

# RECORDER'S 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 recorders' 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 allover \$3,400 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 is in Lake county, his salary being \$3,200 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 Traux Is Victim in Mysterious Accident and Has Narrow Escape.

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

Investigation of the source of the man's injuries revealed the information that Traux 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 Perry 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 Traux 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 Traux and telephoned to the Harbor station immediately after Whiting was reached.

Undertaker Teal's ambulance was called and responded hastily, expecting to find the man dead. Traux 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 a one as has ever been recorded on the annals of the local railroad.

Traux 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.

## WEIGHED IN BALANCE

Gary Newspaper Man Fails to Practice What He

## 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 there 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. Brodies 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 1318 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 \$6 room and board.

Consequently Mr. O'Donnell had something to do with his arrest and chasing the fugitive down in the city.

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