

GROUND BROKEN FOR LINE

Actual Work of Construction of Valparaiso, Gary & Hobart Interurban Road Is Commenced Yesterday at the Eastern Terminus.

EXPECT COMPLETION BY DECORATION DAY

Attorney S. Y. Keator, One of the Prime Movers in the Project in Gary Today — Is Enthusiastic About Prospects—Says Work Will Be Rushed While Weather Lasts.

Ground was broken yesterday at Valparaiso for the building of the Valparaiso, Gary & Hobart interurban traction line, which is to have its western terminus at Gary. What the other terminus may be will be a matter of conjecture for some, as Logansport is making a strong effort to have the line extended from Valparaiso to Logansport. This would give the northern part of the state an entrance to the state capital and from there to the big Ohio cities.

Attorney S. Y. Keator, one of the prime movers in the project, was in Gary this morning and vouched for the work that had already been done at the Valparaiso end. He said that a big gang of men will remain at work as long as the weather will permit.

Complete by Decoration Day. According to Mr. Keator's statements the company expects to have the road in operation by Decoration day next year and still expects to get a good share of the business. He says that the right-of-way has already been secured from Valparaiso to Hobart and east of Hobart through the George Earle property. Mr. Keator does not anticipate very much trouble in effecting an entrance into Gary.

While this project is moving along Crown Point people are fretting at the slow progress that the Gary and Crown Point project is making. The biggest obstacle in way of the Gary & Crown Point road now is the non-completion of the bridge over the Calumet river, but there is a growing sentiment that the Broadway entrance should be abandoned and an entrance secured over one of the other streets.

First Tangible Evidence. The first tangible evidence that the Valparaiso, Gary & Hobart electric line is to be built came when a party of surveyors left Laporte on Monday, Valparaiso on Tuesday and Hobart on Wednesday in an effort to locate the best route of the new line.

The new electric line, it will be remembered, is financed by Ketter & Hopkins. These men are both from Chicago, and Hopkins is the son of Senator Hopkins.

The best assurance that the project will be pushed to a successful completion is the fact that John G. Earle, one of the largest property owners in the territory through which the interurban will run, has his heart set on the building of the line and will move heaven and earth to bring about its accomplishment.

The company has already secured franchises in Valparaiso and Hobart and have secured a large amount of right-of-way from Mr. Earle. Through the maneuvering of Mr. Earle, the interurban was secured into Gary and this also insures the success of the project.

SCHOOL FOR COLORED

Gary Board Rents Building Yesterday for School on Broadway.

The Gary school board has taken the first step towards segregating the negro children from the white in the public schools.

A building was rented yesterday, located on Broadway, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth avenues, which will be arranged for school purposes. A colored teacher will also be hired, who will be placed in charge of the school, which will have from twenty-five to thirty pupils to begin. The separation will not affect the two colored high school students who are now attending the Gary high school.

Although there seemed to be considerable sentiment, especially on the part of the colored people, it has practically subsided. The colored people are satisfied with the separation and all around it is thought to be the most satisfactory plan.

MEMBER OF ORDER OF RED MEN TO MEET.

The members of the Order of Red Men will meet at the Gary hotel on Wednesday evening for the purpose of organizing an order of Red Men in Gary, there being quite a number of that order who now reside in Gary.

Author Of Sea Stories Brought To Trial For Complicity In Murder Of Annis



T. JENKINS HAINS

T. Jenkins Hains, celebrated for his stories of the sea, was placed on trial at Plushing, L. I., yesterday on the charge of being accessory to the murder of William E. Annis, an editor, who was killed by Capt. Peter C. Hains, brother of T. Jenkins, on August 15 last. Captain Hains charged Annis with running his home. T. Jenkins Hains, who was with Capt. Hains when the latter did the killing, is alleged to have spurred his brother to the deed.

POOR PENNSYLVANIA R. R. BEGS FOR MERCY

Attorneys Appear at East Chicago Council Meeting Last Night.

HAS NO SYMPATHY FOR THEM

Poverty Stricken Corporation Says It Labored Hard During the Panic—Must Economize.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 15.—Two legal representatives of the Pennsylvania company, one of the largest railroad systems in America, last evening told the members of the East Chicago aldermanic board just how poor their company is. In fact, the purse of the corporation is so depleted that were a strong wind to come along, it might blow away. And all because the city of East Chicago wants to pave Railroad avenue, along which the Pennsylvania company owns considerable property, for which they would have to pay benefit assessments.

Attorney McGraw of Chicago and Judge Gilpin, the company's Ft. Wayne representative, appeared before the aldermen to remonstrate against the great expense that would accrue. "Gentlemen," they declared, "the panic of last year left our finances in such condition that such an improvement would bother us considerably, and we must be more economic in our regulation of the road's affairs." The idea of a poverty-stricken railroad corporation amassing the councilmen and they smiled broadly at the suggested emptying of the road's coffers into the local city treasury. Railroad avenue will be improved, nevertheless, even though the Pennsylvania company may be compelled to mortgage their road to pay the assessments, was the edict of the council last night, and the two attorneys were considerably annoyed by the attitude of the council towards their plea for financial mercy.

WILL HOLD THEIR XMAS SERVICES IN BASEMENT.

The members of the congregation of the Presbyterian church are planning to hold their Christmas services in the basement of their new church, which will be ready at that time. The new church is being constructed by the Smith Construction company and on account of the fine weather have been able to make rapid headway on the work.

WESTERN UNION IS PUTTING UP OBSERVATORY CLOCKS.

Telegraph company are at work in Gary installing twenty Western Union observatory clocks at various places in town. The clocks will be regulated every hour by the Western Union Telegraph company according to the United States observatory time.

FIRE CHIEF SEELEY MAKES SELECTIONS

Puts Applicants to Severe Test and Is Much Satisfied.

HORSE FOR CHEMICAL WAGON

Six Firemen Are Asked to Race for a Quarter of Mile Through Gary's Deep Sand.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

After a severe tryout yesterday afternoon and a physical examination by the city health officer, Dr. T. B. Temple, six young men were selected to act as firemen for the city, to begin duty at once. Those selected out of the fifteen or more applicants were: William J. Prater, Edward C. Naylor, Frank Undine, Oscar Olson, Charles H. Smith and Paddy Rogers. Naylor, however, was rejected by Dr. Temple as not being in good physical condition.

Gary's new firemen led by Chief Seeley began work last night, where they prepared to occupy the new station, which has now been completed. During the afternoon they were put through the most rigid examination. Among other things the men were asked to race for a quarter of a mile through deep sand for the purpose of testing their endurance.

Chief Seeley questioned each man carefully in regard to what he would do in case of fire and various things happened. Each man was examined in this manner separately at the Gary hotel and then put through the physical examination. The six men who have been selected by the chief were those who have had the most experience and would prove the most competent fire-fighters in his estimation.

Horse for Chemical Wagon.

A horse was hired yesterday from the Gormley livery barn for the purpose of trying out the new wagon which the city has purchased. The chief and his men drove up and down Broadway before the awe-stricken natives who had not seen such a thing for many months and for the first time in the city of Gary. Every one had been used to the chemicals pushed by hand and the sight of the hose cart proved welcome.

The six men who have been employed on the Gary fire department will reside at the station as that there will be a full complement of men at the fire department headquarters at all times. The dormitories for the men have now been prepared.

The horse, which will be used by the fire department, has not yet been purchased, although an animal has been tried out. Chief Seeley desires to get a very sturdy animal because it will be expected to draw the wagon through heavy sands and have considerable hard work to do. The harness for the horse has been purchased.

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COWS PRONOUNCED SICK ARE HEALTHY

The Farmers Are at Sea Over Conflict of the Authorities.

STATE'S SIDE IS SHATTERED

Experts From Health Department Establish Tuberculosis—Veterinarians O. K. Bovine.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 15.—Many Lake county farmers are today wondering just how accurate and authentic the recent tests for traces of tuberculosis among their herds of cattle have been. They are also wondering whether the experts sent out by the state to examine the bovines for tubercular traces, or the two local veterinarians who have a county-wide reputation for the successful treatment of diseases of horses and cattle, are right in their diagnosis and examination of the two cows that were killed yesterday for the purpose of ascertaining their condition with regard to the above dreaded disease.

The tests made yesterday at the farm house of Theodore Staff, southwest of Crown Point, was upon two cows that have been recently examined and condemned by the experts that have been operating in Lake county.

The animals, both high priced milch cows, were owned by Theodore Staff and Harry Collins, two center town ship milk shippers, and to an ordinary observer, were in the pink of condition. Their being condemned, however, made them practically worthless for the purpose their owners purchased them for, and it was decided to kill them and hold a minute examination over the carcasses for traces of the disease the experts said they were affected with. Veterinarians Woodbridge and Williams, two of Crown Point's most prominent doctors, assisted by Deputy Coroner Dr. Will Houk, made a minute and careful test and examination over the remains of the cows, and their verdict was that no traces of tuberculosis could be found.

THREE FALL TWENTY FT.

Carpenters at Work on Gary Building in Serious Accident.

Yesterday morning at 11 o'clock three carpenters at work fell to the ground, a distance of twenty feet, from the scaffolding upon which they were working on the A. D. Meltzer residence, corner of Sixth avenue and Harrison street. The men were badly shaken up. Those injured were: Charles Kubal, John Valvoda and Victor Morik.

The men were working on one side of the house when all of the men had occasion to get on the same scaffold. Their combined weight proved too much for the timber and it broke without warning. The men were hurled to the ground and fell among loose boards and brick, which were scattered about the yard.

Valvoda was the most severely injured of the three men and he was unconscious. It was thought at first that he might have received internal injuries which would prove very serious. All of them were taken at once to the hospital where they were carefully examined for internal injuries. None of the cases proved serious and the sisters at the Mercy hospital said this morning that they were resting easier and that they would be out in a few days. The men are all single and live in the south end of the city.

ADJUSTERS SETTLE CLAIMS OF GARY CASINO COMPANY.

The insurance adjusters of the several companies in which the Gary Casino were insured, have been to Gary for the past two days settling matters with the owners. Young and Vossler say that they were paid in full. The work on the skating rink has progressed satisfactorily, and they hope to have it completed by the first of March.

SUES FOR HIS WAGES

Gary Concern Sued by Employee After Its Superintendent Absconds.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 15.—As a result of the recent alleged absconding of William E. Hughes of this city with \$500 belonging to the Cain Construction company of Gary, J. J. Miller of Grapevine street is now suing the company for \$57.55 unpaid salary. Miller was engaged as a foreman in the repairing of Indiana boulevard, Whiting, and his wages for the two weeks amounted to the sum set forth in his complaint.

Mr. Miller also has a suit pending against the United States Brewing company for \$144.85, three weeks' back salary as agent and commissions upon his sales. It will be remembered that the brewery had Miller arrested on a charge of embezzlement, in which the amount taken was placed at \$78. A jury in Judge G. E. Reiland's court in this city recently found Miller not guilty and dismissed the case against him. Mr. Miller is naturally greatly disturbed over the action of the brewing company and intimated to THE TIMES' correspondent that he would make them pay dearly for the insult. "I intend suing the brewery for \$10,000 damages for my false arrest," he declared, "and am informed by local attorneys that my claim is a just one."

"While I do not care about their charge in particular," Mr. Miller explained, "I am somewhat sensitive in a matter where my honesty and honor are attacked, and believe that I should be given justice in a reasonable amount for the stain they placed upon my name by even mentioning me in connection with such an embezzlement."

COKE FIEND WANTS DOPE FOR SICK HORSE

Approaches a Dentist in East Chicago and Meets Refusal.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 15.—The cocaine fiend, practically driven out of his accustomed haunts in Hammond by the virile campaign urged by THE TIMES several months ago, has made his appearance in this city. The new method of obtaining the drug, as planned by the first visitor to the city, is to request a considerable amount to be used as a soothing medium for an injured horse. The request has been made in the office of a local dentist for a prescription but was refused on account of the purchaser's personal appearance. The attempt nearly worked, however, and had not the request fairly termed with excitement, the "fiend" would have secured his drug.

Dr. J. Goldman, a prominent dentist, with offices on Chicago avenue, is the man of whom the strange request was made. Saturday evening, about 8:30 o'clock, Dr. Goldman answered a call to his door and found standing in the hallway a well-dressed man, attired in a fashionable cut suit of clothes and wearing a light, checked overcoat. The unknown visitor stepped into the office and made known his wants. "Doctor," he began, "my horse fell and hurt his leg and I want to put it out of misery. Will you give me a prescription for some cocaine for this purpose?"

Dr. Goldman, who declares that THE TIMES' crusade against the drug was immediately brought to his mind, refused the request and the man's subsequent dejection more than convinced him that he was face to face with a disciple of the drug.

LEAVES FOR HAMMOND.

On asking where such a prescription could be filled, the unknown answered that he "usually got his at —" but remembered his first story in time to prevent giving out the name of his dispenser. The fellow then excused himself on the grounds that he had to catch a car and left the office, evidently much perturbed. He was seen to get on a Hammond street car with a companion about ten minutes later.

The craving for those addicted to the cocaine habit has evidently been increased during the past few months, as druggists fear that the sale of the drug will result in their exposure and subsequent expulsion from the practice of pharmacy. The visit to East Chicago was apparently an experimental one and had the local dentist given the desired prescription, there is but little doubt that dentists throughout the neighborhood would be besieged by "men with sick horses."

LETTING OF BIDS IS POSTPONED TILL TODAY.

Mast Building Will Be One of the Nicest to Grace Gary.

Owing to the absence of two of the contractors who had submitted bids for the new Mast building of Gary, the opening of the bids was postponed until today. It was expected this morning that the award of the contract would be made today.

CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

Work will commence immediately on the construction of the ten brick residences for Frank Gavitt in Gary. The Smith Construction company, who were awarded the contract, the difference in the amount of the bids being very small, today commenced hauling material on the grounds and plan, with good weather, to make rapid headway on the construction of the houses.

TRESPASS IS CHARGED

Trouble of Long Standing Between Shoe Dealer and Architect.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

A warrant was served yesterday on Architect Walter Hudson, which was sworn out by W. S. Rawles, the Broadway shoe man, who charged him with trespass. The case is the result of trouble of long standing over the erection of the building which Mr. Rawles is putting up on Harrison street, near Sixth avenue.

Mr. Rawles claims that he had employed Mr. Hudson to do the architectural work for the building, and that after they had had a misunderstanding, Mr. Hudson was asked to sever his connection with the work. This he refused to do and continued to superintend the construction work of the building. Mr. Rawles ordered him to keep away from the work entirely, and he also refused to do this. The warrant was then sworn out for his arrest.

The trouble over the building occurred when building commissioner William Kilver condemned the wall which is being put in for the building. He said that it was not wide enough and ordered it to be replaced. The trouble with the building commissioner is what led to the discharge of the architect and his arrest later.

HOBART EDITOR SPEAKS

Hobart, Ind., Dec. 15.—In speaking of the court congestion movement in Lake county, A. J. Smith, editor of the Gazette, says:

"At a meeting of the Lake County Bar association at Hammond last Monday to devise plans and recommend ways to give relief to the congested conditions of our courts, the representatives from Gary saw fit to withdraw from the association and henceforth will operate independently of the Lake County Bar association."

"The committee in charge of the affair in a majority report to the association at Crown Point and a special judge at Hammond but the Gary officers offered a minority report favoring a superior court at Gary. The majority report was accepted."

"The Gary attorneys will find when they get before the legislature that it will be pretty difficult for them to secure legislation not favored by the association."

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