

SEEKS TITLE TO SANDDUNE PROPERTY

Valpo Lawyer Acquires Big Tract For 25 Cents An Acre Years Ago

VALPARAISO, Ind., Dec. 30.—Title to a great tract of land in the Dunes region north of Valparaiso, worth perhaps \$500,000, is involved in a suit filed by Attorney Frank H. Parks of Valparaiso, in Porter circuit court. The legal notice of the suit appearing in today's Messenger.

The story of the acquisition of this land and the faith of Attorney Parks in this section which never has faltered during the last twenty years, and the vindication of his foresightedness which bids fair to make the enterprising Valparaiso attorney a near-millionaire, reads like a romance.

The suit involves title to between 300 and 400 lots in the Dunes region between Gary and Tremont; these lots range in size from city lots up to small acreages, which put together will form a not inconsiderable block of beach and Dunes real estate by the completion of the Dunes highway, the Burns ditch and industrial sites between Gary and Waverly beach.

Mr. Parks has been acquiring this acreage by foreclosure on tax titles during the last twenty years. Although for many years it appeared that no development was being made in this region and the territory was destined only to be a summer camping place for people from Chicago, the Valparaiso attorney never lost sight of the fact that the expansion of the Chicago territory westward in time would make necessary industrial extension in this vicinity, and continued to pick up this acreage as fast as he could, either by trading for the property or obtaining abandoned territory for nominal sums.

Territory that was obtained for so small a tax as 25 cents an acre is now worth hundreds and even thousands of dollars an acre. The first step in the increased value of the attorney's holdings was made when Gary was built. The completion of the Gary steel mills, the recent construction of the Gary

tube mills eastward, the acquisition of Miller by Gary, and the development of Gary's lake front park, the purchase of adjacent territory by the Inland steel corporation, all tended to increase the value of this acreage picked up for a mere song. The recent lease of several hundred acres immediately adjoining Attorney Parks' holdings by William A. Wirt, superintendent of the Gary system of schools and his avowed intention of creating a wonderful region of high class summer homes, parks, golf links and hotels thereon, coupled with the road and drainage projects announced thru this section has proven further the wisdom of the new financial genius. The acreage obtained by Mr. Parks comprises additions to South Chicago, East Chicago and other subdivisions laid out in the early days before the "Magic City of Steel" had even been envisioned, and then long before Gary was started, these projects fell to the side and were forgotten.

Those who had obtained this land in the early boom days and then let go of it to avoid paying the property taxes assessed against it, are the losers because of their lack of foresight and Mr. Parks is the winner.

Having complied with all the legal demands upon this property, Mr. Parks now brings suit to quiet title and obtain his permanent title and warranty deed.

"CURB POWER OF UTILITY BOARD" URGES REP. DAY

East Chicago Legislator Favors Soldiers' Bonus Bill.

James I. Day, state representative from East Chicago, will lead the fight against the public service commission in the legislature which opens Jan. 4.

"I believe that the theory of a public service commission is all right," said Mr. Day, "but as long as the commission continues to function wholly in the interests of corporations something should be done to curb its power."

Representative Day expressed himself forcibly against the tax on gasoline. He said that he favors the passage of a soldiers' and sailors' bonus bill, the reduction of taxes, the building of a junior college in Lake county and the construction of more and better state highways.

Bulletins

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—The resignation of E. A. Westcott, state director of vocational education, has been asked by the state board of education, it became known here today. Dissatisfaction with the progress it made in vocational education was said to be the cause.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) MANSFIELD, Wis., Dec. 30.—Seizure of the man suspected by the authorities of having sent a bomb package to the home of James A. Chapman, injuring Chapman and killing his wife, was said today to be a matter of a few hours. The suspect is a farmer.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) ROME, Dec. 30.—Negotiations for a reconciliation between the Italian state and the vatican have reached the state where actual terms have been proposed. It was learned in official circles today.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 30.—R. W. Duncan was in a local hospital, probably fatally wounded today as a result of a battle ro his three months old baby. He was shot by his father in law, George Dillieu, at whose home, Mrs. Duncan, with the baby, had sought refuge following a family quarrel.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Lillian Grant, 52, of Franklin, Pa., died in a hospital here this morning of injuries received when an automobile in which she was riding was struck by a locomotive. Four others were injured.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 30.—Walter Neely, prohibition enforcement agent and a woman were found dead in an automobile in Neely's garage in Trenton, today, according to a telegram received by Prohibition Director Ross here.

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Jack Speck, an escaped convict, was shot and killed and his "pal" Richard Preston, who also had fled the Joliet honor farm, was wounded in a desperate battle today with a squad of detectives who surrounded a west side rooming house in which the convicts were hiding.

SMUGGLE TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN WHISKEY

100,000 Cases Come Into the Country for the Holidays.

(BY W. H. ATKINS) WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Liquor smugglers imported at least 100,000 cases of whiskey worth \$10,000,000 at bootleg prices, into the United States in the week just before Christmas, according to government investigators today.

Prohibition officials admitted the fleets of ships operated by smugglers have been making safe landing with their cargoes, because the prohibition navy vessels are now confined strictly to within the three mile limit for purposes of seizure. Smugglers have brought most of their stocks through the coastal gateways, enormous shipments have gone through the dry enforcement barriers on the Jersey Coast. A huge volume also has entered through the Canadian border.

Official reports by enforcement officers in Maine declared that on several days last week smugglers brought in as high as 5,000 cases a day.

Reports today declared the smugglers are operating more boldly in the South Atlantic territory.

WHITING DIVORCE CASE RE-CERTIFIED

VALPARAISO, Ind., Dec. 30.—The divorce action of Dr. Harry A. Shimp prominent physician and surgeon of Whiting, against Violet Ida Shimp, in which incompatibility is charged and the cross complaint of Mrs. Shimp in which she alleges cruelty, were certified from the superior court of Porter county to the Circuit court today. The case will be heard next month. In her cross complaint Mrs. Shimp states that her husband was cruel to her. She also alleges he associated with other women and when she admonished him for it he promised to refrain from such associations.

MARKETS

Allis Chalmers 48 1/2
American Steel Foundry 57 1/2
American Tel and Tel 125
Anacosta 8 1/4
Baldwin Locomotive 138 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 62 1/2
Chesapeake and Ohio 71 1/2
Chicago and Northwestern 80
Colorado Fuel 27 1/2
Crescent Steel 79 1/2
Lehigh Valley 60 1/2
Pure Oil 29 1/2
Reading 75 1/2
Republic Iron and Steel 48 1/2
Texas Co. 48 1/2
U. S. Steel 106 1/2
Willsco-Ovland 8 1/2
Sinclair Oil 35

CHICAGO CASH GRAIN
WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 125 3/4; No. 2 Northern Sprink, 6k, 126 1/2.
CORN—No. 2M, 73 1/2@74; No. 2 White, 74 1/4@75; No. 2 yellow, 74 1/4@75 3/4; No. 3M, 71@72; No. 3 white, 71@71 1/2; No. 3 yellow, 71@72; No. 4M, 69 1/2; No. 4 white, 68 3/4; No. 4 yellow, 69 1/2@70.
OATS—No. 2 white, 44 1/2; No. 3 white, 42 1/4@43 3/4.

CHICAGO PRODUCE
BUTTER—Receipts, 6,603 tubs; creamery, extra, 50; extra firsts, 47@49; firsts, 44@45 1/2; packing stock, 34@35.
EGGS—Receipts, 1,050 cases; miscellaneous, 25@40; ordinary firsts, 25@26; firsts, 40@47.
LIVE POULTRY—Turkeys, 25; chickens, 19@22; springs, 19; roosters, 18; geese, 16; ducks, 16 1/2.
POTATOES—Receipts, 43 cars; Wis. Red White, 80@90; Minn. red white, 75@90; Idaho russets, 100@140; Mich. Rd. White, 80@85.
YEAL—50 to 80 lbs., 8@9; 70 to 80 lbs., 10@11; 90 to 110 lbs., 11@12; fancy thick, 13c; overweight, 120 to 175 lbs., 8@8c.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK
HOGS—Receipts, 8,500; market is mostly 5 cents higher; bulk, butchers, 50@51; bulk sales, 78@81; 81c top, 81c.
CATTLE—Receipts, 200; market is compared week ago, 25@30 lower; week's top, 101c; bulk, 70@55; she stock steady, 25 higher; cows and heifers, 40@57c; canners and cutters, 20 to 35; veals, 50@100 higher; top, 105c; bull stockers and feeders, steady to strong; bolognas, 275@350; top feeders, 20.
SHEEP—Receipts, none; compared week ago, steady 25 lower; yearlings steady; sheep, 80@75 higher; feeders, mostly 25 higher.

EAST ST. LOUIS LIVE STOCK
CATTLE—Receipts 200; market steady; native beef steers, 70@135; yearling steers and heifers 50@125; cows 35@70; stockers and feeders 30@75; calves 35@120; canners and cutters 225@325.
HOGS—Receipts 3,000; market steady; mixed and butchers 84@

550; good heavies 84@85; roughs 71@75; lights 85@88; pigs 72@84; bulk 84@85.
SHEEP—Receipts none; market steady; mutton ewes 60@70; lambs 100@150; canners and chop pers 100@100.

Indiana News

WABASH—Claims aggregating approximately \$14,000 have been filed against the estate of Silas Swank, found dead in his automobile recently. The suits were filed by banks of this city.

COLUMBIA CITY—Hundreds of hogs in this section are dying from cholera. Virtually an entire herd of fifty hogs were wiped out by the disease at the farm of Kinley Richards.

SILVER LAKE—A hog weighing 1,040 pounds was butchered by R. H. Harris, residing near here. The porker's head weighed 76 pounds.

WARSAW—To eat eight rabbits and two loaves of bread at one sitting is a record contends Charles Baugher of Warsaw, Baugher, a baker here, recently shattered all local pie eating records when he made away with five at a sitting.

LOGANSPORT—A concerted drive against illicit liquor traffic and vice in general has been launched by the local authorities.

TERRE HAUTE—Ross Maco, of Los Creek township was sweepstakes in the Vigo County Corn Show here. Charles Jackson, of Putnum county, was judge of the show.

LAPORTE—Charged that he was "entitled into marrying the defendant to give a name to her unborn child," Horace P. Swedersky, Laporte, seeks annulment of his marriage to Leah Swedersky. The couple were wed November 2, 1922. A child was born to his wife, Swedersky charges, on December 1. The infant was dead. The case will be heard in circuit court here.

LAPORTE—Northern Indiana will

be devoid of thrills so far as the election this fall is concerned. Interest is chiefly centered on Michigan City, where a majority election will be held. Michigan City is the only municipality in Indiana having the city manager form of government. Politicians predict return to the aldermanic form of city government there.

MICHIGAN CITY—Nels F. Peterson, who runs a garage at Chester, injured George Sarge, Michigan City barber, when he struck the latter with his automobile. Peterson will appeal the case. He is at liberty on bonds of \$200.

Curtains Sprout Flowers to Shame Mother Nature
ZANESVILLE, O., Dec. 30.—Mrs. M. J. Kerr washed a pair of unbleached curtains. They were white, she said, when she took them off the line. When she started to iron them, however, she found one pair blooming pink flowers, it is said. After the curtains were ironed the flowers became very distinct. Mrs. Kerr said it was the second time the cur-

tains had been washed.
NAB INDIANIAN AT MILWAUKEE
RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 30.—Guy L. Barnes, hotel clerk, charged withembezzling \$750 from a local hotel was captured at Milwaukee 365-terday, according to advices received here. The capture was effected after a chase and revolver battle in the residential district. Barnes is said to be an escaped convict from a Richmond (Virginia) prison.

IF GOING TO BUILD

Whether a low price bungalow or a million dollar building of any kind, it be greatly to your advantage to investigate Andrew Wickey patented substantial fire, sound and vermin proof method of building construction, for this day and age. Its cost comparing favorably with the wooden fire trap method of building construction used for ages, which should in this age of concrete be discarded, because of continuous fire insurance costs and the uncertainty of its existence, a building today and an ash heap tomorrow, with possible loss of life. To examine a full size section of this new patented method fireproof building construction and get particulars, see architect Karl D. Norris, East Chicago.

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There were so many bright spots in the great history making year of 1922 that if there were any dark spots every one was so busy they didn't have time to notice them.

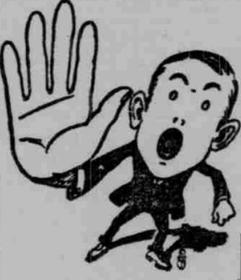
The future of Hammond and the Calumet Region was never brighter than at this moment. The captains of industry have their eyes on what this district has to offer. Without further comment you know what that means.

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