

LIVELY TILT IN LICENSE ARGUMENT

Charles Frederichs of Hammond Asks Anti-Saloon League Leader How It Is That He Comes Into Lake County.

SAM GOBITZ IS DENIED A LICENSE

Commissioners' Court at Crown Point Yesterday Is Warm Session and Two Saloonmen Are Refused License With Several More to Hear From.

Special to THE TIMES.
Crown Point, Ind., Aug. 3.—One of the features of the meeting of the board of county commissioners at Crown Point yesterday was the lively tilt between Charles Frederichs of Hammond and Attorney Matthews of Plymouth.

Attorney Matthews was going after the Lake county saloonkeepers with his usual vigor.

"Now, I would like to have you tell me just what your interest in this business is," said Mr. Frederichs.

"Here you come into this county where you are not a taxpayer and presume to tell us how we shall conduct our business. I am a taxpayer here and I have property interests that have got to be protected," continued Frederichs.

"And I don't propose to have you come to me and tell me how I shall run my business."

The tilt was a warm one and afforded considerable entertainment to the people who had crowded the court room in anticipation of a warm session.

Hold Adjourned Session.

While the county commissioners allowed several bills and let some gravel road contracts, the principal part of the session was taken up with the saloon problem.

Attorneys Bruce and Matthews, who are becoming familiar figures at the board meetings, were present with a large number of remonstrances against the granting of licenses to Lake county saloonkeepers.

In fact, there was so much business of this nature that came up before the board that it was necessary to hold an adjourned session this morning to continue.

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Woman a Victim in River Tragedy



The circumstances under which Mrs. Lillian Watkins and Robert Sheridan, by whom she was employed as housekeeper, met their death in the Calumet river on Sunday remained unexplained yesterday. The launch in which they had been riding up and down the stream was found with the engine running full speed.

SOCIETY ARRANGES PROGRAM

Otto Klemperer, chairman of the pleasure committee of the Saengerbund-Fidelia, has completely a program to provide one social occasion, at least, once a month from now until January.

The first one of the program, of course, is the excursion picnic to Hudson Lake, the beautiful resort on the South Shore line. This excursion will take place on Sunday, Aug. 22. The tickets are on sale at Summers' drug store and F. C. Miller's, 241 East State street.

Following the excursion there will be a social stag for active and passive members only. This will be held some time in September.

Occupied New Quarters.

On a night to be fixed some time in October will be "Geuethlicher Tanz Abend" for the members and their friends.

But the crowning event of the season will be the grand concert at Towle's Opera House, one night in November.

Some of the leading Chicago soloists will assist the local singers, who have made a most remarkable progress under the leadership of Professor Han Bloderman.

The Yule tide will bring with it the "Weihnachts-Beschierung," or the children's Christmas festival, to be followed by a masquerade ball in January, time and place to be fixed later.

The Saengerbund-Fidelia has abandoned its quarters in Rott's hall and now has temporary quarters in the State street Masonic temple, which the organizations intend to keep until the new club house is completed.

CRUSADE NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Chief Austgen Investigates Story That His Officers Played Cards in Saloon, and Story Is Proven to Be Untrue.

The people of Hammond are not taking the crusade of the women who went about securing evidence against the saloons last Sunday seriously.

In fact, it seems to be the general opinion that the Hammond saloons are living up to the law better than they have ever done before in the city's history.

The people who went around securing evidence claim to have been horrified by what they saw and raised a great hullabaloo about it, but when it came to an investigation there was little to their stories.

One of the crusaders went to Chief of Police Austgen and informed him that there were two of his police officers in full uniform playing cards in a certain saloon.

The chief said that was certainly against the rules and that he would make an investigation. He went to the place where the officers are said to have been seen and had a man in plain clothes go into the place and make an investigation.

Story Was Unfounded.

The report was that no police officers had been in the place during the day, and the only possible reason for such a report to get out was the possibility that a couple of women had been in the place playing cards, which they had a perfect right to do.

In another case the chief was notified that there was a disorderly house in the Standard district. He told his informant that he had been working on the case for a week and was at that very time doing his best to ascertain whether or not the report was true.

The place was being sold to minors. The saloonkeepers' association has frequently declared against this evil, and if this is the case they will no doubt encourage prosecutions. But taken as a whole there was very little evidence secured against the Hammond saloonkeepers.

News Is Gladly Received.

The news that was printed exclusively in THE TIMES last evening of the plans of the officials of the New York Central line to concentrate their freight transfer business at Gibson, was gladly received by the people of Gibson and of both East Chicago and Hammond.

It was the biggest piece of railroad news that has been printed in some time and today is fully confirmed at Chicago.

PIONEER RESIDENT LOSES LIFE

George Cotton, Aged 74 Years, Falls Under the Wheels of a Lake Shore Train and Is Mangled Before Scores.

SHOCKING SIGHT SICKENS PASSENGERS

Decedent Is Well Known in City and Was Father of Messrs. Sam and Fred Cotton—Body Is Cut Up in a Jiffy—Friends of Family Are Shocked.

Geo. Cotton, 318 Plummer avenue, the father of Sam Cotton of this city and the father of Mrs. Bert Escher, was killed and horribly mangled by the 112 Lake Shore suburban train at the Nickel Plate depot today.

The accident happened just as the train was pulling into the station. From the stories that a number of eye-witnesses told of the accident, Mr. Cotton was standing on the cement walk between the tracks when he suddenly noticed the train bearing down upon him, and becoming bewildered, attempted to cross the tracks in front of the train when he was run down and killed.

The pilot struck him and threw him in a sprawl in front of the train, where his body was caught under the wheels, and while one set of wheels cut off his hands, the others cut his body in two at the shoulders.

Death Witnessed by Many.

The train was stopped as soon as possible, but death had been instantaneous. The crowd of passengers at the station, who saw the tragic accident, were sickened by the terrible sight, and many of them were made violently ill as a result. The fact that Mr. Cotton was killed in full view of a score of people made his death all the more terrible.

George Cotton was formerly a house mover by trade, but lately turned the business over to his son, Fred S. Cotton, and lately has been assisting him with the work.

The Lake Shore suburban train, which killed Mr. Cotton, was in charge of Conductor F. Carroll, Engineer N. McFarland and Fireman J. G. Stahl. The mangled body was taken to Emmert's morgue, and the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Was an Old Resident.

Mr. Cotton, the deceased, was 74 years of age. He is survived by his wife and three children—E. N. Escher, Sam Cotton and Fred S. Cotton. Mr. Cotton is one of the oldest residents of the city, and his tragic death is a shock to the entire community, where he was well known.

The widow and children of the deceased have the sympathy of a host of friends in the hour of their bereavement.

NEW RAILROAD COMING

Eastern Indiana to Connect With Belt Line Carriers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 3.—Incorporation papers were granted today to the Eastern Indiana Railroad company, with \$250,000 capitalization, and composed of East Chicago and Michigan City people. The plans provide for a railroad sixteen miles long, from the Michigan City docks to a point on the south shore of the lake in the neighborhood of East Chicago and Indiana Harbor, there to connect with the other Chicago belt lines.

The directors are Cornelius B. Collins, Jeremiah B. Collins, Albert C. Miller, Robert F. Garretson, Edward M. Moran, Henry M. Schwager and Walter J. Riley.

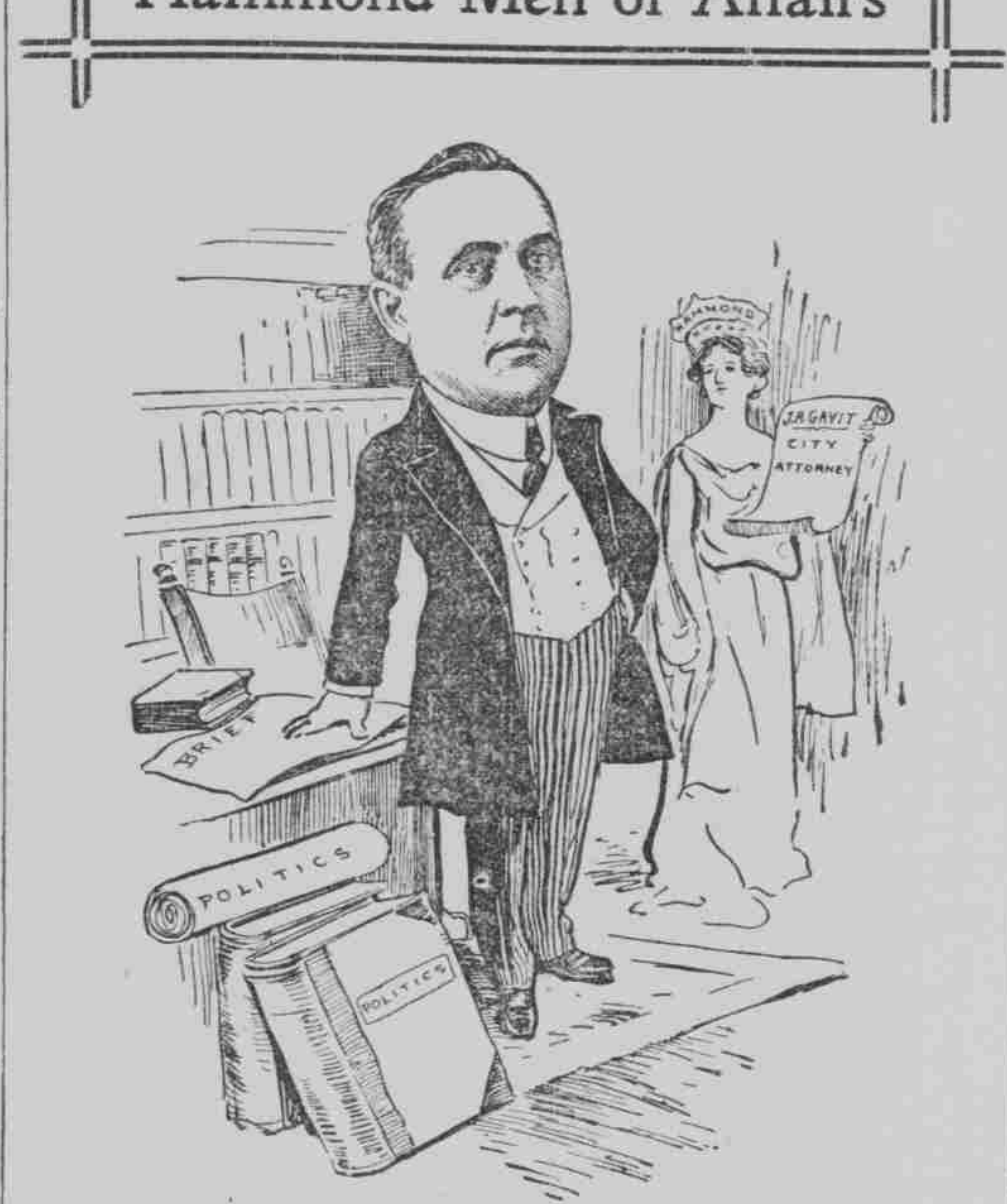
Death of W. H. Morrison.

William H. Morrison, 58 years old, of Grover street died yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters.

The funeral has been arranged for Thursday afternoon, services to be held at the home at 1 o'clock and at the Nazarene mission at 2 o'clock. Interment will be held at Oak Hill cemetery.

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Hammond Men of Affairs



JOHN A. GAVITT.

One of the strong team of Gavitt Bros. of Lake county is John A. of Hammond. He is a democrat and just as influential in political circles as is his brother, Frank N. Gavitt, only, of course, Frank N. is a republican.

John Gavitt is one of the oldest lawyers in Hammond in point of practice. At present he is city attorney, succeeding Legrand T. Meyer. Mr. Gavitt has one hobby, and that is a good horse. He has owned a number of splendid animals and is watching the course of a lively colt. Mr. Gavitt is a member of the Elks and one of its most enthusiastic members, having been with Hammond chapter No. 485 since the lodge was started.

HAMMOND MATCHES KEENLY IMPENDING LABOR BATTLE

WAGES NOW PAID STREET CAR MEN AND DEMANDS.

Present scale Demands per hour, per hour.

Chicago Railway—First six months, 23 cents 23 cents After six months, 25 cents 24 cents After one year, 27 cents 30 cents

Chicago City Railway—First 3 months, 23 cents 24 cents After 3 months, 25 cents 27 cents After one year, 27 cents 30 cents

Calumet and South Chicago—First 3 months, 23 cents 24 cents After 3 months, 25 cents 27 cents After one year, 27 cents 30 cents

Chicago and Southern Traction—City men, 23.5 cents 27 cents Interurban men, 25 cents 30 cents

NUMBER OF MEN INVOLVED IN PROBABLE STRIKE.

Chicago Railway Co., 6,100 Chicago City Railway Co., 2,900 Calumet and South Chicago, 500 Chicago & Southern Traction, 100

Total, 9,600

The people of Hammond are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the threatened street railway strike in Chicago, which, it is said, will involve the lines of the Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago Street Railway company and will tie up the street car traffic between the cities of Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting.

While a good many Hammond people are of the opinion that the strike will be averted, an inquiry among the men revealed the fact that in the event of a strike the Lake county company would be affected in the same way as the Chicago companies.

It is believed that even if the Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago company should agree to the increase demanded by the local conductors and motormen would find it advisable to strike in sympathy with their Chicago brethren.

All Vote to Strike.

With practical unanimity the motormen and conductors on the Chicago surface street car lines last night rejected the offers of the companies to renew with old agreements and ordered

Wow. But They Were Hit!

Two men were arrested for scolding and two for the violation of the fish and game laws by Constable Merryweather late last evening and they were all given generous fines in Judge Frank Prest's court soon after they were brought in.

Geral Soda was arrested for scolding in the Calumet river and was fined \$25. Hugh Landl was another violator of fish and game laws and he got his to the tune of \$32.45.

Fred Berg was arrested for selling liquor on Sunday and Luckey Lind was arrested on the same charge. Berg got \$26.35 and Lind got \$11.35. The complaint was made by Louis Lindell.

BIG SUIT FILED FOR DAMAGES

Attorneys William H. Sickman and Leon A. Berezinskiak today filed a suit in the United States federal court, district of Indiana, in which they have brought suit against the Stein-Hirsch Co. of West Hammond for \$25,000 damages as a result of injuries which Joseph Erb is alleged to have received in the West Hammond plant.

Joseph Erb was in the employ of the Hirsch-Stein Co. some time ago when a tank, containing a quantity of glue mixed with boiling water, ran over and the hot water covered Erb's legs and feet.

In addition to being badly burned, Mr. Erb's attorneys allege that the glue in the water poisoned him so that today he is a helpless invalid.

Negligence Is Charged.

The complaint states that before he was injured he was a strong, well man, capable of earning a livelihood and now he is helpless and is unable to support his family.

The accident was brought in the United States federal court for the reason that the Hirsch-Stein Co. is a foreign corporation, and the plaintiff is a resident of Indiana.

The case is one of the largest damage suits that has lately been filed in the local courts. The attorneys for the plaintiff believe they have a good case against the company, in which they will clearly establish the negligence of the company.

SCUM FROM GARY BLOWS INTO HAMMOND

Thirty Negresses Parade the Streets and Make Themselves Offensive.

THOUGHT THEY WERE SINGERS

Police Order Blacks to Get Out of Town in a Big Hurry and Not to Return.

Part of the scum from Gary's underworld has been flipped off and thrown into Hammond. Yesterday the people in the city noticed that a large number of colored women were on the streets and supposed that they had come here with the negro minstrels, but the police knew better.

The negro women were some of the habitués of the negro resorts in Gary, and they have been parading the streets ever since they left their old stamping ground in the new steel city.

The police, however, will not let them stay here long, and propose to run them out in a jiffy. Even this morning there were a number of the colored women parading the streets and making themselves offensive to passersby.

While they were seen in the company of the negro minstrels, they are not a part of the company, and it is expected that they will get out of the city when the show goes.

But there are a number of white women who have been run out of Gary along with the negroes. They are trying to get a foothold here, but the police have warned them to "get a move on."

The only danger is that they may locate in West Hammond, Ill., and give the police there some trouble that they gave the Gary officers. The Gary negroes of this class are a vicious lot, and are responsible for the large amount of crime in the "Patch."

One of the women who was an inmate in Frank Bough's notorious resort in Gary told one of the Hammond police officers that Sergeant Garry had come around to all of the resorts and told the proprietors that the Hammond police were planning a raid on the whole town and that they would have to get out of the city or suffer the consequences.

The plan was to place the responsibility for the cleaning up of Gary on the Hammond police, where it would not lose the present Gary city administration any votes. It was a clever scheme if it worked.

Hard to Figure Out.

Anton Tapper has another son and heir. The youngster made his appearance in the Tapper household last Sunday, and in addition to building the new block at the corner of Hohman and Sibley streets, the visit of the stork has kept the well-known Hammond busy.

Mr. Tapper has decided to call the new boy Roland, and this now makes four children in his family. Mr. Tapper says that he told his little daughter that she now has three brothers, while her new brother only has two, and the little girl has been working for some time trying to figure the problem out.

Tickets on sale for the Hammond Saengerbund picnic at Summers' Pharmacy, and Singer Sewing Machine store, 214 State street.—11.

DROWNED AT CEDAR LAKE PICNIC

Shocking Tragedies Occur on Placid Bosom of Lake County's Pretty Summer Resort, South of Hammond.

DROWNING IN THE REGION....14

Special to THE TIMES.

Crown Point, Ind., Aug. 3.—Cedar Lake claimed two victims yesterday. One was William Littlejohn, aged 23, employed with the F. G. Hartwell company of Chicago, and the other was Max Delue, the 9-year-old son of Mrs. Delue of Forty-fourth street, Chicago.

William Littlejohn was drowned near the Sibley hotel. He was rowing a boat when it was suddenly capsized by the swells from a passing launch.

An effort was immediately made to recover the body, and while the dragging of the lake was going on Max Delue, who was watching the proceedings, fell from the pier and was drowned, in full view of his mother who was standing near.

Mother Was Frantic.

Mrs. Delue was first made frantic by her son's struggles, and then swooned when she saw him disappear under the surface of the water. It is said that it would have been an easy matter to save the boy if any one near had had the presence of mind to have attempted his rescue.

The two drownings happened not more than an hour and a quarter apart, and created a profound sensation among the gay picnickers at the lake.

Little Max Delue had come to Cedar Lake with his mother for a day's outing. The occasion was a Sunday school picnic under the auspices of the Baptist church. The remains will be shipped to Chicago for burial today.

William Littlejohn's body was recovered, but so far the efforts to locate his family or friends have been unsuccessful. The fact that he was employed by the F. G. Hartwell company of Chicago is the only clue to his identity.

ABLE TO BE OUT.

Mrs. Fred Fricke Is Recovering from Shock.

Mrs. Fred Fricke, who has been out of the hospital for more than a week, is improving continually, and is able to be up and around at her home in South Hohman street.

The shock of her husband's death last week, however, is retarding the recuperation to some extent. She is out of all danger, much to the delight of her many friends, who have been most anxious for her life during the past three weeks.

Married in London to H. Clay Pierce



Mrs. H. CLAY PIERCE

London, Aug. 3.—Under a special license, secured at Canterbury, Henry Clay Pierce of St. Louis, Mo., the oil man, and Virginia Brickett Burrows, daughter of Major William Russell Brickett of Edwardsville, Ill., whose former husband died four years ago, were quietly married yesterday at St. George's church, Hanover square.

Beyond the church officials only four persons witnessed the wedding. The bride was attended by her daughter, Virginia Burrows, and given away by H. R. Anderson.