

HAMMOND, INDIANA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1908.

BURNHAM HAS A WILD NIGHT

Batling Nelson Gives A Party And Now Warrant Is Out For His Arrest

BIG HOWL OVER DOGS

Seven Arrests Are Made As Result of Dog Fight and Twenty Warrants Are Out.

A dog fight which was pulled off in Burnham yesterday afternoon under the patronage of Batling Nelson and on the occasion of the opening of Doyle and McCormick's saloon, resulted in the wholesale arrest of the spectators and precipitated a fight which has left sore spots both actually and figuratively on about every person in the little town which is presided by the boy mayor, Johnny Patton. Several from Hammond escaped in the melee.

Warrants by Wholesale.

Twenty-one warrants were issued for the arrest of the spectators and the promoters of the fight, nine of the citizens of Burnham and the surrounding cities were arrested and compelled to furnish \$100 bail; a warrant is out for Batling Nelson for relating an officer, Emil Jaborski, one of the town trustees, had a gun taken away from him and his hand slashed; and dozen of men made their escape from the hall above the saloon, where the fight was held, by thrilling jumps from the second story window.

Burnham's Wildest Night.

It was one of the wildest nights that the usually quiet town of Burnham has ever known. The trouble was all the result of a feud that originated in the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend franchise fight and the "pinching of the house" is alleged to be the effort of certain town trustees to get even with Johnny Patton and his friends.

Along last week Johnny Doyle and W. B. (Buck) McCormick sent out cards to friends all over the Calumet region announcing the fact that they were going to have the grandest grand opening of their new saloon that had ever been attempted in Burnham.

Tip on Fight Gets Out.

The tip was given out that there was to be a dog fight in the hall over the saloon and that there would be plenty doing in the way of amusement for the prospective patrons of the saloon.

The opening took place yesterday and early in the afternoon the crowd began to gather. It is estimated that there were in the neighborhood of 300 guests of Doyle and McCormick in and about the saloon.

In some way the trustees learned that there was to be a dog fight pulled off in the hall above the saloon. James Finnegan, the Burnham town marshal, who lives at Calumet Park, happened to

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RUN WITH NEW 'JUICE'

Local Street Car System Arranges to Save Some Money.

An agreement by which the Commonwealth Electric company will furnish South Chicago City Railway company with electric power is said to have been perfected within the last few days, and will in all probability enable the South Chicago company and the Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago company to give better service as far as it depends on the motive power.

The agreement is said to save the South Chicago City Railway company and the Hammond, Whiting and East Chicago company \$30,000 annually, which is a big item for the companies.

The Commonwealth Electric company of Chicago is one of the biggest electric power producers in Chicago, and with its facilities that it has it can afford to give the "juice" for less than the company can make it itself.

TWELVE THOUSAND GET JOBS

Illinois Steel Mills to Resume With Full Force December First, and Great Is the Rejoicing Caused by the News.

Announcement was made yesterday by the Illinois Steel company that by Dec. 1 its plant at South Chicago would be running with a full force of men. It is expected that 12,000 will be given employment in the many departments of the immense plant. The announcement was hailed with a demonstration of joy.

About half of the workers in the mills have been unemployed for more than a year, since many of the departments shut down on account of the scarcity of orders for steel rails and other products of the company. Many of the others, employed since the parties' change, being last summer, have been working on short schedule.

The announcement of the opening of the mills and the prospective re-employment of thousands of men means much also to the merchants of the suburb.

Start Work Tomorrow.

Officials of the plant declared that workmen would begin tomorrow to prepare open heart mill No. 1 for the resumption of work. This particular department has been closed for thirteen months, and is the principal mill in the plant. It was said that it is the intention to hire 6,000 men at once to equip this mill to be in readiness for opening the first day of next month.

Special efforts will be made by the management of the steel plant to hire its old hands. Since many of the experienced workers have been forced to dispose of their homes in South Chicago and move elsewhere, it will be necessary to employ some inexperienced men. It was said, however, that there will be no trouble in obtaining sufficient unemployed men in South Chicago and nearby to fill the places of the old employees who cannot be induced to return to their former places.

Blas Furnaces to Reopen.

Simultaneously with the opening of the fourth mill five blast furnaces, which have been shut down for six months will resume operation. The opening of these departments will necessitate the opening of others. Sufficient orders for steel rails have been received, it was intimated, to allow the entire plant to run indefinitely.

RETURN FROM MEETING

Hammond men returned from South Bend yesterday afternoon enthused with the Y. M. C. A. spirit which was exemplified at the thirty-ninth state convention there last Saturday and Sunday. Coincidentally they witnessed the dedication of the new \$250,000 Y. M. C. A. home at South Bend. The local men could not say enough in praise about the elegant home that the Y. M. C. A. has established in South Bend and the spirit in which it was built.

The Hammond men who were at South Bend, Judge V. S. Reiter, A. Murray Turner, Attorney L. L. Bomberger and W. C. Belmont. Yesterday afternoon they had the pleasure of hearing Fred B. Smith, the greatest Y. M. C. A. worker in the world. Mr. Smith and Mr. Turner are cousins, and consequently the work of the famous New York man was doubly interesting to the Hammond banker.

MATERIAL ARRIVES FOR BOWLING ALLEYS.

Bradford & Son's New Billiard and Pool Parlor Ready Dec. 1st.

The material for the bowling alleys and the pool and billiards tables, which are to be used in Bradford & Son's new billiard and pool parlor, arrived this morning.

BAD FIRE TAKES PLACE AT GIBSON

C. I. & S. Coal Storage Plant Is Gutted in Fierce Blaze Saturday Night. LOSS WILL REACH \$5,000

Hammond Office Men First See the Start of Blaze and Give General Alarm.

Fire from an unknown origin, last Saturday evening, caused a damage of \$5,000 to the C. I. & S. coal storage plant at Gibson. The roof of the building caught fire, and on account of this it is thought that a spark from a passing engine may have caused the trouble. The entire plant is valued at \$11,000. It containing all the newest and most improved machinery. Fortunately, a good part of this was saved and can be used in reconstructing the plant. Comparatively little coal was in the plant at the time when the fire broke out and what was in was dumped to the ground.

Departments No. 1 and No. 4 were summoned to the fire, and although they had a long run to make and the fire had gained considerable headway by the time they arrived, they did excellent work. From the superintendent's office the word was given out this morning that the work of the fire departments was "great."

Fire Starts Shortly After 5 O'clock.

The fire was first noticed at about 5:15 when a large part of the office force was about to board the 5:17 for Hammond. As the train pulled out the flames were shooting high above the building and it looked as though the entire structure with all its fine machinery would be a total loss.

The fire departments arrived as soon as possible and went into the building at midnight, when they were satisfied that they had the fire under control. Fire departments Nos. 1 and 4 were called out to a boxcar fire in the Erie yards last night. A peculiar accident there set a car afire, which in the course of time spread to an adjoining car.

A carload of coal was bumped off the track and tumbled into a little campfire that was burning beside the tracks. In this way the car became ignited, necessitating the presence of the two fire departments.

Department No. 4 was summoned to Hink's addition last Saturday afternoon, where a prairie fire was in progress and which for a time threatened the buildings in that neighborhood.

BOARD WILL WRESTLE WITH BIDS

F. S. Betz Co. in Competition For Fire Station Beds Today.

MINAS STORE PRESSES CLAIM

Henry Huber Bids Too High and Rivalry Is Between Betz and Minas Companies.

Bids for a dozen beds to be furnished for the new fire station promise to give the board of public works a subject to wrestle with until next Wednesday when the contract will be let. The bids were advertised some time ago, at which time the specifications were also published. The bids were made returnable today and upon being opened it was found that the Frank S. Betz company was the lowest bidder. The Betz bid was \$23.55 a bed, while the Minas bid was \$17.25 cents higher or \$25.25 a bed. Henry Huber was also a bidder, his figures being set at \$27.55 a bed, which consequently puts him out of the race.

Betz Lowest Bidder.

The Betz claim to the contract lays in the fact that the company has minutely adhered to the specifications and put in the lowest bid, while the Minas claim lies principally in that it has gone above the specifications and furnished material better than required in the specifications. In pressing the claims of the Minas department store the friends of the store argue that it is a local store and as such caters to local trade, while the Betz people do a mail order business. The latter firm, however, maintains that it is offering the beds according to specifications at the lowest price.

O'Shea & Shea Get Contract.

The contract for the Wood street sewer was awarded to the firm of O'Shea & Shea at the regular session of the board this morning. The summer street sewer primary assessment roll was placed on file for public inspection, while the primary assessment roll for the Truman street sidewalks was approved.

The board ordered that all action for private contracts for sidewalks on East Ogden street be rescinded.

IF YOU DON'T SEE IT IN THE OTHER PAPERS LOOK FOR IT IN THE TIMES.

TERRIER SAVES A FAMILY

Rouses Inmates of Whiting Home When They Are Slowly Dying of Gas Asphyxiation—Was Himself Nearly Overcome.

MRS. LIPPELT ALMOST BEYOND SAVING

Gas Pipe Underneath House Fills Home With Fumes—Explosion on Account of Burning Lamp Was Threatened—Neighbors Come to the Rescue.

Whiting, Ind., Nov. 23.—(Special)—A leak in the gas pipe, under the house of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lippelt, at 523 New York avenue, nearly wiped out the Lippelt family in Whiting Sunday morning.

The family was saved by a little fox terrier, who will now, after this terrible incident, be more than ever the pet of the family.

The dog too was suffering from the gas fumes and was frothing at the mouth. In his agony the canine jumped upon the bed, which awakened Mr. Lippelt, who by his stronger constitution was able to stand the ordeal more than his wife. The first thought, after falling to revive his wife, was that they were suffering from ptomaine poisoning, as the result of eating some canned tomatoes on the previous night for supper.

Arouses the Neighbors.

Although greatly affected by the deadly fumes, Mr. Lippelt managed to get out of doors and pounded on the windows of his neighbor, Mrs. C. Johnson. As luck would have it the family were easily aroused and after asking them to run for a doctor, as all the family were poisoned, he fell down in a faint.

The Johnson family consists of several boys and all were readily awakened and went to the rescue of the family. One son made a hurried trip to the office of Dr. B. U. Doolittle and another carried Mr. Lippelt into the house. When he reached the door he at once discovered that escaping gas was the cause of the family's condition and hastened to throw open the doors and windows.

By this time Dr. Doolittle arrived and found the three members of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Lippelt and Frank Lippelt, an adopted son, Herman Ladendorf, aged thirteen, in a very precarious condition.

Condition Seemed Hopeless.

The husband and son were revived and it was then that the physician turned his attention to Mrs. Lippelt, whose condition was such that it was thought impossible to even resuscitate her. Her features were already set

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SCHAAF ONE OF SPEAKERS

F. Richard Schaaf of Hammond has been honored by being made one of the speakers at the annual meeting of the Indiana State Trustees' association, of which he is now secretary.

The honor is all the more apparent when it is known that the other speakers are Governor-Elect Thomas R. Marshall and Superintendent of Public Instruction-Elect Robert J. Aleay.

The program is as follows: Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1908. 10:30: Calling to Order. Invocation—Rev. Clippinger, Indianapolis, Ind. Inaugural Address. Miscellaneous Business. 1:30: Charities—A. W. Butler, secretary state board charity. 2:30: Township Schools—F. A. Cotton, State Superintendent Public Instruction. 3:30: Duties of the Trustee—C. C. Putterbaugh, Elkhart, Ind. Thursday, Dec. 17, 1908. 10 a. m.: Address—Governor-Elect Thomas R. Marshall, Columbia City. Report of Committees. NOON. 1:30: "Duties of the Teacher"—Robert J. Aleay. 2:30: "Future Legislation"—F. Richard Schaaf, Hammond, Ind. Go Home.

BERTHA WAS A GREAT FAVORITE

But Clifford Malone Says He Can't Stand For the Favoritism. THE DOCTOR EMBARRASSED HIM

Mrs. Malone Visited Fishing Camps and Hubby Says She Came Home Intoxicated.

Clifford says Bertha flew too high! Bertha Malone was a gay bird, who fitted out from her home on the banks of the Kankakee river and held high revel with camping parties which were located there, is the allegation which Clifford Malone, her husband, made in a divorce complaint filed in the Lake superior court this morning.

The complaint goes on to state that Clifford and Bertha Malone were married in Hammond on the 25th day of January, 1908. The length of time that their married relations could be called blissful was very short, for Mr. Malone says soon after their marriage his wife began to visit the camps of the campers.

Bertha Was a Favorite.

By the ninth day of November, less than ten months later, the young couple had separated, and now Clifford is suing for a divorce. Clifford Malone says in his complaint that his wife, Bertha, was a great favorite in these fishing and hunting camps.

She would leave her home and go over to where the men were making merry and would become intoxicated. At one time Mr. Malone says that his wife came home very sick. He called in the neighbors and summoned a physician when the mistress informed him that she had taken poison. When the doctor arrived, Mr. Malone says he embarrassed him by vouchsafing the information that his wife was not poisoned but simply intoxicated.

There was the beginning of serious trouble. On the 17 of last September Bertha is alleged to have visited Hall's camp, where she went on one of her sprees and became intoxicated. On the night of the 8th of November she also had one of those times which make a cold feel mighty good on the head the next day, and the next day her husband left her.

OLD WOMAN CRAWLS UNDER RESIDENCE

Stays There and Weeps Because Her Brother Fails to Meet Her at Depot.

HER CRIES ALARM HOUSEHOLD

Police Notify Her Relatives in West Pullman and Send Her Back Home.

One of the strangest cases which has ever been called to the attention of the local police occurred last Saturday night or early Sunday morning when Mrs. Jenny Smith, aged 70, got off a Michigan Central passenger train at 1 o'clock in the morning, and because she was not met at the station by relatives crawled under the residence of Mr. Walker of the firm of Cooper & Walker, barbers, and cried until the family was aroused and notified the police.

The poor old woman got off the train at an early hour in the morning. She expected to be met by her brother, John Bosc, who used to live at South Holland, south of this city. She had been visiting with relatives at West Pullman.

No one Met Her.

When she saw there was no one at the station to meet her and that all of the other passengers who had come in on that train had gone to their respective homes she became very much frightened.

Finally becoming very frightened she went over on Plummer avenue and crawled under the basement of the first house she came to. There she lay down on the ground and cried bitterly.

The house happened to be occupied by Mr. Walker. His wife heard the woman's cries and was awakened by them. She could not locate them and she could not imagine where the poor woman was who was in such distress. Finally she became thoroughly frightened and word was sent to the police. Officer Hamilton was sent out to investigate and he located the poor old woman under the house lying on the cold ground weeping.

ATHELETES TO START NEW CLUB

Hammond Young Men Will Inaugurate Athletic Organization and Club Will Secure Quarters in Business College Building.

PROMOTERS ARE MOST SANGUINE

Athletic Feature Will Be Predominant and Young Men Will Start Football, Baseball and Track Teams Who Will Wear Colors of Hammond.

There is a movement on foot to organize a Hammond Athletic club. The name of the organization will not be decided upon until the first meeting is held, but the club will be similar in its purposes to the old Iroquois Athletic club.

The interest in the project is very great and so far there have been nearly 100 signers to an agreement to form the club. With a membership of 100 or more assured it is believed that the success of the club will be assured from the very start.

Meeting Held Tonight.

A meeting is to be held in Long's hall tonight, at which the matter of organizing the club and electing temporary officers will be taken up. It is understood that the promoters of the proposed club have secured an option on the old rooms of the Jones Business college and these will be converted into a gymnasium and club lounge rooms.

It will be the purpose of the organization to at once install athletic paraphalia and have it ready for the members as soon as possible. During the winter basketball and handball teams will be organized, and there will be a variety of indoor gymnasium work done.

Will Have Social Side.

But while the athletic feature will be the prime consideration there will also be the social side to the club. There will be smokers and possibly a dance or two given during the year.

The prospective members of the club realize the importance of having a place to loaf and they will make the social feature of the club one of considerable importance.

The success of the promoters of the idea in securing the promise of certain young men to become members of the organization is gratifying and is an indication of the necessity of such an organization.

Want Permanent Headquarters.

If the new club meets the expectations of the members to the extent that now appears probable and the organization grows in numbers it is possible that a movement will be started to secure permanent club quarters.

The young men who are behind the enterprise are all energetic fellows and are sure to make the club a go from the start. Among those who are standing sponsor for the new club are Melvin Monnett, Hall Covert and Eddie Mason.

TAFT AND CRUMPACKER FOR TARIFF REVISION.

Says Louis Ludlow in Indianapolis Star.

If President-Elect Taft makes the fight against the congressional allies, and the contest will be one to challenge the attention of the country. Pending the inauguration of the new president, Mr. Taft will have the powerful backing of President Roosevelt, and he also will have his friends in congress who will stand by him to the last ditch.

One purpose of Representative Crumpacker's visit to Hot Springs was to tell Mr. Taft he is right in assuming the country will not stand for any "gold brick" game in the tariff revision, and to promise allegiance in a sincere effort to reform the schedules according to the campaign promises. There is reason to believe Mr. Crumpacker, who is a member of the ways and means committee, is at heart not fully satisfied with the trend of the revision campaign.

SEES TAFT ABOUT OLD INDIANA

Representative E. D. Crumpacker Visits President-Elect at Hot Springs and Brings Up Political Conditions in this State.

SUGGESTS NEW FOR STATE CHAIRMAN

President Roosevelt and His Successor Are Interested in the Reconstruction of Republican Party in This State and Tenth District Congressman Bucks the Machine.

Washington, Nov. 23.—A conference that may have an important bearing on the Indiana political situation was held at Hot Springs, Ark., today. Representative E. D. Crumpacker left for Hot Springs Saturday afternoon to confer with President-elect Taft in regard to the future of the republican party in Indiana. This follows a conference with President Roosevelt in which the president evinced a deep interest in the Indiana situation and expressed a desire to do all he can to reorganize the party on a satisfactory basis.

As the only republican member of congress who was re-elected from Indiana, Mr. Crumpacker's pronounced views as to what should be done to rehabilitate the party in that state no doubt will have considerable weight with the incoming president, especially since he and Mr. Taft have been close friends ever since Mr. Taft returned from the Philippines and assumed the portfolio of war their relations have been confidential.

Mr. Crumpacker does not expect the president or the president-elect to interfere in Indiana affairs to the extent of seeking to exercise boss domination, but he does believe that Mr. Taft, especially by the manner in which he distributes the federal patronage of the incoming administration and by exercising the great influence that inheres in the presidential office may do much toward removing Indiana from the doubtful column where it was placed by the recent election and to restore it to the republican column.

Opposes "Machine Politicians."

Mr. Crumpacker is anxious that men shall be chosen for offices in Indiana and for positions of leadership who are thorough in business with public spirit and who do not belong to the class known as "machine politicians."

The only way to build up the party in Indiana is to recognize the men who are above factions, he said. "A political party to win must have character so as to inspire the confidence of the people."

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SUE W. U. ONCE MORE

The Western Union Telegraph company was made the defendant in a suit for damages which was filed by the attorney for Albert Miller this morning. Mr. Miller claims that owing to the carelessness and negligence of the defendant company the message telling of the serious illness of his wife never reached him.

Mr. Miller wants \$100 damages, the statutory penalty, for the failure of the company to have a message, which had been sent, according to the company's regulations, reached its destination. He also wants damages to the extent of \$1,500 for the anguish and sorrow that was caused him because of his inability to reach the bedside of his dying wife.

The complaint alleges that the message was sent to Albert Miller, 241 Michigan avenue, Hammond, Ind., and that the regular fee of 25 cents was prepaid. The message read: "Bell is very low. Come immediately. Don't delay." It was sent from Kewanee, Ind., to Hammond, a distance of about 100 miles. If the message had been sent at the proper time, the complaint states it would have taken a 10 o'clock train, which would have taken him to the bedside of his wife before her death.

Mayor Still Confined.

An attack of yellow jaundice and a general indisposition is confining Mayor Becker to his home these days. The city's executive is chafing under the restraint and hoped that when he returned from West Baden that he would be entirely well again. Instead his condition has not much improved, but his friends are sure that after he gets over the present attack that he will regain his old time strength.