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CLARKSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA --THE FUEL CITY OF THE FUEL STATE--THURSDAY, MAY 12 1904.

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GAS COMPANY ORGANIZES

MOUNTAIN STATE GAS COMPANY REPRESENTED BY THREE OF ITS PROMINENT OFFICIALS.

WEST FORK OIL & NATURAL GAS COMPANY REPRESENTED BY INCORPORATORS OF NEW CONCERN.

Officially Stated That the Rates Will Not Be Changed and There Will Be Plenty of "Four Cent" Gas—Absorption For Purpose of Reducing Expense.

The Clarksburg Light & Heat Company, with John I. Alexander, John Kobleger, E. R. Davis, B. F. Robinson and F. B. Haymaker, as incorporators, and an authorized capitalization of \$200,000, hold a meeting this evening for the purpose of organizing and to take under one control the interests of the Mountain State Gas Company and the gas properties of the West Fork Oil & Natural Gas Company here.

Representing the Mountain State Gas Company are Captain John Tonkin, of Oil City, Pa., assistant general manager of the company; C. N. Payne of Titusville, general national transit manager of the company; and E. Strong of Oil City, president of the Mountain State Gas Company.

Officially it is stated that there will be no change in the price of gas for several years and all contracts, which now exist will be carried out to the letter. Some of these contracts for cheap gas will run for five years yet and there will continue plenty of "four cent" gas. The absorption is to take place on June 1, according to the best information obtainable. There will be some changes in the office and field forces, as has been exclusively announced by the Telegram, and the management will be by local people. The reason for absorption as semi-officially stated is to reduce expenses.

INDIANA DEMOCRATS ARE AT ODDS

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., May 12—The first session of the Indiana Democratic convention was called to order by State Chairman O'Brien. Temporary Chairman Alonso C. Smith made an address counselling acquiescence in the decision of the majority, as true Democratic doctrine. He arraigned President Roosevelt and charged the entire legislative and executive department of the government with corruption, but favored building the Panama canal. This convention will select national delegates and adjourn to July 20 to nominate a state ticket.

The hall was packed to the doors and there were many demonstrations as the leader entered. When State Chairman O'Brien called the Democratic state convention to order majority and minority reports were offered on permanent organization. The former presented Alonzo Green Smith, and the latter Judge James McCabe for Chairman. O'Brien announced no names for delegates at large could be presented or other business until a permanent organization was effected. He refused to recognize appeals from the chair or anything, ordering a vote on the majority report representing the Taggart faction and the minority report representing Hearst.

Amidst the greatest uproar the majority report was declared adopted by a vote of 109 to 46, which was considered a test vote. Smith then addressed the convention. Resolutions were adopted to endorse Parker and instruct for him under the unit rule, also to endorse and instruct for Thomas Taggart for national committee man for Indiana and recommend him for national chairman. Deliberation of principles was postponed to July 12 at the nominating convention.

TWO CANDIDATES

For the Republican Nomination For Vice President Are Endorsed By Ohio District Convention They Being Fairbanks and Hite.

By Associated Press. Springfield, O., May 12—In the Republican district caucuses here to-day there were a number of contests. The twelfth and twenty-second districts endorsed Congressman Hite for vice president while several other districts endorsed Senator Fairbanks as the vice presidential candidate.

DEATH

CLAIMS MISS PEARL BROOKS IN LADIES' HOSPITAL IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Remains Arrive Here For Burial—Funeral From Home Friday Afternoon—News of Her Death Shock to Family and Friends.

The sad intelligence was received Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brooks, of the death of their daughter, Miss Edna Pearl Brooks, in the Ladies' hospital, in Cincinnati, at 4:20 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Miss Brooks had been in the hospital about six weeks undergoing treatment and was about well, when a few days ago she contracted pneumonia and from which death resulted. Her sister, Miss Flora, was at her bedside, and informed the family here. The news came as a severe shock and members of the family, specially Mrs. Brooks, is prostrated. The remains arrived here at 4:10 o'clock Thursday morning and were taken to the family residence at 302 North Sixth street, Glen Elk. She was 17 years of age.

The funeral will take place from the late home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and the interment will be in Elk View cemetery.

The deceased was a bright, intelligent popular young lady and there are many who hear of her untimely demise with deep regret and sorrow. The grief-stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community.

BISHOP PETERKIN

Visits Christ Episcopal Church Thursday—Conducts Ascension Day Services and Confirms a Class of Six.

Ascension Day was celebrated at Christ Episcopal church Thursday morning by special services conducted by Rt. Rev. George W. Peterkin, the Senior Bishop of the Diocese of West Virginia. At these services the following class received the rites of confirmation: Mrs. Fred. Gilbert and son, William; Mrs. Florence Ollsen and two daughters, and Mrs. George Leatherbury. Bishop Peterkin arrived in Clarksburg on the morning train Thursday and during his stay in the city was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Alexander. He left on the four o'clock afternoon train for Weston to make a visit to the Episcopal parish there.

ADDITION BEING BUILT TO UNDERTAKING ESTABLISHMENT

Work has commenced on the erection of an addition to the building occupied by the Clifford, Osborn undertaking company on Main street. The addition is to be brick and two stories high. It will be used for the morgue room on the first floor and casest and finishing rooms on the second floor. Other alterations are to be made in the rear of the present building and when completed the company will have one of the finest and most complete undertaking establishments in the state.

MILLIONS

In Money Shipped on French Steamers To-Day From New York—Most Valuable Gold Shipment Ever Made From That Port.

By Associated Press. New York, May 12—The French line steamship Lorraine sailed for Havre to-day with \$9,300,000 in gold bars and specie in her strong room. This is the most valuable shipment of gold which has ever gone out from this port.

SALEM MAN LOW IN WHEELING HOSPITAL

Hadley Foster, manager for the Marietta Torpedo Company, at Salem, is in a Wheeling hospital in a critical condition and his family has been summoned to his bedside. He underwent an operation a day or two ago, which has not proven successful so far. It is thought he can not recover.

DEATH OF INFANT

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George Barick, of Interstate mines, died Wednesday night. The remains will be shipped to this city Friday morning and burial will occur in the Holy Cross cemetery.

FOLSOM MAN ENTERS HOSPITAL

R. C. Birch, of Folsom, was brought to the Kessler hospital Wednesday to undergo treatment. He suffers very much from rheumatism and will take a special treatment at the hospital for it.

C. F. Hornor, Sr., of Lumberport, is very ill at his home. Mr. and Mrs. Elias McWhorter are here to-day from Jane Lew shopping.

HEAVY FIRING REPORTED

TO HAVE BEEN HEARD TO-DAY SOUTH OF NEW CHWANG AND BIG BATTLE MAY BE ON.

RUSSIANS RETIRE AFTER FIGHT OF TWELVE HOURS FROM ANJU TOWARD TONG PING.

Left Fifty Killed and Wounded on the Field and One Captured—Japanese Lost Four Killed and Wounded—General War News.

By Associated Press. Seoul, May 12—Reinforcements reached the beleaguered force at Anju the evening of May 10. The garrison had fought twelve hours. The Russians then retired toward Tong Ping leaving fifty killed and wounded on the field and one captured. The Japanese lost four killed and six wounded.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, May 12—Grand Duke Cyril's condition is reported critical by his physicians, resulting from the shock received at the time of the loss of the battleship. His recovery will be tedious and difficult.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, May 12—Official advice show the Japanese are moving carefully to invest Port Arthur. Railroad and telegraph were open last night but may be closed at any time.

By Associated Press. Tokio, Japan, May 12—Official inquiry shows that Viceroy Alexieff's report that railroad communication with Port Arthur had been restored since Monday is untrue.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, May 12—Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed the Czar that the Russians have blown up the docks and piers at Port Dalny to render the Japanese landing at that place more difficult.

By Associated Press. Shan Wua Kawo, May 12—Heavy firing is reported to have been heard to-day south of New Chwang.

St. Petersburg, May 12—Rumors are widely current that fighting is in progress at Port Arthur. The Russians still hold New Chwang.

OIL MAN PASSES AWAY

A. J. Clark, Who Operated in the Wolf Summit Field, Dies at Home in Marietta.

A. J. Clark died at his home in Marietta a few days ago after a lingering illness, which resulted in softening of the brain.

Mr. Clark was about 60 years of age at the time of his death, and for many years had been identified with the oil industry. For a number of years he was engaged in the contracting business in the oil fields in the vicinity of Wolf Summit, and remained there until about two years ago, when he removed his family to Marietta, Ohio. Mr. Clark had a host of friends in this county, who will be pained to learn of his death. He is survived by his wife and several children, all grown up.

TRYING TO LOCATE REMAINS OF DEAD ITALIAN MINER

No arrangements have been made for the funeral of Power Anthony, the Italian miner who died at the Kessler hospital Tuesday evening. Efforts are being made to find the man's relative and the funeral arrangements will not be made for a day or so yet. The remains are lying at the Clifford, Osborn undertaking establishment where they were prepared for burial.

KATHERINE DOAN CLUB CHANGES ITS DATE

The Katherine Doan Club, which advertised an entertainment for the night of May 19, has found itself under the necessity of deferring the same until the next night on account of the fact that the high school commencement will be held the night first advertised for the entertainment.

Mrs. James N. Hess is visiting friends and relatives near Mannington. Charles E. Lamberd, manager of the Watts, Lamberd department store, has returned from a purchasing trip to eastern cities.

GYMNASIUM INSTRUCTOR

Charles L. Hill Arrives Here to Give His Assistance to Organization and Training of Gymnasium Classes of the Y. M. C. A.

Charles L. Hill, of South Norwalk, Conn., arrived in the city Wednesday night and has taken up the instruction of the gymnasium department of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Hill is an expert gymnast and athlete. He comes here at the instance of Secretary Norris and will remain here at least a month to assist in the organization and promotion of the gymnasium classes. The classes will commence training at once for a public exhibition in the near future. An athletic field day is being contemplated for the summer and as interest is being manifested by the young men members in a baseball team it is probable that a regular Y. M. C. A. team will be organized.

INDICTMENTS RETURNED

By the Grand Jury For Felony and Misdemeanor—Court Transacts Chancery Business.

The circuit court of this county is in session again to-day. The grand jury reported true bills as follows Wednesday evening at five o'clock:

John Gill, felony. Samuel Covington, felony. Samuel Bunch, felony. Dee Dodd, misdemeanor. David Ross, misdemeanor. Thursday just before the noon hour the grand jury reported additional indictments as follows:

B. Ingram Hadkins, felony. Emanuel Antonio, felony. John Jackson, felony. Albert Shingleton and John and Clarence Goodwin, felony. Robert Woodson, felony. Omer C. and Dorsey G. Robey, felony. T. L. Powell, misdemeanor. Joseph Laistetter, misdemeanor. John Shrader, misdemeanor. Robert L. Maphis, guardian of George A. Bogges, was directed to appear in court May 20, to protect his interest in the matter preferred against him of not having made a settlement according to law.

The declaration in the suit of Nannie Floyd against the Ruhl-Kobleger Company, Mary McGraw and the City of Clarksburg was permitted to be amended.

Final order was entered in the case of Flavin J. Smith against James G. Meredith and others. The damage suit of Nannie Floyd against the City of Clarksburg and others for \$10,000 for injury to her property on East Pike street by reason of a fill made of the rubbish from the burnt building formerly occupied by the Ruhl-Kobleger company on Jackson street was argued in the afternoon.

To-morrow state cases will be taken up and the prosecuting attorney, judge, lawyers for defendants and others, together with petit jurors, will have their time and attention occupied with these.

At four o'clock the grand jury reported as follows and was adjourned until Friday morning: Herbert L. Davis, felony. Ed Butcher alias Ed Woolter, felony.

JURY BEING FILLED UP.

By Associated Press. Rising Sun, Ind., May 12—The work of filling up the jury in the Gillespie murder trial was resumed to-day. The defense challenged two heretofore accepted, and a new venire is being used to procure three other jurors. At the noon recess eleven jurors had been accepted.

SISTER OF HARRISON DIES AT NORTH BEND

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., May 12—Mrs. Elizabeth Harrison Eaton, sister of the late President Benjamin Harrison and grand daughter of President William Henry Harrison, died to-day at North Bend, aged 70 years.

BIG GRAIN ELEVATOR

Containing Nine Million Bushels of Wheat is Burning Near Winnepeg and is Likely to Be Entirely Destroyed.

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., May 12—A Winnepeg special says the Port Williams grain elevator containing 9,000,000 bushels of wheat has been burning since three o'clock this morning and is likely to be totally destroyed.

EIGHT-STORY SKYSCRAPER IS BEGUN

WORKMEN BREAK GROUND THURSDAY NOON ON THE OLD BOUGHNER CORNER LOT

AND WORK IS STARTED ON THE MAGNIFICENT EMPIRE BANK AND OFFICE BUILDING.

Contract For the Construction Awarded to Elliott & Winchell Late Wednesday Afternoon at Meeting of Board of Directors of the Building Company.

Ground was broken Thursday noon on the corner lot, known as the old Boughner corner, for the new Empire bank and office building, Clarksburg's new eight-story skyscraper.

The contract for the erection of the building was let late Wednesday afternoon to the contracting firm of Elliott & Winchell, the contractors who have just completed the county jail and a sheriff's residence. The board of directors of the Empire Building Company held a meeting in the directors' room of the Empire National Bank for the purpose of awarding the contract and attending to other matters pertaining to the building.

The contractors made preparations for beginning the work at once. Several teams were put to work at noon and laborers began the excavating. The work will be rushed to a rapid completion. The building is to be one of the largest and most substantially constructed bank and office buildings in West Virginia. The construction will be steel frame, cemented and it will be absolutely fire proof. The plans and specifications have been prepared by Holmboe & Lafferty, the well known architects, who will give their personal supervision to their part of the work on the building.

STATE FEDERATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers as follows were elected by the West Virginia Federation of Labor which has been in session at Parkersburg two days:

President—Harry W. Wright, of Montgomery. First Vice President—Michael P. McKenna, Wheeling. Second Vice President—H. H. Gross, Tunnelton. Third Vice President—S. V. Wagner, Charleston. Fourth Vice President—A. J. Lowther, Parkersburg. Fifth Vice President—F. B. Warner, Huntington. Secretary-Treasurer—J. H. Nightingale, Parkersburg. Clarksburg was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

CHAIR FACTORY WILL START

Will Start Up Next Monday in the Clarksburg Industrial Company's Addition to the City.

The Colonial Chair factory in the Clarksburg Industrial Company's addition to the city is about ready to begin operations. It was the intention to start up the factory Monday of the present week, but delay was experienced in connecting the steam and gas fittings. These have been finished and it is expected the works will begin next Monday. Only a few men will be employed at first but the number will be gradually increased within the next month until there is a full force of 40 or 50 men working.

BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., May 12—The navy department has been informed that the battleship Kentucky with Admiral Evans on board left Funchal to-day for New York.

SECOND ANNUAL OUTING.

Local No. 50, of Fairmont, Bartenders' International League, will hold its second annual outing at Little Falls, along the Monongahela river, Sunday, May 22. A number of Clarksburgers are arranging to attend.

R. H. Harrison, late editor of the Weston Democrat, is here on business. The Democrat under his ownership and editorship was a bright paper and the fraternity regrets his retirement. He does not yet know in what business he will engage.

DRUGGISTS

TENDER AN ELABORATE BANQUET TO THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY AT THE WALDO.

Dainty Menu Served to the Guests and Delightful Evening Spent—Number of Pleading After-Dinner Speeches.

A banquet was indulged in at the Waldo hotel Wednesday night by the local Retail Druggists' Association, the occasion being in honor of the State Board of Pharmacy, which held a meeting here that day for the purpose of giving an examination to a large class of applicants for certificates.

The banquet began at ten o'clock and continued until midnight. There were covers laid for twelve guests. Dr. J. W. Pigott was master of ceremonies. Mayor Patrick H. Shields made a short but appropriate address and others indulged in some clever after-dinner talks. The affair was delightful to all and heartily appreciated by the visiting members of the association. From the standpoint of enjoyment and epicurean taste, it was one of the most brilliant and pleasing functions of the kind which in the history of the city and decidedly delightful in every way.

- The menu was as follows: Little Neck Clams. Consomme de Volaille en tasse. Sausisson de Lyon. Olives. Radishes. Boiled Potato Shad with Roe Sliced Cucumbers. Broiled Philadelphia Squab. Asparagus. Julienne Potatoes. Pineapple sorbet. Lettuce and tomato mayonnaise. Glace Philanthropique. Petits Fours. Roquefort. Toasted Crackers. Cafe Special.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ELECT OFFICERS

At the Grand Commandery Meeting in Charleston, For the Ensuing Year—Clarksburg Not In It.

Charleston, W. Va., May 12—The grand commandery of West Virginia Knights Templar, convened in conclave here at noon yesterday. Commanderies from Sistersville, Parkersburg, Huntington, Lewisburg, Hinton and other points were here and participated in a parade. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand commander—Samuel N. Myers, Martinsburg. Deputy Grand Commander—W. J. Rowland, Fairmont. Grand generalissimo—Joseph Ruffner, Charleston. Grand captain general—W. W. White Welch. Grand senior warden—Charles W. Brown, Charleston. Grand junior warden—William T. Rittenhouse, Parkersburg. Grand treasurer—Delos W. Emmons, Huntington. Grand recorder—Frank E. Nichols, Fairmont. Grand prelate—Rev. C. H. Maloney, Charleston. Grand standard bearer—Dr. H. B. Taggley, Wheeling. Grand sword bearer—Charles O. Bowser, Sistersville. Grand warden—J. M. Hawkins, Turtletown. Grand captain of guard—A. C. Noden, Cusick, Martinsburg.

SUES FOR DAMAGES

K. K. Bailey, Mail Clerk, Institutes Proceedings Against B. & O. R. R.

Suit for \$5,000 damages has been instituted by James K. Bailey against the B. & O. railroad company. Mr. Bailey was injured by being struck by a mail car near Walker Station some months ago and he claims that the injuries he sustained are permanent. Mr. Bailey is a mail clerk on the B. & O. and his home is in Parkersburg. His attorneys are Caldwell and Watson.

GRADUATION INVITATIONS ARE ISSUED

The following invitations were issued Wednesday evening: The Senior Class, Clarksburg High School. Colored Department requests the honor of your presence at their Graduating Exercises on the evening of May the twentieth, nineteen hundred and four, at eight o'clock. Water Street School Hall. Class Roll—Adelle Wilkinson, Ida Watson, Walter Dargatzfeld, Frank Hanger.

BRIDGEPORT CANNING FACTORY

IS THE LATEST INDUSTRIAL MOVEMENT IN THE TOWN EAST OF CLARKSBURG.

CAPITAL STOCK OF \$10,000 HAS BEEN SUBSCRIBED AND CHARTER APPLIED FOR OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Glass Factory Employing 200 or 300 Men Also Wants to Locate in That Town—Both Good For the Place.

Bridgeport is to have an important industry or two. One will be a stogie and canning factory and the other will be a large glass plant. The canning factory movement is well under way, a lot having been purchased for a site and a charter applied for. The capital stock will be \$10,000 and the incorporators will be James Moore, C. A. Lawson, A. J. Williams, James B. Martin and A. D. Fitzhugh. These and several others are the stockholders.

The lot purchased for the site is the Swentzel property just west of the depot. It is 40 by 110 feet. A good building, two stories high will be erected on this lot for the factory. The company will be known as the Bridgeport Canning Company. Stogies will be manufactured and tomatoes, corn and all kinds of vegetables and fruits will be canned. A bakery will also be run in connection therewith.

The erection of the factory will be commenced in the near future and it is hoped to manufacture stogies this season.

A meeting of the stockholders will be held Thursday night to complete arrangements for the construction of the factory building and to transact other business of the company.

The proposed glass factory is said to be one of the best in the country and should it locate there some 200 or 300 men will be employed and its operation will be advantageous to the industrial and commercial life of that town.

SPECIAL SESSION

Of the City Council Will Be Held at Eight O'Clock To-Night to Hear Representative of West Virginia Commission of St. Louis World's Fair.

A special session of the city council will be held in the council chamber to-night at eight o'clock. The session was called by Mayor Shields for the purpose of hearing propositions to be submitted to the council by Alfred Kinney, of Grantville, in the interests of the St. Louis World's Fair, who arrives here on train No. 12, early this evening. Mr. Kinney is canvassing the towns and cities of West Virginia as a representative of the West Virginia Commission of the World's Fair regarding the distribution of prospectuses and like literature in the West Virginia state building. No other matters will come up before the council and the session will likely be a short one.

MISS WARE

And What is Said About Her—State Gazette Speaks Highly of Her.

One of the most highly cultured and refined audiences that has been assembled for some time was found at the M. E. church last Monday night, says the State Gazette. It was occasioned by the appearance of Miss Maymie Ware, humorous and dramatic reader, late of the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, who completely won the admiration of her audience on the first recitation. Among the selections rendered were "A Boy's Story" and "It Wasn't a Success," which were of a very humorous nature and demonstrated the ability and high degree of culture Miss Ware possesses along this line. The closing selection was the exciting "Charlot Race," taken from the story of "Ben Hur," by Lew Wallace. It was highly exciting and commanded the closest attention of her appreciative audience. Miss Ware's work was characterized by brilliancy and versatility and was artistic and refined. It was far above our expectations.

Y. M. C. A. TENNIS COURT IS COMPLETED AND OPENED

The new tennis court on the Y. M. C. A. lot on West Pike street, was completed Wednesday afternoon and the initial game was played late in the afternoon by Secretary J. H. Norris and Mr. Wamsley. The court is now open for the members of the association.