

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 \$5 and costs, amounting in all to \$10, 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 led 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 vile, 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

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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 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 Moose, William L. O'Halloran, Edward W. Creevy, William C. Crolius, Alfred Jones, Richard E. Houren 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-

**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.

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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 moment's warning of what was impending," said Mr. Wickey. "The engineer blew the whistle and we felt the screeching 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

the mass meeting next Wednesday night will be called to order at 7:30. A number of prominent speakers from Chicago will be present to aid several local orators, all of which promises a pleasant time. Mr. Knotts' candidacy will be announced in eight different languages at the meeting.

Discuss Plans for Church.
A meeting of the building committee of the Baptist church is being held this afternoon for the purpose of discussing the plans for the new church edifice. Sketches of the building are being submitted by several of the local architects, and it is thought before long they will make a selection of the sketch which best meets their approval. The building is to be erected within a short time, as the brick have already arrived.

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.

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