

## HERE AND THERE IN THE CALUMET REGION

### Day's Grist in South Chicago

#### South Side Gets Chance.

The Chicago Board of Education will have to pay from four to forty-one cents a ton more for bituminous coal this year than it did last. If the recommendations of the buildings and grounds committee just made, are carried out by the board.

Anthracite coal contracts will run about the same as last year, varying from \$6.25 to \$7.00 a ton. It was recommended that the contract for supplying anthracite for the third, fourth and fifth districts be awarded the City Fuel Company at \$6.35 a ton for grade and \$7.00 for egg coal. Other contracts recommended were:

Price per ton.  
District. Company. 1908-9 1907-8  
1-Ohio Fuel Company..... \$2.76 \$2.35

2-Anthracite - Bituminous  
Coal Co..... 2.75 2.40  
3-Globe Coal Company..... 2.66 2.35  
4-Peabody Coal Company..... 2.65 2.40  
5-South Side Coal Company..... 2.77 2.73

A wrangle occurred when W. H. Baker of the Baker Brothers Coal Company, accused Chairman Urien of falsifying after the South Side Coal Company had been recommended for a contract. Mr. Baker said that he had in a bid eight cents lower than the one recommended for acceptance in District 3.

After a debate the board expected District 3 from the awards pending a test of the Baker company's coal.

#### Falls Over Viaduct.

While walking over the viaduct at Seventieth street yesterday morning, Ray Van Winkle, who lives in Battle Creek, Mich., fell over the viaduct and broke three of his ribs.

He was seen to fall by Mrs. Joseph Johnson, 7027 South Chicago avenue, who at once summoned a couple of men who were standing on the corner, and the man was taken into the Johnson home.

The Woodlawn police were summoned and Cank Winkle was taken at once to the Washington Park hospital.

#### Postoffice Increases.

After a decrease in the amount of first class mail handled in the Chicago postoffice all throughout the month of August, a sudden increase was noted last evening.

The report for yesterday in the mailing division shows that 2,108,096 pieces of first-class mail were handled during the day. The average each day for the month previous was 1,900,000 pieces, a decrease from the average of 2,000,000 during July.

The South Chicago postoffice has had decided increase all throughout the past few weeks.

#### Trio Charged With Robbery.

Peter Zallius, Joseph Lapinski, and John Examson, three men who were arrested by the South Chicago police on suspicion of having been implicated with the robbery at 8737 Commercial avenue last Sunday when Ludwig Stakiewicz was robbed of \$2,400 in the absence of his family, will be placed on trial in Judge Torrison's court tomorrow and charged with the robbery.

The trio are satisfied that they have some knowledge of the crime.

#### Wretched Family Is Found.

A picture of a wretched family life, so dark that even the author of "The Jungle" could not do it justice, was revealed yesterday by the visit of the county agent to Woodlawn.

John Ramsey, the county agent, was sent to 10722 Hoxie avenue to inquire about four children which were said to be starving to death. Upon investigation he found that the report was true and the children had to be taken to the County Hospital where it is feared it will die as the result of starvation.

The mother of the four children, Mrs. Barbara Zagor, was sent to bridewell four days ago on the charge of disorderly conduct, and her husband deserted her two weeks ago.

#### Arranges Special Attraction.

Manager J. T. Conners of the Calumet theater, has arranged for a special matinee Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. The matinee will start promptly at 2:30 o'clock and popular prices will prevail. "The Fighting Parson" will be the show and with its clever cast of characters, promises to be a tremendous hit.

#### Swimming Races.

Much interest is being manifested among the young men in the swimming and diving contest to be given under the auspices of Bessemer park at 3 o'clock on Labor day. Three of the south parks will compete: Palmer, Russell and Bessemer. The events and classes are as follows:

First—For boys under 70 pounds, 50 yard dash. A quarter mile relay race (10 boys), each swimming one length of pool.

Second—For boys between 70 and 100 pounds, 50 yard dash. Quarter mile swim. Under water swim. Quarter mile relay race (10 boys), each swimming one length of tank.

Third—For any one over 100 pounds, 100 yard dash. Dive for distance. Fancy diving. One mile swim. Under water swim. Relay race (10 swimmers), each swim one length of pool.

Besides the above events the life savers of the park will give an exhibition of saving a man from drowning and his resuscitation.

#### Prairie Fire Started.

A prairie fire, which was supposed to have been started by some mischievous boys, endangered houses on Calumet.

### HEARD BY RUBE.

### TROUBLE STIRRED UP

#### Conference Between Gary Contractors Will Occur This Afternoon.

Conditions at the Illinois Steel company remain about the same this week reports from headquarters say there are about 4,500 men employed at the present time. The structural department is working on a large order for the new Northwestern depot at Chicago.

The two men who fought over a love affair over a blast furnace in Irondequoit could not have found a hotter place except—

Don't lay awake at night Archibald, thinking how you are going to spend Labor Day.

And Prof. Kyro had nerve enough the other day to ask Municipal Judge Torrison to let him go home and see his wife on his own recognition.

A glance at the real estate transfers filed each day in this region will show you conclusively that there is something doing in the real estate market.

A woman will get off a street car the same way she will read a novel. Back end first.

Health Officer Evans should not overlook the South Chicago Polish woman who recently died at the age of 98.

From all reports South Chicago's department stores are getting their share of patronage.

Up to the time of going to press nothing has been heard of the 5 cent fare to South Chicago on the South Chicago street cars.

#### DESIGN FROM THE GARY MERCHANT'S CLUB.

Uphold Father Jensen in Resolution and Club Refuses to Pass Resolution.

John Brennan and Harry Stringfellow, of the big drug firm of Brennan & Stringfellow of Gary, yesterday handed in their resignations to the Merchants' club of Gary.

met Heights for a time and the South Chicago fire department had to be called to extinguish the flames.

When the department arrived, the whole slough, which has dried up since the sewer was dug through it, was afame, and it was extinguished only after a stubborn fight.

About 11 o'clock the fire again broke out, but was not so bad as the first one and the peat in the slough caught on fire and burned all night and this morning is a bed of redhot peat.

The slough, which is three miles in length, and one mile wide, is entirely dry and if the wind should begin to blow very hard, the entire slough will be a seething hot furnace.

**CALUMET THEATRE TO RE-OPEN THIS EVENING**

#### BLOOD AND ROMANCE ARE BROUGHT INTO TESTIMONY.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Calumet theater of the season of 1908-09. Manager Conners has the same staff of people as last year and will be on hand to greet the audience on the opening evening.

A large crowd will be present at the opening, as nearly all the tickets for the first show, which is "Lena Rivers," have been sold.

#### Has Returned to Guardian.

Miss Alice Needham, 12 years old, who was thought to have been kidnapped by "Blair" the kidnapper of Veronica Cassidy, returned to the home of her guardian, Mrs. J. Madison, 1632 Warwick avenue.

Miss Needham ran away from home and started to tramp to the Evanston Industrial school, and when it became dark she became lost in the streets and sought shelter in the home of John Bullman, a florist. He asked her what her name was and where she lived.

After she told him he notified her guardian, who at once came to the Bullman home and took the girl home. She will be sent to the Evanston Industrial school.

#### Expect a Clash.

Rival factions of teamsters are expected to clash in the barns of a number of furniture movers on the South Side this morning when John C. Driscoll, secretary of the Furniture Movers and Expressmen's Association, puts in force the program he has been mapping out for several weeks. Notices will be posted in about twenty-four of the barns giving the drivers who are now members of the United Teamsters of America the alternative of joining the International Brotherhood of Teamsters or being discharged. Officers of the Van Teamers' Union last night prepared to fight Driscoll's plans.

#### HERE AND THERE.

The Woodlawn Catering Company, 6304 Cottage Grove avenue, is giving out a clever little booklet of "Toasts." It is printed on the finest quality of paper and is neatly printed and bound.

Mrs. M. Walsh, in company with her son, Michael, have just returned from an extended visit to Florissant, Mo.

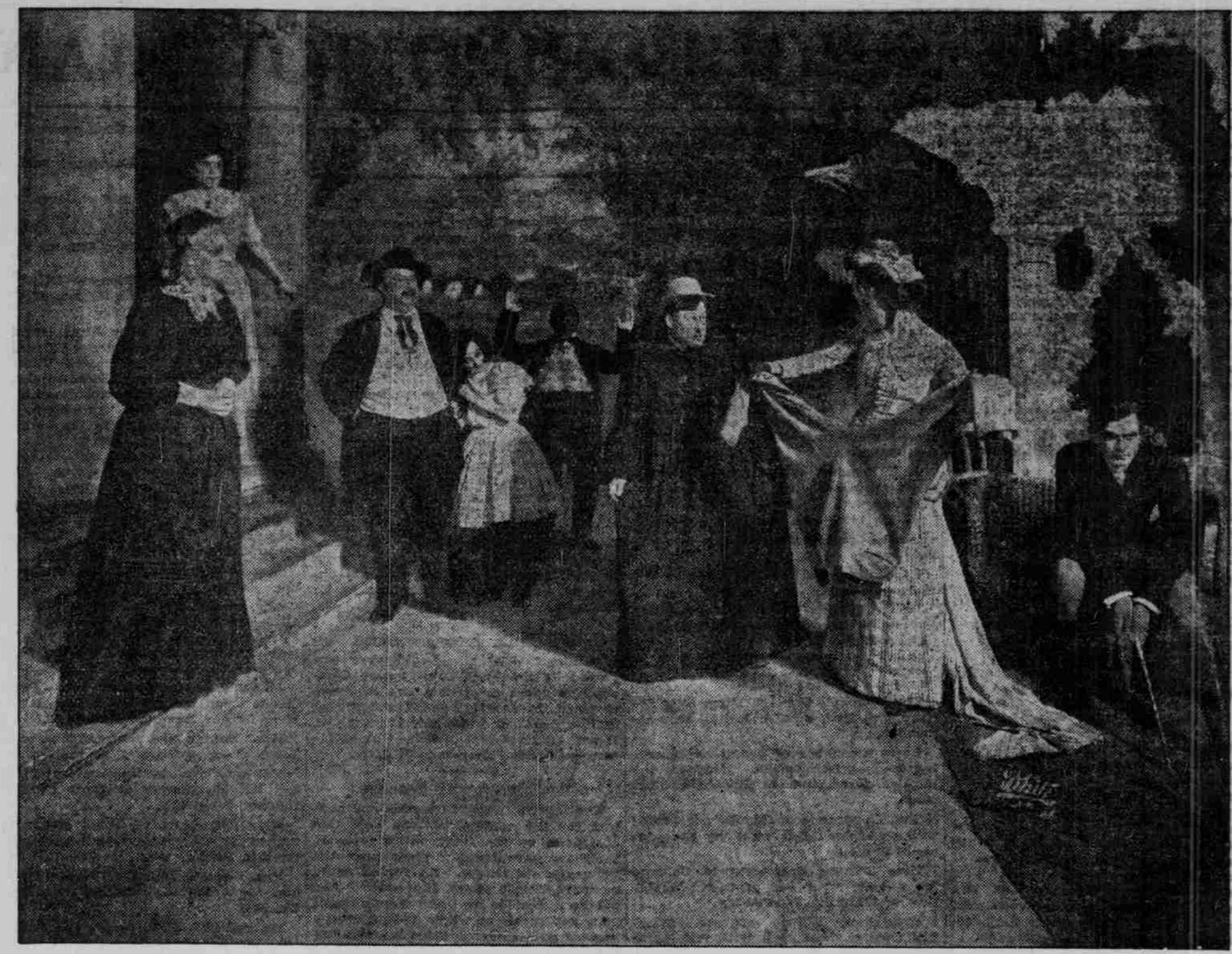
Fred Lehane of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of his sister, Mrs. McNamee of 9112 Exchange avenue.

A. E. Anderson of the firm of Anderson & Drew, has returned from a pleasantly spent vacation at St. Joe, Mich.

In the re-organization of the Democratic County Central Committee, J. S. Derp of the Standard Clothing Company, 9150 Commercial avenue was made vice chairman. In the thirty-third ward the committeemen seated were, Peter C. Foote and J. J. Leonard.

The Philosopher of Folly. "There came a time in my life," admits the Philosopher of Folly, "when I did not know which way to turn, or what step to take next. A word from my dancing master put me right, however."

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SCENE FROM "LENA RIVERS" WHICH OPENS THE SEASON OF 1908-09 AT THE CALUMET THEATER, TONIGHT. THE ENGAGEMENT OF "LENA RIVERS" WILL BE OF THREE DAYS' DURATION.

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