

RECORDERS TO RECORD BIG KICK

Hard Working County Officials on Their Way to Indianapolis, Where They Will Devise Plans to Present to Legislature.

GLORY BIG ITEM IN LAKE'S RECOMPENSE

H. E. Jones Required to Maintain Two Deputies Regularly and in Times of Rush Put on a Night Force—Must All Be Paid Out of His Own Pocket—Suggests Remedy

County Recorder H. E. Jones if of the opinion that the increase in the number of land sales in Gary and Hammond entitle him to an increase and readjustment in the amount of his salary, Mr. Jones was in Hammond this morning, before leaving for Indianapolis, where a meeting of the State Recorders' association is scheduled to take place tomorrow.

The meeting of the association, which has been organized but a short time, is called for the purpose of drawing up a bill for the legislature, systematizing the recorder's books and regulating the fees on all papers filed in the recorder's offices throughout the state.

"At the last regular session of the legislature we introduced a bill," said Mr. Jones to a Times reporter this morning, "which provided that the county recorder should receive one-half of the fees collected over his salary. Thus, if the fees collected in the county were \$3,500 per year, the recorder would receive one-half of \$1,100, or \$550 per year, which is the amount of the recorder's salary. This bill was killed by Governor Hanly."

Recorder Poorly Paid Officer.

The recorder is the most poorly paid officer on the list of county offices, in regard to the amount of work he is required to do. In Lake county the recorder turns in more money to the county than any other officer and is paid less for his duties.

In Delaware county the recorder is paid a higher salary than he is in Lake county, his salary being \$2,200 per year. The amount of business transacted is about one-third of what it is in Lake county. The reason for this is that the law fourteen years ago required that the recorder should be paid a salary in accordance with the population of the county. Fourteen years ago Delaware county had a much larger population than Lake.

"I think that the salary of the recorder," said Mr. Jones, "should be regulated on the amount of business transacted in the county, and it is with this intention of drawing up a bill which will be introduced in the next session of the legislature that the meeting of the State Recorders' association has been called."

The enormous amount of land sales and transfers in Gary, Hammond and other cities of the north end of Lake county in the last two years has doubled the duties of the present incumbent of the recorder's office. Out of a salary of \$2,400 per year he is compelled to hire at least two deputies in order to keep up with the work at the office.

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TRAINMEN MAKE A STARTLING DISCOVERY

Elkhart Trainman Found Unconscious Near Indiana Harbor.

IS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL

Quincey Truxa Is Victim of Mysterious Accident and Has Narrow Escape.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
Indiana Harbor, Ind., Dec. 21.—Unconscious and bleeding, the body of Quincey Truxa of Elkhart was found beside the Lake Shore tracks early Saturday evening and brought to the office of Dr. Sauer and Ansel, in this city, where the wounds were given medical attention.

Investigation of the source of the man's injuries revealed the information that Truxa is a switchman in the employ of the Lake Shore company, and was switching cars near the canal at the time his accident occurred. The train, operated by Engineer Smith, was running at a good rate of speed as the Berry Lake elevator was passed, the train heading towards Whiting. Suddenly, the engineer, according to the injured man's tale, gave the signal to prepare for a sudden stop and the train was brought to a standstill. After a few minutes delay the train proceeded on its trip, and Truxa was forgotten by his fellow employees.

Injury a Mystery.
Half an hour later, as the C. I. & S. westbound train passed the spot where the unconscious man still lay beside the tracks its conductor noticed Truxa and telephoned the Harbor station immediately after Whiting was reached. Undertaker Teal's ambulance was called and responded hastily, expecting to find the man dead. Truxa was brought with care to the offices of the local physicians, where he was rapidly taken care of. His injuries consisted of serious contusions about the head, a broken foot, a sprained right ankle and a badly lacerated ear. It is a mystery to the physicians how the man was able to sustain the shock of his injuries. His escape is as narrow as one as has ever been recorded on the annals of the local railroad.

Truxa is a young fellow, about 21 years of age, and resides at 1113 Harrison street, Elkhart, Ind., where he has a wife and one child. His injuries were considered serious enough to warrant his retention in the Mercy hospital, Chicago, until his physical condition was given more rigid attention and he was taken to the Chicago institution on the midnight Saturday train.

and at times is compelled to engage a night force during a rush. It is no more than right that the salary of the recorder should be as large as that of any other officer in the county.

TO REMODEL BUILDING

Old Landmark in East Chicago to Undergo Many Important Changes.

(Special to THE TIMES.)
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 21.—Commencing Jan. 1 preparations will be made for the remodeling of the old postoffice building, in which the local Times office is established. The building is one of the landmarks of the city and was the first building of any size erected in the city of East Chicago. Drawn along expansive lines, its owners found ready occupants for its office apartments, and for years the Ladd real estate agency maintained its offices in the building.

The edifice will be entirely remodeled on the interior, a steam heating plant installed, as well as electric light and gas fixtures. Owners Theodore and John A. Easley of Chicago, have instructed their agent, F. J. Fite of this city, to see that the building is put in proper shape for first class office tenants. The contract for the proposed change has been awarded to Zimmerman & Hammond, who has quite a reputation as a building contractor.

The building will no doubt be finished with an enameled white brick front, resembling in appearance the new First National bank building, which is immediately adjoining. The present gabled roof will be eliminated, making a three-story office building of good proportions, the upper floor to be devoted to the use of the janitor. The second floor for the present will be the only section used for office purposes, Morrell & Co. of Chicago avenue, having leased the entire lower floor for their ice cream parlor and fruit store. The changes noted will be welcomed by the business men of the city especially, who have long considered the Emery building an eye-sore and will doubtless maintain for the popular corner the appearance of a thrifty business center.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.
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MILLION DOLLAR KID ARRESTED

A. C. Luce Arrested in Chicago After Committing Forgery in Gary While Doing Business For a Chicago Novelty House.

A. C. Luce, known in Chicago as the "million-dollar kid," because of his extravagant habits, was arrested here Saturday afternoon on a charge of forgery and robbery. Luce appeared in Gary Friday, the day before he was arrested where he secured \$50 from the First National bank on a forged United States Express money order, and \$10 from another source which has not been officially reported to the police as yet.

Luce, who calls himself George E. Broades in Chicago, was arrested there Saturday after he had spent the money which he had obtained in Gary. He was known to be leading a fast life and spent an enormous amount of money. The police in fact were unable to figure out where he secured so much money and consequently began to suspect that all was not right. After investigation they decided that he was implicated in a number of forgeries and other crooked deals which resulted in his arrest.

Sold Photo Postal Cards.
While in Gary Mr. Luce represented the H. G. Smith Co., real photo Postal cards, of 1316 Marquette building. He was well known among the local dealers in his line of goods, which he has handled for some time. He always stopped at the best hotels in the city and generally at the Gary hotel. The last time that he was at the latter place, Thursday night, he left so unexpectedly that he beat the proprietor, George O'Donnell, out of \$5 room and board.

Consequently Mr. O'Donnell had something to do with his arrest and chasing the fugitive down in the city. A peculiar part of the story in connection with this man is that shortly after he had left a telegram came to Luce, signed by a man named Smith, in which he said that he (Smith) was suspected and that Luce had better get out as soon as possible. The telegram and several others are still waiting for Luce at the hotel.

WEIGHED IN BALANCE

Gary Newspaper Man Fails to Practice What He Preaches.

Said the Gary News last Saturday night:
"To patronize home merchants at Christmas time or any other time in the year for that matter, is the proper and only thing to do, but there are some cases brought to our notice wherein those who cry patronize home merchants the loudest are the first to go to Chicago to make their purchases."

"Just a night or two ago the wife of the editor of an esteemed contemporary, which has devoted considerable space to the cry of 'patronize home merchants' was seen to alight from a Lake Shore train over laden with numerous packages and bundles containing various articles bought in Chicago."

"Our esteemed contemporary was even the recipient of a vote of thanks from the Business Men's association for its 'home merchants' articles."

"Consistency is a wonderful thing, isn't it?"

GARY BARBER OUSTED

George O'Donnell, manager of the Gary hotel, and A. S. Cantwell, who had a concession in the building for a barber shop, have parted from the paths of friendship and by devious routes traveled to the justice courts, from which O'Donnell emerged last Saturday as victor. Their case was a suit for possession and was originally brought in Judge Westergren's court in Miller. From there a change of venue was taken to Judge Cook's court at Aetna.

Judge Cook sustained the hotel manager's claim to the extent of \$150, and last Saturday noon sent Constable James to Gary to execute the judgment. The barber, having received advance notice of the law's course, proceeded to remove his paraphernalia to the Victoria hotel, where he also has a barber's concession, but the arm of the law reached out to the Victoria hotel and attached not only the furniture originally located in the Gary hotel, but also that located in the Victoria, holding it pending a settlement.

PASTOR GETS WORD THAT FATHER IS DEAD.

Rev. J. H. Palmer of First Methodist Episcopal Church Notified of His Sire's Death.
East Chicago, Dec. 21.—Rev. J. H. Palmer of the First Methodist Episcopal church this morning received telegraphic notice from his home city, Bremen, O., notifying him of the death of his aged father. The old man's death was due to old age and was unexpected. He is survived by his wife three sons and three daughters. The funeral has been arranged for next Thursday and it is likely that the local pastor will attend if his health will permit him.

INTERURBAN RUSHING CONSTRUCTION WORK

"South Shore Line" Bound to Complete Tolleston Spur by January 1.

EVERYTHING IS IN ITS FAVOR

Extra Gang of Men Put On Who Will Work a Night Shift—Labor By Torch Light.

With only ten more days in which to complete their lines to Tolleston, the Chicago, Lake Shore and South Bend Interurban, or the "South Shore Line" as it has been lately called, put on a night force last night in order to finish the spur to Tolleston and operate their first car over the line by Jan. 1.

From this time on the company will work night and day in their race with time, and everything will be done to complete the road in the given time. The tracks are now laid as far as Second street, Tolleston, and the work of stringing the trolley wire has commenced.

"There is no reason to doubt that we will be able to run our first car on Jan. 1," said an official of the road this morning. "We are experiencing no delay at the present time and we do not expect any. Our 'diamonds' for crossings of the Wabash tracks arrived Saturday and we expect to put in the crossing of the Michigan Central and Pennsylvania roads the latter part of the week."

About twenty-five laborers, employed as the night force, began work on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, and flaming torches dotted the right of way of the company in the neighborhood of Tolleston.

THIEF RETURNS GOODS

Afraid of justice, which seemed to be hovering over him like a shadow, the thief who is still unknown, returned the goods which he stole a month ago from N. Glein to the lawful owner.

About a month ago Mr. Glein, who has a tailorshop in the Minnesota block in Gary was robbed of \$100 worth of valuables including a gold watch and other trinkets.

Chief Martin soon got into communication with a person who could give him a clue, and the thief evidently felt the net tightening about him. Hoping that the relentless arm of the law would be staid he packed the stolen articles in a box and sent them from Chicago to the owner in Gary.

Chief Martin will, however, not stop there. He will notify Captain O'Brien of the facts as he has them and hopes to secure the assistance of the Chicago officers to bring the thief to justice.

BRAZIL MAN ARRESTED

(Special to THE TIMES.)
East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 21.—Three days after his arrival in the Harbor, intending to secure work in a local manufacturing plant, Edward Cook, of Brazil, was arrested on a serious charge, preferred by the father of a young Brazil woman. Cook is 18 years of age, while the girl, whom he is said to have wronged, is said to be 28 years of age.

The news of Cook's departure for Indiana Harbor was telephoned to Chief of Police Higgins early Saturday morning by Chief McMillan, of the Brazil (Ind.) police department. The downstate official requested the immediate arrest of the man if found, and was told to forward a warrant immediately. The warrant was received late Saturday evening and a search for Cook was immediately started. He was found at the home of his brother, William Cook, a saloonkeeper at the corner of Grapevine street and Michigan avenue, Indiana Harbor, and was astounded when the charges were brought to his attention.

The accused man is now in the new jail in this city, awaiting the arrival of an officer from Brazil, who is expected to arrive this afternoon. He will be taken to that city without further delay, where he maintains he will fight the case vigorously.

LOWELL HAS A SHOOT

Lowell, Ind., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Poplar Spring Gun club had a shoot for an oyster supper, the 13th. The following members were in the shoot:

Close Score.		Winning Side.	
J. Surprise	13	At.	
H. J. Carstens	14	Broke.	Shot
Bart Mitch	12	15	
Irvin Huebsch	12	15	
E. Surprise	12	15	
F. Carstens	12	15	
A. Joines	12	15	

Losing Side.		Broke. Shot	
Wm. Lunsing	12	At.	
John Gills	14	15	
Wm. Jurs	12	15	
A. Surprise	13	15	
A. Childress	10	15	
S. Stillston	13	15	
C. Wimple	9	15	

The losers get the supper, which is to be a bountiful one for all who took part in it.

The Mysterious Package

There was a great ado in the Stanwood home. A package had been delivered at the door addressed to Miss Grace Stanwood, had been received by the butler, and the bearer had gone away without stating who sent the package. There was nothing on the wrapper by which the sender could be identified. The Stanwoods were enormously rich and feared that some socialist or anarchist had sent them an infernal machine. Miss Stanwood looked at the thing—it rested on a table in the drawing room—studied the address, but could not recognize in the writing the hand of any of her friends.

"I'll take off the wrapper, mum," said the butler, who felt somewhat responsible for having taken the package in and letting the messenger escape. The butler cut the string, removed the wrapper carefully so as not to jar the contents and laid bare a box with a sliding cover.

There was a ring at the doorbell. It so happened that Lord Edward Tallywag, an impecunious London swell, who had come over the big pond with a view to replenish his exchequer by means of an American wife, had been invited to dinner. He had proposed for Miss Stanwood's hand, to say nothing of her fortune—no, this is technically incorrect—the settlement was to be specified in a legal document, and the matter was as good as settled. The only thing in the way had been removed—namely, Bob Otis, to whom the lady had been engaged and who had been told that in view of this splendid opportunity he must be relegated to a position as Lord Tallywag's best man at the wedding. Bob had submitted to the sacrifice so nobly that he had been invited to dine with his lordship with a view to getting his instructions as best man.

Where was I? Oh, I remember! There was a ring at the doorbell. The butler pulled himself together and opened the door, admitting the guest of the evening, Lord Tallywag. His lordship took a view of the situation through his monocle, surprised to see the family all on the main floor. "I'm so glad you've come, Lord Tallywag," said Mrs. Stanwood excitedly, "to tell us what to do. Some one has sent Grace an infernal machine."

"Some disappointed lover, I suppose," remarked his lordship. "Dear me!" exclaimed Mrs. Stanwood. "It couldn't have been Bob Otis, could it?"

"Mother!" Miss Stanwood spoke the word reproachfully. Another ring at the doorbell. This time Bob Otis himself was admitted. "Speak of Satan," Grace remarked, "he's sure to appear. Lord Tallywag, this is our old friend Mr. Otis."

"Delighted to meet you," said his lordship stiffly. "Glad to know you," replied Bob, bowing formally.

"Some one," remarked Mrs. Stanwood, "has sent Grace an infernal machine. Lord Tallywag suggests that it may have come from a disappointed lover."

Something in the tone of Mrs. Stanwood's voice caused Mr. Otis to draw himself up stiffly. Then he said coldly: "Since I am well known to have long been an admirer of the lady in question it is incumbent upon me to prove my innocence. Where is this infernal machine?"

"In the drawing room," Mrs. Stanwood replied. Mr. Otis walked into the drawing room while the others looked on through open doors. Taking the box from the table, he scrutinized the address, shook it, then held it close to his ear.

"You are right," he said to those gazing from a distance. "It is indeed an infernal machine. I can hear a ticking. Lord Tallywag, if you will come here and hold the box to your ear you may hear it distinctly."

"Good gracious, man! Do you suppose I'm an ass?"

"You have seen fit to intimate that an American gentleman would send his sweetheart who had discarded him a bomb. It becomes me as an American gentleman to relieve Miss Stanwood from an unpleasant situation. I shall open the box."

He began to draw the cover. Those looking on, headed by Lord Tallywag, rushed to the rear of the house, some stopping in the dining room, though his lordship did not pause till he had gone out at the kitchen door into the yard. Some minutes passed. Grace Stanwood went back to the drawing room and looked through the open door. On the table stood the box, the cover removed, while Bob stood with an inner box in his hand—a jeweler's watch case—regarding a lady's watch of gold and enamel, set with jewels.

"Some one has sent you a wedding present?" said Bob.

"Oh, Bob!" she whispered. "I feared you would be blown to pieces. You're brave as a lion."

"Where is the man who intimidated?" "In the cellar, I expect." She burst into a laugh.

"Let us go and find him. I wish him to see my vindication."

Lord Tallywag was found in the back yard and shown the contents of the box. Then Bob Otis excused himself from dining with one who had charged him with intent to do a cowardly murder and departed.

The episode overbalanced Miss Stanwood's desire for a title. She shipped his lordship and married Bob Otis. It was not till after they were married that Bob confessed he had sent the infernal machine.

FLORENCE NORTON.

THEY WILL RAISE \$3,500

Gary Court Fighters to Bring Judicial Committee of Legislature to Gary.

Gary's hopes for a separate superior court are undimmed. This was demonstrated in the spirit that prevailed last Saturday evening when a joint committee meeting of all the prominent civic organizations was held at the Gary hotel.

The object of the meeting was for the purpose of discussing ways and means for the campaign that Gary is waging in behalf of a superior court.

No definite action was taken but the question was thoroughly discussed by those present. On the financial side of the problem it was estimated that at least \$2,000 to \$3,500 would be needed to carry on a successful campaign. In order to raise this amount it was thought best that each of the civic organizations contribute to a general fund according to their strength. No objection was raised to such a mode of procedure. It was further suggested that the judicial committee of the legislature be brought to Gary and there get personally acquainted with the circumstances. This plan was thought to be a good one and will be in all probability be carried.

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