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## STATE EDUCATORS ASK FOR NEW SCHOOL LAWS

### Christian Church Is a Splendid Monument

Members and Residents Generally Are Quite Proud of the Building.

#### HISTORY OF CHURCH

Here and the Work of the Pastor and Membership Show Splendid Success.

Especially proud is the membership of the Christian church and the residents of Clarksburg generally of the new Central Christian church at the corner of West 26th and South Chestnut streets, a picture of which is given on this page of the Telegram, as well as that of the pastor, W. M. Long.

The new building was dedicated September 20 last by Dr. T. B. Crombitt, president of Bethany College. The building is a handsome structure as a brief description of it shows.

#### Description of Edifice.

The class of architecture in this design is largely of the Gothic order, modified by the use of Renaissance features in forms of classical ornamentation, which present an unusually attractive appearance in general. The church and parsonage combined, covers 69 ft. by 73 ft. and 6 inches. The construction of the building consists of concrete and cement stone foundation, frame building veneered with iron spout half brick, with cement stone trimmings. The roof of the towers are finished in "battement" design. The tower windows are all finished with decorative iron sections, giving an attractive appearance over the usual manner of flower filling. The windows in the main auditorium and Sunday school room are attractively grouped in triplets and singlets with a seven circle rose window directly over each triplet, with single window on either side of the rose, affording excellently lighted rooms. There are two entrances from South Chestnut street and two from West Pike street. The spacious dome in the center of the roof is attractive with lower windows of art glass and heavier combination. The large slate roof with green tile covered hips and comb and metal cornice are in perfect harmony with the entire exterior appearance. The main tower is finished to a height of 75 feet. The elevation of the auditorium to the square is 24 inches. The ceiling is pitched toward the center and connects with the octagonal base of the dome, giving an elevation of 36 inches in the auditorium. The dome in the interior has patterned walls of art glass, with artistically penciled and perforated ceiling. The ceiling proper is of a handsome paneled metal design. The walls are finished in a white enameled coat of cream tint. The auditorium is 12x44 with an accordion folding partition, when closed, gives a general Sunday school room 12x44. In the rear of which are two glass rooms 12x21 and 12x18, respectively. A well appointed gallery with Bible and other class rooms are on the gallery floor.

One of the many attractive features of this property is the model parsonage building, which is attached to the church building. The pastor can enter his study from a hall on the second floor of the parsonage, and go direct from study to church by means of a stairway. The basement of the church building is spacious and commodious, including dressing rooms, toilets, etc.

This church property as a whole is the pride of Clarksburg and a monument of beauty in favor of the architects and builders Messrs. Gladden and Alexander, of Clarksburg.

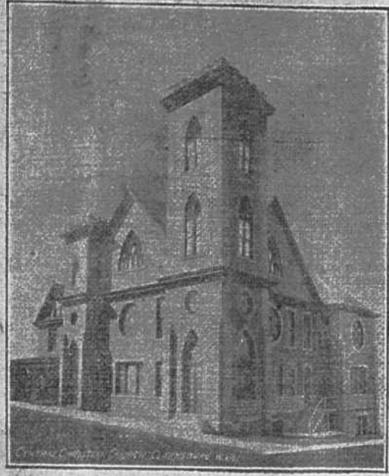
The entire property, lot and church and parsonage buildings, cost \$37,000.

#### History of Congregation.

The Central Christian church was organized in this city three years ago by A. Linkletter, the state evangelist, and W. M. Long, the present pastor. The organization numbered at that time 15 members.

The present pastor took charge in May, 1905, since that time there has been about 100 members taken into the organization, and the beautiful building, a picture and description of which are given, has been erected.

In connection with the services of this church the names of J. D. McNamee, Miss Ash, Mrs. Martha and Mrs. Weir and others equally



CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

### HUMANE SOCIETY WANTS CHILDREN

### QUAKE HURTS QUEEN HELENA

As She is Caught in Rush of Patients Who Are in a Panic.

ROME, Italy, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena was slightly injured during a slight earthquake shock at Messina yesterday.

She was caught in a rush of patients in one of the improvised hospitals, who were thrown into a panic. She sustained slight contusions on the chest.

### NEW RATE

For Letter Service Between This Country and Germany in Effect.

The new postal rate with Germany has gone into effect. Postmaster Denham has received word to that effect and now the letter rate to Germany is just the same as our domestic rate. Arrangements similar to this had been arranged with England last October, and many other nations will follow. Now one can send a letter to either of those foreign countries as cheap as he can to any point in this country, the rate being two cents per ounce. It was formerly five cents with England and Germany. This will come as good news to many German-American citizens of this city.

### KINGSLEY FAVORED

For the Speakership of the House by Ex-Governor White.

PARKERSBURG, Jan. 2.—Hon. A. B. White, who has just returned to this city after relinquishing the position of state tax commissioner has declared himself in favor of Hon. R. Kingsley, of this city, for speaker of the house of delegates.

Governor White has established himself in an office to remain permanently in Parkersburg. It is said that Governor White intends to purchase the Parkersburg Dispatch-News at the trustee's sale and once having acquired that organ he will wage a fight against Congressman Woodruff for the nomination for congress in his district two years hence.

J. H. Aikens, of Parkersburg, claim agent for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, is here officially engaged.

### Writ of Habeas Corpus is Sued Out Against Fred and Florence Boone.

The West Virginia Humane Society by Benjamin Brown Stout, its agent, has sued out a writ of habeas corpus against Fred and Florence Boone for the custody of their four little children, all under fourteen years of age.

Mr. Stout avers in his petition the parents are constant in their habits of drunkenness, blasphemy and low and gross debauchery and are therefore not proper persons, owing to their moral depravity, to have the custody of the children.

The names of the four children are Marion, Rosa, Etta and Julia Boone. Sheriff Francis and his deputies served the writ Saturday afternoon.

A hearing in the case before Judge Charles W. Lynch is set for 11 o'clock next Saturday forenoon.

### TIME MARKED

By the Writing of Checks by One of the Architects of the City.

The manner of closing the old year and beginning the new by Architect and Builder A. P. Gladden of the firm of Gladden & Alexander, was something novel though not unprecedented. Thursday night, December 31, 1908, Mrs. Gladden wrote a check payable to W. F. Bockmiller, of Baltimore, and he discovered the number of the check to be 1908, which was the last check he wrote for the year 1908. January 1, he wrote a check payable to N. Riley, of this city, the number of which was 1909, corresponding with the year 1909.

### SCALE SIGNED

And There is No Private Agreement As Some Asserted.

The Clarksburg Glass Company management announces, as do also the men working at the Adamston plant, that the flat scale has been signed and that there is no private agreement as claimed by some of the manufacturers. The contract as signed, it is announced, has been forwarded to the head offices of the National Window Glass Workers' Association.

### WILL PREACH HERE

The Rev. Mr. Campbell, of Berkeley Springs, will preach in the Central Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and also at night at 7:25 o'clock.

### A MARRIAGE LICENSE

A marriage license has been issued to William L. Reynolds and Laura E. Bruns.

School Men's Council is Organized at Meeting Held at the Waldo.

### WANT LARGER LEVY

And Further State Aid for the Higher Schools of West Virginia.

Resulting from suggestions made at the annual meeting of the State Educational Society at Elkins last June, an association of public school superintendents, principals, teachers, and other school officials, known as the School Men's Council, was organized at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting of educators of the State at the Waldo hotel Friday night and Saturday. Adjournment was taken Saturday afternoon after the organization had been completed and several resolutions passed embodying recommendations to the State legislature for revision of the existing school laws with the object of bettering the public schools of West Virginia.

Among the resolutions passed was one recommending that boards of education should be allowed more discretion in the laying of the school levies and that the maximum of the levy be increased, as under the present law the most boards of education are seriously handicapped in providing adequately for the schools and the students.

### High School Inspector Wanted

It was also recommended that the legislature provide for the appointment by the State Board of Education of a state high school inspector, who shall visit all the high schools of the state, inspect the work therein and make reports on conditions and needs. His duties are not to carry executive authority, but to be merely of a suggestive nature.

"We favor district high schools," states one of the resolutions passed by the Council, "but in as much as some districts cannot maintain a high school, we therefore favor the establishment of 'union' and 'county' high schools; that to this end 'union' high schools be established as now provided by law, and, further, that any county in the state may establish a county high school whenever one hundred tax payers shall petition the county superintendent requesting that such school be established. A special election shall then be called. If a majority of the electors favor the establishment of such schools, the county superintendent and the presidents of the various district boards shall elect a non-partisan board, consisting of three individuals, who shall constitute a board of directors for the County

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## DEATH STRUGGLES ARE HORRORS TO DESCRIBE



PASTOR OF CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

### AN ELECTION IS TO BE HELD

City Council Decided to Go Ahead With the Special Election.

At Friday night's session of the city council it was decided to hold the bond election for waterworks and sewerage improvements between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 6 p. m. Tuesday, January 19, and election officers were chosen.

The voters of the first ward will vote at Gill's store and H. H. Davis, Richard Scott and Martin Killeen are named as election commissioners there.

In the second ward the election polls will be at the gas house and S. R. Griffin, A. C. Vickers and Isaac J. Coston were named as commissioners.

The third ward will vote at the office of Justice G. H. Gordon, and Dr. Truman E. Gore, Justice Harry Gordon and A. S. Gould will be the commissioners in that ward.

Armstrong's Club House will be used in the fourth ward and the commissioners named are James N. Hess, J. D. McReynolds and A. K. Thorn.

The water office in the fifth will be where the fifth ward voters will vote. David Carter, J. J. Duncan and David Carper were named as commissioners.

The mayor is supposed to issue his proclamation either Monday or Tuesday next.

Attending the session were all the members except Mr. Lynch and the action on the bond election was taken after the recommendation by the Board of Trade that the election be

### OHIO SOLONS HOLD CAUCUS

To Decide on Organization and to Indorse Burton for Senator.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 2.—Official announcement was made today that the Republicans of the legislature would caucus for organization at 2 o'clock today and a senatorial caucus will follow as soon as the organization is settled upon.

Representative Burton will be endorsed for United States senator to succeed Foraker.

The Democrats called a caucus for noon today.

### JUDGE LYNCH TO SPEAK

Judge Charles W. Lynch is scheduled to make an address in the Adamston Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

### FATHER JOHN DIES

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 2.—Father John, of Cronstadt, a noted

### JUDGE FLEMING PASSES AWAY

Brother of Ex-Governor A. B. Fleming Dies at His Home in City of Fairmont.

Judge Robert F. Fleming died Saturday morning at his home in Fairmont, after several years of failing health. Judge Fleming was born February 14, 1842, at Fairmont, and was the second son of Benjamin F. Fleming, now deceased. He worked on the farm and went to school until he entered his twentieth year. A severe illness in 1859-60 prevented acceptance of a cadetship in the Virginia Military Institute. He was taken with diphtheria the first of May, 1861, which was followed by general paralysis in June of the same year. He was at his worst at the time of the General Jones raid, in April, 1863, at which time he could articulate but indistinctly, could see but dimly, and could move neither hand nor foot. From that time recovery was gradual but slow.

In 1865 Judge Fleming was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law at Glenville, and for fifteen years he was engaged in active practice of law in Gilmer, Calhoun and Braxton counties, and in special cases in Lewis, Roane and Nicholas counties. At the state election in 1880 he was elected judge of the sixth judicial circuit, composed of Gilmer, Calhoun, Clay, Roane and Jackson counties, and he retired from the bench with the close of the year 1888.

In the year 1873 Judge Fleming married Miss Ethel Talbot Moore, only daughter of the late Charles J. Moore, of Weston, who was related to the Moores, Jacksons, Haymonds and Lowndesses of this city.

In 1882 Judge Fleming moved to Ravenswood on account of the health of his family. In the year 1866 and again in 1868 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Gilmer county, and at the school election in 1868 he was chosen county superintendent of schools. He qualified and served out the term, although not a candidate for the office, and did not know he was being voted for until late in the day the election was held. From the time of the establishment of the independent school district of Glenville, until he resigned to take office as judge, he held the position of president of the board of education at Glenville.

Some years after the close of the Civil war he was appointed by the Board of Public Works a commissioner from the first congressional district to value the railroad property of the State.

Judge Fleming was a brother of ex-Governor A. B. Fleming, of Fairmont, and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

### REMEMBRANCE CONTINUE

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### MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

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Ambassador Griscom called today that no names of Americans killed or injured by the earthquake had been reached him.

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Dying Men and Women Gnow Their Own Arms and Hands for Food.

### HUNGER IS TERRIBLE

Devastated Cities Are Being Abandoned But Troops Still Remain.

ROME, Italy, Jan. 2.—Exact statistics of the dead and surviving from the earthquake are still impossible, because all the dead bodies are buried under the ruins and have not yet been excavated. It is equally impossible to make any accurate count of the survivors for they are today scattered from one end of the country to the other.

The dead number probably 111,000 persons. Victims are increasing daily, not only through the dying of the injured, but also through many suicides committed by desperate survivors whose minds have given away.

Steady progress is being made in bringing order out of chaos in Messina and Reggio. Distribution of food is also being made more regularly in the affected districts.

Financial contributions for the relief of the sufferers have come in so generally from the United States that Ambassador Griscom today is taking a prominent part in the relief work being organized in Rome.

The proprietor of a house in Messina, where A. J. Ogston, the English consul general, arrived here today. He says outside of the consulate, there had been no American resident in Messina for forty years past.

### AMERICAN GUNBOAT ON SCENE

The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina Monday and its commander will have the vessel at the disposal of the American embassy officials and consular authorities for the assistance of Americans and the protection of their interests in Sicily.

The Scorpion, like other foreign ships, also will transport refugees from the affected districts.

King Victor Emmanuel today sent the following telegram to Premier Giolitti:

"I visited Cannitelli, eight miles north of Reggio, which is literally razed to the ground. The villa of San Giovanni is also destroyed. At Messina the rescue work is well organized. Fires at Messina have now been reduced to small proportions. Three other British and three French warships arrived today at Messina.

### HORRIBLE SCENES AT MESSINA

MESSINA, Jan. 2.—The town is now thoroughly occupied by troops, but the town is almost deserted as only soldiers and sailors are to be seen.

The suffering of persons still buried in the ruins of falling buildings here who are slowly dying from hunger is awful to contemplate. Bodies have been found which showed persons died gasping at their arms and hands, evidently delirious from pain and hunger. One woman had her teeth firmly fixed in the leg of a dead man.

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