

EAST CHICAGO AND INDIANA HARBOR

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The New Year's services at the Methodist church yesterday were well attended and particularly interesting. Dr. J. H. Palmer, the pastor, conducted the services and preached the sermon in the morning, and District Superintendent Dr. A. T. Briggs of Hammond delivered the evening address, after which communion was served. The choir during the services was without a director, as Mrs. F. C. Evans, the leader, is visiting friends in Michigan with her husband.

Mrs. Mary Ross entertained her sister and family from Whiting over New Year's.

Miss Lottie Ross has a friend from out of the city as her guest.

Miss Ella Lyons of Elkhart, who was formerly a teacher in the East Chicago high school, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. August Johnson. Miss Lyons was on her way back to Elkhart from Brooke, Ind., where she passed Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Groves went to Chicago New Year's day and took in "The Kissing Girl" during the afternoon.

Herman Fedder spent the week end in Laporte.

Mrs. W. C. Bailey of Grassell entertained a club, of which is a member, on Thursday afternoon and evening. The club is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Caley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ogden, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Schlieker, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Funkey, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lewis. The ladies spent the afternoon with Mrs. Bailey, and in the evening the gentlemen appeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ottenheimer of Louisiana, Mo., are the guests of Mr. Ottenheimer's brother, Abe.

LOST—Last Saturday a bunch of keys on a brass ring between the city hall and Olcott and One Hundred and Fiftieth streets. Finder please return to police station.

J. D. Kennedy was out again last Friday after a two weeks' severe illness.

The tea, which was to be held by the Ladies' Social Union of the Methodist church at the home of Mrs. Giles, on One Hundred and Forty-fifth street, next Wednesday, has been postponed for one week and a business meeting of the union will be held instead at the home of Mrs. Edward Pickard, on Forsyth avenue.

Mrs. A. H. Whitesitt has been sick with the grippe for two or three days, but is now much better.

Dr. G. W. Miller is complaining of an attack of the grippe contracted while on his way to visit a patient in South Deering last week.

The family of Robert Sterling received a telegram Saturday informing them that Miss Marie Sterling, who went to Colorado two years and a half ago on account of her lungs, had been attacked with a severe hemorrhage, and was dangerously sick. Mr. Sterling replied asking to be kept posted on her exact condition, and yesterday received another message stating that the hemorrhage had been stopped and that the young lady was much better.

INDIANA HARBOR.
Civil Service Examination.
An examination for clerk and carrier will be held at the postoffice in this city on Jan. 21, 1910.

Age limits, 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination.

Married women will not be admitted to the examination.

Unmarried women will be admitted to the examination, but are eligible for appointment only as clerk.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height without

boots or shoes, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.

For application blanks and for full information relative to the examination, qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc., address immediately:

HELEN M. GALVIN, Secretary,
Board of Civil Service Examiners,
P. O., Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Danks of Pittsburg, Pa., have been the guests during the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stephens. Mr. Danks returned to Pittsburg last night, but Mrs. Danks will remain for a longer visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lundquist entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kay Wells of Gary and Miss Edna and Mr. Russell Landell of Ogema, Wis., at a New Year's week-end party.

Mrs. Frederick Sauer attended the matinee in Chicago New Year's afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patterson spent New Year's with friends in Chicago.

Miss Smith of Chicago was the guest over New Year's at the home of John Galvin.

Dr. Frederick Sauer, who has been sick with the rheumatism for the past two weeks and has been in Mudlavia for a week, is expected home today or tomorrow.

Mr. Purdy, the mail carrier, spent New Year's at his old home in Cleveland, O.

Miss Ruth Thomas, who teaches in the Pittsburg schools, has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas of Grapevine street, returned to her work in Pittsburg yesterday.

The 15-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sterling of Block avenue is sick with diphtheria.

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REFUSES TO GIVE SHOW; JOHNSON'S TRUNKS HELD

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 3.—Jack Johnson refused to fulfill his contract to appear at a Terre Haute theater yesterday and the manager attached his trunks as he was about to board a train for Columbus, Ohio. Johnson said the theater was too cold. When a constable served the writ on Johnson he mounted his baggage and said he would "hit the first man who touched it." The constable called the police and the fighter backed down when Captain Armstrong brought enough men to take him to jail.

Johnson later tried to engage a special train, but failed, and when he saw his belongings dumped on a dray he told his manager he would stay there until today and fight the case.

GILMORE'S CHAMPS SCORE KNOCKOUTS

Leatham and White Trim Joliet Pugs.

Fred Gilmore's two champions, Jack White and George Leatham, returned to Chicago yesterday totting the scapula of a pair of ambitious fighters of Joliet. In the show staged at the penitentiary city Saturday night before the Eagles, Leatham, a rugged lightweight, disposed of Kid Lawrence in five rounds. White disposed of Tommy Barrett in the second. Both fights were set for ten rounds as a double windup.

IF YOU ARE A POOR LETTER WRITER, SEND THE TIMES TO YOUR FRIENDS WHO LIVE OUT OF TOWN.

SPORTING NOTES

YALE STAR MAY BE SUSPENDED

Van Vleck Faces League Banishment.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 3.—Eddie Van Vleck, the Yale pitcher of last year's nine, may be suspended by the national baseball commission in a peculiar ruling. Last summer he pitched one game for the Waterbury team of the Connecticut league. He refused to sign a contract. Now Manager Durant of Waterbury claims that Van Vleck can be suspended because, after taking money for playing a game, he refused to sign a contract.

Van Vleck has been offered large sums to join National and American league clubs, but has heretofore declined them. He pitched the game at Waterbury to help out that nine when it was crippled for want of pitchers. Van Vleck is still a leading amateur ball player.

WOULD MATCH LIGHTWEIGHTS

Pittsburg Club Wants Nelson and Moran.

Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—Negotiations were opened here today by Matchmaker Jimmy Dime of the National Sporting club for the appearance here the latter part of the month or early in February of Battling Nelson and Owen Moran, the English lightweight. The names of two good men to meet the "Battler" and the Englishman have been secured. They are Hugh Madole, the fast lightweight of this city, and Jimmy Dunn of Newcastle.

An effort is also being made by the National club to stage a fight between Nelson and Moran, but there is little likelihood of such a contest taking place, as "Bat" has demanded a \$10,000 guarantee, for a six round bout. The Sporting club cannot see that with a magnifying glass.

JEFFRIES NEVER WILL GET BACK IN OLD CONDITION, SAYS GANS

New York, Jan. 3.—"A week ago a flash came to this country informing us that Bob Fitzsimmons, one of the craftiest and best fighters that ever stepped into a ring, went down to defeat and the epitaph was 'he could not come back,'" said Joe Gans, former lightweight champion, today.

"The same expression will be written about James J. Jeffries on the night of July 4, after his battle with Jack Johnson for the championship of the world is over. For, no matter how highly they sound the praises of Jeff now, when he clashes with Johnson he will meet his conqueror. It will be a case of science against brute strength and in this affair the science of Johnson will come out on top.

"I want to say that I am not favoring Johnson because we are of the same color," continued Gans. "If I thought that Jeff could whip Johnson I would be one of the first to express my convictions. I have been in the game too long to allow sentiment to cut any figure. It's simply a case of which man I consider the superior and my choice is Johnson. Again, with me there is no doubt that all fair minded men will agree with me that a fighter is a fighter pure and simple, no matter whether he is white or black, so therefore no one must think that I am prejudiced.

"When Johnson returned after beating Burns every one got excited and shouted, 'Jeff will have to lick Johnson and bring back the title to the white race.' There was a day when he might have done so. But now it is entirely different. In his prime Jeffries was a bunch of muscles and bones that no man could hurt. He has had

years of rest, and at present the retired champion is simply a mass of soft flesh that is in such a condition that it will be impossible for him to get back to the old days. Jeff will train hard, but nature has had such an easy time that it will not respond sufficiently to the treatment, and when he faces Johnson he will be far from the Jeffries of old.

"Very few realize the meaning of those words, 'He will come back.' Take all the old champions. In their good days it seemed impossible that any one would ever beat them. History shows that the day arrives when the quickness of the eye is gone, the old speed is lacking, and the wallop that used to scare all rivals has lost its hitting power. When this happens and a new champion appears on the stage, the wisecracks make the old remark that the former title holder 'is all in.' This applies to Jeff.

"Jeff is acknowledged to be a grand specimen of a man and without doubt the greatest heavyweight that ever claimed into a ring. He was, but now he is not. The old saying, 'Youth must be served' goes for Jeff. Despite the fact that he is a young man, he has lived longer, than his years.

"This doesn't mean that Jeff has dissipated his strength away. But all his friends know that the big fellow is an inveterate cigarette smoker, and the man who fills his lungs with that poison for years can hardly expect to go up in the mountains for a few weeks and wear off the bad effects of nicotine. This makes it look to me as though his wind would be bad, and that, for a man of his size, would be a handicap that would mean disaster."

"SYNDICATE BALL" IS SEEN IN TAFT'S PLAN TO BUY PHILLIES

New York, Jan. 3.—Brother Charles H. Taft, has purchased the Philadelphia grounds of the National league as a present for his wife. He already owns a large interest in the Chicago team of the same league. On Friday Brother Charles announced he was "thinking" of buying the Philadelphia National league club as well. Brother Charles would do well to have another "think."

After all, it is the gentlemen on the bleachers who make a baseball club a good investment, and the bleacherites are unalterably and irrevocably opposed to syndicate baseball, and it doesn't make any difference to them who wants to own shares in two clubs. Big Bill himself couldn't get away with it.

The other day Charlie Murphy announced that Mr. Taft owned only 25 per cent of the shares in the Chicago National club. It has previously been stated that Mr. Taft owns the controlling interest in that club. It doesn't make any great amount of difference how much stock Charles owns in the Chicago club, when he admits this ownership of stock and prepares to buy another club.

He undoubtedly regards a ball club as a good investment; the fans will not look at it in the same light. They will say, "Syndicate baseball!" and open the door to all sorts of ugly rumors.

Sporting men the world over do not like to see the dollar mark too closely allied with the sports in which they are interested. This was clearly shown by the storm of criticism which rained down on Rickard and Gleason when they met in private session to close the deal concerning the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

"It is all a frameup for the money!" was the howl which went up to heaven, probably unjustly, but it will be some time before the secret session will be forgotten, and the drawing power of the fight will greatly suffer in some degree because the men met in secret to talk money rather than fight.

The dollar mark has never been the controlling sign in baseball. The men who support the game like to believe that the home club will fight just as hard at the tail end of the procession as at the head. They have a firm belief that baseball, at least, is on the level, and for this reason the national game counts among its devotees men who will never go to see a horse race or a prize fight, because they believe that in these spots the money end sometimes overshadows the recent desire to win if possible.

These are the men in Chicago and

WESTON TO START FEB. 1

New York, Jan. 3.—Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, announced yesterday that he will make one more trans-continental walk and that he will get from ocean to ocean this time within 100 days.

Weston will start from Los Angeles at 4 o'clock the afternoon of Feb. 1 and will be due in New York on May 28. His hike from New York to San Francisco early last summer took him 105 days, but on that journey he encountered a long series of storms and unusually hot weather. If conditions are reasonably favorable this spring he is sure that he can cross the United States within 100 days.

One of the latest enterprises of the Hammond Athletic association is a glee club. George Love, who is the principal exponent of the musical side of the club, has been given the directorship of the club.

This will provide one of the best forms of entertainment for the club imaginable. It is to be expected that in the near future the glee club will give a public entertainment for the benefit of the members and their friends.

Serenades on warm summer evenings is also one of the possibilities of the glee club, and the local Lochinvars will get into training to lay siege to "my lady" in the balcony.

It is believed that there is enough talent in the club to make possible the organization of a singing society of considerable proportions.

The Hammond Athletic association indoor baseball team will play the team representing the George Young Co. of Chicago, in this city next Thursday. The teams are well matched and a good game is expected. There will be informal dancing after the game. The lineup of the Hammond team will be as follows: Rhode, 3b; Bob Smith, ss; Enright, cf; McMahon, p; Mead, c; Dibos, 1b; Savory, 2b; Betz, ls; Stewart, rf.

The schedule opens Wednesday night, Jan. 5, with the Hammond Athletic club at Central Turner's hall. The present line up of the Hammond Athletic club is: Guards, Sohl and Lamminger; center, Schillo; forwards, Polard and Hunter.

The second team of the Hammond Athletic association belongs to the second division of the Intercity Basketball league and will play against the following teams during the season: Hull House, Midgets, Battery D, White Eagles (second team), Hyde Park and Mercury Athletic club. The first game of the schedule will be played at the gymnasium of the Hammond Athletic association with the team from Hyde Park. The lineup of the second team will be: Hoffman and Gau Schilder, forwards; Blocker, center; Blosser, Parsons and Gauthier, forwards.

Edward Dibos, chairman of the finance committee, has posted an order on the bulletin board to the effect that those who hold membership cards will be admitted free to all games, providing their dues are paid up to the current month.

NEWS OF HAMMOND ATHLETIC A.

Chairman Walter Sohl of the athletic committee of the Hammond Athletic association has arranged for basketball classes to be conducted under the direction of Physical Director Stewart. The classes will begin Monday evening, Jan. 3.

As a result of the energy of Walter Sohl in the department of athletics, there is considerable activity reported. Eddie Mason, the manager of basketball, has organized two teams. The first team has been admitted to the first division of the Intercity Basketball league, composed of the following six teams: The Illinois Athletic club, Hull House, First Regiment, Central Turners, the White Eagles and the Hammond A. A.

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Adolph Monsen, winner of third place in the Indiana trophy race last summer, is the Elgin-Aurora route "century" champion for 1910. Driving a four-cylinder forty horse power Marion car, with Gilbert Anderson and Frank Lombard for companions, Monsen wobbled back to Chicago yesterday morning after a struggle lasting thirty hours and fifteen minutes on the snowbound highways west of town. The party was the lone survivors of the little expedition which embarked from the Chicago Automobile club as the New Year was being ushered in Saturday morning.

The Marion crew, nothing daunted by the withdrawal of A. M. Robbins in his Moon and E. M. Sanders in an Oakland, when the drifts rendered traffic impossible, resolutely stuck to his task. Skidding, plunging and oftentimes careening from the road into the ditches, the demon motorists kept at the task until finally disabled near Addison by an accident. The break was repaired, and from that point on to the finish experiences of every sort and kind enveloped the trip. Here's Monsen's account of the drive:

"There was no place like home after two days and two nights of it on the roads we encountered. While we didn't have the freezing weather that prevailed when the Chicago tradesmen went out to meet the New York to Paris racers two years ago, there was fully as much snow and the roads were in about the same condition. At times we bucked snow drifts eight feet deep. I fitted a small plow to the front of the machine and in this way managed to cut a pathway through which the car could run. On one occasion we were stalled for

an hour trying to fight our way through a huge drift.

"When we reached a point three miles west of Addison the gas ran into a ditch six feet deep, bending the gear shafting rod. We were laid up from 4 o'clock Saturday morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon repairing the car. Finally, about 8:30 that night, we succeeded in reaching Elgin, a distance of eighteen miles. After a stop of two hours for supper we resumed the trip, striking St. Charles at 11:40. At 12:15 we passed the Fox River country club, having been on the road over twelve hours.

"Aurora was reached at 1:15, and from that point into Chicago it was a case of shovel, tug, push and fight for every inch of ground. The drifts were particularly heavy on the last leg, but we managed to reach Chicago parkways at 6 o'clock. The rest was easy.

"Under ordinary conditions the car should have gone over the 100 miles with a gasoline consumption of six or seven gallons. We used exactly thirty-five gallons, together with almost two gallons of lubricating oil."

TWO OPPONENTS FOR CHAMPION

Pittsburg "Unknowns" to Get Theirs.

Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—Instead of having but one "unknown" to meet in the all-comers class here on Tuesday night, Champion Jack Johnson, the big black heavyweight, will have two men with nerve enough to tackle him. Both are "unknowns" and while but little is known of the ability of one of them, the friends of the other say that he has been working out for several weeks and will make the big fellow extend himself before the three rounds are over.

One of the unknowns secured as an amateur athlete, said to be an amateur champion of this city and who at one time showed considerable class. He has been out of the game for a couple of years, but has been preparing for this event. The identity of the "unknowns" will be made tomorrow, when they will be put through a thorough examination to conform with the new police regulations.

MONSEN IN HARD PULL

Drives Marion Over Elgin-Aurora Century Course in Thirty Hours.

CROWD WAS A RECORD BREAKER

(Special to THE TIMES)

East Chicago, Ind., Jan. 3.—The crowd which assembled at the Lewis skating rink Saturday evening proved to be a record-breaker. The rink was simply packed and not only the floor but the balcony as well. The management had arranged to keep open until 12 o'clock, which was accountable for the large crowd. They had also arranged a polo game between the Indiana Harbor and East Chicago teams.

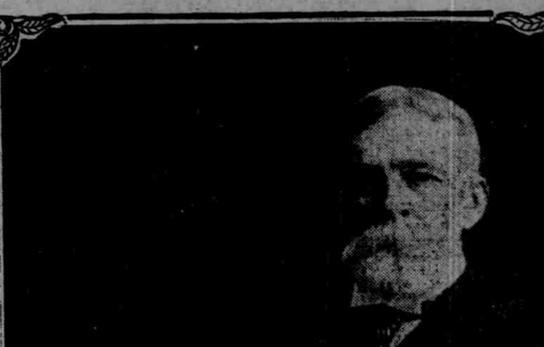
After the patrons had enjoyed about two hours and a half of skating the

HOTTUM COMING TO SIGN BOXERS

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 3.—C. H. Hottum, local boxing promoter, left last night for Chicago to arrange bouts for the opening of a new club here to be managed by Tommy Ryan, former welterweight champion. Hottum received a letter from Battling Nelson offering to sign for the inaugural fight.

TENANT-HUNT IN THE TIMES.

Brother of President in Baseball Deal



CHARLES P. TAFT

H. A. A.

Basket Ball Wednesday Night, January 5th.
Hyde Park vs. H. A. A. Seconds.

Basket Ball Thursday Night, January 6th.
Geo. Young Co. vs. H. A. A.

floor was cleared and the polo game, which was by far the feature of the evening, was started.

The game proved to be exciting and some sensational blocking and fast teamwork was shown by both teams. The fans from both the Harbor and East Chicago were rooting continually, which made the game all the more exciting.

After three periods of hard playing the game finally ended with the count 1 to 1. East Chicago scored in the first half when the ball on a lucky bound passed the Harbor goalkeeper. In the second half the Harbor scored a goal, tying the score. The puck left the floor and bounded against the ceiling and into East Chicago's goal. This tied the score. In the last half neither side was able to count and it was decided to play the game off in about two weeks.

A hundred dollar side bet was up on the game.

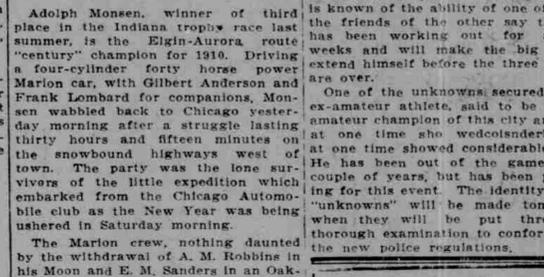
The lineup:
Indiana Harbor (1)—Cooksey, first rush; Sternberg, second rush; Thomas, center; Braine, half back; Lewis, goal.
East Chicago (1)—Mitchell, first rush; Carroll, second rush; Hanson, center; Schelly, half back; Blake, goal.

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