

A DAY IN GARY LAND

ITALIANS IN STEEL CITY
MAY HELP SUFFERERS.

Millworkers Will Try to Render Aid to
Stricken Countrymen.

It is said today that a number of Italians and Sicilians who are employed in the mills at Gary are starting a movement today to take contributions among their number for the aid of their suffering countrymen who were killed in the terrible earthquake at Messina, Italy. It is said that a number of the local Italians are from the city of Messina and have relatives living there, and are much concerned over their safety. Only meager details could be learned today as to the nature of their efforts in aiding their fellow countrymen.

INJURED RAILROAD
MAN IS DOING WELL.

Charles Hughes Will Recover at Mercy Hospital Soon.

Charles Hughes, the railroad man who Tuesday night was injured at the South Shore station by falling down the stairs of the basement, is reported to be doing very nicely at the Mercy hospital today. Hughes sustained a fracture of the collar bone and at first it was thought that he might be injured internally, but his condition is very much improved today and his injuries will not prove fatal.

WILL PREACH ON "NEW YEAR."

Gary people of the Baptist denomination will hold services in the Gem theater on next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. G. W. Griffin, pastor of the Windsor Park Baptist church of Chicago will be present and will preach on the subject of "A Happy New Year." Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock.

GARY BRIEFS.

The R. & Sz. for largest display of Christmas goods, Fifth avenue. The regular meeting of the real estate board of Gary will be held Monday noon in the Gary hotel, where the monthly luncheon will be served. There are several matters of importance which will come up for consideration.

Cut prices on Rubber Ware at the R. & Sz. Fifth avenue.

The Gary Commercial club will have their regular meeting Wednesday. A full attendance is desired by President Norton, as among other things the much talked of superior court will receive a little more consideration.

Secretary E. E. Johnston of the Hammond Commercial club, and Ike Simon, formerly of Hammond, stopped at Gary last night on their way back from South Bend.

NOTICE.
Gary Hotel Barber shop open on Sundays from 8 to 12. F. P. DEEM. Shoe Sale on now. See the R. & Sz.

The Politician's Ideal.
In the opinion of the average politician the ideal form of government would be one under which everybody could have a public office.

SHIFTING THE BLAME.
According to all accounts the Cameron Highlanders militia are a fine body of men physically. Not long ago four of them occupied the least crowded seat in a full compartment on a Scotland railway. Just as the train was moving off a diminutive little clergyman jumped into the compartment, and tried to edge himself between two of the Highlanders. Not finding it very comfortable, he turned to the one on his right, and said: "Sis up, please. You know that according to act of parliament this seat holds five." The Highlander looked at him for a moment, and then replied: "That may be a' right enough for your kind, sir, but shairly ye cannae blame me for no bein' constructed according to act of parliament!"

Gem Theatre
622 BROADWAY
Edith Shaw
Soubrette

Mack & Relgier
Comedian

BEGINNING FRIDAY MATINEE
Beaham Sisters
Singers and Dancers

Lew Walsh
Comedian

Change of Songs and Pictures
each day

GARY HOTEL
BARBER SHOP
Now Under New Management

FIRST CLASS BATH ROOMS IN CONNECTION

The only Six Chair Shop in Gary

3 Clean Towels for every Customer
Service the very best

A trial order will convince you

F. P. DEEM, Mgr.

HEARD BY RUBE.

GARY IN RETROSPECT

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Important Events in
One Short Year.

Better go over to the Armour cold storage station next Monday and take a look at some of the porterhouse steaks you can't afford to buy.

The goose-stealing epidemic has grown to be such a fad among the colored folks that chicken coops in the future will have no attraction for them.

As long as they are trying to extend Broadway out to Crown Point we will try little harder and stretch it out to Lowell.

It will be a chilly ride for those who have to ride on the water wagon, but let us hope they will stick it out.

If the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend interurban run their first car over the line tomorrow it will be another good resolution that the company has kept.

If every man in Gary was taken for his own valuation there wouldn't be half enough halves to go around.

Let us hope that the Gary youngsters in ringing in the New Year will use the soft pedal on the tin horns.

Have you noticed the happy smile on the Gary coal dealers' face today?

In a day or two some long whistled person will arise and declare he predicted the earthquake.

Up to the hour of going to press no one has been arrested in Gary for spitting on the sidewalk.

GIVES UP THE REGISTER

Jurschak Relinquishes Hold
of Machine Claimed
by Brewery.

(Special to THE TIMES)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 31.—Frank Jurschak, a former driver for the Bartholomae & Roessing Brewing company, has relinquished his possession of the cash register belonging to the brewery. Jurschak was recently accused by officials of the brewery of having in his possession moneys belonging to the corporation.

Jurschak has vigorously denied this and in addition to keeping the cash register, has refused to make any settlement whatever. He claims that the corporation also owes him considerable back salary and commissions. The brewery officials concede this, but declare that their indebtedness is much less than his and it is therefore only just that he first make settlement.

The register was taken from the ex-driver on a writ of replevin, served by a local constable. On a former trip to Jurschak home on Forsyth avenue, the constable was refused admittance.

Jurschak, assisted by two women, threatened to throw him from the house if he attempted to enter. The constable returned to his attorneys, somewhat disgruntled, and explained his failure to carry out instructions by pleading ill-health.

Attorney Willis E. Roe, who represents the brewery interests, declares that unless Jurschak pays his clients the amount due them, prosecution will be filed against the ex-driver's bondsmen for the amount of his indebtedness.

SHOCKED IN HAUNTED CHAMBER

Sleepers' Fright, However, Was Not
Caused by Ghosts.

John Leech and a member of the Millais family once stayed a night at Cowdray hall, in England, where, many guests being present, the two friends had no alternative but to accept beds in an isolated room supposed to be haunted.

In the middle of the night Millais awoke, believing that some giant was shaking him violently by the shoulder. This was supposed to be the favorite device of the ghost. He rushed into a corridor and found Leech sitting there trembling and declaring that he would not for the world go back to his room.

They spent the remainder of the night in the corridor, but in the morning said nothing of their experiences. In the afternoon there arrived an evening paper telling of a violent earthquake in the locality. The earthquake was what the two visitors believed to be their ghost.

"Navigates" His Farm.

A story which almost parallels that of Capt. Gray, the sailor-farmer of Toddy Pond, who is said to carry a compass on his plow to run the furrows straight, comes from Cranberry Isles. One sea captain, who enjoys the proud distinction of owning one of the very few horses on the island, got alarmed for fear that he would lose his bearings in the recent smoke, and on the veracious accounts of sober citizens took the binnacle from the vessel and strapped it alongside the seat of his wagon, fearing that the weather might become so thick that he would lose his bearings and have to navigate in what was worse than a fog. It is currently reported that he shouts at his team to turn to starboard or port, instead of the more conventional landlubber terms usually employed. — Kennebec (Me.) Journal.

Small Boy's Adaptation.

"Things aren't always what they sound," remarked that very clever devil, Edwin Stevens, in Henry Savage's production, as he drew a patent leather shoe on his cloven hoof. "A teacher of my kid days put this puzzle to us once:

"Now, boys, the word 'stan' at the end of a word means 'place of.' Thus we have Afghanistan, the place of Afghans; also Hindooستان, the place of the Hindoos. Now, can any one give me another instance?"

"Yes, sir," said the smallest boy, proudly, "I can—umbrillastan, the place for umbrellas."

Capable of Intense Heat.

The electric furnace is capable of attaining a heat of 7,200 degrees. This is a fearful temperature and will melt almost everything solid known to man. In comparison with this heat, a red hot iron bar would be called cold.

A Little Learning.

Ernest Female—Professor, I hear you are a great ornithologist.

Professor—I am an ornithologist, madam.

Ernest Female—Then could you kindly tell me the botanical name for a whale?

BUSINESS

INTERESTS SATISFIED

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Gary's second New Years will be celebrated tomorrow in a fitting manner, as the people of the city believe that enough has transpired in the past year for the good of the city to warrant the celebration of the day. During the past year such momentous events as the opening of the Gary harbor, the bringing in of the first boat load of ore, the lighting of the furnace fires, the construction of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of residences and buildings, and other things which have brought Gary into the lime-light have transpired.

On Gary's second New Years the metropolitan airs of a city have been assumed in place of the shacks, crude business houses, tents, etc., which marked the city a year or two years ago when the construction work had just started, and the city had all the earmarks of a new western mining town. Many of the pioneers will spend the day considering the events that have transpired since the last New Years was celebrated.

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**MOVEMENT IS
PUBLIC SPIRITED**

Sixteen Planks Proposed By Association Deal With Reforms That If Adopted Would Be a Grand Thing For Business Men and Tax-Payers All Over the State.

The merchants' platform, proposed by the Merchants' Association of Indianapolis, and endorsed by civic and commercial organizations all over the state, including the Hammond Business Men's club and Gary's civic organizations, will propose enough good legislation in the coming session of the legislature, that by the adoption of these measures alone, the legislature would be a most creditable one.

The movement is public-spirited, absolutely nonpartisan and fathered and promoted by the business interests of the state.

The merchants' platform has sixteen planks, all of which would be applicable in every county in the state, with the result that many of the offices will be placed on a business basis. The sixteen planks are as follows:

The Sixteen Proposed Planks.

No. 1. To provide a uniform system of county, township and city accounts, and centralize their supervision in the state auditor.

No. 2. Require the governor to make stated examinations of the books of every county and city office.

No. 3. Require the county auditor to audit before making settlements.

No. 4. Pay to the county commissioners appropriate salaries and require them to give bonds.

No. 5. Require the county auditor to give an adequate bond.

No. 6. Cut off extra allowances to public officers.

No. 7. Forbid public officers profiting from public contracts.

No. 8. Require county officers to keep a public fee book.

No. 9. Require sheriffs to feed prisoners at actual cost.

No. 10. Require the state auditor to audit the school funds.

No. 11. Compel the collection of fines and forfeitures due to the school fund.

Put Prosecutor on Salary.

No. 12. Put the prosecuting attorney and his deputies on salary.

No. 13. Compel the payment of all fees into the public treasury.

No. 14. Require the courts to be responsible for the drawing of jurors.

No. 15. Require preliminary examination of jurors for special venires.

No. 16. Authorize grand jurors to make a presentment to the governor when the conditions warrant, and require the governor to institute special investigation and prosecution in such cases and to present the facts to the legislature.

The planks are all important, but some are even more so than others. Roughly, they may be divided into two classes: those affecting the public funds and those affecting our courts and the dealing out of justice.

Among the latter, plank No. 12 is one of the most important. It would make the office of the prosecutor and his deputies a salaried office.

The fee of the prosecutor under the present law is fixed, not on the investigation of crime nor on the trial of criminals, but only on conviction. And that fee is identically the same amount where conviction is secured after weeks of trial in a single case in the criminal court and in the police court where scores of convictions are often secured in a single hour. The prosecutor's fee for a month's trial in the criminal court may be nothing if no conviction is secured. And the chance of conviction is very much less in the important cases where stubborn defense is made. But the prosecutor's fees in the police court may amount to hundreds of dollars in an hour. The present system, therefore, furnishes an incentive to prosecute minor offenses to the neglect of matters of public interest. And in large cities is greatly overpaid for the skating rink.

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Many Routes Will Be Gone
Over and Best One Will
Be Selected by the Com-
missioners — Surveyors
Are Working Daily.



Coughs That Rack Little Lungs
should be stopped immediately with a reliable cough remedy. Otherwise they may permanently weaken the lungs and cause untold harm.

Dr. D. Jayne's