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SUICIDE AT WALLACE WOMAN HANGS HERSELF

Mrs. Homer Talkington Found Suspended by a Rope From Joice in Their Smoke House.

Cause of Rash Act Unknown but Supposed to be Chagrin Over Father's Actions--Inquest Held.

Word reaches here of the suicide of Mrs. Johanna Talkington at her home at Wallace Wednesday evening, January 28.

Mrs. Talkington hanged herself in the smoke house with a rope suspended from a joice of the second story at 5:30 o'clock in the evening it is supposed. Her husband, Homer Talkington, found her hanging there dead half an hour later, when he came from his work and found her missing. The body was warm, indicating that she had not been dead more than half an hour. Her neck was broken.

Squire James Ogden held an inquest Thursday. The verdict was that she hanged herself.

Interment occurred in the Bennett cemetery on Big Elk near Wallace Friday.

Mrs. Talkington was a large, robust and health woman, and ill health was not, therefore, the cause of her rash act. The relations between herself and her husband were said to be the most domestic and happy. She was a stockpole and her people reside at Enterprise. It is stated that her father's conduct in reference to a woman, with whom he appears infatuated, may have driven her to take her life. She was 30 years of age and leaves no children.

OBSERVATION OFFICIALS

Complete at Farnum a Trip of 32 Days of Inspection.

Observed Telegraph Offices, Signals and So Forth.

The Telegraph and Signal Departments of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company passed through here Friday morning, enroute to Baltimore. The party traveled in two coaches and were hauled by an observation engine.

They came here from Fairmont and were ending a trip over the entire system of the company. The inspection trip consumed 32 days and was finished at Farnum at 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. The party consisted of Signal Engineer Frank Patenall, Telegraph Superintendent C. Seldon, B. S. Mace of the insurance department, D. W. Day, F. G. Adams, and Frank McGeeny. The peculiar construction of the engine with a coach as a part of it attracted attention as it stood in the yards here a few minutes before the party left for the East. The object of the trip was to learn where improvements are necessary.

J. M. Showacre has moved his family from Moundsville occupying Dr. Morgan's new house on Mechanic street. Mr. Showacre and brother have purchased the news business of Dauterman Bros.

The train from Fairmont did not arrive until 10 o'clock this morning, on account of being delayed by the observation party which came up first.

FEW ORDERS

Entered in Circuit Court, Either Law or Chancery.

Carrie McVicker's Damage Suit Continued.

In the chancery cause of John I. Alexander against George Lanham and others, Laco L. Young filed his answer.

The cause of Andrew J. Williams, administrator, against Nora F. Martin and others, was referred to Commissioner Charles W. Lynch to ascertain personal assets of the estate and so fourth.

The case of Carrie McVicker against the city of Clarksburg was continued, each side paying its own costs.

James H. Watson filed a petition asking for power to adopt Mabel Harrison, 3 years old, and to change her name to Mabel Watson.

The case of E. S. Swisher against H. E. Dawson and J. W. Sommerville upon an appeal was dismissed by mutual consent.

STATE PRESIDENT

Of W. C. T. U. Addressed Local Union at Mrs. Yost's Thursday Evening.

The local Women's Christian Temperance Union was very pleasantly entertained Thursday evening by Mrs. Yost at her home on Clay street. The State President, Mrs. George W. Morrow, of Fairmont, was present and gave a very interesting talk. Later refreshments were served by Mrs. Yost. There was a goodly number of the union present and all enjoyed Mrs. Yost's hospitality to the utmost.

BURGLARS

May be Caught. Koon Has an Important Clue.

George R. Koon, whose store was burglarized a night or so ago, is hot on the trail of the burglars. He says he has an important clue, and believes he will be able in a day or so to locate them and have them arrested. He declines to state what clue he has, fearing that that might interfere with the apprehension of the burglars.

TWO PUMPS

Drilled in, in the Salem Oil Field, 20 Barrels Each.

In the Salem district, F. A. Griffin & Morris have completed No. 3 on the Flint heirs' farm and have a 20-barrel pumper in the Gordon sand.

In the same district Gartlan & Keating have completed their test on the Ira Clark farm and have a 20 barrel pumper in the Gordon sand.

CHARGES PREFERRED

Against Squire Gordon and Constable McClung by Tutwiller.

Accuses Them of Violating Law Concerning Auctioneers.

Asked for Warrants But Did Not Get Them.

George Tutwiller, who was arrested this afternoon by Constable McClung on a warrant issued by Squire Samuel W. Gordon at the instance of C. H. Kidd, charging him with peddling without a license, proposes to have sweet revenge. He appeared in Squire Riley's assays after he had been released and demanded a warrant against both Constable McClung and Squire Gordon upon the charge that they were not paying proper auctioneer's license. He alleges that the only tax they have paid is \$5 apiece and as they follow the business in this city, they have violated the law and cited section 73, chapter 32 of the Code of West Virginia which reads as follows:

"On every license to act as an auctioneer \$5 and if any auctioneer act as such in a town an additional tax of \$2 for every thousand of the population of said town, according to the last preceding United States census."

For a reason not given he did not get the warrant.

TEXT OF BILL

Amending the City Charter as Introduced by Mr. Harmer.

Australian Ballot System May Be Used Here.

The bill introduced by Senator Harvey W. Harmer in the Senate to amend the charter of this city, so as to put the Australian ballot in vogue here is worded as follows:

"That sections eight and eleven of chapter one hundred and one of the Acts of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

On the Tuesday after the first Monday in April, one thousand nine hundred and three, and on said day of every succeeding year there shall be elected by the qualified voters of said city a Mayor, Chief of Police, Superintendent of Street, Commissioner of Water Works, Assessor, City Collector and Treasurer and City Clerk who shall hold their respective offices for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

"11. The election in said city shall be held and conducted and the result thereof certified, returned and finally determined under chapter three of the Code of West Virginia, as amended."

The bill has been reported back by the Committee on Municipal Corporations with the recommendation that it pass. The bill has been read the first time and ordered to its second reading.

KNISELEY ACQUITTED

Of the Murder of John Wheeler at Johnstown.

Ernest Kniseley was acquitted at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon of the murder of John Wheeler at Johnstown a few weeks ago. The jury had the case about one hour.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Will be Compulsory if Harmer's Bill Passes.

Measure Provides for Holding Them at Same Time all Over State.

Expense of Primaries is to be Borne by the State.

State Senator Harvey W. Harmer has introduced a bill in the Legislature to provide for the nomination of candidates for public office by direct vote. The bill has been referred to the Judiciary committee and reported back with the recommendation that it pass. The bill has been ordered to its second reading. It provides that all candidates to be voted for, except at special elections, shall be nominated at a primary election. It places the time for all elections of this sort in the state for the last Tuesday in August, 1904, and every two years thereafter. It provides for state and county executive committees for the political parties and defines their powers and duties. Among the important features of the bill is the clause providing for the payment of the costs of holding such primaries. This is to be borne by the state.

APPOINTED GEN'L MANAGER

Mr. Orr Will Have that Position with Home Gas Company.

Assumes the Duties of the Position Next Monday.

R. M. Orr has been appointed general manager of the West Fork Oil and Natural Gas Company and will assume the duties of the office next Monday morning. The office is virtually an additional one, as the company has heretofore had an office manager and not a general manager. The selection is a good one and Mr. Orr will prove the right man in the right place. This company deserves the hearty support of the people of this city. It has had an important hand in nearly every industry that has located here and is offering inducements to others to come to this city. It furnishes gas to manufacturers at a remarkably low rate and thereby does its full share in building up the city and making Greater Clarksburg. The company has several negotiations on which will prove beneficial to the city.

ARM BROKEN

James Kelley Mined Coal Without Knowing It.

Came to City to Get Liniment and Learned About It.

James Kelley worked all day Thursday in the coal mine at Dixie with a broken arm. He mined the usual amount of coal that day without realizing that his arm was broken. At 2 o'clock the afternoon before, a fall of coal hurt his left arm, but he thought little about it until last evening, when he came to the city to get some liniment to rub on it. As soon as a physician looked at it he discovered that the arm was broken midway between the wrist and the elbow. Kelley was greatly surprised but is not working today. He will rest until the broken member gets well.

BASE BALL OFFICIALS

To Meet in Parkersburg Next Month and Organize Circuit.

Clarksburg Stated for Membership in the Organization.

A meeting of the officials of the base ball clubs that will be represented in the Ohio Valley circuit that is now a proposition, will be held at the Blennerhassett hotel, at Parkersburg, February 12, at which a permanent organization will be perfected and the work of the organization put on a solid basis.

The cities that are asked to be represented in the circuit are: Charleston, Huntington, Ashland, Portsmouth, Weirton, Circleville, Zanesville, Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Sistersville, Gallipolis, Middleport, Pomeroy and Maysville.

It is said that a number of sports have in mind a company that will invest sufficient money to secure a good team and the Stephenson park at Parkersburg.

Fred Drum, who managed the Wheeling team last season, is being looked to take charge of the Parkersburg aggregation.

LAMP EXPLODED

In Oliver Boughner's Kitchen and Caused a Fire.

Blaze Smothered With Blankets--Mr. Boughner's Nose Scorched.

A rather serious little fire occurred at the home of Oliver P. Boughner on West Main street at the supper hour last night. It was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the kitchen. Mr. Boughner happened to be at home at the time and he used great presence of mind by smothering the flames with blankets. The ceiling of the room was considerably burned. In putting out the blaze Mr. Boughner's nose was scorched considerably. The fire department was not called out. Mr. Boughner's quick action in smothering the blaze saved the house as it is a frame and would have been consumed before the department could have arrived and gotten into operation. The damage amounts to only a few dollars.

CANTEEN

Question Discussed by State Board W. C. T. U.

At Session Which Adjourned at Goff Chapel Thursday.

The State Executive Board of the Women's Christian Temperance Union adjourned their session at the Goff Chapel M. E. Church, yesterday.

Much important business was transacted by the Board. The canteen question, relative to legislative petitioning, was thoroughly discussed by the board.

Two sessions of the board were held, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. The adjournment was made late Thursday afternoon.

Those in attendance at the meeting of the Board are Mrs. George W. Morrow, of Fairmont, president; Mrs. Parker, of Fairmont, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Davis, of Lost Creek, county president of Harrison county; Mrs. Hannon, of Fairmont, county president of Marion county; Mrs. Hall, of Wheeling; Mrs. Battle, of Parkersburg; Mrs. Molar, of St. Albans.

SALEM CHARTER BILL HAS SMOOTH SAILING

Committee Votes Unanimously in Favor of the Bill and Recommends its Passage by the House of Delegates

Bill Passes in the House to its Third Reading--Friends Sanguine of its Passage in the Senate.

STRUCK BY TRAIN

Adolphus Wolfe Escaped With Only Few Bruises.

Adolphus Wolfe, aged about 22 years, son of Jacob Wolfe, of Adamston, was struck by a coal train on the Monongah division between 6 and 7 o'clock Thursday evening. The accident happened near the crossing in the locality of the Lafayette Glass factory at Northview. Fortunately he escaped with only a few bruises and was able to be out next morning. It was a narrow escape.

UNTIMELY DEATH.

Miss Lucy Ramsey Passes Into the Great Beyond.

Miss Lucy Ramsey, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ramsey, of Adamston, died at her home Thursday evening about six o'clock, after an extended illness. She was fifteen years of age. Her many young friends will be pained to know of her untimely end.

The Clarksburg Fraternal Burial Association, of which she was a member, will have charge of the funeral arrangements. The burial will occur Saturday afternoon.

SCHEDULE

Will be Changed as Soon as Switch is Completed.

The Fairmont and Clarksburg Electric Railway Company is putting in a switch track in Point Comfort. It is at a point just east of the high elevation in that suburb. The rails were cut yesterday and transfers were necessary. The switch will be completed in a day or so and by Monday three cars will be running to Adamston instead of two. The change will make a quicker schedule for Adamston.

Where Are You Going?

Some folks are going to New Orleans.

Some are going to France, But I'm going to

Prof. Nott's dancing school to-night

To learn that "Floradora" dance.

Elk Bridge building, 8 o'clock.

CHILDREN'S CLASS.
Tomorrow morning, 10:00 o'clock.
Department, Grace, Physical Culture, and Polite Society Dan-
cing.
Jan. 30-16

Charleston specials today state that the Salem charter bill passed its second reading in the House of Delegates yesterday afternoon and went to its third reading.

Large delegations appeared before the committee for and against the measure and a bitter contest was waged. After the committee heard both sides at length, a vote was taken, which resulted unanimously in favor of the bill. This committee looks after proposed bills in reference to counties, cities and municipal corporations. After the result of the vote had been announced, the committee took steps to report to the House and recommend that the bill pass. This was done yesterday and the bill went to the third reading with smooth sailing. There seems to be little, if any doubt now that it will pass the House, but it will then have to go to the Senate. No one knows what will happen to it there. Parties who are there advocating its passage feel hopeful and give out the news that that body will concur in the action of the House.

There has been no change in the original draft of the bill as published in the Telegram a few weeks ago. It includes a license clause. With that eliminated there would practically be no opposition in Salem to the measure, but the majority of the citizens of that town are opposed to the elimination of that feature of the bill and if it becomes law, it will in all probability contain that particular clause.

PLEASANT EVENING

Passed at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Rector.

A large number attended the social and reception given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyda Rector, at their home on West Mechanic street, Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies Circle, Grand Army of the Republic.

A pleasing programme of music and recitations was rendered and light refreshments were served. The programme, as rendered, is as follows:

Recitations--"The Gate Beautiful," "The Deacon's Potatoes."--Mrs. Harrison Albright. Recitations--"The Polish Boy," "Kate Shelly."--Mrs. Watkins. Recitation--"My Sister's Best Braux."--Miss Helen Gordon. Duet--"Music on the Waves."--Mrs. Charles Ridenour, Mrs. Amos Payne. Solo--"Sweet the Angelus Was Ringing."--Mrs. Ridenour.

The evening's entertainment was heartily enjoyed by those present. A silver offering was taken at the door for the benefit of the Ladies' Circle, G. A. R. Nearly fifteen dollars was netted.

But One Case

There was but one lone drunk up before Mayor Crile this morning. The usual fine was assessed and the culprit not having the money, was sent to the county jail.