

WEATHER. Meet and snow early today, followed by fair in afternoon or night. VOL. IV., NO. 168. HAMMOND, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1910. ONE CENT PER COPY.

BLOOD IS SPILLED MURPHY ELECTED

FIGHT OCCURS AT CONVENTION

Tom Englehart Smashes Attorney R. E. Houren of Gary in Face and Blood is Shed

MEETING IS LIVELY ONE

Tenth District Democrats Hold Their Convention in Hammond Today.

Chairman Possibilities. Charles F. Murphy, Brookston. Ed Simon, Hammond. Lawrence Becker, Hammond. John Faulkner, Michigan City. Fred Henoch, LaPorte. Mayor Durgan, Lafayette.

Democratic harmony, written in blood, prevailed at the Tenth District convention this afternoon at Huehn's hall in Hammond where Charles F. Murphy, of Brookston, White county, was chosen as chairman of the Tenth Congressional District, to represent it on the state central committee.

HOT TIME IN OLD TOWN. Tim Englehart and Attorney R. E. Houren, representing the Knotts and Crollus' factions of Gary, engaged in a bloody fist fight in which Englehart made the first pass at Houren, knocking him off his feet. He was caught by other delegates and was prevented from going to the floor. Englehart went after him like a mad bull, and Houren was struggling to get at his opponent when they were finally separated.

HOUREN WAS BLEEDING. Houren was bleeding in his face, having received a gash over his nose from Englehart's ring, which served the purpose of a brass knuckle.

Another personal encounter between Mayor Becker and E. F. McGovern, business manager of the Lake County Democrat, took place, Mayor Becker having taken exception to the accusation printed in the Lake County Democrat last week.

Just before the convention was called to order and the various delegates were shaking hands, the crowd in the convention was attracted to the northeast corner, where some heated words were being said which were plainly heard above the din of the voices.

HOW IT HAPPENED. In shaking hands with Eugene F. McGovern, Mayor Lawrence Becker of Hammond recognized as being connected with the Lake County Democrat, edited at Gary. The two grasped hands for a moment and then glared at each other, and then ensued some heated words and epithets that would not look very well in print. Friends of the two walked in between McGovern and Becker and took them to different parts of the hall in order to avoid trouble. Becker's feelings towards the Lake County Democrat are on edge over the article which appeared in the last issue of that paper in which an expose of the so-called Lake county democracy was printed.

ON THIRD BALLOT. Charles F. Murphy was elected on the third ballot, his election having been made unanimous after Laporte county had divided its 23 votes; nine

Delegate Strength.

Table with 2 columns: County Name and Delegate Count. Includes Lake County (30), LaPorte County (29), Tippecanoe County (26), White County (12), Porter County (9), Benton County (8), Jasper County (8), Newton County (6), Warren County (5).

and two-thirds for Becker, Simon and Murphy. Three ballots were taken, Becker having had a total of 40 1/2, Simon 34 1/2 and Murphy 58 on the first ballot, sixty-seven being necessary for a choice.

On the second ballot Becker had 39 1/2, Simon 30 1/2 and Murphy 62, still not enough to elect.

Lake county and Laporte counties' voting in the third ballot was the feature of that vote, Lake county having first reported 21 for Becker and 9 for Simon. It then switched the vote to 22 for Becker and 8 for Simon, and then went 23 for Becker and 7 for Simon. Then again it switched 22 for Becker and 8 for Simon, and finally went 23 for Becker and 7 for Simon.

THE WINNING BALLOT.

On the third ballot the vote stood 33 2-3 for Becker, 23 1-3 for Simon, and 72 2-3 for Murphy. The ballot was then made unanimous. Murphy made a short address, thanking the convention for the honor, and the convention was adjourned after a vote of thanks had been extended to the outgoing chairman, J. K. Risk.

Ex-Chairman J. K. Risk of Lafayette opened the convention, and then retired in favor of Judge Darroh of Kentland, who presided.

John L. Rohde offered the name of Lawrence Becker of Hammond as a candidate, while Captain Dorman of Hobart offered the name of Ed. Simon as the nominee. White county, Murphy's own county proposed the name of Murphy.

A CLEAR CASE.

It was apparent from the beginning that Becker and Knotts had hitched together for the sole purpose to trim Ed. Simon. Simon, however, made a gallant fight against the combination, the south end of the district took advantage of the split in the north end to secure the chairmanship for itself. Tippecanoe county, with its twenty-six delegates, was with Murphy from start to finish, as were also the other counties that supported him from the beginning. Lake county could have had either Becker or Simon for the district chairman had they been united. Simon was stronger outside of Lake county than was Becker.

HOW IT STARTED.

The fist fight between Englehart and Houren started when Guy Ballard of Gary proposed to vote in the Lake county delegation for Ed. Simon, having presented a proxy vote from E. Brown of Hanover township. He gave his credentials to John L. Rohde, who was the floorman for the Becker faction, but Rohde later claimed that they were lost in the shuffle, and it was finally agreed that a pro-rata ballot be cast. Ballard was still in the center of the turmoil when he was pulled out of his place by Englehart. Houren then stepped in and insisted on Ballard casting his proxy vote.

TIM STARTED IT.

Houren, standing near Englehart, who opened an argument. It lasted but a minute before Englehart hauled off and struck his fist squarely into Houren's face. He rushed like a prize fighter, and Houren was nearly off his feet before he was caught by friends. Houren then attempted to get back at

CHARLES IS TICKLED.

Charles F. Murphy called at The Times office after the convention and expressed his pleasure at his selection for the district chairmanship.

"I knew that I had to get just three votes in Lake county," said Murphy, "and I counted on getting these as a result of the split up in Gary."

"I saw, soon after my arrival here, that I would get the necessary votes to insure my election. I hope to be able to bring about harmony in the party, and will bend my efforts to that end while I act as chairman."

Englehart, but a further encounter was prevented.

Ballard attempted to stick stick to his place before the fight, but Tom Knotts was standing right behind him and insisted that Ballard was not a democrat, but that he was a socialist. This from Tom Knotts, too.

A. F. THERE, TOO.

A. F. Knotts, the republican brother of Tom Knotts, was in the convention hall during the progress of the convention, it being apparent that his future political career depended much upon the activities of his brother Tom.

In sounding the various delegations from over the district before the convention, it was found that the south end was for Murphy first and that developments would have to tell whom they would support in case there was no show for Murphy. They were confident that there would be no conciliation between Simon and Knotts in the Lake county delegation, and consequently felt quite safe.

As the hour for the meeting neared it became more apparent that Mayor Becker of Hammond was forced into the race merely to cut down Simon's majority.

On the whole, it seems that Murphy will work well with the Tenth district democrats. He has no open enemies in Lake county, and while this may work out all right over the district, a long standing fight between Simon on one side and Becker and Knotts on the other side is in store.

FROM FIRST EDITION OF TIMES TODAY

The first great gun in Tenth District politics was fired in Hammond today for the coming battle between the republicans and democrats in what is expected to be the grimmest warfare of a decade in Indiana politics.

The state prize is to be a senatorial seat, control of the Indiana legislature and political power for years to come in Indiana.

MET AT TWO O'CLOCK.

The democratic delegates from Lake, LaPorte, Porter, Tippecanoe, White, Benton, Newton, Jasper and Warren counties, composing the Tenth District, met in Huehn's hall at 2 o'clock this afternoon for the purpose of selecting a district chairman.

MATTER OF GUESSWORK.

This afternoon the outcome of the Tenth democratic district convention was a matter of guess. It seemed as though the reckoning had been lost, for the candidates for chairmanship came to Hammond finding themselves deserted in some quarters and supplied with strength in others.

Charles F. Murphy, the White county candidate, was on the scene early, but had little to say, having himself been too busy to study the layout.

The Gary delegation came over on the Gary & Western, and while the city is entitled only to three candidates, Mayor Knotts got busy to get together a number of boosters to help put Gary, more particularly Mr. Knotts, on the map.

Altogether 123 delegates were on the convention floor.

These are divided as follows: Lake county 30, Laporte, 29, Tippecanoe 26, White 12, Benton 8, Jasper 8, Porter 9, Newton 6 and Warren 5.

For hours before the meeting there was the greatest uncertainty about the outcome. It was a peculiar situation for outside of Lake county there seemed to be no crystallization of sentiment in favor of any one but Charles Murphy of Brookston.

KEPT OUT OF LAKE COUNTY.

In Lake county Murphy has done very little campaigning, evidently (Continued on Page Six.)

EDITOR FAULKNER DEPLORES IT

"This is great news to go down the district as showing democratic harmony prevailing here."—J. H. Faulkner of Michigan City.

WHAT DEMOCRATS SAY

HON. EDWARD P. HONAN OF BENS-SELAEER, county chairman of Jasper county and one of the big democrats of the state, circulated about the convention and shook hands with all his friends. "All indications point to the fact that things look better for a big democratic victory all throughout the state than they ever did before," was the good cheer that Mr. Honan gave out to his friends.

H. L. SAMMONS OF KENTLAND, county chairman of Newton county, was one of the most pleased men in the convention after Murphy was elected. "I've cast six votes for Newton county and they went solid for Murphy," said Mr. Sammons. "Newton county is pretty well republican, but we have been electing democratic county officials for some time past."

GEORGE ROBY OF FOWLER, county chairman of Benton county and editor of the Benton County Review, was present at the convention with a smile that betokened the success of the democratic party in the future. "Everything is harmonious at Fowler and there is no split in the party," said Mr. Roby. "Indiana will never be republican again. Things surely look bright for the democratic party."

MICHAEL DUFFY OF FOWLER, Benton county, one of the most prominent farmers and land owners in his section, was very enthusiastic over the democratic outlook this year. "We democrats have been holding our own and a little more," said Mr. Duffy, when approached by a Times reporter. "Fowler is republican, but at our last city election we came within thirty votes of electing our mayor. The prospects look exceedingly bright."

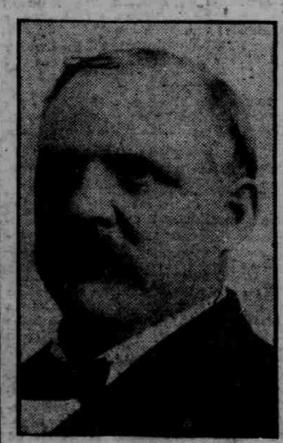
EDWARD O'GARA OF LAFAYETTE, democratic county chairman of Tippecanoe county, was present with twenty-six delegates whom he voted solid for Charles J. Murphy. When asked about the democratic outlook in Tippecanoe county, Mr. O'Gara smiled and said: "Things look good to me, I nfact better than they ever did before. There is no dissension in the party ranks. Everything is harmonious. We give a big Jackson club celebration next Monday night and expect to have a big time."

S. S. CALLOWAY OF MONTICELLO, democratic county chairman of White county and one of the leaders in his section, voted twelve delegates solid for Murphy. "The democrats are feeling fine down our way," said Mr. Calloway. "We elected a democratic mayor at our last city election and I think we can turn the trick at any time we want to. Indiana is democratic and it is going to remain so. Hammond is a great town and we have had a good time. This is the best district convention I ever attended."

Several See It.

Several Hammond people witnessed the terrible accident at South Chicago in which an Illinois Central train hit an automobile and killed Mr. and Mrs. Kone, who were building a large residence in the suburbs of Chicago and had gone out to see it.

Gary Mayor Was a Factor



THOMAS E. KNOTTS.

MAYOR IS DONOR OF "PIE" TODAY

Hammond's Chief Executive Doles Out His Rewards for Services Given in His Behalf During the Late City Campaign.

John W. Leary, for city electrician, William Kolb for water collector, Jacob Friedman for city sealer are appointments that have been made by Mayor Becker within the past twenty-four hours.

J. W. Leary is a young man of Hammond residing at 503 Fayette street. He is a brother-in-law of Arthur Schultz, republican councilman from the eighth ward and prior to appointment was foreman of the Erie Line Gang. He is a member of the electrical workers union No. 280.

William Kolb resides at 12 Plummer avenue and was employed as foreman of the drug department of the Betz company. He is a son of Mrs. Worley who formerly conducted the State Line House, a place which in the past has always been considered a democratic stronghold.

For each of the appointees there will be a thousand dollar annual salary. Jacob Friedman represents the Jewish element and has been active in behalf of Mayor Becker in the Standard Steel Car district. He succeeded Frank Shine who has held the position while on a furlough from the police department.

Other appointments are still to be made, one as a clerk in the water department to take the place of Peter Moser who has resigned. There is a possibility that a building commissioner may be appointed, although Adam Ewert, president of the board of public works intimated this morning that such an appointment would not be made for some time.

An appointment to fill in the place of Tom Swanton on the board of police commissioners is momentarily expected, this appointment also coming from Mayor Becker. While Mr. Swanton prior to the last city campaign offered an oral resignation to Mayor Becker, the latter has at times stated that he had not accepted it, and there is some talk Swanton may go back on the police board again.

There has been no expression in official circles as to change in the board of public works at this time. This is said will be delayed by Mayor Becker until possibly next May.

TEN DAYS BEFORE ALL WORK DONE

Gary and Interurban Is Now Operating in Hammond on Thirty Minute Schedule—Formality Connected With Last Spike Laying.

Another ten days will pass before Hammond and Gary are connected by the rails of the Gary & Interurban. Two and a half miles are still uncovered, this territory lying in Hammond, from the C. I. & S. tracks to the east city limits.

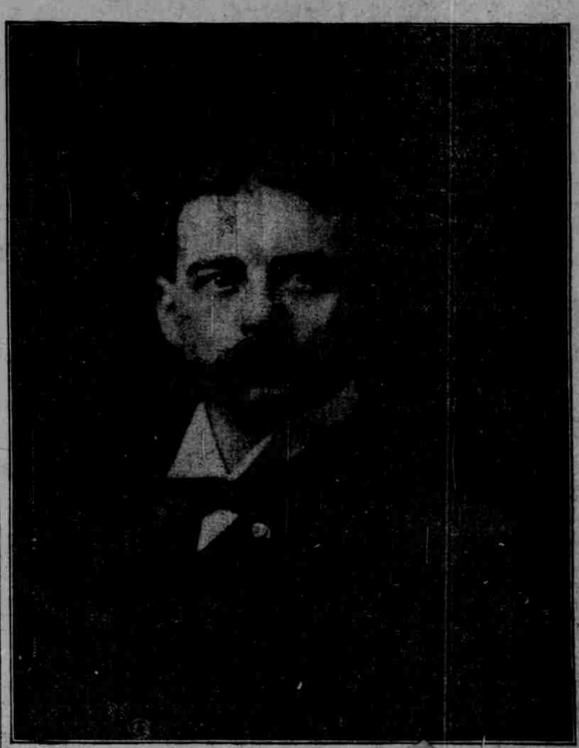
The completion of the track does not necessarily mean the operation of the line between Hammond and Gary, as the track will have to be ballasted after the rails have been laid. It is the intention of the company, however, to operate between Hammond and Gary by Feb. 1.

Arrangements are being made for a little formality in connection with driving of the last spike. The honor of doing this will fall upon the young son of President E. N. Gavitt of Whiting.

The Gary & Interurban is now operating in Hammond on a thirty-minute schedule, having one temporary car, which will be used until the regular cars arrive. This car is in operation from the hours of 5:30 in the morning until 11 o'clock at night. It first began operation last Friday night.

THERE ARE FOUR COPIES OF THE TIMES SOLD IN HAMMOND FOR EVERY COPY SOLD BY ANY OTHER PAPER. IT GIVES YOU THREE TIMES AS MUCH NEWS FOR ONE CENT AS OTHER PAPERS DO FOR TWO CENTS.

Chas. J. Murphy Elected Democratic Tenth District Chairman



Charles J. Murphy of Brookston, Ind., who will represent this region in the democratic state central convention of the younger democrats of this section of the state at the plenum. His election was assured by support from the south end of the district and the ugly splits in the end.

RED LINE IS AFTER NEW ROUTE

Representative of H. W. & E. C. Ry. Lines Appear Before Board of Public Works To day

MEEKER IS AGAIN APPOINTED

(Special to THE TIMES.) Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 5.—Dr. T. W. Oberlin of Hammond was appointed by the board of county commissioners to the position of secretary of the county board of health at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

The other candidates for the position were Dr. Edmund A. Gibson of Hammond, T. B. Templin of Gary and Dr. E. L. Gelsel of Gary. The victory of the Hammond man was won after a spirited contest, but there was the best of feeling prevailing after the selection had been made.

J. Frank Meeker, who has been the county auditor for some time, was re-appointed to this position. William Cochran of Eagle Creek was appointed ditch commissioner.

The law prescribes that the county auditor shall be made the secretary of the board, and Mr. Johnson was re-appointed. Matthias Brown was selected as the president of the board, and Richard Schaaf, Sr., was given the oath of office.

Commissioner Schaaf presented the prints for a \$55,000 bascule bridge to replace the old worn-out span at Hohman street, Hammond. The question of granting a franchise to the Northwestern Indiana Traction company was taken up and considered.

Messer Passes Away. Charles E. Messer, of 231 Michigan avenue, mention of whose fatal accident at Gibson was made in THE TIMES yesterday evening, will be buried at his former home in Onarga, Ill.

Messer fell from a box car yesterday afternoon and died on the way to the hospital while he was being taken there in Stewart's ambulance. Messer is only 23 years old and has a wife and baby. (Continued on page five.)

EXTEND LINE EAST

Direct Connection Then to Be Afforded With Indiana Harbor.

The representatives of the Hammond Whiting & East Chicago Electric Railway company appeared before the members of the board of public works in Hammond this morning and asked for a franchise that will give the company a new route to East Chicago and Indiana Harbor by way of Gibson.

The fact that the local company is getting busy and has asked for extensions that the people have long believed were necessary is thought to be one of the results of the recent consolidation by which the line was purchased by the Chicago & Connecting Railway Co.

ALREADY HAS FRANCHISE.

The company already has a franchise on East State street to Howard avenue, but the line has never been operated any farther east than Calumet avenue. It is now proposed to extend the line east to Columbia avenue thence south to Kane avenue and then in a south easterly direction on Kane avenue, parallel to the Nickel Plate tracks to the viaduct under the hump at the Gibson yards where it would proceed north through the viaduct and then jog over to Forsythe avenue on which street it would proceed north to the intersection of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street where it would join its present line and run into the business district of East Chicago.

The advantage of this route would be that it would entirely eliminate the bad crossing at the corner of One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and Calumet avenue and would give both the (Continued on page five.)