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## BALDWIN PLANT SITE SCENE OF ACTIVITY

The site of the Baldwin Locomotive works is a scene of great activity. The work of grading the line of the fence is going forward rapidly. Posts and fence boards have been shipped to a point near the East Chicago sewer pumping station where they are unloaded and hauled to the places where they are needed.

**HALF MILE SET.**  
The fence posts are all being erected to preserve them. The boards come in cut the proper size. About a half mile of fence posts have been set. The entire fence will be 14,000 feet long. The grading of the fence line has been let to Gus Hartigan of Indiana Harbor. The contract for building the fence has been let to Contractor J. Wesley Red of Hammond and the fence is to be painted by A. B. Carrigan of Hammond.

The work on the fence has been begun in the vicinity of the Cudahy packing company's plant. It is expected that it will be completed in ninety days.

**A MONSTER SITE.**  
The site of the plant is so large that it is necessary to take the Chicago, Lake Shore & South Bend Interurban line from the western boundary to the eastern boundary of the plant or walk for an hour down the right of way of the interurban line.

The grading of the site of the plant has not yet begun and will not begin until the sites of the buildings are surveyed and the company is ready to put in the foundations.

Fifteen teams and a score of carpenters will be required to build the big fence. It is the largest job of fencing that has ever been let in Lake County.

## JUDGE WAS SQUARE, BUT ON THE COP!

**Prominent Hammond Lawyer Gets a Sample of Michigan Justice While En Route to Detroit Races Yesterday.**

W. J. McAleer, one of the leading criminal lawyers of Indiana, well known over northern Indiana, had an opportunity to learn how it feels to be before the bar of justice when he was in Grand Rapids recently attending the races.

McAleer, together with Ernest Shortridge, clerk of Lake county; Vernon McGirr, secretary of the county central committee, and Judge Harry Nicholson of Crown Point, went to Grand Rapids in McAleer's car.

**Driving to Races.**  
They would drive out to the race track in Mac's car. One day towards the end of the race meet, when Mac was trying to run around a big touring (Continued on Page 3.)

## STEEL TRUST SUED FOR \$30,000 DAMAGES

**George D. Vorrak Begins a Personal Injury Suit in Lake Superior Court.**

Attorney D. J. Moran, representing George D. Vorrak, has started an action against the Indiana Steel Co. at Gary, in which he demands \$30,000 damages for an alleged injury to the plaintiff in an accident which is alleged to have taken place Nov. 25, 1910.

The accident is said to have been due to the fact that the crane in charge of an electrical crane was inexperienced and there was not enough light in the place from which he operated the crane.

The complaint explains the manner in which a crane is operated. How it is capable of moving heavyweights in three directions. How an effort was being made to lift a casting and through a mistake in the orders from below it was thrown against the plaintiff and mangled his leg.

The plaintiff claims that supuration set in and the leg was rendered useless. The plaintiff formerly earned \$4 a day. The case was filed in the Lake Superior court.

## TELLS OF HOT CONVENTION FIGHT

Judge Lawrence Becker's talk on the recent democratic convention at Baltimore, in which he participated as a delegate from the Tenth district, was the feature of the Jefferson club meeting last night. In anticipation of his address about fifty members braved the warm weather and came out to listen to him.

While his talk was more or less of a rambling nature, it was nevertheless very interesting. He spoke for nearly two hours.

## COMMISSIONERS MEET.

The police commissioners held their regular meeting at the city hall last night, and with the exception of the regular routine work and allowing some bills, very little business business of importance was transacted.

## WIFEBEATERS GET THEIRS IN COURT

**Brutality of Two Hammond Men to Their Wives Is Brought Out.**

The way of the transgressor is hard, at least that is what George Pator of East Hammond thought yesterday afternoon when he was found guilty on two charges in Judge Prest's court and yesterday afternoon was taken to Crown Point in default of payment.

Pator's arrest was made yesterday morning by Constable Phelps, his wife charging that her husband came home in an intoxicated condition and brutally struck her in the face with his fist. His trial came up before Judge Prest yesterday afternoon. Two charges were filed against Pator, one for wife beating and another for drunkenness.

In each case he was found guilty, receiving a fine amounting to \$13.50. Unable to pay Pator was taken to Crown Point, where he will spend the next 31 days and a half with Sheriff Grant.

When the fact was brought out that Pator had been arrested on several other occasions for drunkenness and beating his wife, things looked pretty blue for the wife-beater. Evidently it did little good to give him a light fine, and it was thought best to send him to Crown Point, where he can do no more harm for 31 days at least.

Frank Weimand, another wife-beater of the same caliber as Pator, came to grief in Judge Prest's court Monday, when he was fined \$1 and costs for assaulting his wife. The fine was paid, but Weimand was not satisfied and went home the second time, where he brutally attacked his wife.

In making his arrest Weimand fought the officers like a mad man and it required about five policemen and the auto patrol to take him to the station. Following his arrest his case was taken before Judge Prest, where he was placed under \$500 peace bonds.

**BAD FIRE OCCURS AT CROWN POINT**  
Clayton Root House Damaged to Extent of Twelve Hundred Dollars.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Crown Point, Ind., July 24.—The fire department responded to an alarm yesterday about noon, at the residence of Clayton Root. The blaze was caused by an explosion of gasoline and before it could be agged, considerable damage was done, amounting into the hundreds of dollars. The building was partly insured, but damage was done to parts of the residence that money cannot replace. It is estimated that twelve hundred dollars will not put the home back into its original shape, damaged through the fire and water.

## MUSICIANS TO HEAR ARGUMENTS MONDAY

Albert Gehring, secretary of the Musicians' union who was referred to by George Green, leader of the Orpheum theatre orchestra in a story in THE TIMES last Monday as having given his oral permission to Mr. Pitzer, the snare drummer in the orchestra to play with Green, said today that the statement gives him credit for more authority than he possesses or assumed in the matter.

Mr. Pitzer came to Hammond from Florida and subsequently joined the Green orchestra. Under the rules of the union he was required to turn in his general union card for a local union card, says Mr. Gehring, and Mr. Gehring, in compliance with the rules of the union, issued it, as it is not within his province to deny it as long as Mr. Pitzer held a general union card.

The issue of the controversy in which Mr. Pitzer and the local union are involved, is, according to Mr. Gehring, based on the fact whether or not Mr. Pitzer came to Hammond from Florida under contract or not. The question is one for the union to decide and will be taken up at the meeting next Monday evening.

## PAVEMENT BIDS ARE ASKED FOR

The board of public works this morning adopted a confirmatory resolution for the Sheffield avenue pavement and will receive bids for the same on Aug. 9th.

The primary assessment rolls for the Kane avenue Park place improvements were accepted.

The contracts and bonds of the Ahlborn Construction company and Downey & Ports, respectively, for the Pine street pavement and the Cedar street pavements were accepted.

A petition was received and accepted for a pavement on Ash street, from One Hundred and Fiftieth street to Chicago avenue.

## LABORS ARE FINISHED

The Lake county board of review having finished its labors early this month, the state board takes up Lake county today and will go over the valuations.

The county is represented by Auditor Charles Johnson, County Attorney J. Frank Meeker and the board of county commissioners. They will report the county from excessive assessments as best they can.

## WILL BE TRIED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

On the complaint of his step-daughter, Sadie Bush, employed as a clerk in a local store, Charles Holtz, living on the north side, West Hammond, was arrested on the charge of disorderly conduct.

He appeared before Judge Frank Green and was placed under \$200 bond. August Meyers went on his bond. It appears that the girl, at the instigation of her mother, preferred the charges.

It is understood that it was the desire of the mother that more serious charges be made, but the judge found no evidence to warrant it and the girl was above the age of consent.

The trial will be held before Judge Green tomorrow.

You will say that a LaVendor cigar cannot be beat, if you try one.

## MANAGER OF WOODROW WILSON'S CAMPAIGN NEW IN POLITICS BUT MANY OF HIS ADVISERS ARE OLD HANDS AT THE GAME



At the left, Senators Reed and O'Gorman; center, Wm. F. McCombs; right, Senator Gore and representative McGillicuddy.

New York, July 24.—The rapid rise of William F. McCombs, who successfully managed Woodrow Wilson's pre-convention campaign and now holds down the important job of chairman of the democratic national committee, is one of the wonders of modern politics.

Who is this man McCombs? He is a young looking man, prepossessing in appearance, clean cut, thin lipped, with a strong jaw and eyes of steel blue. The first impression conveyed on meeting him is that he is rather frail in physique. He is a trifle lame and walks with a slight limp.

Mr. McCombs is only 36 years old, having been born in the little town of Hamburg, Ashley county, Arkansas, on Dec. 6, 1875. He received his early education in a small, ungraded country school and later prepared for Princeton and the locomotive cheer at the famous Webb school in Tennessee. He was graduated from Princeton in 1898, receiving his degree "cum laude," and promptly entered the Harvard

law school, where he completed his professional studies in 1901 and was admitted to the New York bar.

With little money and no influence he came to this city and began his career as a lawyer by accepting a clerkship in the office of a big law firm. Shortly afterward a coterie of New York bankers consulted the firm by which Mr. McCombs was employed upon a proposition which involved the investment of \$25,000,000 in certain railroad securities. The legal aspects of the case were turned over to McCombs, who handled the work so well that his ability attracted the attention of certain interested magnates and he was offered inducements to accept other work of the same nature. This led the youthful lawyer to open an office for himself at 86 Broadway, where he has been remarkably successful and has built up a large and lucrative practice.

Mr. McCombs' sole political experience was when he became a candidate in 1904 for assembly in the Twenty-

fifth district, a republican stronghold. Although he was defeated, the young lawyer waged an aggressive campaign and forged ahead of his party ticket.

It will thus be seen that Mr. McCombs comes to his present position equipped with little actual experience in the political game. He is a tireless worker; he possesses unusual ability to judge men and he has great tact. These are the qualifications which fit him for his present position.

But if Mr. McCombs is without practical experience in politics, his advisers on the campaign committee are mostly old hands at the game. Senator Reed is a man who has been mixed up in Missouri politics for years; as much might be said of Senator Gore of Oklahoma and Senator O'Gorman of New York. Representative McGillicuddy of Maine is another experienced politician. Joseph Daniels of North Carolina and A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania are two other members of the committee who have had wide political experience.

## FLOOD HITS VILLAGE.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Milwaukee, July 24.—Wausau, Wis., a village about 50 miles northwest of Milwaukee is reported to have been swept by a flood with damage to an amount of five million dollars with some people drowned.

## HIS CLOTHES WERE BADLY DAMAGED

**Robertsdale Team Brings Grief to an East Chicago Policeman.**

At 5:45 last evening the delivery team belonging to Joseph Studer, 1317 Roberts avenue, Robertsdale, a sausage manufacturer, became frightened at something and breaking the strap with which they were tied at the corner of Tod and Chicago avenues, East Chicago, started on a mad dash south on Tod avenue, endangering the lives of many children who were playing in the street. Officer Hi Kerr was just emerging from his boarding house on Tod avenue at the time and, taking in the situation at a glance, made a quick dash for the runaways, grabbing the bit of the nearest horse on the fly.

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## C. O. F. PICNIC AT KINDEL'S TONIGHT

Baumgartner court, C. O. F., is holding a picnic at Kindel's Grove this afternoon and will continue it until 10 o'clock this evening. Dancing will be one of the features this evening, and a large attendance is looked for.

A ball game was booked for this afternoon and the usual picnic games and races were held.

The committee on arrangements planned for a big family picnic and assures all the Foresters and their friends a good entertainment.

## Plan Celebration.

Just as soon as the first through car is run from the Crown Point square to the Gary steel mills, Ridge road real estate men plan to have a big celebration in honor of the event. Messrs. Patterson, Kelley and Semmes are behind the move.

## SUDDEN DEATH OVER- TAKES FOREIGNER

After eating his lunch this morning about 2 o'clock at the Standard Steel Car works, where he was employed in the passenger department, Ben Sandor fell to the ground unconscious, dying a few minutes later.

The remains was removed to Stewart's morgue, where an inquest will be held this afternoon. Whether Sandor's death was caused by an accident or not is not yet known. When Undertaker Stewart found the body there was a bruise on his eye and his face was scratched. There was also a bruise on his knuckles.

One of the laborers on the night shift told that Sandor was not injured in an accident, but that following his eating his lunch Sandor dropped over dead.

The deceased leaves a wife and four children, living in the old country. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

## ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR PICNIC

At the regular meeting of the Eagles this evening final arrangements will be made for the annual Eagles' picnic, which will be held at Kindel's grove in Hammond next Sunday afternoon and evening.

In past years picnics given by this lodge have been big events, which drew large crowds, and an effort will be made to make the event of next Sunday even better than any of its predecessors.

## "COP" LOSES BRASS.

While the police patrol was being driven from the Erie depot, on Sibley street, down Hohman street to the station this morning a large brass cap was lost from the rear wheel. Although the cap is not of any value, Patrolman Trinen, who has charge of the machine is anxious to find the lost part as it will be some time before another one can be secured to fit the wheel. If found kindly return to the police station and receive the thanks of a worried "copper."

## Drunk Arrested.

Joseph Spinter, West Hammond, was arrested by Officer Cordua on Sibley street last night on a charge of drunkenness. This being his first offense, he was released by the order of Chief Austgen this morning and promised to stay across the line hereafter.

## CELEBRATING IN DETROIT

William Schloer of the firm of Schloer & Son is at Detroit for the Cadillac festival, commemorating the 211 anniversary of the founding of Detroit. The celebration opened yesterday and will last a week. Mr. Schloer went to Detroit on the boat and will go from there to Buffalo and other eastern cities, combining business with pleasure.

## K. of C. Outing.

Unity council No. 126, Knights of Columbus, will hold their annual outing at Lake Front park, Friday, July 25th. All members are requested to attend this outing and bring your families with you. We have arranged for a big fish supper to be served at Berg's pavilion between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m. Arrangements are also made for special features in the way of amusements after the supper. Don't fail to attend and bring your families with you.

LaVendor Cigars are pronounced exceptionally good by all smokers.

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## SPLENDID ROAD WILL SOON TO BE COMPLETED

Lake County Has Now the Most Beautiful Road in the State of Indiana—What the People of Highland Have Done to Make Ridge Road a Wonder—Railroads Have Different Views About Viaducts.

Within a month the various contractors will have completed the work of rebuilding the Ridge road from Columbia avenue, south of Hammond, to Hobart, and Lake county will then be able to claim the credit of having the finest country road in the state of Indiana.

The people of Highlands have taken such a pride in the road that they have assumed the expense of covering it with tarvia. This will make it waterproof and will demonstrate the economy of water proofing all of the country roads.

Contractor Matt Lavene has that part of the road in the vicinity of Highlands. He is now building the approaches to the viaduct over the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad.

This viaduct is a credit to the railroad, which agreed to build it, and the county commissioners who urged its construction. It eliminates a dangerous crossing and is exceedingly attractive.

**One Mistake Made.**  
And while the commissioners used a great deal of foresight in the case of the E. J. & E. railroad, they overlooked an opportunity to do the same thing in the case of the Chicago, Indiana & Southern railroad at Highlands.

Here the railroad makes a deep cut through the ridge in order to avoid a bad grade. It would have been the easiest thing imaginable to have constructed a viaduct at this point, for

but little fill would have been necessary.

Instead, the road was cut down to the grade of the railroad tracks and now it is a veritable death trap. High banks obscure the view of the track from both sides and both directions. It is probable that there will be as many accidents in this death-cut in the future as there has been in the past.

Why the county commissioners did not take advantage of the opportunity to bridge the cut instead of doing their best to create a grade crossing is not known.

**Soon Open To Traffic.**  
A viaduct will have to be built there sooner or later and then the county will be put to the expense of filling the cut that has already been made.

But this engineering mistake should not detract from the fact that the Ridge road is going to be the pride of Lake County. The road is twenty feet wide and there is ample room for automobiles to pass there.

Next month when this road is opened to traffic it will be considered the greatest country boulevard in the vicinity of Chicago. It will be the Sheridan drive of Indiana.

It overlooks miles of the finest truck farming country in the state of Indiana. It is the route to some of the most beautiful watering places in the state, Cedar Lake, Flint Lake and the Kankakee river.

## LAPORTE WORKER ROBBED IN CAR

**W. B. Griffin of Hammond Touched on Interurban For Pocketbook.**

W. B. Griffin of Hammond, who is working for V. W. Parker, also of Hammond, on a grading contract at Laporte, reached this city on the 8 o'clock Northern Indiana car on his way home to spend Sunday with his family, says the Michigan City Dispatch. He had drawn \$7 and spent 30 cents of it, leaving \$6.70 in a little clasp purse, which he placed in his left hip pocket, buttoning the flap over the pocket. The car was crowded and he stood up in the aisle all the way over. There was more or less jostling and crowding and he did not feel the light-fingered get who unbuttoned the flap and extracted the wallet.

When Mr. Griffin reached the city he got off at the South Shore station and rushed inside to purchase a ticket and catch the car that was ready to pull out. He made a grab for his hip pocket and then discovered that he had been robbed.

Mr. Griffin was squarely up against it. He had two copper pennies in another pocket, but nothing else of value except a package of tobacco he had purchased in Laporte. He appealed to Captain Peters, but had no idea who robbed him. The captain accompanied him downtown and to the police station. Superintendent Haller called up Mr. Parker at Hammond and related the circumstances to him. After his conversation with Mr. Parker, the chief gave Griffin a dollar to pay his fare home, and he departed on a later car. Last evening on his way back to Laporte he reimbursed Chief Haller with a check for the dollar, together with a letter from Mr. Parker, which, closed by saying: "If you ever get broke in Hammond, be sure to call on me," all of which clearly indicated that Mr. Parker fully appreciated the favor that had been shown one of his employees.

## EXTENSION PRINCIPAL RETAINED

Public night school work along up-to-date lines became assured for Hammond yesterday when the board of education, acting on the recommendation of Supt. C. M. McDaniel retained Wilson H. Henderson of Springfield, Ill. as the night school principal.

Principal Henderson is 31 years old and married and comes to Hammond recommended as one of the strongest and ablest men for the work to be done in the west. He is regarded as a real "find" and as soon as the night school work gets into regular running order big results may be expected.

In Springfield Mr. Henderson had charge of the manual training department in both the high school and the grades, for a period of five years and prior to that he taught as a manual training teacher at Indianapolis. He received his training in the University of Illinois.

**Has Big Field Before Him.**  
A search for the right man extending over a period of nearly six months was ended yesterday when Mr. Henderson was retained.

As principal of the night school he will divide his activities along three lines: first as principal, second as vocational director in the day schools and third as director of manual training in the day schools.

The night school is not to be an experiment. Nearly four hundred applications are already in the hands of Supt. McDaniel from would-be students, and it is thought that by the end of the first year the enrollment will run up to five hundred.

**School to Benefit All.**  
There are really two phases to Mr. Henderson's work, one of which consists in providing education and training for a class of all ages, whose school days were limited, or who will have an opportunity to study subjects which were not part of the curriculum in their school days. The men and boys will have an opportunity to take courses in mechanical drawing, elementary woodwork, electric wiring, commercial English, German, French, Spanish, Typewriting, Shorthand, Commercial Practice, Bookkeeping, Commercial Arithmetic, Spelling, Physical Training, and possibly some other branches which will be introduced as the demand for them grows.

The women and girls may have instructions in sewing, cooking, millinery, typewriting, shorthand, commercial practice, spelling, physical training, bookkeeping and such other branches for which there is a strong enough demand.

**To Make School Practical.**  
Another phase of Mr. Henderson's work will consist in getting into actual contact with the boys and girls who have left school, to confer with their employers, to learn to what extent their school training is benefiting them, why they left school, and with this knowledge gained, report back to Supt. McDaniel so that the latter can

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