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\$125,000 Fire Occurs In Indiana Harbor

JUDGE KOPELKE WIPES 80 CASES OFF DOCKET

In winding up his five weeks session in the superior court at Hammond last Friday, Judge Kopelke sitting in room No. 9 wiped eighty old cases from the docket for want of prosecution. The cases disposed of in that manner are as follows:

4519—Edwin Bebo vs. Gustav H. Jacobson et al.
4514—Jos. Dobos vs. Wm. L. Cherry et al.
4923—M. Sax etc. vs. Milan Coljano-vich.
4951—Alexandria Konenda vs. Jos. Chisnick.
5059—E. G. Ballard et al. vs. Harry Barton.
5249—Philip Blum & Co. vs. Max Lov-

inger.
5472—Daniel M. Nye adm'r. vs. Chicago Lake Shore & E. Ry.
5737—Security Trust Co. vs. Harry M. Johnson adm'r. est. of Bacon.
5756—Martin Reeves vs. Frank L. Malmstedt et al.
5777—David H. Johnson vs. Wm. Gerner Piano Co. et al.
5967—Lorenzo D. Patton vs. Edw. Simon et al.
5977—James T. Smith vs. Independent Brewing Ass'n et al.
6077—Roscoe E. Woods vs. S. E. Swalm & Co. et al.
6095—Manhattan Lbr. Co. vs. Jos Maszo et al.

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FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ORGANIZE

Sheer enthusiasm for a common cause prompted sixty-five of the 125 federal employes in Lake county to wend their way to the Odd Fellows' building in Hammond from every city in the Calumet region Saturday evening. Such an attendance at a society meeting during the wintup of the holiday mail rush was surprising. Had not a large percent of the postoffice clerks and carriers been on duty at that hour there would have been practically a complete gathering of all federal workers, with few or no exceptions.

James R. Bellby, President.

A Lake county branch of the National Retirement association of Federal Employees was formed at the conclusion of a program of speeches by national workers and local supporters. The gathering of mail clerks and carriers, revenue men and employes of the bureau of animal industry chose the following officers: James R. Bellby, mail carrier, of Hammond, route 12, president; E. Dinwiddie, U. S. man at Hammond Distillery, vice president; Casper Schmitt, of bureau of animal industry, secretary; and Eric Jensen, clerk of East Chicago postoffice, treasurer. The advisory board is composed of two men from each department of service in each town or city.

Mass Meeting Next Month.

The purpose of the Lake county branch of the National Retirement Association of Federal Employees is to aid in promoting the bill now before the house at Washington which if it goes into effect, will provide for the retirement and pensioning of all federal workers, a cause that has the hearty support of voters. The Lake county branch will bring influence to bear on Congressman Peterson and Senator Shively.

With this object in view a public meeting will be arranged for sometime in January at which a demonstration in favor of the retirement and pensioning of federal employes is to be made. The advisory board of the bill is in committee and will be brought up at that term of congress. It is known as the Hamilton bill.

A Corps of Leaders.

L. E. Swartz, treasurer of the National Civilis association; Charles Coombs, secretary of Branch No. 1; Dr. Mollen of the bureau of animal industry, and Tade, editor of the Civil Service News, spoke, representing the merits of the bill and the progress that has been made.

The local speakers who replied were Ed Dinwiddie, Frank Cooper, Thomas Hansen, Casper Schmitt, William Lynch and Secretary Helney of the State Carriers' association.

Refreshments of sandwiches, coffee and cigars were served by a committee composed of Michael E. Lauerman, George E. McEwan and M. E. Zuber.

SAFETY MEETING

A stylishly clad, semi-hobbled woman of middle age walked off a South Hohman street car one night last week with her hands in her muff. The car was still in motion and she fell screaming. Happily she found herself unhurt, though it seemed a miracle.

On the following evening a young lady, trusting in some supreme power, alighted backwards, right in the face of repeated warnings that such action is just a modern and feminine way of breaching a leg. In both cases the conductor was powerless to prevent.

Taking this into consideration it appears that the women of Hammond as well as in Chicago, need warnings and instruction.

If a fool male walks off into thin space while a car is in motion or gets off idiotically, backward, it is his own loss.

Engineer to Speak.

Allen V. Barnes, 512 Sibley street, safety engineer of the public safety commission of Chicago and Cook county will appear before the Chamber of Commerce a week from tonight, in an endeavor to interest citizens in a safety campaign, the fears of which will be the instruction of children and women how to avoid accident and injury.

Owing to the holidays the regular meeting of the chamber has been deferred a week. Attendance at the meeting which Mr. Barnes is to address is expected to be good for by that time the ante-Christmas rush will be over. What the engineer has to say will surely be of interest, as the chamber is at present acknowledged the winner in a safety campaign to eliminate the construction of a death trap over the Nickel Plate, Erie & Ohio, C. & O. and Noon roads between State and Sibley streets.

CLUB WOMEN DELIGHT CHILDREN

Dolls by the dozen, books, toys and games fell into eager little hands this afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, where the Hammond Woman's club through a committee gave a Christmas party to 180 Hammond children.

The gifts were given to children who had been recommended by their teachers or any person who vouched that a gift to the particular child would help to make its Christmas more complete.

In the number twenty boys were found. The party had been planned under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. A. Hill so as to provide a doll for every child that might be overlooked by Santa Claus when he makes his official trip through Christmas eve.

The center of attraction in the main room of the clubroom was a big, beautiful Christmas tree which reflected its glitter with the aid of many candles. When the time for distribution arrived, a kindly looking Santa Claus appeared on the scene to help in the work. The ladies who helped to make the event a success enjoyed it as much as the youngsters.

A musical and literary program preceded the distribution of the gifts. This program was as follows:

Piano Duet, Virginia and Harriet Ray Reading.....Naomi Ort
Piano Duet, Pauline and Adelaide Hill Reading.....Miss Ethel Hirsch
Piano Solo.....Florence Hammond
Christmas Story.....Mrs. Floyd H. Adams

NEW COMPANY IS CAPITALIZED

At STATE CAPITAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—The Link Side Bearing company of Hammond was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$100,000, to manufacture railroad trucks. The directors are Joseph T. Hutton, George C. Locklin, Camille Gauthier and others.

Highest birth rate in Indiana for November was in Lake county. Thirty-three to each ten thousand population.

A pound box of our "Leader" Chocolates, fresh, pure and wholesome, 25c. Nelson's Drug Store.

Did Good Business.

The new Aubry theater on North Hohman street opened to good business Saturday evening. The bill offered was excellent. It included the Hammond Four, a popular quartette, and Charlon and Charlon, a clever singing and dancing team. During the holidays the Aubry will offer special bills.

Nothing will please her more than a box of Morse's, Lowney's or Holly chocolates. We have them in fancy or plain boxes from 25 cents up. Nelson's Drug Store, Double S. & H. green stamps all day Wednesday. 22-3

No Christmas tree is complete without electric lights. Sold in 8-16-24 light outfits. Northern Indiana Gas & Elec. Co. 22-3

MEET SECOND DEFEAT.

Hammond's basket ball five met its second defeat of the season at Pullman Saturday evening, when the fast Palmer Park squad took them into camp by a score of 31 to 15. The game was a whiffwind from start to finish and on account of its roughness several players received injuries which will keep them out of the game for several weeks.

Although the Hammond quintet has been organized for over a month they have had but little opportunity of getting together for practice. In the future they hope to arrange for four or five practice evenings each week. The team is arranging a schedule for the season and would like to secure games with all fast teams in the region.

Kate Couldn't Be Appointed If She Wanted to Be.



Kate Woods Ray, who has received a precious lot of free advertising from the fact that somebody said that Mayor Knotts was to appoint her on the Gary safety board, will not be appointed to that sinecure because she is not a citizen of Gary.

LAKE CO. SHOCKED BY HER DEATH

Ill less than forty-eight hours, Mrs. Grace May Clinton Eder, wife of councilman-elect of the Eighth ward, Clarence Eder, in Hammond, died at 10 o'clock last Saturday night at her home, 88 Condit street. Her death is ascribed to acute diabetes.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon with services at the house, at which the Rev. R. H. Crowder will officiate. Interment will be made in Oak Hill cemetery. Brothers of Mr. and Mrs. Eder, respectively, will act as pall bearers, her brothers being George, Roy and Earl Clinton, and his brothers, Edward, Louis and Daniel Eder.

Mrs. Eder first complained of a slight illness on Thursday evening, but thought little of it. The night brought no improvement, but her condition was in no way alarming on Friday morning. Mr. Eder went to work on her

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LOCAL MAN DRUG BROKER

Verne C. Summers, owner and operator of the Summers pharmacy at the four corners in Hammond has had printed on his stationery the following transcript:

"Verne C. Summers, drug broker, Northern Indiana agent for Dolly Varden chocolates."

The gift brokerage business is a new one to Lake county and its introduction by Summers made a favorable impression. In fact, the enterprise has grown until demands are made from two sources on every minute of the Hammond druggist's time. He visits the drug trade in the county in his motor car and at the same time distributes the popular candy which he represents.

VICTIM OF STRANGE DISEASE

A medical journal which is authoritative distinguishes Edward Young, the son of Barney Young, the Hammond bandmaster, with being one of the very few victims of Ludwig's meningitis, a disease of the nerves resulting directly from violin playing.

It even goes farther than that. E. Young is the only one of the very few victims that ever recovered. It was only after a long illness and an operation by a specialist that Young regained his health. The disease causes a growth at the point where the violin when played rests against the neck.

POSTOFFICE RUSH FIERCE

Assistant Postmaster Rabe seated himself at a table in the foyer of the federal building this morning as special representative of the parcel post. He weighed parcels and marked the class and cost, thus relieving the congestion at the windows.

This is the first Christmas of the parcel post and the mails are being swamped. So far the current has swept everything along. The only complaint is of the shortage of mail bags. This is heard all over the country.

NURSE'S TERRIBLE MISTAKE

Gives Whiting Patient Carbo-lic Acid for Castor Oil; Well Known Lady May Survive the Shock of Deadly Potion.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 22.—Mrs. William Stoll was snatched from the jaws of death on Saturday morning when the nurse in attendance administered to the patient, who gave birth to a son three days previous, a dose of carbo-lic acid, mistaking it for castor oil.

Mr. Stoll had the drugs locked up safely in the cupboard to keep them from the reach of their little son, William, aged 3. He had entrusted the keys to the nurse so she could secure whatever she wished. On Saturday morning she required the use of the castor oil and going to the cupboard she took the bottle which at the time she thought was castor oil. She gave the patient a dose, never noticing her mistake until Mrs. Stoll had realized herself that something was wrong.

Two physicians were called into immediate attendance and had it not been for the patient's stomach containing a large amount of liquid food at the time the physician said that death would have been instantaneous.

The result of the mistake cannot yet be ascertained as the shock to the patient was as harmful as the carbo-lic acid itself.

At present, however, Mrs. Stoll appears to be resting well under the existing conditions.

PRIZEFIGHT LEAVES TOWN IN FIRE PERIL

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Burnham, Ill., Dec. 22.—There is a mystery in the frosty December air hereabouts. It concerns the burning of William Howard's home on Pullman avenue in Coney Island Park, Friday, while the entire administration, with a single exception, was at the ringside of the Wolgast and White prizefight in Milwaukee.

C. F. Eldred, of the town board, was that one exception. He stayed home to nurse an ante-Christmas cold. But the rest were away when suddenly in the quiet of a sun-shiny December day the cry of fire went out. The Howard residence was consumed in flames with the fire department securely locked up. Bucket brigades availed nothing. The house burned to the ground.

Just before the fire started William Howard was seen to leave his home. His loss is complete as he carried no insurance. There was no fire in the house and so it is believed that an incendiary started it. Mayor Patten is conducting an investigation.

ANYTHING YOU WANT THERE

The completeness of the stock and the immense variety to be found at the E. C. Minas company store has developed at even a greater pace than their progressiveness in size would indicate. An out of town customer came in the other day and said: "My wife wants a kitchen cabinet and a canary bird for Xmas." Needless to say his wants were most satisfactorily supplied. This is only one of the many instances that has proven that no matter how diverse the taste or requirements may be, they can be amply supplied at the big store.

Brettung's La Vanda Cigars are the highest class in all its sizes.—Adv. 12

STORAGE CONCERN TO OPERATE HERE

Interstate Storage Co. to Erect Warehouse in Hammond.

It is stated on excellent authority that the Inter-State Storage and Fording Company is soon to erect in Hammond an \$80,000 storage plant and warehouse on river property valued at \$20,000. That represents an actual investment of \$100,000.

Local capital that has considered the erection of a warehouse and storage building on a smaller scale has become firmly convinced that the Inter-State people mean business and no venture will be made unless by the latter.

Less than three months ago the Inter-State Storage and Fording Company sent its representatives to Hammond in quest of a site. They obtained options on two properties through Gestlin, Meyn & Company. They have decided upon one of these which borders the Grand Calumet river.

The warehouse contemplated will add greatly to the industrial appearance of Hammond and will stand as one of the pinnacles along the river front.

That there is money in the storage business has been proven conclusively by various local men, among them Walter Sohl, who leased the entire Helms building and after renting the first floor to various enterprises utilizes the top stories for storage.

CONTRACT FOR SEWER IS AWARDED

To the United States Construction Company, an Indiana corporation of Hammond capital, was allotted the contract for the construction of a city-wide deep sewer system to cost \$846,686.15, by the board of public works this morning. Out of the eight interested firms five did not bid, their representatives saying that the estimate of the city engineer and W. S. Shields of \$859,000 was too low for them to enter.

The bids are below:

Illinois Improvement & Ballast Company\$951,619.00
Tom Lavene 585,332.15
United Construction Company,
(low) 846,686.15

The trunk lines of the sewer are described as follows:

From the proposed pumping station on Columbia avenue to Calumet avenue on Michigan avenue to Hohman street to Ruth street. From Calumet avenue to Sheffield avenue on Hoffman street. On Gostlin street from Calumet avenue to Columbia avenue. On Ruth street from Calumet avenue to Clark street.

The contract calls for the erection of a pumping station and settling tanks.

Jesse Wilson, attorney for the United Construction Company, is in Chicago today on business. At the Lake County Savings & Trust Bank where \$25,000 was deposited to cover the certified check deposit with the city to bind the contract.

The firms that were represented but did not enter into the bidding are: The American Light & Water Company, John McGovern, and Proudfoot & Co., John Dowdell & Co.

It is reported that William Ahlborn and H. P. Downey are the U. S. Construction Co.

Quiet at Station.

An unusual quiet period was in evidence at the Hammond central police station over Saturday night and Sunday, but few reports of importance being sent in and not a single arrest was made. A force of electricians were put at work this morning installing the new electric signal system and it is hoped that it will be completed and in working order by the latter part of this week.

Bijou Has Good Week.

The Bijou has passed through one of the most successful weeks since it has been under the management of Charles W. VanSickle, as during the past week over 9,000 visited the popular State street playhouse. The talking pictures which were exhibited a week ago registered 2,043 paid admissions, which was a record for the house.

Tag Day Next Tuesday.

December 24 has been set by the Hammond Woman's Christian Temperance union as tag day for the benefit of the new Frances Willard hospital.

The hospital board met yesterday in the Godfrey residence at Truman and Oakley avenues. This property is now owned by the W. C. T. U. and will house the Frances Willard hospital.

ALL THE NEWS IN THE TIMES.

DE LUXE LOOKING FOR NEW MANAGER

Popular Playhouse Seeks a Live Wire for Local Picture House.

Have you diplomacy, courtesy, integrity and energy? Are you a stray theatrical man able and willing to take over the management of the DeLuxe photo-playhouse, Hammond's home of the pipe organ, and run it for Gumbiner Bros. while they divide their time between this and two other new houses being opened in Chicago?

Two ambitious managers have been ousted. J. J. Sullivan, the first, didn't deliver the goods to suit the owners, although he tried hard. Fox, the last one who left last week, came with the best of recommendations, but left shortly without a shower of tears from the Gumbiners.

"This is our favorite house," explained A. Gumbiner when approached on the subject, "and a manager who may get by in Chicago cannot always make good here. It takes diplomacy, courtesy, integrity, sagacity and energy. We have been doing the business all right, there is no kick coming there. But we want to get stronger and stronger. The public is learning that when it comes to the DeLuxe it will find quiet, good music and photo dramas that have balance and body to them."

LITTLE MOUSE CAUSED EXCITEMENT ON TRAIN

Screams of Women in Day Coach on Erie Blanche Cheeks of Passengers.

There have been wrecks on the Erie. There have been catastrophes on the Monon, as for instance, the one that caused James B. Elmore to write his inspired poem, "The Monon Wreck" with the inspired lines, "Cut, oh! cut my leg away," but history does not record the like of an incident which occurred on the east bound Erie milk train at Hammond last Saturday evening.

To begin with, there was a mouse in the passenger coach, also women. "Nuf said." After the train left Hammond the bold intruder made himself known. There might have been train robbers and assassins that could have caused such a riot, but nothing could have equaled the commotion raised by one small rodent.

He first poised himself on the dainty toe of a woman's foot. She espied Mr. Mouse just as he was about to reach for a roll of greenbacks, and with a scream that would have roused Rip Van Winkle from his slumbers, the entire car was thrown into a commotion.

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LION STORE'S TRADE FINE

With but two more shopping days before Xmas, Hammond department stores and the various business houses are experiencing an unusual holiday trade and according to a canvass of the business district which was taken by a Times reporter this morning, hard times have not struck Hammond. Shoppers are spending their money more freely than ever before and the stores are packed with buyers.

C. Kaufman of the Lion Store stated that the holiday trade has been exceptionally good in fact better than in past years. Extra clerks have been put on and the entire store is a busy scene from the time the doors open at 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock at night.

According to Mr. Kaufman this morning the increase in business is partially due to the fine weather which has brought large numbers of out-of-town traders into Hammond. The Lion store buses, which bring people in from the small towns surrounding Hammond, are packed to their capacity and so far have been unable to handle the large number of people.

Hammond residents who used to do their Xmas shopping in Chicago are now purchasing at home instead. The prices not only equal those of the large department stores in Chicago, but the large assortments and excellent quality of merchandise has been a large drawing factor.

GIVES CREDIT TO MRS. SANTA CLAUS

Miss Helen Kennedy of West Hammond, a young and ambitious teacher, who with Miss Kathryn O'Hara comprises the faculty of the Sobieski Polish public school, has some entirely original ideas which she is introducing.

On Friday afternoon the one hundred and thirty pupils of the school were given their Christmas treat. "Now, remember, children," said the militant Miss Kennedy when Santa Claus was presented, "Santa is like a man. He likes to have a good time and take the credit for what his wife does. Mrs. Santa Claus and her daughters made all these nice things."

That called for a rebuttal on the part of Santa Claus. But nevertheless Miss Kennedy has raised a very timely question.

At the Christmas entertainment Elsie Orminski, Dorothy Kerker, Charles Rega and Ross Kamen spoke or sang.

Brettung's La Vanda Cigars are considered supreme by the best judges.—Adv. 12

MONSTER BLAZE WIPES OUT LARGEST STRUCTURE

Auditorium Consumed by Flames and Is Most Disastrous Blaze That Ever Visited Twin Cities; Building Is Doomed From the Very First.

Fire last night destroyed the Auditorium, the largest, most expensive and handsomest building in Indiana Harbor, where many famous conventions have been held, together with its contents. The loss is total and will foot up considerably in excess of \$100,000.

The fire was the most disastrous that ever visited the Twin Cities, not excepting the opera house fire which occurred in East Chicago some years ago. All the inmates of the building escaped without injury, fleeing in their night clothes.

FIRE COMPANIES FROM ABROAD.

Five companies from Hammond and Whiting and what equipment East Chicago possesses (the engine is still out of commission), responded to the call for help, but once started the fire burned fiercely and by the time help arrived the building in which it had its origin, was doomed beyond all possible hope. The best the firemen could do was to work desperately to keep the flames from spreading, and even in this they were not wholly successful, the building next door occupied by Levine's dry goods store, being quite badly damaged, as was also its contents.

MANY ARE LOSERS.

The building was occupied on the ground floor by the Auditorium Bar and Barrett's grocery. In a flat on the second floor in the rear of the building, lived Mrs. Cohen, widow of the late Barney Cohen and her four children. Barney Brothers, attorneys, occupied a suite of rooms in front of the Cohen flat. Carl Anderson contractor occupied another office suite and the tower man for the Pennsylvania railroad had bachelor rooms in the second floor. The top story is occupied by a large hall which is capable of seating 800 persons, and from which the structure derived its name.

The fire started in, or under, Barrett's grocery. Its cause is unknown, but it is believed to have been started by mice nibbling matches. However this is only a matter of conjecture. All

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Funeral Wednesday.

Funeral services over Mrs. Edward McFadden, 593 Hohman street, will be held at the All Saints' church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Father Barrett will officiate and the requiem high mass will be said. Interment will be made at St. Joseph's cemetery.