

WEATHER
Much colder today; fair,
probably preceded by snow
flurries.

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MEETS FEARFUL ENDING

Ft. Wayne Railroad Brake-
man Slain Between Hob-
art and Gary Last Night
in Horrible and Sickening
Fashion.

To be scattered over thirty-three
miles of railroad track, from Hobart to
Chicago, with one of the legs of his
body serving as a cushion of one of
the huge engine springs, was the hor-
rible fate of A. Smith, 25 years old, a
Pennsylvania brakeman, yesterday,
whose home is at Defiance, Ohio.

His head, shoulder and one arm were
taken from the engine last evening at
Liverpool and from there were taken
to undertaker C. P. Jones' morgue at
Gary, where the mangled remains were
placed in a mail sack and sent back to
Hobart.

The unfortunate victim of the rail-
road accident was working in the
Pennsylvania yards at Hobart where
the engine from his freight train was
switching.

Inquest This Afternoon.

It was dark in the yards and he did
not realize the closeness of the west-
bound fast passenger train due at 7:27.
Accidentally he stepped into the track of
the approaching train and without being
seen by anybody, was dashed to pieces.
His absence was not noticed until Conductor Flink was about ready
to start out. He called for his men to
find Smith, and in going back for him
they discovered his hat and glove.
They realized the awful truth and im-
mediately telephoned to the dispatcher
who ordered the fast train to stop at
Liverpool. There the train crew made
their first discovery of the accident.

Coroner Gordon was notified and set
the inquest for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

He ordered the remains strown along

the track to be brought to Hobart im-
mediately, and for several hours the
section men searched up and down the
track to find the mangled remains.

This morning a leg was shipped back

from Chicago, it having been carried

all the way on the trucks.

MENACING FIRE THREATENS RESIDENCE

Blaze In Alderman Walter
Hammond's Home Does
Much Damage.

CHILDREN DISCOVER THE FIRE

Official Burns Hands While Trying
to Extinguish the Raging
Blaze.

A menacing fire, which for a time
threatened the beautiful home of Con-
gressman Walter Hammond, 704 South
Hohman street, this noon, caused \$300
damage in the building and incidentally
caused Mr. Hammond to suffer severe
burns on his hands and face.

The origin of the fire is unknown.
The house is heated with a hot water
system, and how a fire could start in
the second story when every when ev-
erybody was downstairs at luncheon
is a mystery to the family.

Discovery Was Timely.

Had it not been for the timely dis-
covery made by one of the children
the damage might have been consider-
able worse. Mr. Hammond rushed up-
stairs and upon opening the door found
the south bed chamber in which the
fire broke out a mass of flames.

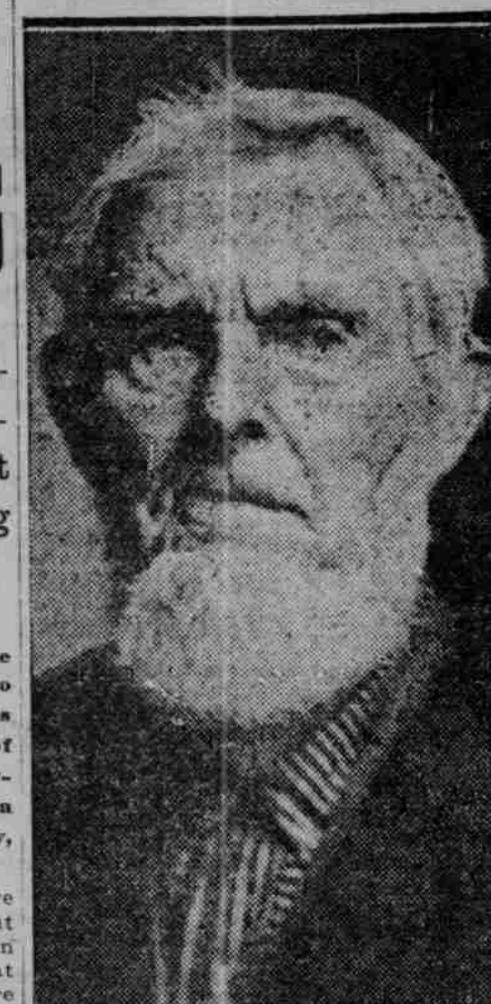
The contents of the room were so
badly burned that they will have to be
discarded while the room itself will
have to be furnished with new wood-
work. A box alarm was turned in
whereupon both departments, Nos. 1
and 4, answered. With the applica-
tion of the chemical the flames were
soon under control. Mr. Hammond will
have to have his hands bandaged for
some time, and while his face was also
touched by the flames the burns there
were not serious as on his hands.

LEAVE FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Congressman and Mrs. Crumpacker
with Secretary Jacobson on Way
to Washington.

Valparaiso, Ind., Dec. 1.—Congress-
man and Mrs. E. D. Crumpacker and
Mr. Crumpacker's private secretary,
Nels R. Jacobson, left yesterday after-
noon for Washington, D. C., where Mr.
Crumpacker's duties will begin Dec. 4.
They will remain in Washington until
the holidays, when they will spend
Christmas-ide in Valparaiso.

T. Crumpacker Passes Away.



CONTROLLERS WILL WATCH RESULTS

Ten-Year Waiver Assess-
ment Is Impractical and
May Be Doomed.

HOW IT WORKS IN HAMMOND

Buyers of Bonds Hate to Purchase
Paper Which Entails So Much
Red Tape.

When the state legislators begin
picking the city and towns law to
pieces this winter at Indianapolis the
city controllers all over the state and,
in fact, all city hall officials who are
connected with the issuing of im-
provement bonds, and all contractors
who are alive to their own interests
will watch what will happen to that
section which provides that the prop-
erty owner may sign a ten-year waiver
in paying his improvement assess-
ments. It means much to Hammond.

Meant Well, but Oh! My!

The section as it stands today is im-
practical, although the framers of it
probably meant to serve the best in-
terests of the people in presenting it.
They may have been men who were
unacquainted with the issuance of im-
provement bonds and in that way the
theoretical was left to hamper the
practical.

Should Be Limited to Waiver.

The difficulty with the section as it
stands now is that it gives the property
owner a right to sign a ten-year waiver
for any amount no matter how
small it is. The result is that city will
not be able to issue improvement bonds
for these small amounts which incur
not only a lot of work but which almost
makes the improvement bonds a drug
on the market. Buyers of bonds hesi-
tate to purchase paper which entails
so much red tape at the end of each
six months with only a few cents profit
to it and coupled with unnecessary
energy.

How It Works Here.

In Hammond, for instance, when the
improvement season is on one person is
kept busy for days at a time filling
out the blanks for the improvement
bonds. The remedy suggested is that
the particular section in the cities' and
towns' law be so amended that a waiver
cannot be signed less than a particular
amount. Setting this amount at a reason-
able limit would still prevent any
hardships on the property owners, and
would relieve the city officials from
much useless work.

POSTMASTERS ARE SELECTED

James J. Nedjl at Whiting;

Mose Specter at East
Chicago.

It is unofficially reported that James

J. Nedjl is to be the next postmaster of
Whiting and will take the place of
Charles D. Davidson who has had the
office for the past two terms.

The information has also been given
out that Mose Specter is to be the next
postmaster of East Chicago. He is to
take the place of Mrs. Mary A. Ross
who has held the office in East Chicago
ever since her husband's death a few
years ago.

In neither of the cities in which the
appointments have been made, has
there been much of a fight for the
office.

In Whiting, James J. Nedjl was
the only candidate outside of Post-
master Charles D. Davidson.

With Please Them All.

Davidson hardly expected to have the
office for the third term and Mr. Nedjl's
appointment will give general satisfaction.

Nedjl is a union brick layer and
this is the first case where unions have
been given such splendid recognition
by the distributors of federal patronage.

In East Chicago there were a number
of applicants for the office. These
included Mose Specter, Harry McCoy,
A. G. Stocumb, William A. Fuzey and
Judge B. M. Cherry.

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rowed down until Mose Specter and
Harry McCoy were the only ones who
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SECURE JUDGE'S SERVICES

BOYER HELD TO THE GRAND JURY

Former Hammond Man "In
Deep" as Result of Coun-
terfeiting Crime.

LAST OF GANG IS CAPTURED

United States Secret Service Gets En-
tire Bunch In Its Clutches
For Keeps.

The United States secret service de-
partment in Chicago has cleared up one
of the most intricate and deeply laid
counterfeiting plots of this decade. The
arrest of Harry Michaels and Gus Boyer,
who formerly ran a photograph gallery
on State street, Hammond, was to-
day declared by the government opera-
tives to be the last step in the round-
ing up of the gang.

Captain Thomas L. Porter, chief of
this branch of the service, and his men
have jailed the entire band, recovered
all of the counterfeit \$5 bills and got
confessions from most of the coiners.
Captain Porter headed the squad of men
which closed this big case.

Get All Guilty Ones.

With him were Operatives Lawrence
Richey, Peter Drautberg and Don
Wilkie, all experts in their line. The
latter is a son of Chief Wilkie, head
of the department at Washington.

The prisoners were held to the fed-
eral grand jury in \$5,000 bail.

Following the surrender and confes-
sions made yesterday by Harry Michaels
and Gustav Bayer, Captain Thomas
L. Porter of the secret service be-
lieves the last of the Wheed-Brown-
Westcott gang of counterfeiters who
have been operating in Chicago and the
middle west and south are accounted
for.

Michaels, in statements made at the
federal building said that he was in-
duced to pass the bad bills by Ed.
Wheed.

How They Were Trapped.

He and Bayer sent Captain Porter
a letter from St. Louis dated Nov. 27
in which they stated they would call
at his office Dec. 1, and were sending
him all the counterfeit money they had
at this time in their possession. Cap-
tain Porter received the letter Satur-
day and \$2,075 in counterfeit bills.

As soon as the letter was received se-
cret service men began tracing Michaels
and Bayer. They found that they
had come to Chicago.

Michaels and Bayer are thought to
have realized they were close to ar-
rest, for they got into communication
with secret service men and arranged
for a surrender. They admitted pass-
ing \$1,315 in bad money in Chicago
and seven other cities—St. Paul, St.
Louis, Hot Springs, Ark.; Memphis,
Little Rock, Grenada, Miss., and New
Orleans. They returned a big package
of unpassed counterfeits to Captain
Porter from St. Louis.

Term Expires Dec. 31st.

Judge Gillett's fame as a jurist and
an author on jurisprudence has ex-
tended far beyond the bounds of the
state and the men who are now trying
to incorporate him as a moving spirit
in the school which is incorporated
as a university, and which will in
the course of time become one, to be
in a position to retain the services of a
man like Judge Gillett. It was pointed
out that the founders of the school
were not only highly appreciative of
the ability of the supreme court judge,
but also that they were in sympathy
with the teachings of representative
Indiana man.

One of the most sensational suits

which have been filed in the Lake
superior court recently is one in which
Mary Hop of East Chicago is suing
Dr. Jacob Goldman of that city for mal-
practice.

In the complaint which Mary Hop
has filed through her attorney, George
B. Sheerer, she alleges that through
the carelessness, unskillfulness, negligent,
wilful and unprofessional conduct of the
defendant her whole body and system
have been poisoned and she was made
sick and sore.

She alleges that as a result of his un-
skillful and negligent conduct it be-
came necessary for her to have an op-
eration performed on her face and jaw
in which the bone in her jaw was
scraped.

She says that this operation will dis-
figure her forever. She asks \$200 for
medical attention and \$5,000 damages.

She says that the infection began
shortly after she was treated on the
15th of July, 1908.

She says that she was made sick and
sore and she bases her claim for dam-
ages on the fact that she was incapaci-
tated for work during her illness and
will never recover from the effects of
the poisoning.

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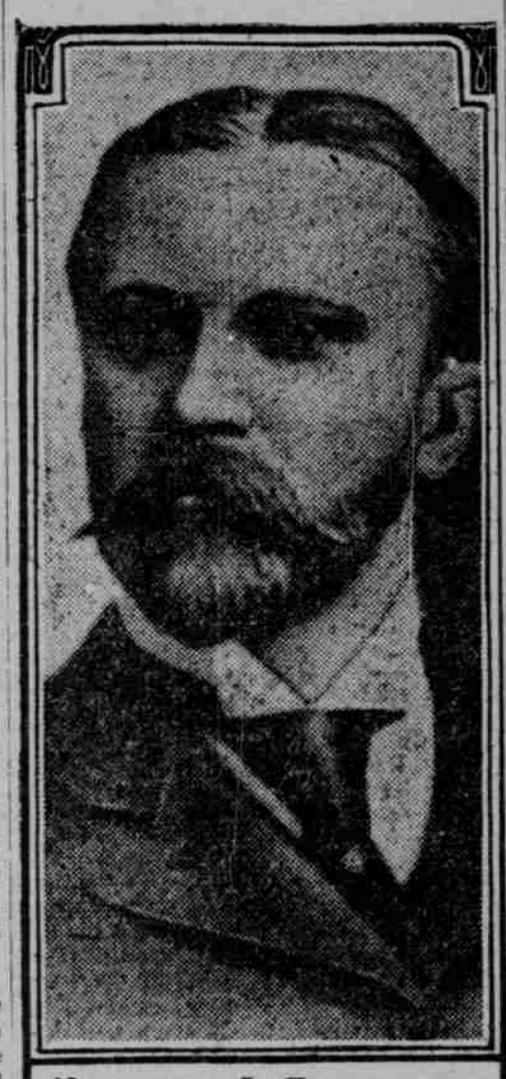
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STEED STOLEN? GUESS NOT!

Dr. William D. Weis and His
Faithful, Equine Cause
Some Excitement at Po-
lice Station, But It is All
Over Now

Dr. William D. Weis, recently a can-
didate for the office of coroner on the
democratic ticket, thought his horse
had been stolen last night and reported
the fact to the police station, but it de-
veloped this morning that the horse
had merely walked away from his
hitching post while the doctor was busi-
ly engaged with a patient and was lat-
er picked up by a man by the name of
Lukowski, who thought the horse had
strayed away and who placed it in his
barn.

The incident would not have worried
the doctor if it had occurred at any
other time than at 4 o'clock in the
morning. The doctor not only was con-
vinced that some one had stolen his
horse, but he was compelled to walk
home at that unseemly hour in the
cold and that was not conducive to the
best of humor.

Weather Man to Blame.

The trouble was all caused by the
sudden change in the weather. Dr.
Weis' horse was standing out in front
of a residence at 430 Stanton avenue
when the weather man suddenly pulled
the "cold" lever and the temperature
dropped twenty degrees.

That was too much for even a doctor's
horse and she started off down the
street to get a little exercise. Of course,
she was gone when the doctor came
out of the house.

A little later Mr. Lukowski, who hap-
pened to get up very early that morning,
saw the horse and buggy and took
it for granted that it had strayed
away. He put it in his barn and made
up his mind to turn it over to the owner
the next morning.

That is how it happened that