

J. T. McGRAW BUYS CITY GAS PLANT

McGraw's Oil and Gas Company Pays Fifty Thousand Dollars For Plant.

LARGE GAS WELLS WILL BE PIPEL.

Plant Will Be Greatly Enlarged and Service Will Expand Into Country Sections.

It was announced today that the Grafton Electric Light & Gas Company which supplies the city of Grafton with lights and fuel, has sold its plant and holdings to the McGraw Oil & Gas Company, in which Col. John T. McGraw is largely interested. The purchase price was \$50,000.

Col. McGraw will operate the plant in connection with the several gas wells he has drilled in near Flemington and Grafton and will supply the city and surrounding section of country with natural gas, and Fetterman as well as Grafton and South Grafton will be supplied with both gas and electricity. The electric plant will be greatly enlarged.

FABRICATION

and Simple is the Woman's Affidavit, Says Senator Goebel's Brother.

[By Associated Press.]
PHOENIX, Arizona, Sept. 25—Justus Goebel, a brother of the late Senator Goebel, of Kentucky, residing in Phoenix, commenting on the affidavit made by a woman in Richmond, Ind., who alleges Goebel was killed by Turner Igo at the instigation of a son of John Sanford, says the story is a pure fabrication. He says the facts as set forth in the affidavits are so at variance with proved facts that it cannot be considered.

ROADS VIEWED

By County Court and Officials of the B. & O. for the Purpose of Repairing Them.

The county court is in the lower end of the county today looking after a public road there with a view of discontinuing it. The road is in the Jones's run neighborhood. The court and Baltimore & Ohio railroad officials spent yesterday along the Short Line railroad for the purpose of arranging for the railroad company to repair the public highways, where the company has damaged them. Friday the court will hold a special term to hear a Wallace road case, qualify notaries and transact other business.

SENTENCE CONTEST OFF

The postal authorities have refused to allow the newspapers containing the "Sentence Contest" advertisement of the Bennett Piano Company to go through the mails, consequently the contest is declared off. However, this will not deter the company's representatives from offering to the people of Clarksburg and vicinity unusual bargains in well known pianos for the next ten days.

The public is cordially invited to call at the Bennett rooms in the Waldo block, Fourth street, and inspect the first car load of pianos just received from the Company's factory at Warren, Pa. Attention is called to their advertisement on another page of this issue.

PORTER'S MILLINERY OPENING.

Porter's fall millinery opening Tuesday was attended by a large number of people who took advantage of the occasion to inspect the exquisite stock of headwear which embraced all of the latest styles and fashions and was brought direct from the leading eastern bazars. There was an unusually large and comprehensive assortment and every visitor found something pleasing.

CANADA'S PREMIER



SIR WILFRID LAURIER, PREMIER OF CANADA, AND THE VANCOUVER RACE RIOTS.

PREMIER LAURIER of Canada has his hands full just now straightening out the diplomatic middle between Great Britain and her ally, Japan, over the assault upon Japanese subjects and the destruction of their property at Vancouver, B. C., by mobs inspired to riotous acts by the Asiatic Exclusion league.

FATAL GRAY GAME

Police Fired on Players Raided on the Soho Dump in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 25—During a raid by the police on a crap game participated in by a number of negroes the officers opened fire on the men when they ran, and Daniel Murphy, 12 years old, was fatally shot, and Hayes Kessler, colored, was shot through the back. The others escaped. The police surprised a score of persons gambling at the Soho dump, in the Oakland district, and fired when the crowd attempted to escape.

MRS. CORBIN DEAD.

Meadowbrook Woman Passes Away After Illness With Dropsy.

Mrs. Rebecca Jane Corbin, of Meadowbrook, died at the home of her son there Tuesday after a lingering illness with dropsy.

Mrs. Corbin was 58 years old and leaves five sons and two daughters. She made her home with her son, G. W. Corbin, who is the manager of the powder works at Meadowbrook. The body will be taken to Martinsburg for burial.

PAYS FINE FOR ASSAULT

John Elliott was fined \$5 and costs by Magistrate Gordon Monday evening for assaulting and beating C. M. Cunningham Sunday morning at Walter Sedwick's livery barn. He paid the required amount and was released.

CHOIR MUSICAL.

A musicale will be given by the choir of the Trinity M. E. church, colored, Friday night for the benefit of the church fund. Refreshments will be served by a committee and there will be a good time. All are invited to attend.

STARKEY DIES OF INJURIES

Young Man Who Had Skull Fractured by Interurban Car, Succumbs in Local Hospital.

Gus Starkey, the young man who was struck by a car on the Fairmont Clarksburg interurban trolley line at McIntyre crossing near Erie station the night of September 17 and had his skull fractured, died in the local hospital where he had been a patient since the accident, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Starkey was leaning against a sign board at the crossing, presumably asleep, and when the motorman of the approaching car blew the signal whistle the young man fell in some manner almost upon the track. One of the car steps or a part of the car truck struck him on the head. It is supposed that Starkey had dozed off into a sleep and the sound of the whistle awakened him with a start causing him to lose his balance and fall over.

The young man's home was at Archie, Wetzel county, but he had been residing at Haywood where he was employed by one of the coal mining companies. He was the son of G. W. Starkey, 22 years old and unmarried.

MANY ENTRIES

Are Being Received by Secretary J. N. Hess for the Old Fair to Be Held Next Week.

Secretary James N. Hess, of the West Virginia Central Agricultural & Mechanical Society, whose annual fair will be held on the old fair grounds next week, announces that entries are coming in in a gratifying manner since the books were opened Monday morning. The cattle classes are already well filled and the sheep entry is good. So far he is just a little shy on horses. The floral and mechanical fair entries promise to be much larger than ever before. The books will close at 6 o'clock sharp Saturday evening. The secretary's office is in room 431 on the fourth floor of the Empire building at Telegram square.

FIVE PAY PENALTY

At Police Court Session for Violating Ordinances of the City.

Five prisoners were given hearings by Mayor Crile at the regular session of police court this morning. Cline Jackson was sent over for three days for drunkenness. Jesse Roseberry got the same dose for being drunk and disorderly. Fred Robinson was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment for drunkenness. W. B. Spearman paid a fine of \$3 and costs for drunkenness and Robert Schorfield, who was arrested for loitering in the streets, escaped punishment on his promise to leave the city forthwith.

HERE FROM MONTANA.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gideon Bumgardner are here from Clancy, Montana, the guests of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bumgardner. They will remain here for a while and may decide to permanently stay here. They have many friends in this county who are welcoming them as this is their first visit here since their marriage last year in Montana.

ARM IS BURNED.

A young Greek, employed at the store of Farmakis & Greavas, on West Pike street, was painfully burned about 5:30 o'clock Monday evening. Hot candy ran down one of his arms from the elbow. While very painful, the injury is not serious. He will be laid up several weeks.

BANK WILL DRILL.

The Uniform Rank of the local Pythians will engage in a big drill tomorrow night preparatory to the State meeting at Huntington next month.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Mrs. E. A. Baten, of Broad Oaks, was taken to St. Mary's hospital Tuesday to receive treatment for typhoid fever.

THOMAS HANNON ESCAPES GALLOWS

Civil Docket in Court Taken Up

First Trial Case is That of Monroe Against Cavalle On An Appeal.

Having called the civil docket Tuesday evening after the argument in the Hannon trial had been concluded, and having set cases for trial, circuit court Wednesday morning took up that docket, by starting into the trial of the suit by Sylvester G. Monroe against Frank Cavalle, on appeal, with a jury to try the case. The plaintiff seeks to recover possession of a room now occupied by Cavalle with a store. It was tried before a magistrate and the defendant won. The plaintiff then took an appeal to the circuit court.

The suit of James Bumgardner vs. the Salem Express was non-suited. **Chancery Orders.** In the cause of W. Frank Stout, guardian of Grover C. Golden, et. al, the report of the guardian was confirmed and the ward being of age the guardian was directed to pay him the residue of the funds in his hands after deducting his commission.

E. D. Lewis was appointed special commissioner in the cause of J. I. Alexander vs. J. D. Romine et als, and John D. Romine vs. T. W. Harrison et als, to execute a deed.

The special commissioner in the cause of Wilson Goldsmith vs. John M. Flanagan, adm'r., made a report of receipts and disbursements.

Harvey W. Harmer and John W. Davis were appointed trustees in place of Lewis C. Lawson in the causes of Corlin A. Lawson, receiver for the Eureka Loan and Building Association against Lydia Shannanman, J. L. Jackson, Mary L. Linkswaller, Etta Jackson, Conna E. Golden, Icie M. Yost, Ed Thompson, Hattie Lansford, Mary E. Lassiter, Mary Page, D. H. Longneet, William and Rhoda Coffman, Frank McAtee, James Wiseman, Annie S. Kearns, Iad Modispaugh, Sarah M. Garrett and Frank Wine.

Sale was decreed in the cause of E. D. Lewis, administrator of Wilson Queen, vs. James P. Queen, et al.

Sale was confirmed in the cause of John A. Crislip and James B. Supler against Theodore M. Stealey and Rachel Stealey.

The cause of Gladden & Alexander against James E. Williams was dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

The report of disbursements of receipts by the special commissioners in the cause of Meigs J. Bartlett vs. Harvey W. Harmer, trustee, et al., was approved.

Sale was decreed in the cause of George W. Shuttleworth et al. vs. William C. McKeenan.

Disbursement of funds was directed in the cause of Harry Shingleton et al. vs. the Carter Oil Co. et al.

Sale was decreed in the cause of U. G. Lyon, guardian, vs. Fairy D. Lyon et al.

ATTORNEY COMING HERE.

Charles J. Hogg, a young attorney, of Morgantown, will arrive here this week from Mason county where he has been attending to business matters, and will be associated here as a partner with Thomas Ramage, in the latter's office in the Lowndes building.

SHORTAGE OF CARS IN THIS COAL REGION.

There is a shortage of cars in this mining region and some of the independent operators are at Grafton today laying the matter before the division superintendent of the railroad with the hope that the supply may be made adequate at once.

[By Associated Press.]
PEKIN, China, Sept. 25—The re-appointment of Wu Ting Fank to his former post as minister for China at Washington was gazetted here yesterday.

JACK FROST COMING

Weather Man Says He is Scheduled for His First Visit of Season Tonight.

Old Jack Frost is booked for a visit to Clarksburg tonight. His advance agent, the weather man, this morning flashed the news over the wires that he was scheduled for a premier appearance here tonight some time and he will likely be here unless he is sidetracked or held up by a wreck or other unavoidable happenings. Some preliminary notice of an approaching visit by Mr. Frost was given this morning early when the centigrade thermometer registered 13 degrees and the chilliness caused a number of persons to drag out their last year's overcoats. Housewives should carry their potted plants indoors when closing up the house tonight.

WORK OUTLINED

By Supt. Burdette of the City Schools to the Teachers of Schools in Coal District.

The Coal district board of education had the work of the grammar grades outlined thoroughly by Superintendent F. L. Burdette of the city schools at a meeting of the teachers of the district at Adamston Tuesday evening. The teachers from Wilsonburg, Northview, Columbia Mines and Adamston were all present at the meeting. These teachers will now all work on a basis with Clarksburg. Coal district has ten students enrolled in the Clarksburg high school.

CHARTER GRANTED

To R. D. Wilson Sons & Co. to Carry on Wholesale and Retail Business in Many Lines.

R. D. Wilson Sons & Company have been granted a charter by the secretary of state with their main office and chief works in Clarksburg. The object set forth in the charter is to carry on the business of wholesale and retail dealers in all kinds of material, products, goods, wares and merchandise, including paper, hides, furs and all kinds of metals. The capital stock is \$25,000 and the incorporators are R. D. Wilson, Sr., R. D. Wilson, Jr., Jennie C. Wilson, Mark D. Wilson and Calvin Wilson.

TAKEN BY DEATH

Is Samuel Lawman, of the Stealey Addition, After An Illness.

Samuel Lawman died at his home in the Stealey addition last Tuesday afternoon after an illness with Bright's disease, at the age of 62 years. He leaves three children: Dorris, Coleman and Albert Lawman. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Pleasant Grove church on Hacker's creek and the burial will be in the cemetery there.

UNDERGO OPERATIONS.

Floyd Thrasher, of Sardis, was operated on at the Kessler hospital Tuesday for appendicitis. Mrs. Roy McClung, of this city, underwent a serious operation at the same institution Monday. Her condition is critical.

RETURN TO CAPITAL.

[By Associated Press.]
OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 25—President Roosevelt and party left for Washington at 10 o'clock this morning.

Jury Returns Verdict of First Degree Murder But Spares Him His Life.

LIFE SENTENCE GIVEN IN THE STATE PRISON.

Conviction Takes Place Only Twenty-One Days After Commission of Act.

Thomas P. Hannon was found guilty of murder in the first degree for shooting Mrs. Margaret Pickett dead at the George A. Murray home the afternoon of September 3 last but he will escape the death penalty, the jury in the case returning its verdict that he be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary. Under the law this makes it a life sentence.

The case was given to the jury at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening after Prosecuting Attorney Will E. Morris had made a strong argument for the State. At 6 o'clock the jury had not agreed and the judge instructed the sheriff to take them to supper and bring them back after that to deliberate on the case. About 8 o'clock they were handed the indictment and the prisoner was brought into the court room, which was well filled at that hour and at 8:25 the jury returned into the court room and announced that they had agreed on a verdict for first degree murder and that he be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary. Attorney C. B. Sperry for the defense made a motion that the verdict be set aside, but no further action was taken at the time, and the jury was discharged from the case and allowed by the judge to go home until Friday. The court complimented the jury for the care and caution and patience exercised by them.

The prisoner heard the verdict without any visible effect on him.

There is said to have been six ballots taken by the jury. The first stood nine for the verdict as rendered and three for murder in the second degree. The second was ten for first degree and two for second, the third as the first, the fourth ten for first degree and two for second, the fifth eleven for first degree and one for second and the sixth twelve for the verdict as rendered. The conviction of Hannon took place just twenty-one days after the shooting, a remarkably short space of time in cases of such serious character and magnitude.

VIRGINIA BEET

Attorneys Go to Washington to Make Answer—May End Case Next Month.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 25—To meet John G. Carlisle, Attorney General Clark W. Hay, Wesley Molohan and G. W. McClintock, of this city, and Prof. C. C. Hogg, of West Virginia University, went to Washington today and had a consultation in the suit of Virginia vs. West Virginia. The case will probably be disposed of next month by the United States supreme court. Each of the state's attorneys has prepared an argument to the attorney general of Virginia and the conference this week will determine the purpose of West Virginia's case.

RETURNS WITH BRIDE.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Francis arrived at their home in Wilsonburg Tuesday night after a honeymoon trip abroad and were welcomed by a large number of friends. A part of the welcoming reception consisted in four little girls going to their home and singing "My Happy Home in Arkansas," and "West Virginia Hills." They were rewarded with several pretty presents that Mr. Francis got in Europe. It is understood that the happy couple will be tendered a modernized charivari this evening.

WOODMEN WILL MEET.

The regular weekly meeting of the Woodmen of the World will be held tonight. There will be initiations.