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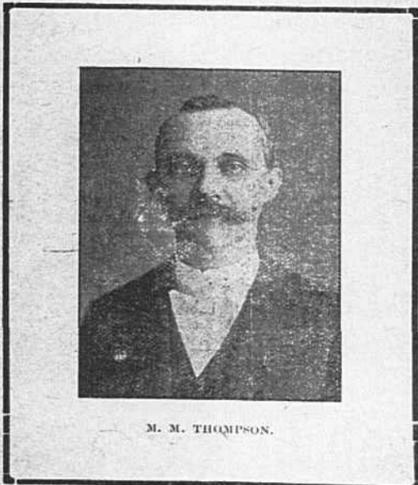
M. M. THOMPSON DIES FROM A BROKEN HEART

Shock Received from Sudden Death of His Wife Prostrated Him and Proved Fatal to Him at Half Past Ten O'clock Wednesday Night.

Late Home of Deceased One of Desolation and Sadness--Husband and Wife Lie Side by Side Still in Death--Elder Son Suffering Dangerously.

The home of the late M. M. Thompson is the saddest scene within the history of Clarksburg. The wife and mother, a splendid woman, died Monday night after a single day's illness. The sad event distressed Mr. Thompson to such an extent that he became dangerously, even critically ill, and at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday night he died of a broken heart.

most attorneys of Clarksburg, a city well represented by some of the country's most brilliant legal lights. Recognizing his ability he was appointed Master in the Circuit Court of the United States by Judge Goff, and he was also Commissioner of the Circuit Court of his native county. Mr. Thompson was always active in politics, leaning toward democracy until 1896, when he abandoned the party because of its declarations on money questions. He was actively identified with the municipal affairs of Clarksburg, having served several years as Recorder, and in 1900 was elected Mayor on the Republican ticket by the largest majority ever given a candidate for that office up to that time. As a public servant he was always particularly careful.



M. M. THOMPSON.

Prominent among the attorneys at Clarksburg, who have reached the high place in their calling, was the gentleman whose name forms the heading place of this sketch. Born at Clarksburg, March 10th, 1859, and reared in that city, he has ever had its interests at heart and has ever contributed to its growth and progress. He inherited much of his perseverance from his father, Joseph G. Thompson, who was for years one of Clarksburg's leading citizens.

Marcellus M. Thompson, who was the eldest child, secured a thorough education in the Northwestern Academy, finishing his course in that institution in 1878, and immediately afterwards entered the law office of Hon. John J. Davis. In 1881 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the State, and at once began his career, which has proved such a successful one. His practice had not been confined to any particular branch of the law, but he won his greatest success and renown in criminal work. Mr. Thompson was one of the fore-

Mr. Thompson was the author of "A Magistrate's Manual and Forms," containing forms in civil and criminal proceedings under the Code of West Virginia, which has filled a long felt want in the library of every attorney, and is of incalculable value to the magistrate and constable. The book has gone to its third edition. He also codified the ordinances of the city of Clarksburg, which were printed and bound in book form.

Before entering upon his career as a lawyer Mr. Thompson took great interest in the positive sciences; was one of the best mathematicians in the United States, and for years contributed to the leading educational and mathematical journals in this country and abroad.

Socially he was a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge No. 39, and Uniform Rank, Pinnickinnick division No. 5.

On April 17th, 1887, he married Miss Carrie Davis, of Clarksburg, an accomplished and refined woman, and to them were born four children, two of

whom are living. Our subject was secretary for many years for the West Virginia Central Agricultural and Mechanical Society, the success of which was largely due to his efforts.

The funeral of both will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 39, will have charge of the obsequies. The lawyers will also likely attend in a body.

MR. BARBE

Dies at His Home in Parkersburg, Wednesday.

Was Father of Waitman Barbe of the University.

Mr. John Barbe, a former resident of Fairmont, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Shafer, in Parkersburg, Wednesday, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. He was 80 years of age, and is survived by his wife, who is also much advanced in years.

Mr. Barbe was a resident of Fairmont until several months ago, when he and his wife, who were both in feeble health, went to Parkersburg to reside with their daughter. Mr. Barbe was born in Woodstock county, Va., but spent most of his life in Monongalia county. He was a noble gentleman and was held in high regard by every one. Besides his daughter, he has two sons, Prof. Waitman T. Barbe, of Morgantown, and J. M. Barbe, cashier of the People's Bank, at Harpersville.

The funeral took place yesterday from the Shafer residence in Parkersburg.

WRECK

Of Coal Cars at Pinnickinnick Coal Mines.

There was a bad mix of coal cars at Pinnickinnick mines Tuesday, just east of Clarksburg. One of the yard engines went down there to do some switching, and in transferring the cars from one track to the other a brakeman failed to throw the switch in time and the engine and cars run into some other cars, badly demolishing them. A car load of mine cars and a load of mine props were badly used up in the wreck. The brakeman claims that owing to the cold weather the switch stuck on him and he could not get it turned in time. The wrecking crew from Grafton was dispatched to the scene and it was late in the evening before the wreck was cleared up. As no switching of cars could be done, the coal company were practically tied up all day.

OFFICERS

Elected at Wheeling by State Bar Association.

The State Bar association in Wheeling Wednesday afternoon elected the following officers:
President—C. W. Dally, Elkins.
Vice President—(By Congressional districts)—First, John J. Davis, Clarksburg; second, A. M. Cunningham, Parsons; third, Malcomb Jackson, Charleston; fourth, H. B. Woods, Ritchie; fifth, Clark May, Lincoln.
Secretary—N. C. Hubbard, of Wheeling.

A. J. Mitchell, of the National Supply Co., of Pittsburg, is in the city from Pittsburg, looking after business connected with the local branch office.

SPENDING

Two Million Dollars for Improvements.

Oil Well Supply Company Is Arranging Vast Extensions.

The Oil Well Supply Company, of Pittsburg, has issued \$2,000,000 of 5 per cent bonds to cover gigantic improvements and extensions of operations, planned and recently completed. At its Pittsburg works the company is just completing a new plant for the manufacture of drilling equipment, including one building 106 by 264 feet and a blacksmith shop, 200 by 40 feet. The Pittsburg plant covers the block between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets and Railroad street and the Allegheny river and a stretch 87 feet front west of Twenty-first street.

At Oil City a modern new plant is about completed, which displaces two plants that are being abandoned there. The company bought 45 acres for this plant, part of which is used for homes for the workmen. The investment there is about \$800,000. The company has extensive works at Bradford, Pa., and at Oswego, N. Y., a large new boiler plant, covering four acres, is about completed. At Poplar Bluff, Mo., the company owns 200,000 acres of ash and hickory timber lands, and will enlarge its plant for utilizing the lumber. At Parkersburg, W. Va., the company has been enlarging its wood works.

The bond issue has been sold to the Union Trust Company. The bonds are payable at the rate of \$100,000 a year for the next 20 years. The capital stock of the company is \$1,500,000, and the surplus is about \$2,000,000. It was stated officially last night that the business of the company this year has been the largest in its history.

The drilling of wells for oil and gas is not confined, as it formerly was to a few states in this section of the country, but is now being extensively carried on in Kentucky, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Indian Territory, Wyoming, California and Alaska, and in many foreign countries including Mexico, Japan, East Indies, India, Russia and Roumania. The Oil Well Supply Company has a large business in these various states of the union and in foreign countries.

This firm has a branch office located in the Traders building and a large ware house and pipe yard on Hewes street.

LIBERTY

Gives Mary Daley After a Hard Fight.

Gives Bond of One Thousand Dollars before Magistrate.

Mary Daley is at liberty after a battle of several weeks. She was incarcerated in the county jail several weeks by direction of Justice S. W. Gordon and a legal war has been on ever since. Mr. Gordon refused to take bondsmen she offered because he did not think them good. Then Judge Mason was appealed to and he advised the magistrate to lower the amount of the bond from \$1,000 to \$500, but even after this she failed to offer a satisfactory bond to Squire Gordon. Justice David was appealed to but refused to act in the matter on account of its being Mr. Gordon's case, but a day or so ago Mr. Gordon went to the Valley of Virginia on a visit and application was again made to Justice David. Wednesday night he allowed her to give bond of \$1,000 with H. L. Frum as her bondsman. She was then released from jail. The charge against her is the conducting of a house of disrepute in Salem.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Lee Hedges in Honor of Sister.

A New Year's Eve party, in honor of Mr. D. Lee Hedges' sister, Miss Estella Hedges, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Hedges at their pretty home at the corner of Third and Mechanic streets, on New Year's eve. Games and dancing were indulged in. Seasonable refreshments were served. The table was beautifully decorated with pink roses, and a soft glow of pink from the candle lights permeated the room.

The party did not break up until after midnight, the guests remaining to "watch in the new year." Those present were: Misses Laura Ash, Bessie Gaines, Lucy Pool, Miriam Black, Ethel Morris, Frieda Holden, Flora Paugh, and Messrs. Howard Byers, Frank Gardner, Houston Colburn, Wayne Allen, Fleming Holden, Charles Vannort, Burton Alexander and Rufus Ash.

SPARRED

And Received a Dislocation of a Shoulder.

Proprietor Rush of the Manhattan buffet and his bartender, Mr. Duffy, had a clever sparring match last night in the buffet and were putting up an interesting fight until Rush received a dislocation of one of his shoulders. Two physicians attended him. The injury is severe but will not be permanent.

ELK BRIDGE

Hall The Scene of Enjoyable Dance New Year's Eve.

A New Year's dance was given in the Elkbridge hall on last night. The affair was gotten up by Messrs. Osmond Swartz, M. C. List and Mr. Lininger. There were about twelve or fifteen couples present, all of the younger society set. The music was furnished by Prof. Ed. Henry's orchestra. The dancing was continued until after the New Year came in, and the young ladies and gentlemen present had a most enjoyable time.

GRAND BALL

Will be Given at Reed's Hall by Colored People.

The colored people will have a grand ball in Reed's hall tonight. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Prof. Henry's orchestra, which has an enviable reputation. The public is invited to attend. The committee on arrangements gives out assurances that the best of order will prevail. Refreshments will be served. Pains will not be spared to make the event a grand success socially.

WIFE

Claims Husband Assaulted and Beat Her.

Mrs. Etta Swiger, wife of Hugh Swiger, the former constable, has sworn out a warrant in Squire Riley's court against her husband charging him with assaulting and beating her. She claims that on December 30, her husband assaulted her and beat and otherwise mistreated her. The case was set for hearing Friday morning at ten o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Swiger live at Adamston.

BIG TELEPHONE SYSTEM WILL BE BUILT HERE

Philadelphians With Unlimited Capital Send a Representative Here to Look Over the Field and Obtain Information About Local Companies.

Expresses Astonishment at the High Prices and Poor Service as He Terms it--System Will be Extended Into Adjacent States--Fine Opportunity for First Class System.

NEW YEAR

Welcomed at Watch Night Meeting at Goff M. E. Church.

The "Watch Night" meeting, welcoming the old year out and the new year in, was held in the Goff M. E. church New Year's evening, according to the time-honored custom of the Methodist church. The programme, which was an elaborate and interesting one, was carried out as published in yesterday evening's Telegram, with the exception of the address by Hon. Thomas H. Clark, who was not present owing to disability.

The meeting was largely attended and an enthusiastic one. The reports of the different departments and societies of the church revealed a remarkable showing of the progress of the year's work.

At the midnight hour, the consecration meeting was held, marking the close of the old year and the beginning of the new one.

BOTTLING WORKS

Will be Moved to Handsome New Building.

The Excelsior Bottling Works with offices in the Citizen's Ice Company building will move into Glen Elk next summer. The proprietors, Dr. W. E. Stathers and Stephen A. Lewis, are preparing to erect a three story brick building, 35x162 feet, on Clark street. It will be thoroughly fitted up for the purpose and some modern machinery will be purchased with a view to making the bottling works the best and most complete in the state. The building and improvements in the machinery will cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000. It is the intention to increase the capacity of the plant and push the product in several additional sections of the state.

ACCIDENT

Happens to Employee of Adamston Glass Factory.

Gus Deem, an employe at the glass factory, met with a painful accident at 11 o'clock at night. Three of his fingers on his left hand were so badly lacerated by a circular saw that amputation was necessary. The injuries were dressed as soon as a physician could be gotten from this place. He is doing nicely.

Your garments pressed while you wait at the Clarksburg Pressing Co. New management. 119 North Third street. Dec 29-1w

Clarksburg will soon have another telephone system, if the plans of Philadelphia capitalists materialize. There is every assurance, says their representative, Mr. A. C. Driker, who has been here several days looking over the field and quietly obtaining all possible information concerning the system in operation here now. His syndicate entertains the idea of putting in a system, which will cover all central West Virginia and later will be extended to other portions of the state and into sections of Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland. It will be an independent concern with unlimited capital and the most expensive and substantial system in operation in the United States will be erected and maintained.

The concern will put the system on a solid financial basis from the beginning and will avoid the paying of interest on the capital stock. This plan will enable the concern to reduce the price of its service to the minimum. Mr. Driker assures a Telegram representative that such a system as his people contemplate will simply put the other fellows out of business, unless they cut prices half in two. He is of the opinion that an up-to-date telephone system can be run at a much less cost than appears to be the case with the Bell and Consolidated Companies here. He professes to be an expert in the business and expressed astonishment at the poor quality of the service of both companies here, as he termed it.

Mr. Driker was not in position to definitely state, when the proposed movement would materialize but he hopes to have matters in shape within the next sixty days. Other cities and towns in this section of the state will be visited by him in the next twenty days, after which he will return to Philadelphia and make an elaborate and detailed report of his investigations. He visited Grafton and Fairmont before coming here and speaks highly of the opportunities a first class telephone system would have in West Virginia.

BURIAL

Of Mrs. Rhoda Bartlett, Who Died at Mt. Clare.

The remains of Mrs. Rhoda Bartlett, who died at her home at Mt. Clare, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, will arrive here on tomorrow morning's train and will be taken to the I. O. O. F. cemetery, where interment will occur. She was the wife of Dr. T. B. Bartlett, and leaves the husband, one son and four daughters. Her age was 65 years. The deceased was a very estimable lady and leaves many friends to mourn her sudden death.

J. W. Ddge will go to Cincinnati tomorrow night to testify in an important law-suit.