

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENDS ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

DWELLS AT LENGTH ON THE QUESTION OF RATE REGULATION

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—President Roosevelt's annual message to the Fifty-ninth Congress was received by both branches of that body shortly after Congress convened at noon today, and was read in both the House and Senate. It is as follows:

The people of this country continue to enjoy great prosperity. Undoubtedly there will be ebb and flow in such prosperity, and this ebb and flow will be felt more or less by all members of the community, both by the deserving and the undeserving. Against the wrath of the Lord the wisdom of man can not avail; in times of flood or drought human ingenuity can but partially repair the disaster. A general failure of crops would hurt all of us. Again if the folly of man mars the general well-being, then those who are innocent of the folly will have to pay part of the penalty incurred by those who are guilty of the folly. A panic brought on by the speculative folly of part of the business community would hurt the whole business community. But such stoppage of welfare, though it might be severe, would not be lasting. In the long run the one vital factor in the permanent prosperity of the country is the high individual character of the average American worker, the average American citizen, no matter whether his work be mental or manual, whether he be farmer or wage-worker, business man or professional man.

In our industrial and social system the interests of all men are so closely intertwined that in the immense majority of cases a straight-dealing man who by his efficiency, by his ingenuity and industry, benefits himself must also benefit others. Normally the man of great productive capacity who becomes rich by guiding the labor of many other men does so by enabling them to produce more than they could produce without his guidance; and both he and they share in the benefit, which comes also to the public at large. The superficial fact that the sharing may be unequal must never blind us to the underlying fact that there is this sharing, and that the benefit comes in some degree to each man concerned. Normally the wage-worker, the man of small means, and the average consumer, as well as the average producer, are all alike helped by making conditions such that the man of exceptional business ability receives an exceptional reward for his ability. Something can be done by legislation to help the general prosperity; but no such help of a permanently beneficial character can be given to the less able and less fortunate, save as the results of a policy which shall inure to the advantage of all industrious and efficient people who act decently; and this is only another way of saying that any benefit which comes from the less fortunate must of necessity come even more to the more able and more fortunate. If therefore, the less fortunate man is moved by envy of his more fortunate brother to strike at the conditions under which they have both, though unequally, prospered, the result will assuredly be that while damage may come to the one struck at, it will visit with an even heavier hand the one who strikes the blow. Taken as a whole we must all go up or go down together.

CORPORATIONS

Yet, while not merely admitting but insisting upon this, it is also true that where there is no governmental restraint or supervision some of the exceptional men use their energies not in ways that are for the common good, but in ways which tell against this common good. The fortunes amassed through corporate organization are now so large, and vest such power in those that wield them, as to make it a matter of necessity to give to the Government—that is, to the Government, which

BIG SUIT AGAINST HART

Frederick W. Word, of Pittsburg, through his attorneys, V. B. Archer, of Parkersburg, and F. C. Piper, of Buckhannon, have filed a bill in equity in the U. S. Circuit Court against John B. Hart et al., for the purpose of obtaining a specific performance of a contract dated Nov. 4, 1904, by which Hart, trustee, agreed to sell and convey to the plaintiffs, 14,600 acres of timber and coal land, together with the capital stock of the Alexander and Rich Mountain Railway Co., in consideration of \$250,000 cash.

The bill alleges that after the contract was made, in abstracting titles, it was found that they were defective in many points, and that Hart did not have any title to 1,000 acres in Randolph county included in the contract of sale, which the plaintiff values at \$3,000.

Plaintiff also charges that after the date of contract, Hart, trustee, has endeavored to avoid the effect of his agreement and has procured, without the knowledge of the plaintiff a decree for the sale of this property in the circuit court of Upshur county by G. M. Fleming, U. G. Young and J. W. Davis, special commissioners.

These commissioners caused the whole tract of land to be advertised for sale, as well as all the property of the railroad company, which sale was to take place Tuesday, December 5, at Buckhannon.

Judge Dayton entered a decree, enjoining the sale.

This is the same property that formerly belonged to the Randolph Coal and Lumber Company.

Patrick Connell was seriously injured by a fall of slate in the Pinckinnick coal mine at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. His right leg was broken in two places between the knee and ankle and his head was badly cut. He was taken to his home on East Pike street, where medical treatment and careful attention is being given him.

GEORGE BROWN IS RECAPTURED

George Brown, colored, who escaped from the Adamston jail Sunday morning was recaptured last night. The local officers at Mayor Southern's request apprehended Brown at Frank Smith's restaurant and he was placed in custody. The Adamston authorities were notified and they came to town after him. Brown was turned over to them, and once more he languishes behind the bars of Mayor Southern's bastille at Adamston.

Mrs. Shuttleworth's Funeral

The funeral of Mrs. E. F. Shuttleworth will take place from the residence on West Main street at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and interment will be in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Dr. S. K. Arbutnot will officiate at the obsequies.

The pallbearers will be S. R. Harrison, W. B. Osborn, Henry Hammond, P. C. Williams, Dr. A. R. Timberlake and Jesse Alexander.

James Dead

The funeral of James R. James, aged 65 years, was held at Boothsville, Monday afternoon. He died at his home near Bridgeport Sunday, after an illness of 20 years duration.

CHILD BURNS TO DEATH

Hazel, the four-year-old daughter of Oral Barnes, of Randolph county, burned to death at the home of Robert L. Bichter, at McAlpin, Monday.

Mrs. Barnes and three children were visiting at the Bichter home, Mr. Bichter being her father, and at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning with none except the three children in the room, the fatal accident occurred. The unfortunate child appears to have reached up to the mantle over the grate to get something and her clothes caught fire. Her screams brought Mrs. Barnes from another room, and the latter was terribly burned on the hands extinguishing the flames.

The child was frightfully burned about the face and body and inhaled the flames. Her agony was terrible and Dr. Cox, of Boothsville, was summoned, and the neighbors were called in. Shortly after Dr. Cox arrived at 1 o'clock the child died as he was endeavoring to relieve her sufferings.

The father was telegraphed for and the funeral will not occur until his arrival from Randolph county.

JOYFUL REUNION OF BLUE AND GRAY

There was a joyful reunion of the Blue and the Gray Tuesday here, when Captain James H. Hurry, of Bridgeport, and W. S. Sinsel, of Central City, Neb., met. They had not seen one another for 42 years, and the last time they met was under circumstances that formed a basis for reminiscent conversation when they greeted one another Tuesday. In 1863, during the Civil war, when Jones' raid came through this section, Captain Hurry was a detailed scout of the raid on the Confederate side and captured Mr. Sinsel, foreman of a bridge gang working on the railroad bridge at Bridgeport under the supervision of the government and he and others took Mr. Sinsel and his gang to prison at Richmond. They never saw one another again until they met here Tuesday. The reunion was a very pleasant one and they spent the day congenially and were as happy as larks in the spring time.

COURT HOUSE MEETINGS WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

The series of meetings at the court house will close tonight by a sermon, "A Change of Heart. What is it, and how produced?" This subject will be discussed by W. M. Long, followed by a short talk by State Secretary A. Linkletter. A Christian church of nearly sixty members has been organized, and arrangements are being made to buy a lot and they are working on plans for an upodate church that will cost about \$10,000. W. M. Long will leave tomorrow for New Martinsville, and A. Linkletter leaves for his home at Moundsville. On Sunday, Dec. 10, A. Linkletter will return and preach at the court house at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

MARCATO CLUB IS QUITE THANKFUL

The members of the Marcato Musical Club, under whose auspices the opera, "The Parvenus," was given, desire to express their great appreciation of the efforts of those who took part in the comedy, and particularly do they feel under obligations to the management of the Grand opera house and the Wells orchestra, for most valued favors. They sincerely trust the many who attended on Monday night enjoyed the opera, and to them, for their generous patronage the club is truly grateful.

CORA SMITH,
Secretary.

"PARVENUS" PLEASED EVERYBODY

"The Parvenus," a new and original musical comedy was produced for the first time at the Grand Opera House Monday night by a cast and chorus selected from the best available musical talent in the city.

The opera was written by John Saunders, and the music composed by W. Harris Ware, both well known in New York City's musical and literary circles. Mr. Saunders gave his personal direction to the staging of the piece, and as a result of those present is that the best performance even given by local talent in this city, was witnessed at the Grand last night. The theatre was comfortably filled with the most representative audience of Clarksburg's social circles that has been seen in the opera house in many years.

Peculiarly the play was a great success, and the proceeds will go to swell the bank account of the Marcato Club, the ladies' musical organization that is doing so much in the interest of good music for the people of Clarksburg.

From the handsome souvenir program furnished by the Parsons-Souders Company, we note the following cast:

- Otto Schmidt, a retired brewer.
- W. H. Lewis
- Tom Lovejoy, a young New York lawyer
- Gus Smith
- Frederick DuRant
- John Saunders
- Hiram Shade, a rural sleuth
- S. R. Bentley
- Grip, a romantic footman
- Fleming Holder
- Mrs. Otto Schmidt, with social aspirations
- Mrs. J. F. Estill
- Evaline, her daughter
- Miss Sallie Bogges
- Carlotta Dean, Evaline's friend
- Miss Pauline Stewart
- Annie O'Brien, an Irish niobe
- Mrs. C. E. Lambert
- Rita, a maid
- Miss Jean Walker
- School Friends of Evaline.
- Jessamine and Carolina
- Miss Estill
- Mrs. Kelley
- Daughters of the Trusts
- Who are looking to marry titles
- Oil Trust
- Miss May Annan
- Steel Trust
- Miss Florence Thorn
- Beef Trust
- Miss Rozelle Estill
- Wheat Trust
- Miss Gay Estill
- Coal Trust
- Mrs. Kelley
- Sugar Trust
- Miss Bessie Bogges

The story has to do with the efforts of Otto Schmidt, a retired brewer, and his wife, to break into society. Mrs. Schmidt thinks the result can be achieved by marrying their daughter, Evaline, to a foreign nobleman. This does not meet with the approval of Evaline's lover, Tom Lovejoy, so he secures the services of one Frederick DuRant, a stranded actor, to impersonate a French count, and in so doing to elude Evaline's parents with their prospective son-in-law. DuRant does this successfully, and, all ends well.

Mrs. Estill, as the brewer's wife was screamingly funny, and in her scene with DuRant, where she attempts to speak French, she convulsed the audience. Mrs. Estill sang and danced in the most sprightly manner and in truth looked the part to perfection.

Miss Sallie Bogges, as the daughter and heiress, Evaline, was a vision of loveliness. Her school girl friends, at the rise of the curtain were celebrating her 18th birthday, but truth confesses that Miss Bogges looked more like sweet sixteen. She displayed a voice of matchless sweetness and an incomparable method, such as only the pupils of the renowned Mme. Cappiana possess. The ease and brilliancy with which Miss Bogges executed her difficult music was an artistic triumph. In her grand solo, "The Story of a Bird," she fairly electrified the audience at the climax by taking C in alt, with perfect ease and freedom.

The audience were thoroughly in sympathy with Lovejoy, and he couldn't be blamed for loving this ideal Evaline.

Miss Pauline Stewart never looked more handsome than in the comedy more handsome than in the comedy (Continued on page 10.)

REDUCTION PETITIONS ARE FEW

The county court as a reviewing board of the re-assessment of real estate got down to business Tuesday morning with all the members of the court, the prosecuting attorney and the assessors present. The attendance of citizens was small, not more than twenty being present, and some of them as mere spectators.

Up to noon, including the first day, only about 35 petitions had been received. At that hour in addition to those reported Monday the petitioners were as follows:

John Bassel asked that his lot and residence, assessed at \$8,000 and \$8,900, respectively, be reduced to \$6,000 each.

Sylvester Reed, 40 1-4 acres, Simpson district, land at \$24 per acre and house at \$120, asked for land at \$16 an acre.

J. D. McReynolds, 29 acres in Union district at \$40, asked that land be stricken from books.

L. J. Davison, house and lot, Tennille district, assessed at \$3,600, asks reduction to \$2,000.

D. F. Morgan with 205 acres in Grant district at \$40 an acre and house at \$410, wants land reduced to \$36 an acre and house raised to \$800.

Paul L. Flanigan, lot \$400 and house \$800, asks that aggregate be \$300, as there is no house on lot.

J. A. Webb, 23 acres, Sardis district, at \$25 an acre, wants reduction to \$12 an acre.

C. S. Elliott asks that lot be reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,500, and house from \$2,200 to \$2,000.

J. Horner Davis says he is aggrieved by the assessment of lot in rear of his residence.

James W. Morris, Simpson district, wants his land assessed at \$25 reduced to \$20.

Lloyd Talbott, 35 acres, \$30 an acre, house \$500, wants reduction to \$20 an acre and house to \$400.

J. E. McIntire, 61 1-2 acres at \$25 an acre, wants same reduced to \$15 an acre.

Alex Hamrah, of Sardis, asks that house and lot valued at \$600 and \$2,000, respectively, be reduced to \$400 and \$2,000, respectively.

Silas Stark, of Eagle district, on 95 acres, asks a reduction from \$27 to \$17 on the acre.

J. R. Nuzum, 154 acres, Simpson district, \$32.50 on land and \$1,000 on house, asks for \$30 on land and \$800 on house.

A clerical error having occurred in the assessment of Mary S. Mills' property, her lot was reduced from \$1,000 to \$100 and the house from \$1,000 to \$150.

J. E. Tichenal's house and lot at Adamston was reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,100—the lot at \$100 and the house at \$1,000.

John A. Davis' petition was rejected. He asked that 103 acres in Eagle district at \$95 be reduced.

The acreage of coal lands assessed to William Hood and A. N. Pritchard of 300 acres, was corrected by being charged as follows:

L. C. Martin, 34.71 acres; John B. Tetrick, 109.12 acres; C. W. Martin, 22.46 acres; Perry D. McIntire, 19.14 acres, and 115.30 acres to Cordelia Wadsworth, M. A. Tetrick and S. A. Matton.

PLEASANT PARTY

One of the most pleasant and enjoyable parties of the season was given by Mr. and Mrs. Will Hickman at their home Thanksgiving evening. Among the guests present were Misses Edna and Tensie Lawson, Ethel Spindle, Effie Hickman, Messrs. Gordon Brand, Claude Rawson, Walter Hickman, George McGregor, Tillman Hickman, Chas. Rawson, William Darling and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hickman. Refreshments were served and a flashlight was taken of the party. On the departure of the guests congratulations of a very pleasant evening were expressed.

McClung Held

French McClung, colored, was remanded to jail Tuesday by Justice S. W. Gordon, in default of bond of \$1,000 to answer an indictment for felonious assault upon R. J. Pipkin.

BIG BLAZES VISIT CITY OF SALEM AND FAIRMONT

SCHUTTE ISSUES A STATEMENT

Editors Telegram:
Without wishing to impose upon the public, permit me to answer an article which appeared in the Telegram a few days ago.

The article, though very personal was written by a certain man who has imagined for the last ten years, that he was the only man that God had so ordained to wear such beautiful red, long beard—but he is certainly mistaken for there is another wisecrack in Calhoun county.

Now, as for me wishing to be mayor of Adamston, I have never desired that place, and would not accept it, for I do not wish to hold a sack after it has been emptied, although I do certainly believe there ought to be a change in our municipal officers, and I sincerely hope at the next election there will be men elected who will look after the interest of our town, and not do things for their own personal benefit—but it is hard for an empty bag to stand upright.

JOSEPH SCHUTTE,
Adamston, W. Va., Dec. 5, 1905.

SECOND ORDER OF INJUNCTION

A second injunction has issued in the controversy between Mrs. Melissa Wilkinson, of Bridgeport, and the American Telegraph & Telephone Company. The first several days ago was decided by Judge C. W. Lynch as improperly issued and was withdrawn. The second was issued late Monday evening by Judge Lynch.

It restrains the telephone company, its officers, employees and agents from placing guy poles on the property of Mrs. Wilkinson on Philadelphia avenue in Bridgeport and from entering upon and defacing her property. Bond was duly given and the injunction served Tuesday upon employees of the company.

ISENHART HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

The home of Emanuel Isenhart, on the Weston road just out of the city, was destroyed by fire at four o'clock Monday evening. The house was a one-story frame and belonged to Clevon Pritchard. The building was completely burned down in an hour and all of Mr. Isenhart's household goods were destroyed. The loss is quite heavy to Mr. Isenhart as he is aged and in very humble circumstances.

The fire started during the absence of all the members of the family, and the origin is unknown but it is thought it caught from a flue.

REVENUE VIOLATOR BROUGHT TO JAIL

Samuel Craig, colored, was brought in from Austin, Preston county, Monday evening by United States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp, charged with violating the internal revenue laws, and in default of bond of \$200 was lodged in jail here to be taken to Parkersburg later to answer at the term of federal court there in January.

G. A. R. LADIES WILL MEET

The Ladies of the G. A. R. will meet in the rooms, on Main street, above the County Mail office, on next Thursday night. A good attendance at this meeting is desired, as business of importance will be transacted.

Monday afternoon shortly before 4 o'clock a large planing mill at Salem, owned by Fleming Brothers, a two-story dwelling belonging to Mrs. Virginia Hoover and Mrs. Charlotte Davison's barn were destroyed by fire.

The blaze started in the engine house of the planing mill and spread rapidly throughout the mill and from that to the dwelling and barn. In addition to the destruction of these properties the lumber yards and three cars loaded with lumber and standing on the sidetrack were destroyed.

The fire occurred in a central part of the city, the planing mill being just across the street from Salem college and near several large buildings, and it was thought for a time that the city was doomed and that another such conflagration as visited Salem a few years ago was to occur, but the wind was favorable and by heroic work of the fire department the fire was gotten under control and the city saved.

The lumber yards were filled to their fullest capacity and along with the mill were entirely destroyed, making Fleming Brothers' loss fully \$65,000, with only \$15,000 insurance.

Mrs. Hoover's dwelling house was used by the planing mill owners as an office and supply house. It was totally destroyed and her loss is \$2,500, with small insurance.

There was no insurance on the barn and Mrs. Davison's loss is \$500. It is estimated that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company lost \$5,000 by the burning of the cars. Damage was done to George W. F. Randolph's three-story building and Salem college, both of which were badly blistered.

The fire caused a delay of an hour or so in trains, being so close the tracks that it was dangerous for trains to pass, while the flames raged.

Fairmont suffered from a destructive fire last night, which threatened to destroy a large part of the business section of the community, until the splendid work of the fire department got the flames under control and saved the heart of the town. As it was, about \$15,000 damage was done and the insurance is light, although the exact amount is not learned. The fire started about ten o'clock, in Reed's feed store, which is near the center of the town. It was well filled with inflammable materials and the flames spread rapidly to the adjoining building, a livery stable, in which were a lot of horses and great quantities of hay and feed. The horses were all taken out in time to save them from burning, but practically everything in the stable except the horses was destroyed. The stable was totally consumed. Adjoining it were a couple of residences, which were also destroyed, being totally consumed. The occupants of these buildings escaped with their household effects, but their property was considerably damaged. The opera house, which stands near the scene of the fire, was on fire at one time and only the determined efforts of the firemen saved that building.

Mr. Kinley McMillan, of Meigsport, Pa., preached a most helpful sermon at the First Presbyterian church last night on the text, "All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray." He will preach tonight on "Saved by Grace" at 7:45 o'clock. Special services will continue every night this week at the Methodist Episcopal church, South.

CHURCH SERVICES

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