

THE WEATHER
Snow tonight and Thursday,
possibly turning to rain by Thursday night...

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GREATEST PROJECTS UNDERWAY

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LAKE COUNTY TEACHERS ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR 1922 SESSION

PEDAGOGUES TO MEET IN HAMMOND

Annual Meeting Featured By Address of Dr. E. H. Griggs

Friday, December 15th, teachers of Lake county, numbering in the neighborhood of 1,000 will hold their annual meeting at the Hammond high school...

DISTRICT MEETING FOR PYTHIANS

The annual district meeting of Knights of Pythias of the Fourteenth District, comprising Lake, Porter, Jasper and Newton counties, will be held Friday evening at East Chicago.

Ralph H. Gayton of Mishawaka, grand chancellor for Indiana, will be present and deliver an address. Those who know Chancellor Gayton say a treat is in store for his hearers. This will be his annual official visit to the district.

SINGER DENIES SETTLEMENT

In a statement issued this morning, Sander Singer, detective sergeant at the Hammond Central station, emphatically denies the insinuation expressed yesterday by attorneys representing Mrs. Myrtle Pfeiffer, that he would "settle out of court" the damage suit of \$25,000 brought against him and John Dickson, Hammond business man, for alleged malicious arrest.

"Mrs. Pfeiffer's attorneys are making an attempt to mislead the public which is entirely interested in this case. No matter what John Dickson does, I'm going to fight the thing out in court. Mrs. Pfeiffer's charges against me are absolutely groundless," said Sgt. Singer today.

LIESENFELT BEATS GREEN

After an old-fashioned campaign the kind they used to have in West Hammond years ago, George J. Liesenfelt captured the office of Justice of the Peace for Thornton township yesterday, defeating Judge Frank Green, holder of the office for years before he was defeated by the late Judge Charles Yeager.

Yesterday's election was held to name the successor to Judge Yeager for the remaining two and one-half years of the term. In the township Liesenfelt polled 2,086 against 1,777, getting a majority of 309. In West Hammond Judge Green led by 200 but the rural districts and part of Blue Island turned the balance in Liesenfelt's favor.

GEORGES LIKES HIS BACON AND--

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—On his last day in the United States, Georges Clemenceau became acquainted with that great American institution, bacon and eggs.

GARY POLICE SPOIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

ROCHESTER, IND., Dec. 13.—While a dozen Rochester men were feasting on the expectation of receiving a Christmas supply of liquor, ordered and paid for, the moonshine maker and bootlegger were arrested by the Gary police authorities. Several scheduled Yuletide parties have been declared off.

WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 13.—A seven-month-old cat and a Kansas Jack-rabbit of about the same age, belonging to Mrs. D. H. Mellinger, of Warsaw, are inseparable pals. Recently the two animals succeeded in fighting off two large dogs that attacked them.

BRYAN IS 1923 OPTIMIST

Says Prohibition is Being Enforced Better Than Newspapers Admit

BY JOHN L. SPIVAK (STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. S.) NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Though optimistic of what the coming year will bring to the United States, William Jennings Bryan today emphatically denounced the role of the rich that he claims now controls the country and urged as new policies which would strengthen the nation at home and abroad, the giving of all possible moral support to European nations and a stringent enforcement of the prohibition laws by blunt talk to foreign powers.

The Commoner in an exclusive interview with International News Service, saw little of the discouraging in the reported breakdown of the national and state machinery to cope with the liquor problem. He said, "I think it very unfortunate that we had an opportunity and opportunity with reservations when we had an opportunity and unfortunately again that the Republicans did not carry out their promise of an association of nations."

"The name is immaterial and the details are comparatively unimportant. The outstanding fact is that we have a moral influence that we are not using and a world conference which is not being employed as it should be."

FOUR AUTOISTS HIT BY TRACTOR CAR

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 12.—Four persons were injured, two of them seriously, shortly before 6 o'clock last evening when an Indiana Union Tractor car struck the automobile in which they were riding at College avenue and Fall Creek boulevard. The automobile was dragged about sixty feet and a woman was pinned beneath heavy traction car for twenty minutes until rescued by firemen and police officers.

"The European nations have military aspirations commercial ambitions and colonial policies with which we have no sympathy and in which we can have no part."

3 HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Three men barely escaped serious injuries last evening when their automobile in which they were riding was struck by a railroad switch engine backing out of the Sinclair Oil Refining Co. plant across Forsyth avenue, at East Chicago.

SHELBY MAN BAND SERGEANT

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES) LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 13.—E. A. Strode of Shelby, Indiana, has been appointed post sergeant of the Purdue University Military band. This office ranks him as one of the highest officers of the band and it places him in charge of all details.

RESTAURANT MAN FINED FOR ARSON

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES CROWN POINT, Ind., Dec. 12.—Sam Michopoulos proprietor of the Blue Bird restaurant in Gary is on trial in the criminal court on Tuesday and Wednesday charged with arson. Michopoulos was seen in trouble before in Gary, has the finger of suspicion pointed at him in regard to the burning of his place of business. Cans of kerosene were found by the firemen in various places in the restaurant at the time of the fire. Michopoulos had been in the building as late as one o'clock on the morning of the fire.

KNOWLEDGE OF TERRIBLE CRIME DENIED

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. NEW CASTLE, Ind., Dec. 12.—Steadily denying all knowledge of the crime, Ben Brookshire, held in jail in connection with the double batch slaying of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Shaffer, whose bodies were found at their home 12 miles north of here yesterday, was expected to testify before an inquest today conducted by Coroner Flavius J. Brake.

Prosecuting Attorney General J. Jeffrey and the sheriff, who questioned Brookshire, said that he had been unable to account satisfactorily for his movements since Wednesday night, December 6, when the double murder is supposed to have occurred. Remarks in which he is alleged to have said "the kid is all right" referring to a three-year-old boy, "Billy" Huffstickler, who kept a lonely vigil five days and five nights beside the body of his aunt, without food in a cold house, led to suspicion of Brookshire.

JOHN J. BREHM SCOUT VICE PRES.

West Hammond Man Interested in Scouting, Is Honored With Election.

Scouting is not reaching enough boys in Hammond and West Hammond. This fact was brought home forcefully last evening when the Hammond Boy Scout Council held its annual meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

VAMP AUTO KILLS MAN

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. MUNCIE, IND., Dec. 13.—General W. Worth, 63, of Portland, Indiana, died late last night of injuries suffered when struck earlier in the evening by an automobile driven by a man whose identity has not been established. Worth was returning to his boarding house when an approaching car skidded and struck him, the wheels passing over his chest. The driver stopped for a few moments, then drove on before his name or machine number was taken. Worth, who had been employed at a factory here, is said to be without relatives.

8 BANDITS GET \$10,000 IN BOOZE

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Eight armed bandits today held up three men at the point of revolvers and took three barrels of rum and 49 cases of whiskey from the store rooms of the Mayer Storage and Van Company, loaded their loot, valued at \$10,000 in a touring car and a truck and escaped.

The first bicycle of the present type, two wheels of about the same size, was brought out in 1885.

BRITAIN MAY NOT TAKE PART

Allied Premiers May Meet Without English in Paris In January

BY DAVID M. VURCH (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) LONDON, Dec. 12.—Great Britain may not participate in the next conference of allied premiers in Paris. It was learned from an authoritative source today. The British treasury department is now drawing up a new reparations plan which will be submitted informally to France. If the French reject it Premier Bonar Law is likely to reply that further conferences are useless and each nation must go its own way in the future.

Members of the British cabinet are understood to be angry over the unbending policy of Premier Poincaré of France, which was responsible for the breakdown of the meeting here on Monday.

Most of the British cabinet were said to believe that the German proposals, while not entirely satisfactory, would have been suitable as the basis of further negotiation, in order to risk collapse of allied unity. Premier Bonar Law finally consented to the persuasions of the Belgian and Italian, to put off further negotiations to a future date.

REPORT FIVE NEW CONTAGIOUS CASES IN GARY

One case of smallpox is included in the five contagious diseases reported to the Gary health officer. The home of Leon Prevosh, who is the victim of the disease, was placed under strict quarantine, and it is predicted that the disease will not spread. Prevosh lives at 701 W. Ridge Road, 446 Lincoln and 1346 Sargent, 3304 Pennsylvania are reported to have diphtheria. Another case of scarlet fever has made its appearance in the Sykes home, 4060 Jackson street where Harold Sykes is confined to his bed with a reported case of acute thickening at his home 4449 Washington street.

SMALL TO GET OLD JOB BACK

INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE. LAPOORTE, IND., Dec. 13.—O. Small, for 12 years preceding the recent democratic administration, postmaster here, will be re-appointed to that post, according to Washington advices. The term of J. A. Terry, present incumbent, expires January 1st, 1923.

Small, who is present county republican chairman, is one of three eligibles named by the Public Service Commission.

WHY IS THIS WRONG?

The answer will be found among today's want ads. (What "Blunder do you suggest?") (Copyright, 1922 Associated Editors)

OFFICER SHOT WITH HIS OWN REVOLVER

WHITING, Ind., Dec. 12.—(Special)—Oscar Barenkoff, member of the special police force of the Standard Oil Company, is dead, the result of the accidental discharge of his own revolver in the hands of a friend.

Joe Polniak, proprietor of a grocery store at 110 119th street, is held by Whiting police pending the coroner's inquest. He is overcome with grief.

Shortly after 5 o'clock this morning Barenkoff entered the store and ordered some milk, ham and other provisions. As the order was being filled he mentioned to his own hand, he had two extra revolvers, which he would like to sell as he needed some cash.

He drew one of them from his pocket and exhibited it. The storekeeper reached across the counter and took the gun into his own hand. It was a .38 calibre, double action revolver.

PLEADS WITH JURY TO GIVE DAMAGES

VALPARAISO, Dec. 13.—An impassioned plea to the jury to give to Arthur Lee, of Indiana Harbor, the full amount he asks in his personal injury action against the Hammond, Whiting & East Chicago railway company, was made this morning by Attorney Gillette, who, with Attorney McAleer is representing the plaintiff. Lee is suing for ten thousand dollars, as a result of injuries suffered when two cars owned by the railway company collided.

BLUNDERS

Attorney Gillette scored the physician who first treated Lee for not having an X-ray examination to determine the exact nature of the injuries sustained. The physician's testimony was favorable to the defense. In his argument counsel for Lee told of the results of examinations by other physicians and related the fact that his client's condition is precarious and will in all probability remain so.

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PLENTY OF WATER IN 1923

The rehabilitation of the water works relieves the annual water shortage coveting. Several years ago, while employed at the Standard Oil plant, he was severely burned in a fire and since his recovery he had been retained as a special policeman. He has a brother, Frank Barenkoff, living at 617 118th street. The body is now at the Owens & Shanbuz mortuary.

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When Mayor Dan Brown closes his desk on the last day of 1922, he will have the gratification of knowing that his administration this year corrected the two most distressing errors confronting the city: namely, low water pressure and inadequate sewage facilities.

Hammond is spending approximately three million dollars to overcome these shortcomings that have been a drag-back on the city for twenty years.

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Another important project launched this year is the widening of Indianapolis boulevard. Mayor Brown for some time has seen the need of a hundred and twenty foot pavement on Indianapolis boulevard from the state line to the Five Points (Calumet avenue) and at his instruction the city engineer made a survey and prepared the plans. The widening will be effected shortly and the country will be petitioned to construct a concrete pavement. Indianapolis boulevard, over which traffic to and from all cities of the region passes is now eighty feet wide.

An almost instantaneous result of the water and sewage improvements is the forerunner of the widening of Indianapolis boulevard. The widening of Indianapolis boulevard in Robert Dale has been the mushroom growth of three new subdivisions on Calumet avenue south of the Five Points. These subdivisions are the Water Gardens, and the West Park first and second subdivisions. More than fifty flats, bungalows and cottages have been built this year in the Water Gardens and in another year or two they will be built up solidly. It is expected. The city put in sewers, water mains, pavements and sidewalks in this district last spring.

Other pavements built this year are Calumet avenue from Calumet to Columbia, Morse avenue, Calumet to Columbia, Forrest avenue, Brunswick avenue, Columbia avenue, Hohman street south of Standard avenue, and the streets in the new Terrace Gardens. Columbia avenue and the South Hohman street pavements were county improvements. The others were built by the city.

In addition to the deep sewer system over the north side of the city, which is being built by the United Construction Company at a cost of \$800,000 and will be finished next spring, and the intercepting sewer on the south side of the river, built by Proudfoot at a cost of \$400,000, the city has constructed sewers on Kenwood avenue, and is building a sewer on Hohman street south of Standard avenue to the river.

A million dollars has been spent this year on the addition to the Industrial High school and the building of a new school on Columbus and the West Park school.

The building of the new waterworks is progressing rapidly. The intricate underground work is in and the well has been finished at the lake front. The foundation for the new waterworks building is complete and the structure will be enclosed within two months if the weather is favorable. The new pump is being built and will be ready for delivery very shortly.

The new mains laid this year include: 36 inch high pressure main on Calumet avenue from 129th st. to Hushon avenue. 36 inch high pressure main on Hushon street, from Calumet avenue to Columbia avenue. 36 inch high pressure main on Columbia avenue from Michigan avenue to Standard avenue. 18 inch high pressure main on Standard avenue from Columbus avenue to the state line. (Conkey avenue, Hyde Park and Kenwood will tap this main giving them strong pressure.) The city has spent this year on the water and sewage projects (excluding new schools and pavements more than \$5,000,000. Private building in the city for 1922 was over \$2,000,000, including the estimated cost of the Hercules block which is to be started at once. More than 350 dwellings have been built. The increased population of the city for 1922 is estimated by the government as 2,500.



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