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WHOLE NO 1249

MONROE FALLS OFF BRIDGE

WELL KNOWN YOUNG MAN SLIPS ON SNOW AND FALLS INTO ELK CREEK.

SUSTAINS SERIOUS, AND PERHAPS, FATAL INJURIES, HIS HEAD BEING CUT OPEN.

Timely Arrival of Physician and Others Saves Him From Death On Bed of the Creek--Taken to Kessler Hospital in Unconscious Condition--May Die.

Earl Monroe, popularly known as "Frosty" Monroe, fell off the Elk creek bridge on the northwestern turnpike into the mouth of Elk creek at nine o'clock Friday night.

Monroe was passing over the bridge, and, when about middle way he slipped on the snow which had fallen on the floor of the bridge and plunged over the low railing, backward, striking the bed of creek below with great force.

It is probable he would have lain there all night and perished, if persons coming from the rehearsal of the West End Sunday school had not seen him fall.

Dr. W. R. Andrews and J. H. Downman rushed to the rescue of the unfortunate man, and, they with others picked him up and carried him from the creek bed.

As soon as they could they then carried him to Hart's machine shop, Charles M. Hart having come to their assistance and prepared a place to lay him in the shop until an ambulance from Kessler hospital could arrive.

Dr. Andrews promptly gave him medical treatment for temporary relief and to preserve his life until the extent of his injuries could be ascertained and thus saved him from immediate death.

When they reached him they found him apparently dead. He was lying perfectly still and there was no sign of life.

Dr. Andrews made a hurried examination and gave him treatment to restore the heart's action and was successful in the effort.

As quickly as possible he was removed to the hospital, where it was found that a long, deep and ugly gash on the left side of his head had been received, and which required five stitches.

His left ear was also torn loose both at the top and bottom and there were bad cuts and bruises on his face. It is also believed internal injuries were sustained.

The patient remains unconscious at the hour of going to press and it is not expected that he will be restored to his mental faculties before noon.

Monroe is a son of A. P. Monroe and is 29 years of age. He has a wife and two small children.

SURPRISE PARTY

Was Tendered to Miss Blanche Hursey in a Very Delightful Manner By Her Friends.

The friends of Miss Blanche Hursey tendered her a delightful surprise party on Friday evening, which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

SILENT AS THE DEAD

Are the Russians at Port Arthur and Japanese Are Taking Things Easy.

TOKIO, Dec. 10--Now that the Russian fleet at Port Arthur is practically destroyed there is a strong probability the Japanese will not continue hazardous assaults but will starve out the garrison.

The latest observation by the Japanese in front of Port Arthur show there is no activity west of the harbor or in visible portions east of the harbor, the Russians not replying to the Japanese fire.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 10--A dispatch

to the Japanese legation from Tokio says the naval staff at Port Arthur reports that on Thursday evening the Pallada was set on fire and hauled to the port with stern sunk. Eleven shots hit the Giliak (gunboat). The Bayan took fire at 1:30 and was still ablaze at 4:15. The Amur (transport) was sunk. Warehouses and other buildings were badly damaged.

Church Thaws Out.

The Ebon Baptist church, near Bristol, has been supplied by Rev. A. Bailey, a student at Broadus, and Rev. John S. Stump, of Parkersburg, writes to the Journal and Messenger, published in Cincinnati, that "it has recently emerged from a frozen condition, spiritually, in an oil field." It has had a good revival and taken on new life. Sixteen persons have professed faith in Christ, fifteen of whom have joined the church.

FOR CHILDREN

Will Be Special Services at the Episcopal Church This Afternoon By Bishop Gravatt.

Yesterday was a very active day at the Episcopal church. In addition to the morning and afternoon services, there was a special service for women at four o'clock, at which Bishop Gravatt spoke with a great deal of earnestness and plainness of the responsibility of woman for the home and social atmosphere in which all of us live.

He spoke at 10:30 of the position of the Bible in our Christian heritage and will speak this morning at the same hour of the sacraments as Christ's principal means of grace.

A special service for children will be held at the church at four o'clock this afternoon and all children are invited.

CALLISTHENIC

Was the Nature of the Program and Exercises Indulged in By Busy Men.

The meeting of busy men under the auspices of the athletic department of the Young Men's Christian Association, Friday evening from 5 to 6 o'clock was a decided success. There was a goodly and gratifying number in attendance and all entered into the spirit of the occasion.

Regular callisthenic work was gone through with. Then followed body-building exercises and next was a series of recreative games.

The program observed was very much appreciated by all in attendance and especially by the instruction given quite valuable.

ANTI-SALOON OFFICER HERE

President Alford is Looking After Matters Pertaining to His League--Opposed to Dispensary Law.

Theodore Alford, president of the Anti-Saloon League of West Virginia, is here from Parkersburg. The object of his visit is to look after matters pertaining to the league and prohibition, as well as some other matters.

Mr. Alford is reported as saying that the league will not attempt to have bills introduced in the coming legislature in favor of state-wide prohibition. The league is said to be dead opposed to a state dispensary law and will do everything in its power to fight that question, if it should come up.

Mr. Alford has been at Grafton and other points in the state in the interest of the league. He may be here several days.

MRS. CHADWICK TO CLEVELAND

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 10--Unless bail is furnished Mrs. Chadwick says she will go before Commissioner Shields, waive examination and return to Cleveland.

By Associated Press. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 10--Ira Reynolds, secretary and treasurer of the Wash. Park Banking Company, has returned from New York. He held lengthy conferences with the directors. The grand jury began taking testimony in the Chadwick case yesterday. The first witness was Director Whitney, of the Oberlin bank.

Rejections at Local Station. Five rejections were made at the local recruiting office Friday. The persons rejected were James W. Scott, George Hanson, Benjamin Shaver, Harry D. Bean and Guy B. Danser.

HARMER SUGGESTS A PLAN

FOR THE SALE OF THE CITY WATER WORKS AND TELLS HOW TO DO IT.

WANTS THE ORDINANCE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS TO QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SUPPLY.

Suggests Free Water For the City, To Which Judge Blizard Will Doubtless Agree, and Believes in the End the People Should Vote On the Question.

Editors Telegram: The fact that the city council, last Friday night, by a unanimous vote, passed an ordinance to its several readings for the sale of the city water works at the price of one hundred thousand dollars, startled the people and created a sensation when it became known the next day.

The tendency of the times is towards municipal ownership of all public utilities, and but for the fact we have had a scarcity of water during this long drought, and that the management of the same is not what it should be, no one would have had the courage to have suggested a sale of this plant. The vote upon this ordinance has only emphasized the need of better management of the system and the need of more thought by the citizens generally in the affairs of the city.

Let us examine this ordinance and see what the effects of its passage will mean to our people.

The sale is to be made to a trustee of an unknown syndicate, for a sum less than the original cost of the plant. It is said by many that the town could not now be piped for that sum of money to say nothing of the rest of the plant and the franchises which alone is worth the amount of the offer made.

The ordinance provides that the maximum rate for which water is to be furnished shall not exceed the charges now being made, but expressly provides for new and other charges being made where charges are not now made.

No charges are now made to the city, hence, when the sale is made, the city must buy its water of the purchaser and at a price to be fixed by him. Taking other towns near us as a basis for this charge it would be at least ten thousand dollars per year for which we would have to be taxed in addition to what we are now so that in ten short years the purchaser will have collected off of us for city water the whole amount we received for the plant.

There is no provision in the ordinance to bind Mr. Blizard's assigns to furnish water at the present rate, but he is given the express right "to sell, transfer, assign and set over all the property rights, interests and franchises hereby and to be granted, without reservation, interference or control by the City of Clarksburg."

So that no matter what condition our streets are put in or left by the use of this franchise or what charges the assigns make for water either to the city or any individual or company under the franchise and sale, the city is stopped from interference or control, and the people will have to pay the bills and suffer the inconvenience and wrongs without redress.

The ordinance makes no provision whatever binding the purchaser or his assigns to furnish a sufficient supply of good, wholesome water at all times so that we may never have any better supply of water, either as to quality or quantity, than we now have.

The payments for this plant are to be made on long time and without interest, which is a gift by way of interest alone of \$3,750.00, as money is always worth its interest.

In making this sale the city grants Mr. Blizard and his assigns a franchise without restriction of any kind or character and without any notice of such application or limit of duration, while the statutes of the State--Chapter 29 of the Acts of 1901--forbid the granting of any franchise by any county court or by any council of any city incorporated under the laws of this state until notice of such application, stating the object of such franchise, shall have been published for thirty days in some newspaper published in such county or city where the franchise is to be granted, and further forbids the granting of any franchise for a longer time than fifty years.

If the council thinks best to sell the plant let it prepare an ordinance in which the purchaser or his assigns shall be compelled to furnish an ample supply of good wholesome water with sufficient tanks to give at all times a minimum pressure and pipes to supply the water, so as to meet the requirements of the fire insurance companies doing business in the city. Also to definitely fix the rates the purchaser or his assigns shall charge all consumers of water, and that the city shall be furnished, free of charge, all the water it may need for fire protection.

Then let the adoption of the ordinance as prepared be submitted to a vote of the people who by their votes for bonds created or established the plant, and if approved let the sale be made by public auction, after ample notice has been published and every one given an opportunity to bid. If it is a good thing let us keep it; if it is not we can't sell it.

HARVEY W. HARMER.

OLDEST WOMAN IS DEAD

MRS. ELLEN MINES, WIDOW OF LATE MADISON MINES, PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND.

LIVED TO THE ADVANCED AGE OF NINETY-FOUR YEARS AND ALWAYS HALE AND HEARTY.

Settled Near Clarksburg Over Sixty Years Ago and Helped Greatly in Accumulating a Handsome Estate By Her Frugality and Industry--Was Beloved By Many Friends.

Mrs. Ellen Mines died at the home of her son, James H. Mines, in the Stealey addition at 7 o'clock Friday morning, December 9, 1904. Until the past year she enjoyed the best of health all her long life and was a woman of most remarkable constitution and vitality. Diseases and infirmities of old age, however, seized her and after a year's feebleness death came. A woman of strong will and mental faculties, she retained her mind to the very last, although at intervals the few days before her death she was only semi-conscious.

The funeral will be held at the residence Sunday afternoon at two o'clock and will be conducted by Rev. Robert R. McDaniel, her pastor. The interment will be in the family lot in the Old Fellows' cemetery.

The deceased was the widow of James Madison Mines, who died in March, 1896, after an illness of seventeen weeks and at the age of 84 years. Surviving her at the immediate family are her two sons, Lewis H. Mines, of Warren, Ohio, and James H. Mines, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Susan Reed, of Wheeling, and Mrs. Minerva Pittro, of Wheeling; besides about forty grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, and some of the last named have arrived at marriageable age.

The husband of the deceased, James Madison Mines, was a product of the grand old mother of states, Virginia, born in Augusta county, Va., in 1812, and his parents, Lewis and Hannah (Gaber) Mines, were also natives of that state. About the year 1837 the parents came to what is now Taylor county, West Virginia, and four years later to Harrison county, where both passed a number of years later and now lie buried in the Gore graveyard on the Shimsion pike, near Adamstown. The elder Mines was a carpenter, but gave his attention to other enterprises as well, and was fairly successful. In politics he was a Whig, and a soldier in the war of 1812. His father, Peter Mines, came to this country from England prior to the Revolution and probably fought with the Colonists. He married a Scotch lady.

James Madison Mines, the only child of his parents, was married in the year 1832 to Miss Ellen King, the subject of this sketch, who was born December 31, 1810, and who was the daughter of Richard and Mary King. Mr. King was born in England, but after growing up he came to America and was married in Virginia, in which state the remainder of his days were passed. Mr. King was a stone mason by trade and followed that until his death about 1818. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. King died about 1830. She had been married three times and her subject of this sketch was a daughter by her first marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Mines lived two-thirds of a century together and until death parted them and were the parents of nine children, all of whom were reared to manhood and womanhood, namely, Mary Margaret, deceased, wife of Jacob J. Lough, of Salem; Lewis Henry Mines, of Warren, Ohio; Hannah J., deceased, first wife of Jasper P. W. of Clarksburg; Sarah Ann, deceased, wife of James Peter Carr, of Flint, Doddridge county; Elizabeth Ellen, deceased, wife of Isham A. Morrison, deceased, of Wheeling; James Harvey Mines, of Clarksburg; Minerva, wife of Edmund Pittro, of Wheeling; Susan, wife of Charles T. Reed, of Wheeling; Louisa, deceased, first wife of Amos Payne, of Clarksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Mines became residents of Harrison county in 1841 and four years resided at what is known as the "Stone House," near the Gore farm. After that he settled in the woods at the mouth of Limestone creek, at Adamstown, and there he acquired 550 acres of fine farming lands.

Aside from tilling the soil he was engaged in other enterprises, teaming, etc., and for many years burned all the lime Clarksburg used, and 2,000 bushels, all that was used in the building of the asylum at Weston. The lives of him and wife, as well as the children,

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DAMS IN RIVER NOT GOOD

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE CITY WATER WORKS, SAYS F. O. SUTTON, BECAUSE WATER SHOULD FLOW FREELY.

STILL AND SILENT POOLS BECOME ALLUVIAL WHILE FLOWING WATER BECOMES PURIFIED.

Thinks a Few Artesian Wells Could Be Sunk a Sufficient Depth to Subterranean Streams to Assist River Supply.

Editors Telegram: Now that the danger period has passed in which the city council was open to the propriety of selling the water franchise of Clarksburg, and as it is up to the city to adopt some practical plan by which the city may have a good and sufficient supply of water, and with all due respect to the various opinions that have found expression, I would like very briefly to make one or two suggestions.

Mr. Thomas Patton in a very elegant paper says "dam the West Fork river." Col. T. Moore Jackson in a lengthy and forceful article says "dam the Backhannon river and dam Elk creek." The principal objection, as we view it, to building dams across a river to collect or hold the water in a body, is that it becomes impure. The drain and wash that naturally finds its way into the river is held in the basin until its strength and substance is absorbed and taken up by the water instead of being free to pass on. The bottom alluvials of the still and silent pool become alluvial and murky and render the water impure. If you were, with a single dam, to slack the river at Weston it would be a slough of impurities from one town to another; but remove the obstruction and the water will purify itself by flowing over the sand and pebbles, but vastly more so by its coming in contact with the air. The more fall there is in a stream the purer it becomes. The air takes up the impurities just in proportion as it comes in contact with the water. For this reason I would suggest that we let all the water and impurities of the West Fork river that this city does not need pass on towards the sea.

When the river is flowing there is no difficulty to obtain all the water the city can use without the aid of a dam. Now, it is a well known fact that water will clarify itself if allowed to stand for a few hours and will free itself from sediment and discoloration. For this purpose I would suggest that there be two or more reservoirs constructed on the hill thus giving the water an opportunity to settle and become clear and pure. For this purpose the pipe should not be attached to the reservoir at the bottom, but giving space below its entrance sufficient that no impure water at the bottom would be disturbed in drawing off. Then when the water is drawn off from above the pipe have a pipe from the bottom of the reservoir leading to the river by which the impure water can be drawn off and the reservoir flushed out, and be made ready to be again filled. This method, I think would vary greatly add to the purity and appearance of the water drawn from the West Fork river.

A few artesian wells should be sunk at once of sufficient depth to strike the subterranean streams. This could be done at a reasonable expense, and with the abundant cheap fuel with which we are blessed, it would cost but a trifle to pump a supply of water that would meet every present demand. If the foregoing suggestions were followed out work should begin at once and be prosecuted without a moment's delay, day and night until the boom of the summer should give up her pure fountains of water.

This is not a time to hesitate, or to stand idly by crying, Oh, Bail! Oh, Blizard! but with Elijah's faith, looking for the little cloud in the west, and relying upon our own efforts, the problem could be readily solved.

The same objection I would urge against draining the West Fork river would apply in part to Elk creek.

Very respectfully, F. O. SUTTON.

Dec. 10, 1904.

MACCABEES

Hold a Very Interesting Review and Become Interested in Temple Project--Annual Sermon Will Be Preached By Dr. Arbutnot.

Clarksburg Tent, No. 19, Knights of the Maccabees, held an interesting review Friday evening. Quite a number of the membership was present and witnessed the excellent work of the degree team, which was under the direction of Acting Past Commander E. F. Goodwin. The regular team was not all present but the places of absentees were supplied and its work was of a most creditable character.

The phenomenal growth of this order within the last two years speaks well for the untiring work of its officers, the membership aggregating nearly three hundred.

Among the visiting Sir Knights at this review were Johnson Smith, record keeper of West Union Tent, No. 13, and Frank H. Shannon, editor of the West Union Derrick-Herald. These gentlemen are interested in the erection of the Maccabee temple at West Union, which is the first building of that character to be erected in the state. The building is a three-story brick and is located on the most prominent square in the town. It is now under roof and will be dedicated sometime in the spring.

The members of the Clarksburg tent will probably attend the services in a body. The building goes far to show the enterprising spirit of the West Union Maccabees. The project of erecting a Maccabee temple in Clarksburg is already being discussed and will no doubt receive the consideration of the members of that order in the near future.

The annual sermon of the Maccabees will be preached at the Goff M. E. church, Sunday, December 18, by Rev. Arbutnot, commencing at 10:45 a. m. The members will meet at the hall and will march in a body to the church. Commander Frank H. Rhodes has been chosen a marshal for the occasion.

TWO-YEAR-OLD BREAKS ARM

Little William Sinsel, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sinsel, Fell From Chair and Broke Right Arm.

Little William Sinsel, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sinsel, fell from a chair at his home on East Pike street Friday morning and broke his right arm. A physician was called and the injured member was set and given medical attention. The injury is very painful to the little fellow but he bears up bravely for one of his tender years. He will recover from the injury in due course of time.

A RECESS WILL OCCUR

House of Representatives Adopts Concurrent Resolution to Observe the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10--The House adopted the concurrent resolution for adjournment from December 21 to January 4. It considered in committee of the whole the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Hepburn's amendment cutting off the appropriation for the civil service commission last. The provision for a rural carrier service examining board was struck out as it was new legislation. Senator Lattimer has given up all hope of the passage of his good roads bill. He finds economy the slogan of this congress.

MUSIC AT WILLO HOTEL

Special music by Prof. Crowder's orchestra will be given at the Willo hotel between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30 tomorrow afternoon and from 6 to 7:30 tomorrow night, and meals will be served from 12 to 2 and 6 to 8 o'clock. All are invited to go and hear the music, whether they dine there or not. 10-11.

REMAINS LAID TO REST

The funeral of Frank Taska, the forger, who died in a local hospital on Tuesday evening from typhoid pneumonia, took place yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. The remains were interred in the Holy Cross cemetery.

FOREIGNERS WILL LEAVE

Nine men and one woman will leave the Waldo and Ocean mines Sunday evening for Austria and Hungary. They are foreigners and have concluded to return to their native lands.