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THE TIMES IN 1910.

With the closing of the year of 1909, the TIMES newspapers have passed the most prosperous year in their history. When the year that dies at twelve o'clock tonight was born, the publishers did not dare hope that business would increase with such leaps and bounds, as it has.

POWERFUL DEMOCRATIC ORGAN EXPOSES RING.

The split in the democratic ranks in Lake County is complete. For years there have been audible mutterings from the malcontents. Time and again the growing mutiny in the party has been a matter of serious concern.

Like Goliath of old, Mayor Becker has thrice daily strutted out before the cringing insurgents in his party and dared them to dispute his claim to supremacy.

But the democrats of Lake County found a David and the slingshot he used is the Lake County Democrat. A neatly rounded pebble in the form of "An Expose of the So-called Democracy of Lake County" was hurled straight at the forehead of the democratic giant, and stunned and dismayed he reels back from the first attack.

The wielder of this slingshot has gathered about him in Lake County, some of the best and most substantial democrats in the community. The insurgent democracy has found a leader and from far and near they are rallying to its support.

The expose of Lake County Democracy is one of the most scathing denunciations of the Becker-Rhode-Knotts-Swain-Turner combination that has ever appeared in public print.

These leaders are denoted, "the clique of democrats for revenue only, turn coats and double crossers." T. E. Knotts is charged with a desire to reorganize the party from the governor downward. The whole crooked deal by which Knotts became the democratic candidate for mayor of Gary in spite of the fact that the real democracy of the city selected Crolius, was exposed.

The charge is made that Swain of the Hammond Daily News has been bleeding the democrats of Lake County by various methods for the past 19 years. The assertion is made that Swain's championship of Becker during the last municipal campaign was purchased for \$300. It is even asserted that the policy of the News is dictated.

The expose goes into a lengthy explanation of the reasons for the defeat of Richard Schaaf in the last campaign in which it is claimed that there was a demo-republican combination which had as its object the smothering of the ambitions of Schaaf.

It is promised that in succeeding articles the ramifications of this bi-partisan ring will be further exposed and held up to the light of day. Whatever else is said is unimportant at this time. It is apparent that the die is cast. The fight is to be to a finish. The prize is the democratic leadership of the tenth congressional district.

There is one thing about this controversy that is strikingly plain to the disinterested observer and that is that Becker's methods are denounced by the voting democracy as strongly as they are approved by the office-holding democracy.

During the last campaign the TIMES was vilified in certain quarters because it dared to point out the weakness of Knotts' candidacy, the insatiable desire for power that prompted Becker in all his acts and the dangers of a bi-partisan ring that had as an excuse for its existence the political exploitation of both parties.

Many people said, "That is campaign talk—a newspaper war." Today the people of Lake County are awakening to a realization of the truth of the facts and it is one of the strange pranks of fate that within sixty days the soon-to-be most powerful democratic organ in the county should take up the fight against Beckerism and bi-partisan boss control and expose it as completely as it was exposed in the TIMES during the last campaign.

And the TIMES will continue its policy of fearlessly telling the truth about the pernicious activity of this demo-republican ring. It has demonstrated and will demonstrate again that it cannot be bought, bribed or bulldozed.

It will prove again as it has proved in the past that political unscrupulousness, where ever it is found, will meet with its certain disapproval. The interests of a few self seeking politicians are nothing compared to the interests of the community at large. Lake County must be kept clean, politically, in this wonderful period of its development for the grey wolves are licking their chops just outside the door.

PRaise IS KRINBILL'S MEED.

With the passing of the old year in Lake County, there also steps down from office into private life one of the best county commissioners that Lake County ever had—Oscar A. Krinbill, of Hammond. He has performed the onerous duties that fell to his lot in the office to which he was elected, faithfully and well. His constituents can say without any elasticity of truth: "Well done that good and faithful servant."

Oscar Krinbill had come to be recognized as a power on the county board of commissioners. He was accessible to everybody who had any business to do with Lake County and he never forgot for an instant that he represented all parts of Lake County as well as the district from which he was elected. The record Mr. Krinbill made while serving his constituents does him great credit. He found that it was an impossible task to please everybody and he did the next best thing, he did not seek to curry favor with anyone, but simply did his plain duty by the taxpayers and Lake County for which he is entitled to praise-worthy recognition and many encomiums.

A BOUNTIFUL ICE HARVEST.

Old timers say that it has been a score of years that the ice crop in this part of the state has been equal to the present harvest. One company in Hammond is putting up 60,000 tons or one hundred and twenty million pounds of ice. There are a dozen bodies of water in Lake County where ice is being harvested. It is a particularly fine quality and has not been surpassed in years. More men and more teams are being employed in the ice-cutting this year than ever before and in some places there is a dearth of help. The abundant ice crop is another thing for which Lake County should return thanks to the dying year.

THE SWEET solicitude and nervous apprehension displayed by the Chicago newspapers that Lake County, Ind., might deviate from the straight and narrow path in the Dearborn Park episode, is extremely amusing. With crime rampant in Chicago, with gambling of the most pernicious kind going on all over the city; with the bomb-throwing disarray unrelieved; with orgies and viciousness galore at their very door, it is too bad that these great newspapers feel obliged to go so far from home for sensations. We wonder what would really happen if the newspapers of Chicago would try to tell the truth about their own city?

THERE WILL probably be no outcry in certain quarters in Gary that the metropolitan papers over the country have taken up the story printed in these columns last week that nearly five millions of dollars were spent during 1909 by the U. S. Steel corporation to its employes in Gary, and yet it is no more legitimate news than other news stories that have been sent out.

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

HOW did your pipes survive it?

AND Mr. Cannon starts in again this week.

ARE you having much trouble writing it 1910?

WE take it that your head feels all right by this time.

NOW to watch the great wheels of prosperity roll around and around.

YOU will recall also that this is the first day of Mayor Becker's new term of office.

THERE is nothing so pitiful as a bachelor who is given a baby to hold for the first time.

GREET the bill collector as well as you can. Perhaps he didn't have a very merry Christmas.

IT was a fine showing that the water-wagon made Saturday, as it rattled down Broadway.

PERHAPS Eusepia Palladino can tell us whether Gov Marshall is really coming to Gary or not.

IF you have nothing else to do, you might begin your campaign for a safe and sane Fourth of July.

CRACKSMEN robbed a Poughkeepsie store of 400 in pennies. That's a sad blow for poor Pokipsy.

IF you are extra nice to the bill collector, perhaps you can stave him off until the first of February.

AND now for a little hard work until the next holiday which will not come until May gets ready to go.

EVERYTIME a bunch of Lake County men go to Indianapolis, one of them is sure to come back with an honor.

THERE has been so much of the beautiful snow that the poor poets have been to cold to get up anything about it.

PERHAPS you are now beginning to get some of the Christmas presents intended for you that were miscarried in the mail.

THANK heaven no place in Lake County is big enough to have an orgy like Chicago had on the last evening of the old year.

THE man who has to meet all the Christmas bills this week, hasn't the slightest doubt in the world but what there is a Santa Claus.

JOE KASPER may not get any Carnegie medals, but he is taking a lot more risks than the Hammond treasury pays him for.

AND your wife will undoubtedly be able to stand all the prosperity that you can take home provided it isn't bottled up inside of you.

IF you want to see anyone who really enjoys this weather, go over to the Lake Front Park and see Joe Kasper going after slush ice.

WHAT has become of the old-fashioned boy who "laid for" the cop on the beat, around some corner with a snowball soaked in water?

JIM, WATSON is to speak in Gary. Gary should realize that it has a bully treat in store for those fortunate enough to get an invitation.

GOV. MARSHALL says that "contentment is Indiana's greatest need." In other words, if you are governor, be satisfied with it, don't try to be president.

INCIDENTALLY you might if you get a chance, tell your friend who is locating here that the TIMES is a mighty good paper to have around the house.

YOU will now begin to hear a lot of people talk about the evils of the ship subsidy bill, who wouldn't recognize one if it came up and hit them a wallop in the snout.

IF we could just run into some of those golden brown corn cakes with a little fresh country sausage on the side, we could take a chance of getting a case of pellagra.

AN Indiana baby boy was born in the twelfth month, on the twelfth day of the month, twelve minutes before twelve o'clock and weighed exactly twelve pounds. You can add your own comment.

IN a divorce case now on trial a letter from the husband to his wife read: "I had my hand read to-day by two palmists. Both told me you would be killed in an automobile accident inside of two weeks." Horrible knock for two palmists or the husband was dealt a bad hand.

IT is really too bad that a man of John W. Kern's many excellent qualities should persist in so constantly sticking out his whiskers for his enemies to pull.—Fort Wayne News. Why wouldn't it be a good thing for J. W. to follow the example of that gran dole life-saver C. W. Fairbanks?

UP AND DOWN IN I-N-D-I-A-N-A

SCHILL MAY TELL SECRET. State's Attorney Smith of Laporte, who prosecuted Ray Lamphere, the Guinness suspect, who died Thursday night in the Michigan city prison of tuberculosis, said that he will make all efforts to obtain the confession purported to have been made to Dr. E. A. Sennell by Lamphere while the latter was in the county jail and on the verge of collapse.

TO SAVE HARRISON HOUSE. The Vincennes Water Works company, which recently came into possession of the famous Harrison house, notified President Watson of the board of works that it is anxious to preserve the building and will give it to the city of Vincennes on condition that the city in the future move the building off the water works grounds.

GIRL ADMITS SHOPLIFTING. Goldie Cole, 10 years old, and Rosie Venok, 17, confessed to Patrolman Louis Linker of Fort Wayne that they had stolen three valuable muffs, several yards of silk ribbons, a prayer book and several other articles from downtown stores during the holiday rush. They are the most youthful shoplifters with which the local police have ever had to contend. They will be sent to the industrial home at Indianapolis.

BRIDE DRINKS ACID. Her husband having upbraided her to a quarrel because she did not get up

Englewood Girl in Exemplification of Barefoot Dance



Oak Park is to have an exhibition of barefoot dancing a la Isadora Duncan. The headliner of a program being arranged under the auspices of the Fine Arts club is to be Helen Loewe of Englewood, the lately "discovered" artists' model. Miss Loewe will put on the "dance of the biblical prophets."

Her costume is described by one of the patronesses as a "short drapery only." There will be no extra impediments on arms or legs. Miss Eloise Erwin, an Oak Park debutante, it is announced, also will be another exponent of the new dance, but she will wear sandals.

The Fine Arts society program will be given at the Warrington opera house on Feb. 17. The patronesses include Mrs. Charles E. White Jr., Mrs. Jacob Mortenson, Mrs. John Farson, Mrs. F. D. Uplik, Mrs. Nathan G. Moore, Mrs. C. R. Erwin, Mrs. F. L. Rossbach and Mrs. Samuel W. Packard.

early, Mrs. Elmer McClain, a 19-year-old bride, attempted to drink carbolic acid, but the fact that it was partly frozen saved her from death. She was badly burned about the mouth.

MAYOR MAKES SHORTAGE. An alleged shortage of \$2,975 in the accounts of Earl Holmes, formerly clerk in the South Bend water department, has been made good by Retiring Mayor E. J. Fogarty, an uncle of Holmes' wife. The mayor gave his personal check for the amount as soon as the shortage was disclosed by an investigation started by a member of the democratic administration. The mayor announced that as far as he was concerned there would be no prosecution. Holmes is said to be in Oklahoma.

HAWKINS TO BE INAUGURATED. Thomas Hawkins, the newly elected mayor of Shelbyville, will be inaugurated today. Hawkins was the democratic candidate and was elected in a landslide which carried the entire democratic ticket with one exception to victory.

DIES UNDER FALLING TREE. Ora Sims of Republic, Mo., who has been in Frankfort visiting his aunt, Mrs. Rachel Sims, was crushed to death Friday afternoon by a falling tree, when it fell, and misjudging the direction, ran under it by mistake.

DEMOCRATS NOT INTERESTED. Little interest was manifested in the democratic primaries held last Thursday to select 133 delegates to the district convention in this, the Seventh Congressional district, composed of Marion county, and an unusually light vote was cast. It was estimated that not more than 600 votes were registered in the entire district. Not a single delegate was elected in the district. This was the first time in which former Mayor John W. Holtzman resides.

SUES LAPORTE MAN. Miss Maybelle Seymour of 6523 Ellis avenue, Chicago, brought suit in the Laporte circuit court for \$25,000 damages for breach of promise against William Stearne, until recently at the head of a large shoe house in Laporte, and who was married a few months ago to Mrs. Algernon Orr, a member of a wealthy and influential Laporte family.

HEGEWISCH. H. B. Reed returned home today after having attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Claude Del Marter, who was buried at Montague, Mich., New Year's day.

Miss Edna Oeder went to Chicago Friday afternoon to spend New Year's with her father, Mrs. M. C. Currey.

A. C. McCord of McCord & Co. of Chicago spent Thursday afternoon at the Western Steel Car & Foundries Co.'s plant at Hegewisch on business.

The masked ball, given by the K. of P. lodge of this place, at the Hegewisch Opera House, New Year's eve, was a grand success, and all who attended enjoyed a very good time. Quite a number of out-of-town people attended.

Miss Mary Moran is at home from her school, spending her vacation with her parents at Howard avenue. She expects to return to school about the middle of the week.

Miss Nellie Creed of Englewood spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kuss and attended the ball New Year's eve.

Mrs. J. Creshan entertained the Thursday afternoon club at her home on Superior avenue last Thursday afternoon. The ladies were entertained at pedro. Four or five games were played, after which the latter part of the afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation. A very dainty luncheon was served, and all departed at an early hour, having enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Rufus Rodabaugh, who was hurt badly last Thursday, is slowly improving. He is able to sit up some, but hasn't the use of his arm yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buckmaster entertained Daniel Jordan and family of Ontario avenue at dinner New Year's at their home on Superior avenue.

Rev. F. Stolz returned here Sunday and filled the pulpit at the M. E. church after having spent his vacation

Chicago Paper Gives Its Views on Gary Situation

Indiana has been a fortunate state in containing no metropolitan city with a large mixed population of men who are aliens in the sense that they have not yet assimilated into the American system of government. The foundation of Gary has provided it with such a city full-fledged with all its difficult problems. It is hardly any wonder that Governor Marshall, reflecting on the situation, expresses good-naturedly the feeling that it might perhaps be the best possible thing for Indiana if Gary would slide into Lake Michigan and never slide back again. And it will certainly be the case many times over before the next generation has gone by that Gary people will reciprocate by wishing heartily that Indiana would cut them loose and let them alone.

It is a problem largely academic, but one that some time may become practical, as to whether a community like Gary, or, indeed, whether any great manufacturing city, would not be better off if it were entirely detached for purposes of local government from the surrounding rural population; if, in other words, it would not be better off if it were created a state by itself. The question is academic, because historically the cities have grown up inside the states and must so grow. It has a possible future practical aspect because the day may perhaps come when efforts at separation will be made.

The great cities are always having their troubles with the state governments. The country folk want laws which are literally unenforceable in the cities. The cities retaliate by sending into the state legislatures men who play havoc with all legislative work and who provide an organized center of bad government. The harm that each side does the other is so prominent that the good each does the other is obscured, and often doubts are expressed whether any good exists.

The efforts to get better government in our cities and states are showing themselves in the present decade largely in methods of simplifying the administrative machinery and bringing responsibility more to bear upon a few main officials. Conceivably if the tendency toward simplification accomplishes all that is hoped for from it, and if it has first become victorious in many other battles, it will ultimately take the form of creating separate state governments for our present metropolitan districts: making New York City and its surrounding territory separate, from New York and New Jersey and making Chicago similarly a separate state. Unless such a development comes—and it is mere speculation for the future, not a vital question of the present—Indiana will have to reconcile herself to many civic qualms and pangs until the indigestible Gary has become digested and a new harmony of interests and ends has been established.—Chicago Record-Herald.

This Week's News Forecast

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Following the holiday recess, Congress will reconvene Tuesday and is expected then to take up the work of the session in earnest. One day earlier the Supreme Court of the United States will reconvene and in all probability will hand down some important decisions. The Tobacco Trust case in which the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York decided the trust to be illegal, is on the docket for hearing the opening day.

Today is the day fixed by the organizations of operating employees of the Eastern railroads to present their demands for general wage increases and concessions as to hours of work. The railroads, it is said, will be given till Jan. 20, to answer the demands.

The hearing of the injunction suit by the railroad companies doing business in Oklahoma to restrain the State from enforcing the 2 cent passenger fare law and a lower schedule of freight rates is to take place in St. Louis today.

In New York twenty-six men and women said to be involved in the extensive smuggling frauds recently unearthed in that city will be arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields. Among the number are prominent importers of gowns, silks and millinery in New York, Boston and Chicago.

A meeting of the cotton yarn spinners of the South is to be held Tuesday in Charlotte to consider conditions in the yarn market with a view to securing a better price for their product.

Interest centers in the meeting of the Mississippi legislature Tuesday from the fact that it will be called upon to choose a United States senator to succeed the late A. J. McClaurin. Labor and railroad legislation are foremost on the agenda of the Massachusetts general assembly, which begins its annual session Wednesday.

The National Wool Growers' association will begin its annual convention Thursday in Ogden, Utah. Public lands and the tariff on wool will be the principal topics considered. Also of interest to a large section of the country will be the fifth annual National Stock Show, which is to open Saturday in Denver and continue through the following week.

The cables will continue to tell of the progress of events in Nicaragua and of the stirring election campaign in Great Britain. The writ for the new elections is to be issued Saturday, which will allow for the first election on Jan. 13.

at his home in Michigan. Mrs. E. Miles and son, Ralph, of Englewood were guests at dinner with Mr. and Mrs. V. W. O'Rourke of Howard avenue.

The members of the Swedish Lutheran church held watch meeting at their church New Year's eve. A good crowd attended and an excellent program was enjoyed by all, after which refreshments were served and all enjoyed a social time.

Charles Stroth was held up and had \$50 taken from him one evening last week downtown while walking under the viaduct toward the LaSalle street depot on Fifth avenue.

Miss Treasure Flowers, formerly of this city, visited friends here and attended the ball here New Year's eve and spent the ball here with friends.

Mrs. J. Patterson of Carondelet avenue. Mrs. Beckman and Miss Irene Beckman and Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Beckman spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Volken of Roseland, returning home late in the evening.

While William O'Connell, the tailor of this place, went to dinner last Friday his place of business on Erie avenue was broken into and a fine overcoat and a pair of trousers were stolen. No clue has as yet been found as to the whereabouts of the man or the goods.

John, William and Miss Agnes McDonnell of Woodlawn, attended the ball here New Year's eve and spent New Year's here with friends.

Miss Josie Cooney of Chicago, formerly of Hegewisch, was the guest of Miss Mary Moran over New Year's.

THE TIMES CAN GET YOU ANYTHING.