

THOUGHT HER-SELF A GAY GRASS WIDOW

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Indiana Harbor, Aug. 7.—It has just dawned on Mary Chirka, whose husband, John, a baker doing business in Pennsylvania avenue, was arrested for beating her, and who in turn had two neighbors arrested for turning in and beating him, that she is still the wife of John. Having settled this point, she set about yesterday to secure his liberation.

Mary, it appears had all along been laboring under the belief that the court proceedings, which resulted in John's being fined \$35 and costs, amounting in all to \$40, and being put under bonds to keep the peace, was a divorce proceeding. She fancied that when Judge Jones pronounced the solemn verdict, finding John guilty, and the lawyers mopped their perspiring brows after the close of the proceedings, and when John was lead back to his cell in the Indiana Harbor police station, and locked there—when all this had taken place, Mary fancied that she was a merry grass widow.

When, however, she awoke to the realization that she was still Mrs. Chirka, she decided she might just as well have John out of jail as in. John out of jail could at least work and earn money to support her and the children, and John in jail was another proposition. It was a choice of two evils, and Mary is now working her head off to get John out of jail.

In the meantime, John languished all day yesterday in durance ville, having been placed under \$300 bonds to keep the peace, and being unable to find a bondsman. He still has hopes, however, of raising the money to pay his fine, and everybody is in a quandary as to what to do about the peace bonds. Having placed the culprit under this restriction, the authorities do not feel like releasing him, and on the other hand, with the principal witness in the case averse to the peace bond, the situation is one for wise men to ponder over.

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PETITIONS OUT FOR CITY RULE

Republican and Democratic Parties Work in Harmony to Gain Desired End

CAMPAIGN IS AT THE DOOR

G. O. P. Headquarters to Be Opened in the Reynolds Arcade.

Last evening at 10 o'clock, immediately following the adjourning of the republican executive committee, the first steps were taken by the democrats toward incorporating Gary as a city. When it was learned that the republican forces had decided to incorporate a plan agreeable to the opposite party and which both will work out harmoniously together a petition previously drawn up was handed out for signatures.

William Mullen, 742 Virginia street, was the first man to sign the document which will ultimately result in the Steel City casting off its swaddling clothes and do away with the town form of government.

The other signers attached their names in the following order:

Harry Moore, William I. O'Halloran, Edward W. Creevey, William C. Collins, Alfred Jones, Richard E. Houten, and others.

A copy of the petition is presented herewith. It reads:

Petition for Incorporation.

To the board of trustees of the Town of Gary:

The undersigned petitioners, who are voters of the said town of Gary, and who constitute, and who are, one-

third and more of all the voters of said town, would respectfully petition your honorable body that said town be incorporated as a city under the general laws of the State of Indiana in such cases made and provided. Your petitioners would further show that said town has a population of 2,000 persons and more.

Respectfully submitted.
It is understood that numerous other petitions will be circulated today by both parties.

Republicans Appoint Committee.

That the republicans of Gary will work hand in hand with the democrats on the incorporation petition was evinced this morning when Township Chairman George Manlove named three attorneys to draw up their petitions. Mr. Manlove designated W. F. Hodges, William M. Dunn and Clyde Hunter all members of the executive committee to do this work. This will also aid in circulating the petitions which will put Gary in the metropolitan class.

At the meeting of the club last evening in the Gary hotel important matters in connection with the campaign were discussed. The chairman was also empowered to rent a suite of rooms in the Reynolds arcade to be used as the republican headquarters during the forthcoming campaign.

Await the Things to Come.

It is highly apparent that the political fever has Gary in its grasp. As a result of last night's meeting and the springing of the incorporation papers the municipal campaign may have said to be fairly started on its way. New developments may be expected within a few days now that the republican workers are to open up their headquarters.

Activity will be the watch word in both camps. The republicans have several surprises in store and the democracy is expectantly awaiting the first issue of the Lake County Democrat which will appear in Gary in a few weeks.

from the ditch into which he had been thrown. His first words were "My papa is in the car."

Mr. Wickey considers it fortunate for the passengers on the train that the car was not a foot or two further onto the railroad right of way, when the collision came. Had the train struck the trucks of the car instead of the front end it could scarcely have escaped being ditched. The result would most likely have been much loss of life and serious injury to passengers on the train, as well as on the street car. As it was the body of the street car was lifted off the trucks, and the car pitched over onto its side.

Mr. Groves and Alderman Lewis as well as Mr. Wickey were indefatigable in their efforts to rescue the injured and make them as comfortable as possible until more adequate help arrived in the form of physicians and ambulances.

TELLS OF SCENES AT CAR WRECK

E. W. Wickey of East Chicago Among the First to Give Aid to Injured in Crossing Disaster Thursday Night.

WAS PASSENGER ON PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN

Albert Lewis and H. K. Groves Also Help Victims at "Death Curve"—Had Little Warning of Impending Fate—Recall Many Dramatic Incidents.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Aug. 7.—A number of East Chicago folk were on the Pennsylvania train that collided with an East Chicago and Whiting street car at the Indiana boulevard crossing Thursday evening. They included E. W. Wickey, Albert Lewis and H. K. Groves, all of whom did yeoman service in rescuing the injured from underneath the wreckage and from the ditch into which many of them had fallen. Fortunately for East Chicago, not a single resident of this city was among the passengers on the wrecked street car.

Mr. Wickey First on Scene.

Mr. Wickey described the scene as harrowing in the extreme. "We had only a moments warning of what was impending," said Mr. Wickey. "The engineer blew the whistle and we felt the scurrying of the air breaks as an effort was made to stop the train. Then came the impact, and everybody ran to the door of the car to see what had happened. I was the first out of my car, and I guess the first off the train, following the brakeman. Right there before us lay the conductor, with his leg cut off, dead. The cries of the wounded were pitiful, many of them being badly hurt and suffering great pain. There were a dozen children on the street car, but fortunately only one of them was much injured. This little chap had his eye badly hurt and seemed to be in considerable pain. What impressed me the most was the cries of the children calling for their parents. One little fellow picked up

STILL WINK AT VICE IN GARY

A. A. Rodman, in Letter to Times, Exposes Condition Which Knotts and Martin Have Strangely Overlooked.

JOHNSON AND HIS ILK STILL THERE

Author Says That Dive Keeper Threatened to Have Baptist Church Burned—Some of the Places Have Never Been Cleaned Out, and Are Worst Than Ever.

THE TIMES is in receipt of a letter from A. A. Rodman, one of the colored men in Gary, who has been most prominent in the vice crusade, and who says that condition among the negro element is little better than it was a few weeks ago. Gambling, such as crap shooting and poker, are allowed in some of negro dives and immoral women still congregate in several of the resorts. Such is the information received from the letter of Mr. Rodman, who says he is familiar with the situation and has witnesses to back up his assertion. The following is Mr. Rodman's letter:

Mr. Knotts Please Read This.

"Editor, THE TIMES,
"Dear Sir—I, as one who has kept a vigilant eye on the bad negro, on the black and murderous element in Gary, would like to keep you posted on the movements of these people. At Mrs. Williams' place, a keep or the notorious dive, has concocted another scheme for the purpose of keeping you from further showing them up. Mrs. Williams has pretended to leave town, but she has not gone. So says she will hide a few weeks until things become quiet again. At the same time the attic of her place is full of bad negro men and women who spend the night in singing and vice. This does not take place during the early part of the evening, but as late as 1, 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning.

"We are watching these places closely and there will never be a time that we will not be able to give you any information that you care to publish. Now sir, I want to tell you of a gang that exists in Gary that you know nothing of. This is the Couts and Adams gang, their place is at Fifteenth and Adams and they conduct one of the worst notorious places in the city right in the eyes of the law. Courts has a woman called the "Race Horse" who has figured in a score of cutting scrapes and brawls in Gary.

Dave Johnson Still Operating.

"Another place is that on the hill between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues, is just as bad as any of the others. I do not know the proprietor, but his place is a hang out for gamblers, coke fiends and bad women. John Jennings' place is still open and conducted in the same old manner. Dave Johnson is also operating. Neither of the latter two have closed up their dives. I can prove all the above assertions if you so desire by a score of witnesses. This Mr. Adams was heard to say that the Colored Baptist church and other shacks would be destroyed by fire. Frequent threats have been made against my life, but I am not afraid of them all. I think Mr. Knotts will put a stop to all this when he knows our conditions as he has just came back from 'Dreamland' and we have great faith in him.

"The TIMES has certainly done a wonderful work in Gary and without its support we would not have been able to have carried on this crusade against vice. It is to be heartily commended for their great work. Let it continue. Yours respectfully,
"A. A. RODMAN."

THE TIMES PAYS WEEKLY SALARIES TO NEARLY FIFTY PEOPLE IN HAMMOND, GARY, EAST CHICAGO, WHITING AND OTHER PARTS OF LAKE COUNTY. THEY SPEND THEIR MONEY AT HOME. DOES IT DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT?



Scene from the "Cow Puncher" at the Towle Opera House Sunday Night.

CARNIVAL TO RULE GARY FOR WEEK

Magic City to Be the Livest Spot in the State for Six Days, Beginning Labor Day, September 6; Fun for Everybody.

CELEBRATION TO FOLLOW COUNTY FAIR

Prominent Citizens Take Charge and Strong Committees Are Appointed—No Financial Donations Will Be Asked of Merchants—Their Good Will Being All That is Asked.

Gary will be the liveliest spot in Indiana Labor day week—Sept. 6 to 11. During that period of time a grand carnival will be held on Broadway, the most imposing thoroughfare in the state. It will be given by the Gary Carnival association and the Robinson Carnival company will be the amusement company on hand to entertain the people of Lake county.

Judge P. L. Fitzgerald is president of the Carnival association, which was formed by prominent Gary citizens during the week, to conduct the venture. Attorney Joseph Gillies is the secretary and Attorney Sheehan is the treasurer.

Numerous other committees have been appointed, including one composed of William Matthew Dunn and two members of the Gary town board, who will be delegated to Elkhart next week to observe the workings of the carnival which is to be held in that city.

The Committees Appointed.

The other committees having the carnival in charge are composed of the following:

General arrangements—C. H. Maloney, Kasper Wachs, Judge Fitzgerald, James Doyno, William Mullen, George Smith, J. D. Herr, J. E. Clark, John Burke, E. Clifford, Joseph Gillies, Edward Steinhagen, W. M. Dunn, J. Curran and E. Clifford.

Transportation—J. D. Herr, chairman.

Light and water—Judge Fitzgerald, C. H. Maloney and James Doyno.

Invitations—W. M. Dunn, chairman.

Contests—J. E. Clark, chairman; Geo. Smith, E. Clifford and John Burke.

Press and advertising—Alfred Jones, chairman; Edward Steinhagen, Judge Fitzgerald.

Members will be appointed on the decorations, concessions and country store committees within a few days.

Engage Robinson Carnival Co.

The Robinson Carnival company, which has been engaged to come to Gary, is one of the biggest amusement enterprises of its kind. This week it is showing at Battle Creek, Mich., and its road list includes the most energetic cities in the central states.

It is said that the carnival company carries four hundred people with it. Its attractions and concessions are declared to be the most up to date and money-getting ones in the field.

The selection of the date is an excellent one. It comes in a pretty season of the year, and as the Crown Point county fair is to be held the preceding week it should prove an excellent financial venture. Holding it at this time will serve to attract the residents of the south end of the county—especially the farmers who have realized on this year's heavy crops.

The various committees will be in session daily to promote the affair. No financial donations will be asked of the merchants, but they will accord the event their cordial support as it will not only advertise Gary but will result in spending thousands of dollars in the city.

Company Incorporated.

Among the recent incorporations at Indianapolis is that of the Haxton & Kattman Co. at Gary; retail merchants; capital stock, \$10,000; incorporators, O. B. Haxton and E. B. Kattman. This company has been in the clothing business on Broadway for several months past.

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