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WHOLE NO. 963

GAS FILLS MILLS MILLERS' NARROW ESCAPE

SMOKESTACK FAILED TO CARRY ALL THE 'BURNT' GAS FROM THE FURNACE.

James Kidd, Lloyd Steel and William Steele All Affected, the First Named Being Seriously Ill for a Time.

The Anchor mills was the scene of a peculiar, but, fortunately, not a serious accident. It might have been the place of asphyxiation of several people had not there been timely discovery and plenty of ventilation.

The mill was running as usual, with William Steel, Lloyd Steel and James Kidd, millers, working in it. Kidd began to get drowsy and was about to go off into the land of Nod, when the other two men got some of the effects of his stupor.

The windows and doors were hurriedly thrown open and the winter blasts soon renovated the inside and purified the atmosphere.

Messrs. Steel soon got over the effects of the gas, but Kidd's condition was rather bad for some time, but he is now out of danger and will shortly be at work as usual.

RUNAWAY

EXPERIENCED BY M. D. STUART, WHO RECEIVES SLIGHT INJURY ON FOREHEAD.

Horses Were Spirited and Frightened at a Street Car.—Horses Caught and Little Damage Done.

M. D. Stuart, the well-known liveryman and horse dealer, was hurt in a runaway Wednesday afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock, but not seriously, as the street report went immediately after ward.

Mr. Stuart was driving a spirited team attached to a sleigh and was going along at a lively gait, when a street car approached from the rear. The horses appeared to become frightened and attempted to turn around.

The horses continued to run, but were caught by Ernest Carr and John Southern at the corner of West Pike and Sixth streets.

SPRAINED

Both Ankles in Dropping Himself Down from Roof.—Thomas Patton Painfully Hurt and May be Disabled Several Days.

Thomas Patton, the West Pike street merchant, has both his ankles severely sprained and is suffering considerably.

Tuesday afternoon, as the weather moderated some, the roof of his store began to leak, and he got up on top of the building and cut the ice and snow away, so that the water could run down the spouts.

While he was thus engaged the ladder he used to get to the roof fell and he concluded to climb down without the use of it. He swung himself down from the top of the ware-room by hanging to the eaves until he was within several feet of the ground and then let himself drop. He fell heavily on the snow and ice below and sustained the injuries mentioned. His condition is such that he may not be able to work again for several days.

GRANDPA BROOKS IT IS.

It is now Grandpa J. O. Brooks, of the Clarksburg Fuel company, although he does not look it, so far as his movements are concerned, but the fatherly smile he wears gives it away.

UNFOUNDED

IS THE RUMOR THAT THERE IS SMALLPOX IN THE HOME HOTEL.

Origin of Report May Have Been From Remark in Jest or That Another in Adjoining Building Had it Weeks Ago.

The rumor Wednesday to the effect that there was case of smallpox in the Home hotel on North Fourth street in Glen Elk, conducted by Mrs. Cunningham, was wholly unfounded.

The report reached the ears of Dr. Charles W. Halterman, the county health officer, and he immediately went to the hotel and investigated the matter. He found a young lady there suffering from a felon and nothing in the nature of smallpox existed in the hotel.

It may be that the report started from the fact that a gentleman in an adjoining building had the disease some time ago, but was cured almost before any one knew anything about it.

Again, it may be that a domestic who was discharged a few days ago, circulated the report, though the circumstances indicate that it was done innocently, if she did it. A few days ago the domestic went to the hotel, and as she was entering the girl suffering from the felon was leaving to go to a physician to have the finger lanced.

TROLLEY CAR TO O'NEILL

First Run on Line Just Completed to O'Neill Made by Wilsonburg Car Wednesday.—Car Will Run There Hereafter.

Street car No. 5 of the Fairmont & Clarksburg Electric railway which makes the regular scheduled run between this city and Wilsonburg, made the first run to O'Neill, one mile beyond Wilsonburg, Wednesday afternoon. The car left Clarksburg at 1:24 o'clock and made the trip safely. A new schedule will be formed and the Wilsonburg car will run through to O'Neill on regular trips hereafter.

DEATH

of Mrs. Vera Norman, Occurred at Her Home Near Mt. Clare Tuesday Evening After an Illness With Dropsy.

Mrs. Vera Norman, wife of Bruce Norman, died at her home near Mount Clare Tuesday evening after a long illness with dropsy. She was 36 years of age, and is survived by her husband, but no children.

MARRIED IN CUMBERLAND.

Orville Harrison, of Clarksburg, and Miss Lena Halbritter, of this place, were married at Cumberland on December 25, by Rev. W. A. Melvin. Mr. Harrison clerk's in the drug store here for Dr. Martin last fall, but is now employed in Fairmont. The bride is a daughter of town Sergeant Halbritter, and is well known in Keyser, and well liked by her many friends.—Keyser Echo.

FUNERAL OF JOSEPH WILEY.

The funeral of Joseph Wiley, who died at his home on Locust street Monday evening, after an illness which typoid pneumonia, took place Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. S. K. Arbutnot conducted the funeral services at the home. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

WRECK

OF A COAL TRAIN OCCURS NEAR MORGANAH ON MONONGAH DIVISION.

Number of Cars Derailed and Considerable Damage Done, But No One Hurt. Trains Delayed Several Hours.

A coal train was wrecked just south of Monogah on the Monongah division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad system at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning. A number of cars were derailed and smashed up some, and it was necessary to suspend traffic several hours. A wreckers' crew was soon upon the scene and devoted its efforts to cleaning up the wreck and repairing the track until after 11 o'clock, when the track was gotten in shape so that trains could pass the point of the wreckage. No. 2, the passenger train due here from Fairmont shortly before 9 o'clock, did not arrive until 12:15 o'clock, the delay being on account of the wreck. Other trains were also held up by the wreck. No one was hurt in the wreck.

BONDS

Required of Edward Flaherty, of Salem, Who is Charged With Violations of the Excise Laws of the State.

Edward Flaherty, who was arrested at Salem and brought here several days ago on the charge of violating the excise laws of the state, and who gave bond of \$200 later for trial Wednesday, appeared in Squire Samuel W. Gordon's court at the appointed hour Wednesday and the case was disposed of by his giving the usual bonds in such cases—\$500 not to re-engage in the business until after the adjournment of the next term of circuit court and \$100 to answer to an indictment by the next grand jury. This done, he was given his liberty to return to Salem and participate in the election there Thursday.

POULTRY

SHOW WILL BEGIN IN YOST BUILDING HERE TOMORROW AND LAST THREE DAYS.

Numerous Entries Have Been Made and Five Hundred or More Fowls from Many Sections Will be on Exhibition.

The third annual exhibition of the West Virginia Poultry association will begin here tomorrow in the Yost building on West Main street, and continue three days.

The prospects for a successful show are very bright, as there will be more than 500 fowls on display, coming from various portions of this state, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Some are very choice specimens and all interested in poultry raising will find them worthy of admiration.

Secretary H. D. Correll, of Morgantown, has arrived and is busily engaged in making the final preparations for the opening of the exposition. It promises to be very largely attended.

INJURED

In the Coal Mine at Meadowbrook and Taken to Miners' Hospital at Fairmont for Treatment.

Umberto Yaconis, of Meadowbrook, is in the Miners' hospital at Fairmont, as the result of an accident to him in the mines in his home town. He has a bad scalp wound and an injured leg as a consequence of the fall of slate. His injuries are not believed to be of a fatal nature. The accident happened Tuesday and the fellow was hurried off to the hospital in the afternoon.

BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL.

William Carder, of Century, was brought to the Kessler hospital Tuesday afternoon to undergo treatment. He is suffering from stomach and nervous troubles.

ELKS' BENEFIT

ENTERTAINMENT

Will Be Given by a Clarksburg Lodge, a Committee Having Been Appointed to Make the Arrangements.

The Clarksburg lodge of Elks will give a benefit entertainment in the not distant future. At the regular meeting held in the lodge rooms on Third street Tuesday evening a committee was appointed to decide upon the nature and place and date of the entertainment. It is the intention to give it in the Traders Grand opera house, and the object of the entertainment is the same as the one given in previous years.

ELECTIONS

WILL BE HELD THURSDAY IN A NUMBER OF TOWNS IN HARRISON COUNTY.

CONTESTS ARE LIVELY IN SOME OF THEM, WHERE THERE ARE ISSUES TO BE DECIDED.

Other Places Have But One Ticket and the Interest is Slight.—Still Others Will Yet Make Up Their Tickets.

Municipal elections will be held Thursday in Salem, Shinnston, Bridgeport, West Milford, Lumberport and Adamston.

Tickets have been nominated in all these towns, and in some of them the contest will be quite exciting, especially in Salem, Shinnston, Adamston and Bridgeport.

In Lumberport there is but one ticket, which is as follows: Hood Hornor, for mayor. Dr. L. C. Oyster, recorder. C. L. Hess, R. S. Mason, Vance L. Hornor, Douglas Robinson and Charles G. ... for councilmen.

The tickets at Adamston are known as Republican and Labor tickets, and are as follows, the Republican being named first:

G. C. Southern, for mayor. D. H. Cotright, for recorder. J. E. Boyle, Joseph Schutte, Gottlieb Schutte, Arthur Shafer and Clarence Baxter, for councilmen. William H. Camp, for mayor. J. W. Flanigan, recorder. J. E. Kidd, A. E. Criman, George R. Criss, C. C. Price and Grant U. Miller, for councilmen.

The Bridgeport tickets are as follows: W. T. Swiger, for mayor. Jonah Currey, recorder. J. W. Graves, Jay Martin, F. B. Kester, A. W. Lang and John Lancaster, for councilmen.

C. A. Lawson, for mayor. C. W. Robinson, recorder. F. B. Davidson, A. J. Lodge, G. B. Late, J. B. Martin and J. W. Harr, councilmen.

At Salem they have the Citizens' Reform ticket, and the Citizens' High License ticket, with the odds somewhat in favor of the latter. They are as follows, the Reform ticket being given first:

Ernest Randolph, mayor. J. S. Howard, recorder. J. C. McGregor, A. M. Ritter, Hiram Lynch, E. T. Young and H. M. Willis, for councilmen. Thomas Pepper, for school commissioner. D. F. F. Randolph, mayor. George E. Zinn, recorder. W. H. Spear, T. B. Smith, I. D. Smith, R. L. Jones and N. J. Williams, for councilmen. M. H. Davis, school commissioner.

At West Milford municipal elections are generally very quiet, and the one this year promises to be. The tickets are usually made up the morning of the election, and that will be the case Thursday, no nominating conventions having been held.

So far at Shinnston but one ticket has been nominated, and is known as the Improvement ticket. A convention will be held tonight to nominate another ticket, with Howard Shinn as candidate for mayor.

The ticket already nominated is as follows: Cyrus Thompson, mayor. Leslie Hawker, recorder. George A. Ferguson, E. J. Whiteman, Perry Moll, H. M. Mull, H. M. Martin and Muta Swiger.

DEAD

IS THE FATHER OF LEE HEDGES OF THIS CITY, AT HIS HOME IN PITTSBURG.

Son Leaves for Pittsburg to Take Remains to Martinsburg, Former Home of Deceased, for Burial Friday.

D. Lee Hedges, jeweler at F. A. Robinson & Son's, received a sad message Wednesday forenoon, telling him of the death of his father, Anthony Hedges, at his home in Pittsburg at an early hour that morning.

Mr. Hedges left on the Short Line train at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon for Pittsburg to arrange to take the remains to Martinsburg, the former home of the deceased, for burial Friday.

The deceased was 58 years of age. He leaves five sons and two daughters. His wife died several years ago. He was superintendent of railroad yards in Pittsburg.

TAKEN TO INFIRMARY.

Miss Mattie Reeder, aged 21 years, who was a domestic in a home on Monticello avenue, has been taken to the county infirmary. She suffers from rheumatism and other afflictions. Her condition is rather serious, and she may not long live.

MARRIED

MR. DEVER BORING, OF THIS CITY, WINS MISS ELLIOTT, OF BELINGTON, AS HIS BRIDE.

Reception at the Home of His Parents in Honor of the Bride and Groom. Popular and Worthy Young Couple.

Mr. John Dever Boring, of this city and Miss Minnie Elliott were married at high noon Wednesday at the home of the bride in Belington, in the presence of relatives and friends.

Mr. Boring is a son of Nathan Boring, of this county, and a well-known young painter in Clarksburg. He is a gentleman of industry and integrity.

Mrs. Boring is a daughter of Truman Elliott, of Belington, is an attractive young lady, popular among her many acquaintances. She was formerly in the millinery and dry goods departments of the Parsons-Sanders store here, and made many friends in Clarksburg while there.

Among those who attended the nuptials were James D. Boring, of the Lownds department store, brother of the bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. Boring will arrive here and go to the home of his father for an elaborate wedding reception Thursday.

SUSPENSION

Of Supply of Motive Power from Electric Plant Occurs to Attach a Wire.

The patrons of the Clarksburg Electric Light company were greatly inconvenienced Wednesday by an unavoidable delay in supplying motive power. It became necessary to connect a wire at the plant at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, and operations had to be suspended temporarily. The delay lasted the better part of two hours, and all who are supplied from that source laid off from work during that time.

BURNED

BADLY ON THE LEGS AS HE SLEPT BY FIRE AT GLEN ELK BRICK PLANT.

Coal Miner from Century Takes Refuge from Cold and Awakes to Find It Far Better Than Heat.—Physician Dresses Wounds and He Disappears.

A stranger, who said he had been a miner in the coal mines at Century, applied at police headquarters Tuesday night for permission to rest his weary bones there over night, but his condition was such that Policeman Harry Brooks took him in hand, although he refused him the request. From the fellow's appearance Harry concluded there was something radically wrong and he inquired the trouble. The fellow informed him that he had come to the city for a change, and having become fatigued, had gone to one of the Glen Elk brick plants and taken shelter from the cold by lying down near one of the fires. He went to sleep and was aroused by a burning sensation. He soon discovered that he was afire. He extinguished the flames as soon as he could, but not before he had been considerably burned.

After hearing his story, the officer accompanied him to the office of a physician, where his wounds were dressed. He then went away, promising to return next morning, but he failed to put in an appearance. He stated that he intended to return to Century Wednesday, and thinking, perhaps, that life in Clarksburg was entirely too warm, he wended his way to that place immediately after the physician had treated him.

The left leg was frightfully burned almost to the hip and there were also severe burns around his right knee. His clothes were badly damaged.

EXPOSITION

Of Furniture at Grand Rapids, Mich. Will Be Attended by Prominent Clarksburg Furniture Dealer.

W. Burns McGregor, of the Palace Furniture company left Tuesday night for Chicago and Grand Rapids, to be gone 10 days. While there he will attend the great annual furniture exposition at Grand Rapids to get pointers in the business in which he is engaged. He will also buy a spring stock for his company.

ADVANCE AGENT

COMPLETES ARRANGEMENTS.

Will F. Molitor, the advance representative for Frank L. Perley's "A Gentleman of France" company, was in the city Wednesday completing his arrangements for the appearance of the production here. The play is booked for appearance at the Traders Grand opera house on Friday evening, January 15.

REFORM CANDIDATE LIBERATES VIOLATOR

COHEN HAD BEEN MISINFORMED.

Howard Blake says that he was not arrested and held under bond by Magistrate Riley Monday evening on the absconding debtor's warrant which had been issued at the instance of Joseph Cohen, to whom he owed a bill of \$6.50, as was reported. He says that there was a misunderstanding about the matter all around and that he had no intention of leaving the city as Mr. Cohen had been informed. The matter was settled up between the parties satisfactorily.

WARNING

AGAINST ILLEGAL VOTING AT THE SALEM ELECTION HAS BEEN ISSUED.

Big Reward Offered by G. H. Davis for Arrest of Any One Who Sall Attempt to Vote Illegally.

Salem proposes to have an honest ballot this year at its municipal election, or, at least, G. H. Davis does, if that was not a fake that reached this office Tuesday night by mail in the shape of a warning, but not to the paper, it is not presumed, as it has no vote out there. The warning is on a piece of paper and looks good, anyway. It reads as follows:

\$100 Reward

Is offered for the arrest of any person who shall attempt to vote an illegal vote at the town election, or any person who shall intimidate a legal voter or try to prevent the said voter from voting; and upon the conviction of such person or persons of such violations, I will pay One Hundred Dollars in cash in each case. G. H. DAVIS.

STOP PAYING RENT AND BUY A HOME.

The Standard Guaranty and Trust Co., of Washington, D. C., will buy you a home that you can pay for cheaper than rent. Only 3 per cent interest charged per annum. For full particulars call on D. S. Guthrie, Traders News Stand. jan6-2t

ON THE "RINKEY DINK"

Is Business at Police Court These Days. Municipality Suffering Temporary Financial Stringency.

Business is going to the bad at police court. When Mayor Crile went around to the municipal court room at the usual hour Wednesday morning to hold a session of police court, he found that his services in that direction would not be necessary that morning. The number of dollars collected by the city the past week for police court fines could be counted on the fingers of one hand. There has been but one or two plain drunks up in that time. However, this sort of thing does not usually last very long, and the attaches at city headquarters are looking forward to a cessation of the municipal financial stringency.

TOBE FRUM GIVES BOND.

V. E. Frum, alias "Tobe," who was bound over to circuit court by Magistrate Gordon a few days ago to stand trial for riotous and disorderly conduct on a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train, gave bond before the magistrate Wednesday afternoon for his appearance at the proper time and was released from custody.

MARRIED AT CATHOLIC RECTORY

Mr. Robert M. Kirwin and Miss Minnie Donley Are Joined Together in Holy Matrimony by Rev. Father Reynolds.

A very pretty but quiet wedding occurred at the Catholic rectory Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss Minnie A. Donley, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donnelly, and Mr. Robert M. Kirwin. Rev. Father Reynolds performed the ceremony. Relatives and a few invited friends witnessed the ceremony. The many friends of the young couple extend best wishes for a happy married life. They will make their future home in this city.

SALEM'S DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE APPARENTLY EXPERIENCES CHANGE OF HEART.

On Eve of Election There Becomes the Friend of Kind He Has Been Prosecuting.—Cat Out of Bag and Reformers' Plan Repealed.

The municipal situation at Salem has become so acute with the Reform ticket that it has been deemed necessary for the Democratic candidate on that ticket for mayor to take extraordinary steps, something unusual for him to do. Raid after raid has been made out there on the speakeasies and gambling joints. Time after time has he virtually led the raid. Times without number he has sworn out warrants against citizens of that town. Business place after business place has been searched at his instance. Crowds have been led through places, to the annoyance of the owners, whether they were speakeasy men or innocent of wrong doing. Men have been dragged to the county seat to answer charges preferred by him. He has been no respecter of persons. Especially active has he been along these lines the past month or so, preparatory to the municipal election that will take place there tomorrow. But there appears to have been a change of some sort in the atmosphere, and he has become, on the eve of the election, more generous of heart than formerly, and today he comes to the relief of those who are charged with violations of the law, the enforcement of which he has so often clamored for. There was a time, and it is not very far in the past, when men might languish in jail and, apparently, he was not affected, but it is different now. He actually hastens to the county seat, as fast as the big mogul will haul him, to become their bondsmen and thereby keep them out of the bastille. Why all this change of procedure, if the word has not been passed along the line to be easy on them and to show them that their enemies are their friends, if such a thing is possible. The game is a fine one, but very difficult to play, and the venture must have been prompted by a desperation that knew no bounds. It is a case, on its face, of winning at any cost.

But the cat is out of the bag, and the jig is up so far as that sort of movement in the campaign is concerned. It was all revealed in Squire Gordon's court here Wednesday, when Rob Davis, of Salem, was arraigned to answer the charge of having sold liquor illegally. The thing seems to have been all fixed up, and it was understood that the Democratic candidate for mayor on the Reform ticket was to furnish the needful to save him from imprisonment in the county jail. He did it by going on his separate bonds of \$100 not to disappear when the next grand jury meets, and \$500 not to engage in the business again until after the adjournment of court.

To those who had an inkling of the situation it looked as a matter of fact sort of business, but others thought it very strange. The home folk will likely be greatly surprised to learn of this action, and there will likely be all sorts of talk around the polls tomorrow, but whatever is said or done, the mayoralty candidate went on the bonds, and the thing was all fixed up satisfactorily and according to what may be the plan of the Reformers.

ACTIVITY

Prevails in Nearly All the Oil Fields of the County and Some Very Good Finds Are Being Made by Operators.

On the east side of the Folsom district the South Penn Oil company's No. 3 on the Wesley Robinson farm is still holding up at 435 barrels a day. The Mary A. Bennett No. 2 is holding up at 106 barrels a day.

In the Folsom district, the South Penn Oil company has given its No. 2 on the Samuel Talkington farm a shot and has increased its production to 100 barrels a day. In the same district, the same company has completed its No. 2 on the Catherine Barker farm and has a producer good for 120 barrels a day in the Gordon.

In the Salem district, this county, the South Penn Oil company's test well on the G. E. West farm has been completed and the hole has filled up 3,000 feet with oil.

In the same district, the same company has drilled No. 11 on the M. T. Williams farm through the strays and has found nothing but a little gas. No. 4 on the Samuel Gain farm has been drilled better than a 3-barrel pumper. In the same district No. 4 on the Silas Fitts farm has been completed and is good for 10 barrels a day.