

SEEK TO ENJOIN SOUTH BEND LINE

Perpetual Restraining Order Wanted By Postal, Western Union And Railroad Companies

SUIT FILED AT VALPO.

Traction Company's High Voltage Responsible for 'Proceedings.'

Three injunction cases of a peculiar nature, wherein if a decision is rendered by the court in favor of the plaintiff, the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Interurban which operates its lines in Gary, Hammond, Michigan City and South Bend, will be compelled to cease operation or devise some other means of propelling its interurban cars, were filed in the Porter circuit court at Valparaiso today by Attorney John B. Peterson of Crown Point, who is representing the three corporations in the case.

SERIOUS CHARGES MADE.

The three corporations that are bringing suits are the Western Union Telegraph company, the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad company. In each case the plaintiff seeks an injunction against the defendant, the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Interurban Railway company. The complaints charge that the interurban company uses a high tension direct system of electrical current in the operation of its cars, which is of such a powerful nature that by a process of induction it attracts the electrical current of the low tension wires of the Telegraph companies to the interurban trolley, thereby rendering the telegraph lines useless at times.

It is a known fact that the lines of the Chicago Lake Shore & South Bend Interurban parallel the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, who also operate a telegraph line in connection with the operation of their train service at various points, beginning at Gary and continuing to South Bend, at distances varying from two to fifteen miles. The same is true with reference to the Western Union Telegraph company and the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, whose wire systems are located on the right of way of the Lake Shore railroad.

USE 6,000 VOLTAGE.

The Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Interurban is constructed to be

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UNABLE TO GET WORK AT GARY, SUICIDES

John O'Keefe Name of Man Taken From Lake at Pine Station.

(Special to THE TIMES.) Indiana Harbor, Dec. 14.—The body of John O'Keefe in the Krebs & Burns' morgue, which was taken from the lake at Pine Station last Friday, was identified this morning as John O'Keefe of Chicago, the first clue to his identity having come through a story which appeared exclusively in THE TIMES on Friday and Saturday. The man was identified by his brother-in-law, William Moran, who is inclined to believe that O'Keefe, who was in search of work at Gary, became despondent and committed suicide.

O'Keefe lived at 3555 Fifth avenue, Chicago, and leaves a wife and a 6-year-old daughter. He had been out of work for many weeks and on the morning of Dec. 11th left Gary to find work. He failed to return and his brother-in-law started to make an inquiry.

He went to the Chicago police headquarters, who telephoned to South Chicago. The police there remembered having read the story of the drowned man in THE TIMES, and directed the brother-in-law to go to Indiana Harbor. When O'Keefe was taken from the lake he had only 4 cents on his person. It is thought that hardships and lack of work drove him to self-destruction. He left no word to his family and there was no writing in his clothing by which he could have been identified. The inquest has already been held and gave the cause of death by drowning. The body was shipped to Chicago today, where it will be buried by the relatives.

LIBRARY COURSE STARTED

Splendid Project for Furthering City's Culture and Education Is Proposed by Dr. W. F. Howat and Rev Charles A. Smith.

MUCH INTEREST IN PLAN IS TAKEN

Subjects Covered By Lectures of Papers By Hammond Professional and Business Men and Manufacturers Will Cover a Wide Range and Project Meets With Reception.

Culture and the uplift movement in Hammond received a big impetus this afternoon at the regular meeting of the trustees of the public library when it was recommended that a library course consisting of lectures by Hammond people be inaugurated.

The movement emanates from the fertile brains of Dr. W. F. Howat and the Rev. C. A. Smith, two of the library board members, who are always trying to do something of a like nature for Hammond.

Almost a score of prominent business and professional men have given assurances that they would dedicate an evening a week to the cause which will be for the benefit of the public and free. Those who have heard of the plan and discussed it have set it down as one of the grandest movements ever undertaken in Hammond in the interest of education and entertainment. With the least encouragement from the public it promises to become a permanent feature in Hammond from the beginning of the year to the end and growing as the city grows.

Will Delightfully Originally.

There promises to be a diversion of lectures and papers that will cover the field so thoroughly that no matter of what bent of mind the public will be that it will be interesting. Many of the speakers are specialists in their line, but there is above all that assurance that they will be delightfully original.

Should the library course be started the backers of it will make every effort to make it permanent and in order that it may retain its flavor occasional musical entertainments will be interspersed.

Should the plan materialize the first lectures will be held in the auditorium of the public library and as it grows too small, larger quarters will be secured.

Among those who have already signified their intention of appearing on the lecture platform are: Superintendent C. M. McDaniel; Carl E. Bauer, secretary of the Simplex; Wm. Thum, superintendent of the United States Metal Refractories at Grasselli; Dr. E. M. Shanklin and W. F. Howat; A. M. Turner, William O'Rourke, of the South Shore Gas company; Professors A. L. Spohn, Allee and McElroy and W. A. Hill of the high school; P. A. Parry, editor of THE TIMES; Miss Elchgrn, Judge V. S. Reiter, Attorney J. F. Reiley and many more, including most of the professional men.

MAN CHANGE HIS MIND

Comes to Hammond and Refuses to Take Job at Local Plant.

A man who registered in the Erie hotel as H. Carter, Lima, O., came to Hammond yesterday and said that he had been induced to come to this city and accept a position at the Fitzhugh-Luther Locomotive works and after coming discovered that men were on a strike there.

He refused to work and Sheriff F. S. Carter and others charitably inclined gave him enough money to last him until he could secure employment. Carter was enabled to pay his bill at the Erie hotel and is prepared to support his family until he gets another job.

He brought with him a wife and three little children.

TO LAY CORNERSTONE FOR NEW THEATER.

New York, Dec. 14.—Arrangements have been concluded for interesting ceremonies tomorrow to attend the laying of the corner stone for the much discussed New theater. A feature of the program will be addresses by Governor Hughes, Mayor McClellan and others, and music by the forces of the Metropolitan opera.

JOE WALLACE NOW ATTENDS CHURCH

Large Drink of Rye Which Nearly Cost His Life Reforms Him.

SAYS HE WON'T TAKE ANOTHER

Is at Gibson to Get a Job as Switchman and Will Be Good Henceforth.

Joe Wallace has reformed. No more fire water for him. He has come to the realization that a drink of whiskey means suicide to him and every time he looks at three fingers of rye it makes him sadder to think of the experience he went through last Friday.

It will be remembered that Joe Wallace became intoxicated and it affected him in such a manner as to make him do the most unheard of things. Whiskey made an acrobatic comedian out of him and he realizes that slip of foot would have meant a funeral for him.

What Wallace Did. It was Wallace, who, while drunk, jumped on a swiftly moving freight train on the Michigan Central railroad, was thrown off a block farther on, taken to the hospital in an ambulance badly injured, as it was supposed, and finally made a thrilling escape from the hospital on a stolen bicycle.

Wallace, in telling of the incident, says that he is slightly bruised, but that is all. He says he does not remember jumping on the freight train, he does not remember being thrown off, he does not remember being taken to the hospital and he is totally ignorant of the fact that he took a bicycle, which did not belong to him, in his effort to escape.

This remarkable lapse of memory was brought on by a drunk and is a peculiar psychological phenomena if it is not a pure case of "buga." Joe Wallace has not been seen around his old haunts at Carter & Wells' livery of late.

Went to Church Yesterday.

It is understood from friends that he spent most of yesterday going to church. Last Saturday he went out to Gibson and made an effort to get a job as switchman. He says that if he can land in a good job he will never take another drink.

It should not be understood that Wallace has been a confirmed drunkard for the drink which sent him off on a rampage was the first he has taken in months.

LAND ANOTHER PRIZE

Officials of Frank S. Betz Co. Happy Over Closing of Big Deal.

Officials of the Frank S. Betz company, in this city, are congratulating themselves on the negotiations with the Central Drug company of Chicago which were closed today. The local company has purchased the entire stock of instruments owned by the Chicago concern. The product of the Central Drug company is recognized by the medical profession as that of the highest quality made and of the kind dealt with almost exclusively by specialists. The big stock purchased by the F. S. Betz company will be shipped to Hammond immediately and put on the market. This makes the twelfth big stock that has been purchased by the Betz company since it came to Hammond and in absorbing these concerns the local plant is easily made the largest of its kind in the world.

BAPTISTS WIN GAME

Meteors Are Shown the Way To Go Home on Saturday Night.

The Baptist Athletic League in a quick and snappy game last Saturday night defeated the South Chicago Meteors at their club rooms. The crowd was not very large, but enthusiastic, and the visitors were nicely entertained after the game. The line-up and summary follows:

Meteors (24).	Baptists (33).
Stein.....C.....	Hudson
Ruth.....R. F.....	Wall
Ramsey.....L. F.....	DeYoung
Erickson.....R. G.....	Campbell
Gerber.....L. G.....	Buttner
Substitutes—Anderson, Stein.	South Chicago Meteors.

Field Goals—Hudson (9), Wall (3), DeYoung (2), Campbell (1), VanRuth (2), Ramsey (2), Stein (3), Anderson (2), Erickson (1). Foul Goals—Hudson (3), Stein (4). Score end of first half—16 to 16. Referee—Morgensen, Hammond. Umpire—Tredyus, South Chicago.

STAND ON QUESTION DOUBTFUL

Indiana Democratic Leaders Are Up in the Air on Proposition to Unseat E. W. Wickey if Matter Goes to Legislature.

EVIDENCE TAKING IS BEGUN TODAY

Contestant Simons Says That the Case Will Probably Last Ten Days and a Hard Fight Will Be Precipitated Before the Case Goes to the Contest Commissioners.

(Special to THE TIMES.) Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 14.—The Simons-Wickey election contest was begun at Crown Point today when the contestant began introducing testimony which is to be presented to the Indiana house of representatives this winter in an effort to unseat Representative Edward Wickey of East Chicago.

The most startling development of the contest is the statement by Mr. Simons and John Gavit, his attorney, that the contest would probably last for the next ten days and possibly longer.

Judging from that Mr. Simons has a great mass of evidence that he expects to have presented to the members of the legislature this winter. In fact there is no question that the democrats expect to precipitate a hard fight to have the entire vote of Lake county thrown out in an effort, not only to save Edward Simons, but also in an effort to save the state ticket.

First Witness Introduced.

The first witness, which was introduced, was County Clerk Ernest Shortridge and United States Commissioner Charles Surridge. Shortridge was asked to testify as to the correctness of the election returns, and Mr. Surridge was asked to testify regarding the manner of issuing naturalization papers to foreigners.

As soon as the sitting of this commission are completed the evidence, which is being taken by Special Court Reporter Patton, will be compiled and presented to the state legislature.

(Special to THE TIMES.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 14.—The democrats are wondering just where

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ARE SAVING THEIR MONEY NOW

Standard Steel Car District Was Very Good on Saturday Night.

PAY DAY GETS ONE MAN DRUNK

As a General Rule an Occasion of That Kind Would Have Resulted in Rioting.

The people of the Standard Steel Car district are saving their money nowadays instead of spending it as they did before the recent financial disturbance struck the city. The spirit of thrift is upon them and they are all laying up their money for a rainy day.

Last Saturday was pay day at the Standard Steel Car plant, among the mill employed and there was in the neighborhood of \$25,000 distributed among the men.

What It Meant Formerly.

Ordinarily such an occasion would have meant a regular orgy at the east side settlement and a jail full of drunken foreigners. But times have changed. The foreigners are paying old bills and are not wasting their money.

They are not certain how long their work will last and they are going to get into just as good financial shape as possible to be ready for another panic.

One arrest for drunkenness was the net result of a pay day celebration. The people are just as happy, but they do not show their joy by going to a tool.

HOW MUCH DOES IT TAKE?

Hammond Man Says He Had Six Glasses; Did it Intoxicate Him?

Because he was ungentlemanly enough to strike a woman, not his wife, Sylvester Wyrowski was arrested Sunday and taken to the police station on the charge of drunkenness. He was put through the mill in the city court in a hurry this morning and fined \$1 and costs, amounting to \$11, and in lieu of the payment thereof was compelled to go to Crown Point for a couple of weeks.

When asked if he was intoxicated Wyrowski said that he had had only five or six glasses of beer. He did not know whether or not he had been made intoxicated by that amount of booze.

START WORK TOMORROW

New C. C. & L. Roundhouse Will Give Employment to Number of Men.

The work on the new Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville round-house, which is to be built here, will begin tomorrow morning. Dickey & Callahan of St. Louis are the contractors.

The work will involve an expenditure of \$25,000 to \$40,000, and will give employment to a large number of men. Despite the fact that the city of Hammond made a contract with the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville railroad, which provided that a depot should be built in Hammond at once in return for the right to cross certain streets, nothing has been done by the city to enforce the contract.

The people on the south side point to the fact that the railroad is going ahead with the construction of buildings that will spoil the appearance of the neighborhood and yet is too poor to build the \$20,000 depot that was promised for this city.

PINK EYE AFFLICTS LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Pink eye, a disease to which both humans and animals are subject, has made its appearance in some of the schools of Hammond, and the parents are warned to keep their children at home if they detect any symptoms as the disease is contagious, and other children are likely to be afflicted with it.

Pink eye as a rule is not very serious, but for the time being will cause considerable discomfort. It results in an inflamed eyeball which turns to a pink color and spreads from there to the eye lids.

Several cases have already come under the care of local physicians and attention of the matter has been called to the school board.

THE NUMBER OF COPIES OF THE TIMES SOLD ON THE STREETS OF HAMMOND ALONE EXCEEDS THE ENTIRE CIRCULATION OF ANY OTHER PAPER IN THE CITY.

LAKE CO. WILL GET A HARBOR

E. W. Wickey, on Return From Washington, Brings Good News With Him From Washington for the People of This Region.

NATIONAL CONGRESS APPROVES OF IT

Congressman Burton, Who Spoke at Indiana Harbor, Is Favorable to Project and Will Co-Operate With Congressman Crumpacker to Land the Flum.

(Special to THE TIMES.) East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 14.—"I feel certain," said Representative-elect E. W. Wickey to a Times representative last evening, "that we will get an appropriation from the general assembly at this session, and that work on the improvement of the governmental harbor will be commenced during the coming year." The news will be hailed with gladness by citizens of Lake county generally, who have watched with interest the work of East Chicagoans in furthering this enormous project.

Mr. Wickey has just returned from Washington, where he attended the sessions of the National Rivers and Harbor congress, in company with Mayor De Brine and Councilmen Lewis and Walton of East Chicago, and Messrs. Smith and Long of the Whiting council. Meets With Them Commendation.

"While the national congress did not take up the local proposition this session," continued Mr. Wickey, "I had the pleasure of talking with several members of congressional committees and from their attitude towards the proposition, I believe that it meets with the commendation of the body."

The project is being given consideration by the congressional committee in charge of such matters, of which Congressman Burton of Ohio is in charge. Mr. Burton, who spoke at Indiana Harbor last campaign has promised to give Congressman Crumpacker a hearing in the very near future, at which time the local representative will doubtless work efficiently for the good of Lake county's pet proposition. When in Indiana Harbor in September, Congressman Burton was shown the present harbor and told what would be needed in its improvement. At that time he

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LEASES MASONIC TEMPLE

Hammond Athletic Club Will Consider a New Proposition.

The Hammond Athletic club will hold an important meeting this evening in its temporary quarters over the First National Bank building for the consideration of the matter of leasing a portion of the third floor of the old Masonic temple on State street for club rooms.

The rooms, which have been offered to the members of the club, are very desirable and in view of the fact that there is nothing certain about the tenure of the lease to the quarters in the First National Bank building, on account of the interference with the Chicago Business college, it is expected that the club will take up the new proposition.

Tomorrow is the last day for the payment of the initiation fees of charter members. If the fees are not paid by the 15 of December it will be necessary for the delinquents to pay \$5 instead of \$3, which is the fee to be charged charter members.

The meeting tonight will be an important one and should be attended by all of the members of the club.

CARPENTERS UNION MEN ELECTS THEIR OFFICERS

At an election in the Carpenters' union of Hammond, J. C. Holan was elected president, Jacob Mills was elected vice president, John Jones was elected recording secretary, John O'Connor was elected financial secretary and H. E. Granger was again elected business agent.

The Carpenters' union is now in better shape than it has been in a long time, and it is expected that with the increased building that is promised for the spring there will not be an idle carpenter in the city.

INDIANA HARBOR MAN GOT PRETTY GAY IN HAMMOND SALOON TODAY.

John Curle and Ben Evans of Indiana Harbor were arrested this morning on the charge of petit larceny. They had been having a pretty lively time in Charles Kummer's saloon on the north side, Hammond, when the proprietor told them to get out.

As they left the place one of the men picked up a basket containing some cards and ran away with it. On the complaint of the saloonkeeper the men were arrested and will be prosecuted as soon as Mr. Kummer appears against them.

The young men are between 25 and 30 years old and are now lodged in the city jail at the police station.