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ERSKINE SELLS HIS BANK STOCK

Local Capitalists and Some of the Prominent Men in Financial Circles in Chicago Are the Purchasers.

Albert D. W. Erskine, who has been president of the First National bank of East Chicago and of the Indiana Harbor State bank, has sold out his interests in local and Chicago capitalists and will no longer be connected with either institution.

The men who have become interested in these two properties through the purchase of the stock formerly owned by Mr. Erskine are C. B. Pike, president of the Hamilton National bank of Chicago, W. C. Brown, of the New York Central railroad, W. A. Delano of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad and C. W. Hotchkiss, president of the East Chicago company, president of the Indiana Harbor belt railroad and general manager of the Chicago, Indiana and Southern railroad.

F. J. Bader, president of the First National bank at Whiting, who will probably be president of the Indiana Harbor State bank, and one of the local stockholders probably will be president of the East Chicago bank.

It is understood that Julian Youche of Crown Point, will be vice president of the Indiana Harbor bank and F. H. Erickson will be cashier of this institution. The rest of the force will remain the same.

In East Chicago J. G. Allen will retain his position as cashier and it is understood that Robert Spear, A. G. Schlenker, Clarence C. Smith and J. G. Allen, the four local directors will remain.

Good Word for Successors.
Albert D. W. Erskine, who has been president of both banks, in an interview with a reporter for THE LAKE COUNTY TIMES said that the deal was closed in the Hamilton National bank in Chicago last Thursday and that his interests in the institutions had been sold out entirely to the gentlemen

whose names have been mentioned.

Mr. Erskine said that he was pleased with the transaction as were all of those connected with it and, as the purchasers were all men of resource and ability and were men of influence in the business world and that their becoming financially interested in these banks would be a big thing for the community.

Briefly the history of the two banks as given by Mr. Erskine is as follows: Potter Palmer, Jr., organized the Lake County State bank in East Chicago and established a branch in Indiana Harbor. The principal directors were J. H. Eckels, president of the Commercial National bank of Chicago, Robert T. Lincoln, president of the Pullman Car company and John A. Spoor, president of the Union Stock yards.

The bank ran about a year and then the promoters becoming dissatisfied with the field and the business that was being done, decided to liquidate. This was in August 1904 and Albert D. W. Erskine, believing that the property would eventually be a good one, got a sixty day option on it and then bought it within ten days.

He continued the business until February 1905 and then organized the Indiana Harbor State bank to take over the business at Indiana Harbor and the First National bank of East Chicago to take over the East Chicago business. There was a rapid increase of business and the deposits which were but \$20,000 at the time increased to \$172,000 at the time of the recent transfer.

Mr. Erskine, the retiring president, says the success of the enterprise is due to the good work done by F. H. Erickson at Indiana Harbor, and J. G. Allen at East Chicago. He says that he is not ready to make public his plans for the future.

EBBETS MAY SELL LUMLEY AND JORDAN FOR \$25,000.

Manager Donovan Objects and Says That It Would Ruin the Brooklyn Team's Chances for Another Good Season.

New York, Dec. 7.—Unless President Ebbets of the Brooklyn base ball club changes his present plans he will sell First Baseman Jordan and Right Fielder Lumley to the New York National league club for \$25,000 cash. This offer was made to Ebbets. It is said some time ago and the money looks so big the Brooklyn magnate now is wavering perceptibly.

Manager Donovan of the Brooklyn team was summoned here by Ebbets several days ago and told that in all probability the New York club's offer would be accepted. Donovan, so the story goes, became warm under the collar and told Ebbets if Jordan and Lumley were allowed to go he would send in his resignation. Ebbets argued with Donovan in vain. The manager declared that to sell Jordan and Lumley would be equivalent to killing the game in Brooklyn, where interest began to revive last season to such an extent the club made money and paid off a lot of indebtedness.

Ebbets, it is reported, then informed Donovan that with part of the money he could get for the Brooklyn stars he would be able to get a couple of new men, or perhaps he could secure McGraw and Browne from McGraw, but again Donovan put his foot down, declaring that Jordan and Lumley must remain in Brooklyn or Ebbets could look for a new manager.

To get \$25,000 for two ball players, no matter how valuable they might be to the Brooklyn club, is regarded as too great a temptation for Ebbets to resist in view of the fact that the business end of the game at Washington park always cut more of a factor than the players' end. Manager Donovan in opposing the deal, is acting as champion for the Brooklyn fans, who have stood by the club at all times. Donovan does not feel like weakening his team for the sake of helping the New Yorks to make a winning fight.

OILING SCHOOL ROOM FLOORS.

Concerning the use of oil for floors of school houses to which objection is sometimes raised, the state board of health has the following:
Women teachers complain of oiled school room floors, saying the oil so badly soils their dresses. Again complaint is made of the odor, which sometimes, but not always, is present. This seems to be the sum total of the objections. As for the road, that kind oil should not be used, as for soiling dresses, that is because the oil has been used in too large amount and not properly applied. For oil, practically in odorous, and properly applied in proper amounts, is decidedly a good thing. The floor should first be swept, then scrubbed, and lastly carpets filled. Now when the floor is dry, flow on practically it with a new broom. If an old broom is used, let it first be washed and dried. After twelve or twenty-four hours heavy blocks of wood covered with old felt, old carpet, or old blankets, should be rubbed over the floor in order to absorb excess.

THE FUTURE OF THE FARM.

If the national census bureau is not mistaken, fifty per cent of the population of the United States will soon be in cities of over 5,000 inhabitants. This points to the day predicted by Mr. Hill, when the products of our farms will not feed our own people.

But, on the other hand, the day of mere farm drudgery is rapidly passing. It is becoming a business that calls for the same intelligence, the same careful training, the same scientific knowledge as does the business of a city man. It may well rank with the professions.

Farm work but a few years ago was largely mechanical. The farmer plowed and reaped, knowing little of the processes of nature or of why his grain grew or refused to grow. The treatment of soils, the endless aids to nature and preventatives of crop failures that are now a part of common farm knowledge were then unknown.

Today a farmer conquers nature; he compels it to be his servant. The most intensely interesting business in the world is that of the scientific farmer. He is a man of wide information and culture. As intensive farming becomes more necessary through lack of labor and the value of land, the attractions of the farm will increase and the independence and cultural value of life on the land will grow.

It may be that the farm of twenty or forty acres will not appeal the boy as does that of hundreds of acres, and the closer community of life and greater home comforts may feed his great-grandchildren at the Singer Store, 241 pure, better surroundings of the country districts.—Duluth News-Tribune.

ANOTHER WOLF HUNT.

There will be another big wolf hunt in Kosciusko county Thursday, Dec. 17. The farmers are determined once and for all to clear the county of wolves. They think that in all there are a dozen large timber wolves roving the swamp lands west of Leesburg.

Big preparations are being made for the hunt. It was decided to hold it during Christmas week, when the majority are enjoying a holiday. It is estimated that over 1,000 sportsmen will join in the big round up.—Valparaiso Vidette.

Desertions from the Army.

It would appear by the report of the secretary of war that while the number of desertions last year—6,253—is somewhat less than the previous year proportionately, it is but little less, and compared with the last four or five years, shows no real decrease. Dismissing the situation the New Orleans Times-Democrat says:

It has been alleged that the abolition of the canteen has led to desertion, and those who make the assertion point to the fact that desertions have greatly increased since the canteen system was abolished. But there is evidently something more serious the matter. Probably the system of enlistments has more to do with the increase in the number of desertions than anything else. Sufficient care is not taken, perhaps, in the enlistment of raw soldiers, either as to moral or physical qualities. This is indicated by the fact that the percentage of desertions among recruits is greater than among old soldiers, one-fourth of the total deserters being recently enlisted men.

HE'S ON THE WAY.



—Pittsburg Press.

SOUGHT BY MOB

Armed Posse Pursues Negro Who Attacks Kensington Woman—Lynching May Follow His Capture.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Armed posses of incensed citizens and relatives of M. J. Jeanette De Young are aiding the police of Kensington today in a search for the negro who attacked Mrs. De Young, a young widow, in front of her home, 11406 Halstead street. The search has spread through the suburbs of Roseland, West Pullman, Blue Island and other towns in the south end of the county.

Inspector Shipley ordered a large number of detectives from Hyde Park, Englewood and auxiliary stations to the scene to prevent the lynching of the negro in the event of his capture.

The condition of Mrs. De Young was pronounced serious today. A race war is threatened, the crime in many places resembling a similar attack upon an elderly woman near Harvey, a few miles distant, in which 500 citizens stormed the jail in order to lynch a colored prisoner.

Police officers and citizens today searched the haunts of negroes suspected. Every home of a colored family was searched.

Intense excitement followed the discovery of the crime. Residents armed with pitchforks and shot guns, took up the pursuit of the criminal before the police were notified. The neighborhood is populated principally by truck farmers and gardeners. Mrs. De Young was found in a hysterical condition. She is a handsome young woman. Her husband died some weeks ago.

After telling of the attack and describing her assailant she fainted and it was several hours before she regained consciousness.

QUINN'S BODY RECOVERED

Slow Approach of Victim's Death Watched by Agonized Companions.

KNOW END WAS NEAR

Victim Is Canadian Who Had Made Many Friends at His Adopted Home.

The body of Maurice Quinn, who was caught in a slide of wheat in one of the big sheet iron tanks of the Hammond Elevator company, was recovered last night at 6:30, after six thousand bushels of wheat had been removed from the elevator in an effort to secure the body.

The death of Quinn was one of the most unusual that has ever been chronicled in Hammond, and the circumstances, under which fellow workers were compelled to see their comrade actually dying by inches, makes the accident all the more terrible.

The Hammond Elevator company has sixteen bins or tanks, that together have a capacity of over half a million bushels of grain. These elevators are all of steel and are built like large standpipes. The year about fifty feet high and twenty-five feet in diameter and hold in the neighborhood of 20,000 bushels of wheat.

When it is necessary one of these bins, as they are called, may be emptied by drawing off the wheat through a ten-inch pipe at the bottom and then hoisting the grain and depositing it in another of the large sheet iron bins.

Three men, Maurice Quinn, Louis Jager and Edward Witters, were in one of the bins when the grain from the side opposite where the grain was being drawn off, being at an angle of about forty-five degrees, started to slide down, as a result of being agitated by one of the other men who was working in it, and covered Quinn to the waist.

Quinn did not realize his danger until he tried to extricate himself. It is said if the grain should cover a man to the knees it would be almost impossible for him to pull his feet out of it. Quinn's companions saw his predicament and tried to pull him out, but their efforts were unavailing and the only thing that could be done was done was to stop the flow of grain.

This was done at once, but the grain kept coming on down the incline, and inch by inch the man was buried. The companions of Quinn made desperate effort with shovels and boards to keep the grain away from the young man's head, but when they shoveled they could but put the grain farther up on the incline and it would flow back over Quinn's body.

Feet Clogs Hole.
Quinn lay in the grain, with his feet partly covered, when the grain from the side opposite where the grain was being drawn off, being at an angle of about forty-five degrees, started to slide down, as a result of being agitated by one of the other men who was working in it, and covered Quinn to the waist.

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"All Out," Says Victim.
Finally, with grain up around his neck, Quinn said: "I guess it's all off, fellows," and succumbed.

The grain covered his face and then his head and there was a last terrible struggle and he slowly suffocated. The only means by which his body could be recovered was to draw off all the grain. This carried the body with it to the top and before long the gruesome sight of a man's feet projecting from the pipe from which the grain was being drawn was presented to the men, who were working frantically to facilitate the flow of wheat.

REMAINS INTERRED IN HAMMOND.
The remains of Richard McManus, formerly of Hammond, were interred here in Greenwood cemetery this forenoon. McManus died last January in Galena, Ill., where he had moved with his family in order to recuperate in health. He was a out stone contractor.

NEW SUBURBAN SERVICE SOON

C. C. & L. Promises Accommodations that Will Give Lake Shore Hard Brush.

TERMINAL PARK ROW

Expected Trains Will Operate by Feb. 1, Using I. C. Tracks From Riverdale.

The Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville road has practically decided to give Hammond a suburban service between Hammond and the Twelfth street station.

For some time the people, especially the traveling public, have been hoping that when the C. C. & L. came into Hammond they would decide to give Hammond the long looked for up to date suburban service, and now the C. C. & L. officials have practically decided to push the matter through as soon as possible. They will make connections with the Illinois Central at the Riverdale, Ill., junction, and run over the I. C. tracks on to Chicago, going in at the Twelfth street station. This service will be in operation by the first of February.

In a conversation with a TIMES reporter this morning, one of the men connected with the new road, said that "the only obstacle that stood in front of the new service would be that the C. C. & L. depot, which will be built in South Hohman street, would be quite a distance from the center of the city, but he thought as soon as the service was established and the traveling public saw the improvement between the accommodations offered by the C. C. & L. over those of the Lake Shore road, they would prefer to take a car or walk and be sure of being in the city on time. Now that the C. C. & L. have secured a temporary crossing over the Pennsylvania road in West Hammond work will be pushed through with as much speed as possible, and barring bad weather, they will be in Chicago by the first of the year. As soon as the road is in running order, then the question of suburban service will be taken up."

WILL BEGIN MONDAY.
The new serial story which has been secured by The Times, "The Masquerader" by Katherine Thurston, is one of the most popular books of recent years. It will commence in Monday's issue and our readers will regret missing a single chapter. The story deals with two men who are doubles in appearance but of widely different characters and the interest starts in the first chapter and continues until the last word of the story is read.

WRECK DRIVES ENGINEER CRAZY.
A dispatch from Stevens Point, Wis., says: Tony Burke, an engineer whose home is in this city, is insane, his mind being shattered as a result of the wreck at Woodville, Ind., in which sixty-two immigrants lost their lives. He was one of the locomotive engineers concerned in the disaster.

Burk has been sent to an insane asylum.

Advertising in the Lake County Times today important to men and women.

SHOT TO DEATH BY JAIL BIRD.

Adolph Valene of Chesterton Murdered in Arizona for His Money.

Chesterton, Dec. 7.—Adolph Valene, who left Chesterton, Porter county, about a year ago, was murdered several days ago at Tucson, Ariz. He was shot by a man named Wander, who had been released from jail the morning of the murder. He found his victim in a saloon, and after making a demand for \$2, the amount he alleged was his due from Valene, though the two men were strangers, Wander drew his revolver and immediately fired. The bullet severed Valene's windpipe and came out at the right shoulder. He then backed out of the saloon, holding a crowd at bay with his revolver, and later sought safety in flight. He was captured by a posse after a long chase. The remains of Valene were brought to Chesterton this week and given burial.

I. O. F. WANT BUSINESS BLOCK.
Chesterton, Ind., Dec. 7.—Chesterton court, of the Independent Order of Foresters of America, is agitating the building of a business block the coming summer. The court is one of the most prosperous in this section of the state and it is believed the building will be erected, providing business rooms and a permanent lodge home.

COMMISSIONERS DECIDE ON OVERHEAD CROSSING.
C. C. & L. Railroad Must Elevate Tracks to Cross Pennsylvania—Latter Must Pay 40 Per cent of Cost.

At the meeting of the railroad commissioners who met at Springfield, Ill., Wednesday, it was decided that if the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville road tracks in West Hammond, it would be necessary for them to put in an overhead crossing, but in order to put in an overhead crossing the Pennsylvania will have to lower their tracks from two to four feet at their own expense, and they would also have to pay forty per cent of the amount it would cost to construct the overhead crossing. The approximate cost of building will be \$100,000.

The decision did not meet with approval when submitted to the Pennsylvania officials, but it cannot be changed unless a satisfactory agreement is made by the two companies between themselves. The commissioners also decided to let the C. C. & L. have a temporary crossing by putting in an interlocker. It is thought that in order to evade the enormous expense that it will put the Pennsylvania road to, that they will decide to let the C. C. & L. have the interlocker permanently.

Now that the C. C. & L. have a crossing work on the new road will continue, and it is expected that an entrance into Chicago will be made by Jan. 1.

LOVERS OF THE WEED.
There is only one reigning sovereign in Europe who does not smoke at all and that is King Oscar of Sweden. The greatest smokers are King Edward, who smokes the very best cigars, and King Leopold of Belgium who smokes not fewer than a dozen cigars a day. The emperor of Austria smokes a pipe morning and evening, but the other sovereigns are contented with cigarettes, the czar consuming about thirty a day.—Exchange.

Observations of Artie.

"Why don't you put in your paper something about that man Wenzel," said Artie. "That's the best joke I've heard in a long time. You see Wenzel got drunk. He was walking drunk and laid around for a long time without anybody knowing where he was at. About that time a train came along and made hamburger of another fellow. Well, some one got the idea that he was Wenzel and every one took his word for it because they didn't want to take the job of proving that it wasn't. He was taken to the undertaker and the pieces laid out and covered up. That evening Wenzel came out of it enough to claim that he wasn't dead and could prove it. He went over to the undertakers for the purpose. 'Am I dead, Neldow?' said he. 'You can't prove it by me,' said the undertaker, 'Go and look at the corpse.' The man went over and it didn't take long to decide that it wasn't him. 'You are a peach of an undertaker,' said Wenzel. 'I'll make kindling wood of your coffin,' and then Neldow kindly, but firmly, told him to skidoo. Wasn't that a good one."

Rain tonight and Sunday; warmer; minimum temperature about the freezing point.

SUNDAY SHOWS TABOOED.
Michigan City, Ind. Dec. 7.—The Michigan City Ministerial association went on record today against Sunday theatrical performances. A new theatre, known as the Grand, has just been finished at a cost of \$60,000 and it was the intention of the management to give Sunday performances, but a committee of the association, composed of Rev. T. H. Atkins, of the Episcopal cathedral; Rev. D. H. Cornell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. A. J. Waller, of the First Methodist, called on the management today and announced the purpose of prosecuting the theatre owners under the law prohibiting persons from following their usual vocation on Sunday.

A company had been booked for a performance next Sunday, and the manager agreed that if the ministers would permit him to fill its engagement, no more Sunday performances would be attempted. The ministers made the concession, and the opera house people will not be disturbed next Sunday. Prosecution will follow any further attempt, however.

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