro-  
moters of the public library lecture  
course was held last Tuesday after-  
noon in the office of Dr. E. M. Shanklin,  
for the purpose of electing temporary  
officers and a committee to draw up  
the constitution and bylaws. As pre-  
liminary officials, Dr. E. M. Shanklin  
was elected president, the Rev. C. A.  
Smith, recording secretary, and Dr. W.  
F. Howat chairman on constitution and  
bylaws. This meeting was held in or-  
der that the permanent organization  
can be perfected on the first meeting  
night without delay.

The first meeting night for the Pub-  
lic Library Lecture association has been  
set for Thursday evening, Jan. 7, in  
order that the evening's program may  
not interfere with that of the Musical  
Art society on the preceding night.

Thereafter the regular weekly meetings  
will be held on Wednesday evening.  
Furniture is Supplied.

The auditorium of the library build-  
ing has already been equipped with the  
necessary furniture, including chairs, a  
table, reading lamp, etc.

The lecture for the first night has not  
yet been announced, the leaders being  
at a loss to know from which source  
to draw first since there is so much  
good talent available. The plan may  
be changed entirely and the evening  
taken up in just a series of short  
talks by the prominent people of the  
city.

A canvass of the situation shows the  
same enthusiasm for the movement that  
marked its beginning, and within an  
entire week it is hoped that the project  
will have been successfully launched.