

SOUTH END OF GARY BOOMING

Number of Sales Made Recently and Decision of Property Owners to Build, Infuses New Life in Once Stagnant Real Estate.

DISREPUTABLE DIVES FAST DISAPPEARING

Burt J. Fitzgerald, Big Chicago Land Dealer, Spends Day in Town Looking After His Interests—Hints at Another Factory Which May Employ Several Hundred Men.

Burt J. Fitzgerald of Chicago, president of the Gary Investment company, was in Gary yesterday in the interest of several real estate deals of importance. Mr. Fitzgerald reports that property south of the Wabash tracks has been given a decided boost through recent sales and the decision of several of the property owners to build.

The latest sale to be reported is that of seventy-five feet fronting on Broadway, near Twentieth street. The price, which is said to be very satisfactory, and the parties to whom it has been sold, will not be divulged by the investment company owing to the fact that all of the cash has not been paid over to the owners, although the purchasers have been placed under contract and have paid part of the money down.

Besides this sale and many others pending, several of the Broadway corners are to be improved immediately with fine brick structures. Mr. Fitzgerald said yesterday that he and John Powers and Chicago were planning to erect several buildings at once. Mr. Fitzgerald will build a two-story brick structure on the corner of Eighteenth and Broadway, and Mr. Powers will build similar buildings on the corners of Fifteenth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth and Broadway. These buildings will do much toward improving the property in this end of the city which for some time past has seen nothing but frame buildings and shacks.

Disappearing Dives Improve Property. In regard to the closing up of the disreputable saloons in the south end of the city, Mr. Fitzgerald thought it was the best thing that could possibly have happened for that property. These saloons have been allowed to come into the city and have dominated this territory until the price of property has almost remained stagnant. Desirable persons would not build in the vicinity of these places, except on Broadway and the saloon question was getting very serious.

Now, however, when the ban of the remonstrance law is lifted from Gary and the saloons again apply for licenses, that class of men will be barred, and they hope to keep this section of the city as clean or cleaner than any other. Both Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Powers, who are two of the most influential real estate men in Chicago, have the greatest faith in the future of this part of the city.

Another Factory May Come. It may also be possible, according to the president of the Gary Investment company, that another small factory may be located in the steel city. The plant is now in process of organization, and Mr. Powers owns a large interest in the enterprise. The factory manufactures specialties in the way of small machines, etc. It is expected that they will employ about three or four hundred men.

The property which they have in view in Gary is located along the Michigan Central tracks, not very far from Broadway. This is the strip of land recently purchased by Mr. Powers from the Gary Investment company and for which he has had an offer to sell at considerable profit. It is said, however, that there are several small factories which are considering this location.

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SUPERINTENDENTS AT THE CAPITAL

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LAKE COUNTY MEN THERE

Superintendents Heighway, McDaniel and Wirt Go to Capital for Annual Meeting.

Superintendent F. F. Heighway of Crown Point, Superintendent W. A. Wirt of Gary and Superintendent C. M. McDaniel of Hammond, left today for the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association at Indianapolis.

At the request of Fasset A. Cotton, state superintendent of public instruction, the fifty-sixth semi-annual meeting of the Indiana County Superintendents' association will be held in the state house Tuesday. The opening session of the meeting will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and the superintendents will remain in session during the entire day.

The meeting will be held as a section of the Indiana State Teachers' association, which holds its fifty-fifth annual meeting in this city beginning Tuesday. The teachers will hold section meetings all day Tuesday and the first general meeting of their convention will be held at Caleb Mills hall Tuesday night.

Many to Take Part. At Tuesday morning's session of the superintendents the following county superintendents will take part in the discussion of "Needed Legislation for the County Superintendents of Schools": John W. Carr of Marion county, Lee L. Driver, Randolph county, and John F. Haines, Hamilton county.

Manford F. Livengood of Fountain county will speak on "Should There Be Any Change in the New School Laws at This Time?" The following will take part in a symposium on "Estimation of the Teachers": Brainerd Hooker, Tippecanoe county; Arthur R. Hayette, Wells county; Samuel L. Scott, Clark county; Frank Larrabee county, and Alonzo G. Brumfield, Grant county.

In the afternoon F. A. Cotton, state superintendent, and Robert J. Aleay, state superintendent-elect, will deliver addresses. Charles A. Van Matre of Delaware county will speak on "How to Meet the Difficulties in the Consolidation and Centralization of Schools," and Jesse C. Webb of Johnson county will have for his subject, "Manual Training in the One-Room Country School."

MGR. HEINTZ GETS STARS

Great Week's Bill at Lewis Skating Rink in East Chicago.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 28.—This is to be a star week at the Lewis skating rink in this city, Manager Fred Heintz having secured special attractions for every night. Commencing this evening, a team of artists, Fielding and Carlos, will do their fancy costume stunts, said to be the finest on exhibition. Fielding and Carlos will perform at the rink every evening until Saturday, and have promised to lead in the grand march on Friday evening, when the first annual roller masquerade will be held. They will also present their performance at the Friday afternoon matinee.

On Wednesday evening, arrangements have been made for the holiday of a ladies' race, one-half mile, and Manager Heintz has secured a number of new entries for this feature. The men's race on Friday evening will be the closing feature of the week, with the exception of the polo game on Saturday evening.

Captain Heintz of the polo team has found new timber in Steve Nyland, who showed his knowledge of the game in his referees work of last Wednesday evening. Mr. Nyland will be placed at half-back, one of the more difficult positions of the game. He formerly played at this position with a fast Fort Wayne team, and has also made good as "goal-tender." Morgan, who played a fairly good game last week, will be retained on the substitute list. A game will doubtless be scheduled with the Harbor team, but in the event that the proposition fails to culminate, Captain Heintz will secure a game with either of the Sans Souci or Luna Park teams.

SOUTH BEND MAN GLAD

Pastor Held Up in Gary Is Pleased When Holdup Men Are Landed.

John Beubrick, a South Bend man, was placed on trial today in Justice Fitzgerald's court in Gary on the charge of having robbed a freight car in a Lake Shore train.

The particular charge against Beubrick is that he got into the car and as it neared Gary that he threw two harnesses out of the door of the car with the idea of selling it somewhere in Gary.

Considerable robbing of Lake Shore freight cars has been going on in the vicinity of Gary recently and the company today sent its chief detective, Mr. Rank, to Gary to investigate some of these robberies.

FOUR FIRES HAPPEN ON SUNDAY

East Chicago Firemen Are Kept on the Run from Morning Until Night, But no Great Damage Is Sustained.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 28.—Four fires over Sunday succeeded in keeping five fire chief Nels Delor's men busy for the last forty-eight hours. Fortunately, but little property was actually destroyed, the total damage not amounting to over \$2,000.

On Saturday evening, fire was discovered in a barn belonging to Matthew Herod, on Railroad avenue. The cause of the blaze is unknown, but it is believed that sparks from a passing engine started the conflagration. A quantity of hay and grain and some tools belonging to Mr. Herod were destroyed, the damage amounting to about \$250. The building was covered by insurance and there will be no loss.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning, a passer-by noticed that the inside of the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. M. Patterson, on Forsyth avenue, near One Hundred and Forty-ninth, was in flames. An alarm was turned in and the family roused from their sleep. The fire had gotten such a headway, however, that before the firemen could arrive the entire rear portion of the house had been eaten away. Their prompt action saved the remaining portion of the house and the fire, which probably started from an overheated chimney, caused a loss of about \$750, all of which is covered by insurance.

Two barns, belonging to foreigners in the Oklahoma district, were burned to the ground about 7 o'clock last evening, from fires started from a passing engine. Chief Delor's men turned out valiantly, despite their being tired from the labors of Saturday night. Considerable grain was destroyed, but the damage in both cases will not amount to over \$500.

NEW CASES IN COURT

Injunction at East Gary Is Granted in Crown Point Circuit Court.

Crown Point, Ind., Dec. 18.—The following new cases have been filed in the Lake circuit court during the past few days:

\$173. William Mills and H. E. Hough vs. John S. Lane and Wichmann. Civil. George E. Gregg, attorney.

\$174. William Niles and H. E. Hough vs. Edward S. Beach and W. Wickmann. Civil.

\$175. William Niles vs. W. Wichmann and Henry Wichmann. Civil.

\$176. William Koehle vs. Frederick Breymer, et al. Quiet title. Fancher and Smith attorneys.

\$177. Town of East Gary vs. Charles A. Johnson as auditor of Lake, Albert Maack as treasurer of Lane county, and Alvin Wild as trustee of Hobart township. Civil township Lake county, Ind. Injunction. Fetterer and Hall attorneys.

\$178. Wilhelmina Hoffman vs. Herman J. Lehman, administrator of estate of Louis Hoffman. Claim file. Charles Arnd attorney.

\$179. In the matter of the petition of the Gary Land company for the vacation of certain lands, lots and blocks of lots and streets and alleys in the city of East Chicago. Knapp, Haynie, Campbell and Peterson attorneys.

\$180. In the matter of petition of the Chicago Lake Shore & Eastern R. Co. for the vacation of certain blocks, lots and blocks of lots and streets and alleys in the city of East Chicago, Lake county, Indiana. Petition. Knapp, Haynie, Campbell and Peterson.

MANY NEW BUILDINGS

Gary and Indiana Harbor

Men to Put Up New Structures.

Architect George Scott, Ann Arbor, Mich., has drawn plans for a two-story five-family flat building, 28 by 64 feet, for Robert W. A. Duncan of Gary. The building will be of frame construction, brick basement, concrete flooring, composition roof, tiling, hard plaster corner beads, gas and electric fixtures, water closets, bath tubs, lavatories and steam heat, and will cost \$50,000. The owner will build.

Architect L. M. Mitchell has plans for a store and club building for the Commercial club of Indiana Harbor. The building will be two stories in height, 50 feet wide and 65 feet in depth. The trimmings will of white enamel brick for the front, terra cotta trimming, gravel roof, ornamental iron, hard wood finish, maple floors, plate glass, gas and electric fixtures, nickel plumbing and steam heat. The building will cost \$16,000.

Architect Mitchell has also made plans for a store and office building at Indiana Harbor for W. J. Riley. This building also will be two stories high, with gravel roof, oak finish, maple floors, plate glass, gas and electric fixtures, nickel plumbing and steam heat. The building which will be 25 by 65 feet in dimensions, will cost \$5,000.

POLICE GET A GREAT REPRIEVE

Quietest Days in City's History Were Christmas and Sunday.

POLICE WERE RATHER LENIENT

Buggy Is Overturned in Gary and Occupant Has a Near Escape From Injury.

As far as Gary police reports go, Christmas and Sunday were the two quietest holidays the city has had in her brief history. Scarcely a single man became so hilarious over the celebration that he became a public nuisance and the police were formed to place him in custody. This fact is not only unusual in Gary, but such a condition has never been known before.

On a day of this character the police are usually lenient with the populace, giving them a little more "rope," but yesterday and Christmas there was hardly a disturbance. In fact, there were but two drunks arrested and these were released on promise of good behavior.

Among the most exciting events of the day which were reported was a run-away which occurred at Eighteenth avenue near Connecticut. The occupant of a buggy, whose name the police could not procure, was thrown out and was run over by the buggy. The man was dazed by the accident, but soon recovered, and suffered no serious effect, except a few scratches.

A United States mail sack was also found by a man named M. Switan at Twenty-Fourth avenue and Washington street. The sack was empty and was probably dropped in carrying the mail to and from the postoffice. The sack was turned over to Postmaster Call.

TRAIN LOSES DEATH RACE

Special Train, Made Up in Gary, Fails to Get Injured Man in Time.

A special train was made up in Gary to take Gustave Erickson, a painter, to the Illinois Steel company's hospital at South Chicago, after he had fallen from a forty-foot scaffolding at the plant of the Indiana Steel company. The train consisted of a locomotive and a caboose, and it covered the fifteen miles in record time, orders having been telegraphed ahead to clear the tracks. But it was all in vain. Just as the injured man was being carried into the hospital he died. Erickson was 27 years old, married, and lived at 525 West Ohio street.

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