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Improvements to Be Made on Calumet River Will Benefit Hammond, Gary and Territory in Lake County.

WANT SEWER WIDENED AS FAR AS FORKS

Chicago City Council Will Take Up Question of Appropriation Entailing a Large Expenditure of Money Which Will Help This Corner of the State.

A recommendation which will have direct bearing on the Calumet region and which, if accepted, will prove to be another big step toward the advancement and improvement of this territory, will be submitted to the Chicago city council by the Chicago Harbor commission Jan. 11.

The proposed improvements, however, as far as the Calumet region are concerned, are only incidental to the expenditure of millions of dollars which the commission will recommend and none of the money will be spent outside of Illinois.

In making these recommendations the commission has in mind the improvement of Chicago Harbors, docks, and waterways which are to form a highway from Chicago to the gulf. Keeping these objects in sight it will not be necessary for Chicago to spend money in Indiana, but whatever improvements are made on the Calumet river are bound to benefit the whole river and the surrounding territory.

Of the twenty-three recommendations that will be submitted by the commission, five of them will touch on the Calumet river directly. The five to affect the Calumet river are as follows:

What the Commission Recommends.
Survey of all Chicago river dock line to determine all rights of ownership. Similar surveys for lake front and the Calumet river.

Calumet cut-off, or cut from the lake near Twenty-second street, to furnish another outlet for commerce at the mouth of the future deep waterway to the Mississippi.

Immediate protection of the Calumet river against encroachments, bridges, obstructions, encroachments, etc., to avoid the mistakes made in the Chicago river.

Widening of the Calumet river to 300 feet as far as the forks, and to still greater width on the bends.

Possible creation of a huge harbor in the Lake Calumet.

The above are merely the provisions affecting the Calumet river and Lake Calumet. They alone would entail a vast expenditure of money, and still leave eighteen other provisions, for which the amounts would run in the millions.

It is not thought that the city council will adopt all the provisions at once, but those who are watching the trend of affairs say that the able was not far off in outlining the needs of Chicago shipping facilities.

WILL HOLD MEETING TO RAISE MONEY

Superior Court Committee at Gary to Go to the Capital.

The central superior court committee of Gary will probably hold a meeting in the early part of next week for the purpose of raising the necessary money to send their committee of lobbyists to Indianapolis. Each organization represented in the central committee will be asked to donate a certain amount of money with which to defray the expenses according to its size, and the amount of money in the treasury.

It is probable also that the committee will leave for Indianapolis within a week, where they will present their case before the state legislature. There will be about ten of the most widely acquainted business men of the city and the men who are experienced in lobbying, which will be selected to go to the capital.

At the present time it appears as if the Citizens' General committee had given up the idea of having the judicial committee of the legislature come to Gary to see the city and determine for itself what amount of legislation originates here, and the necessity for a court.

It may be possible that a meeting will be called for tonight, to take up the matter, but up until noon this meeting had not been called.

More news on one page than its competitors have on all.

SAYS DEMOCRATS ARE JUST AS BAD

Blodgett Accuses Democrats in Alleged Election Fraud Contest.

NEITHER PARTY IS A TYRO

Says Demos Would Use Hunkey Vote If They Could Get the Money.

(By W. H. Blodgett.)
Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 26. — Men who know the political game in Indiana, or at least thought they knew it, admit they are in the kindergarten class as far as politics, as practiced in Lake county, is concerned. There is no place in Indiana where it is done as it is done here. The voting of the miserable "Hunkeys" in Indianapolis is a close approach to it, but it is not the real thing—Lake county is in a class by itself.

Are Just as Bad.
And the democrats are just as bad as the republicans, and would use the "Hunkey" vote, too, if they could get it. That fact is in evidence before the commission hearing the testimony in the Wickes-Simon contested election case. The reason the republicans can beat the democrats to the "Hunkey" vote is because the republicans in this county have the aid of the Standard Oil company, the United States Steel Corporation, the Inland Steel company, the Lake Shore and the Erie railroads and other corporations that employ the majority of these aliens hence the republicans have the most money and more men to round up the "Hunkeys."

And the "Hunkeys" as was testified to, are controlled by their boarding bosses, the saloonkeepers, the boss over them in the plant where they work, and the owners of the plants thus indirectly control the "Hunkeys" in behalf of the republican party. And, to go further, the owners of these plants are objecting to a revision of the tariff that the people who pay the bills are asking for.

Where the "Hunkey" Vote Reaches.
You say that is far-fetched. Is it? Let us see where the "Hunkey" vote reaches in Lake county. It is agreed by every one that the "Hunkey" vote carried Lake county for Congressman Crumpacker. Congressman Crumpacker has appointed as postmaster, Mose Specter for the city of East Chicago.

"Why was Mose appointed postmaster?" I asked a citizens of East Chicago. "Because Mose can deliver the goods," came the reply. "He used to be a saloonkeeper, he has relatives in the saloon business, and he can round up more of the 'Hunkey' vote than any man in East Chicago."

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MANY HOLDUPS OCCUR IN WHITING

Hammond Boys Placed Under Arrest and Then Released.

EPIDEMIC OF CRIME OCCURS

Whiting People Wonder What Will Be Happening Next in the Oil City.

Hold-ups in Whiting are getting to be quite common when they happen at the rate of two in less than one week.

On Monday night Tom Boland, manager of the local branch of the Knickerbocker Ice company, was held up by two masked men, and at the point of a revolver was relieved of quite a sum of money.

On Christmas eve at 9 o'clock a similar event happened when William Dobbertine was likewise held up.

Dobbertine was on his way to his home on Central avenue and as he turned off One Hundred and Nineteenth street to Central avenue he was met by the two hold-up men, both of whom were masked. As they approached their victim they ordered him to hold up his hands.

Instead of complying with their request he resisted them for a time. Seeing that they were up against something they did not expect and fearing they would be worse off, one of the men hit Dobbertine on the head with the "butt" of the revolver. This caused Dobbertine to scream. This frightened the highwaymen and they made their escape, having had no chance to relieve the old man of any valuables, which he had on his person. He managed to get to his home, although the blood was flowing freely from the wound. Dr. G. H. Hoskins was called and found the wound in the man's scalp to be quite a serious one, and it was necessary to insert several stitches into the gash.

The police were notified and the dragnet was thrown out in an effort to apprehend any persons answering the description.

Dobbertine's description of them was that they were young fellows wearing caps and short coats.

The first information was received from the police at East Chicago. In a message they told of having arrested two young boys as they were about to change cars going from Whiting to Hammond.

The lads were held in the East Chicago station until Officer Emmel went

to the neighboring city, and brought them back to Whiting. When seen by Dobbertine he said that, although their wearing apparel tallied with those of the man who assaulted him, he did not think they were the guilty ones.

The boys gave their names as Fred Huber and Dave Adda of Hammond. They were, however, held until the Hammond police had investigated their story and when this was found to be true, they were released just in time to get the last car out of Whiting to Hammond, which was at 1:40 a. m.

In speaking to Whiting people after their release they said they regretted very much the idea of being incarcerated for several hours for something of which they were not guilty, but said they were treated most kindly by the Whiting police.

About 12 o'clock, while Officer Vacha was traveling his beat, he arrested another suspect at One Hundred and Twenty-first and Schrage avenue. The young man was a stranger in town and gave his name as B. Goodrich and offered as proof of his statement several letters which he carried in his pocket. Dobbertine said he could not positively identify this man either, so it is thought the real highwaymen are still at large.

Boys wearing small college caps need not be surprised if arrested on suspicion, as every one seen with this kind of headgear on Thursday night was stopped and compelled to give an account of himself.

Everybody's Magazine

JUST OUT

The new EVERYBODY's starts with a story about things that come up out of the ground that will make even an expert farmer sit up and take notice.

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Mr. Bradford is a former county official, and the fact that he has friends and acquaintances in every section is bound to make the place a big success.



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