

## Discuss Bill For New Law

West Virginia Fraternal Association Holds Convention in the City.

WELCOMED BY REED

Measures for Repeal of Insurance Statute is the Chief Business.

Provisions of a bill revising the existing law of West Virginia relating to fraternal insurance societies to be presented to the state legislature are being discussed and debated at a special convention of the West Virginia Fraternal Association at the Waldorf hotel.

The meeting began Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock and about one hundred delegates answered the roll call. P. B. Burke, of Parkersburg, president of the association, is acting as the presiding officer.

The Rev. J. E. Bird, pastor of Goff Methodist Episcopal church, offered prayer at the beginning of the meeting. Stuart F. Reed, of the city, delivered an address of welcome in which he extended cordial greetings and assured the visitors the city's most generous hospitality. H. G. Fisher, of Keyser, a trustee of the association, responded to Mr. Reed's speech, returning the thanks of the delegates for the hearty reception and expressions of good will.

A committee on credentials was appointed consisting of A. C. Hughes of Weston; S. M. Core, of Grafton, and P. L. Jones, of Parkersburg.

Reports of the officers were submitted and referred to the auditing committee.

Adjournment was taken at 12 o'clock for lunch and at 1:30 o'clock the delegates again assembled in the ball room of the hotel. Report of the special committee appointed at the convention held last July in Parkersburg to draft a bill to take the place of Senate bill No. 26, relating to insurance companies and passed at the last extra session of the legislature, was submitted to the convention and a general discussion resulted.

The officers of the association attending the meeting are: F. B. Burke, of Parkersburg, president; P. C. Parker, of Parkersburg, secretary; C. C. Showalter, of Parkersburg, treasurer; and H. G. Fisher, of Keyser; P. D. Marsh, of Weston; and Alexander Foreman, of Morgantown, trustees.

## NEW PROGRAM

For the Battleship Fleet on Account of Italian Earthquake is Made Up.

PORT SAID, Jan. 5.—The itinerary of the American battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry has been changed in consequence of the Italian earthquake. The new program is as follows:

Connecticut as flagship of the fleet, the Vermont and Minnesota leave here at midnight tonight direct for Naples, steaming fourteen knots an hour the Connecticut will arrive next Saturday, other two vessels follow making the best speed they can. Upon arriving at Naples Admiral Sperry will confer with the authorities to offer the services of the vessels at his command.

## FALSE PRETENSE

Is Charged Against Rogers in Warrant at Instance of M. A. Nusbaum.

A warrant issued Tuesday from the office of Justice W. P. Camp for the arrest of E. H. Rogers, who is charged by M. A. Nusbaum with feloniously and under false pretense issuing a check on the Farmers bank for \$13.50, by which he obtained clothing from the Nusbaum store. The complainant charges intent to defraud. The alleged check was issued August 24 last.

## WASHES THE STREETS.

Taking advantage of the rainfall Monday night, which softened the coating of earth and other matter on the paved streets of the city, the street superintendent gave them a wash today, with the aid of a street gang.

## LAWYERS ARE APPEALED TO

By the Sheriff for Co-Operation Under the New Fee System of the State.

The new state laws relating to the accounting and fee systems, which became operative January 1, is giving some of the public officers a good deal of concern, especially the sheriff and the circuit clerk, owing to the peculiar operation of the laws as to them and the requirements of the Judiciary system of the state.

Seeking co-operation of the members of the bar, Sheriff Francis has mailed the following letter to them all:

I beg to call your attention as a member of the Bar of Harrison county to Chapter 15 of the Acts of the Special Session 1908, with reference to the collection of fees for services rendered by the sheriff and other county officers.

"Section 2 of this chapter requires the Clerk of the County Court to collect in advance but does not make a similar demand of the sheriff, clerk of the circuit court or prosecuting Attorney. It does, however, require that the sheriff's office shall make report four times a year of all fees earned and charged, and a full settlement is required at the end of December of each year, the uncollected fees at that time being charged to the sheriff personally.

"The law renders it impossible to continue the former practice of permitting the payment of costs to await the termination of the case in which they were incurred. I must ask your co-operation in complying with the provisions of this Act and to this end I beg to suggest that in all cases instituted by you instruct your clients to furnish a sufficient deposit on account of costs so that fees may be collected in this office when services are rendered."

## TWO KILLED

And Several Slightly Injured in Wreck of Passenger Train at Caperton.

HINTON, Jan. 5.—The fast Chesapeake & Ohio passenger train No. 1 due here early today ran into an open switch at Caperton near here killing Engineer Thomas Edwards and Fireman Peter Trent, both of Huntington, and injuring slightly several passengers. The engine and four cars were derailed. Among the injured passengers are W. E. Waugh, of Shelbyville, Ky., and A. C. Miller, of Kimerton, Ind.

## RIVERMEN KILLED.

ROCKPORT, Ky., Jan. 5.—Fred Westerfield, Elgin Maddox, R. N. Beck and Dan Keelin, all of Rockport, Ky., lost their lives, when the steamer Samuel collided with a raft during a fog on Green river today. The men were sleeping in a tent on the raft.

## CITIZENS' TICKET

Is Nominated for the Municipal Election in the Town of Adamston.

The municipal campaign was formally opened in Adamston Monday night by the nomination of a Citizens' ticket at a mass convention held at the public school house. The ticket is as follows:

For Mayor—J. E. Kidd.  
For Recorder—J. C. Garrett.  
For Councilmen—W. B. Ashcraft, Neil Schon, L. D. Johnson, John M. Skinner and W. B. Hamrick.

## FIVE ELECTIONS ARE TO BE HELD THURSDAY.

Annual municipal elections will be held Thursday of the present week in five incorporated towns in Harrison county. The places at which these elections will be held are Adamston, Shinnston, Bridgeport, Lumberport and West Milford. Town officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

## MRS. MCKINLEY QUALIFIES.

Mrs. Laura I. McKinley, of Salem, qualified here Tuesday as administratrix with will annexed of the estate of her late husband, Homer B. McKinley, giving bond of \$20,000 with W. A. Carpenter, C. T. Davis, W. H. Spear and Clete Randolph as sureties. H. B. Davis, J. A. Bumgardner and Clete Randolph were appointed appraisers of the estate.

## Felony Is Found In Case

Of Frank Lover, Who Stabbed Frank Whitehair to Death in a Quarrel.

GRAND JURY REPORTS

In Addition a Number of Misdemeanor Indictments on Assault Charges.

The grand jury made its first report Tuesday morning at the opening hour of circuit court, returning indictments as follows:

Frank Lover, for felony, charging him with the murder of Frank Whitehair by stabbing him to death in the city October 31 last.

Jack Hall, for a misdemeanor, charging him with an assault on Elmer Harbert in March, 1908.

Bernard Coughlin, for a misdemeanor, charging him with an assault on Uriah M. Orr, August 15, 1908.

Levi Smith alias Lile Smith, for a misdemeanor, charging him with an assault on Hyson Boyles, in October, 1908.

Russell Carter, for a misdemeanor, charging him with an assault on Garland R. Shauanabarger, November 25, 1908.

Arch F. Micks, for a misdemeanor, charging him with an assault on Benjamin W. Harbert, September 23, 1908.

Hugh Carpenter, for a misdemeanor, charging him with an assault on Daniel Michaels, December 1, 1908.

George Wiseman, for a misdemeanor, charging him with an assault on Benjamin W. Harbert, November 24 last.

The suit of Orville M. Combs against the B. & O. Railroad Company, was dismissed.

An order of dismissal of the suit of Dexter L. Dennison against the South Penn Oil Company was dropped from the docket, having been improperly docketed and dismissed at Rules.

## NO CHICKEN SHOW

Will Be Held Here This Winter Owing to Delay in Arrangements.

Owing to the delay in deciding upon the dates and making the preliminary preparations, the annual exhibition of the Clarksburg Poultry & Pet Stock Association will not be held this year. It was intended to hold the exhibition in Hoffman hall January 26 to January 30. The show was at first abandoned for the year and then later efforts were made to have it anyway and the dates mentioned were selected, but as the officers could not obtain the services of a competent judge on account of other engagements and as the poultry breeding season begins about February 1, it was deemed impracticable. The regular annual exhibition will be held next winter, however, and the association will be continued as a permanent organization. A stock company will be formed for it in the near future and steps taken toward the arrangements for the annual exhibition next December or January.

## DEMAND IS BIG INCREASE

A glass manufacturer in talking of the present condition of the wage troubles says the advance asked for by the workers is 45 to 50 percentum higher for single strength and more than 57 percentum for double strength over the December wage. He says that the price of glass will have to appreciate considerably in order to pay the advance.

## RELIGIOUS RIOTS ARE MORE SERIOUS.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 5.—Religious riots between Mohammedans and Hindus have taken a more serious turn again, requiring active intervention by British troops today at Titlaghur, who fired upon a Hindu mob.

## ASSESSORS BEGIN WORK

County Assessor Ernest L. Pigott and City Assessor Louis A. Carr began today the annual assessment of property in the city. They are working in the Coal district section of the city.

## CAUGHT IN ACT

Of Stealing Chickens is Negro But He Escapes From Policeman.

B. Mercandino, proprietor of a restaurant in the basement under Ernest Onestling's saloon on North Fourth street, Glen Elk, caught an unknown colored man in the act of stealing three chickens from a coop in the rear of the restaurant last evening about 7:30 o'clock. Mercandino and others grabbed the man and held him until a policeman arrived. The latter took the negro toward the lock-up but on the way over the negro broke away from the officer and made his escape. Mercandino went to Justice Gordon's court and swore out a John Doe warrant against the negro and constables are now looking for him.

## HOUSE SEARCHED

By Constable and Woman Inmate is Taken to Jail for Trial.

Lydia McDivitt is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing before Magistrate G. H. Gordon on the charge of loitering in a house of ill repute. She was arrested at the home of Myrtle and Bessie Jackson in Northview Monday evening by Constable Ford, who took her to the prison. The arrest was made upon a warrant issued upon complaint of M. McClung against Bessie and Myrtle Jackson and others found in their house in Northview, charging them with maintaining an improper resort. Other arrests are expected.

## YOUNG ITALIAN DIES

John Giordion Succumbs to Cancer at His Home on Jackson Street.

John Giordion, a highly respected young Italian, died at his home at 319 Jackson street Tuesday morning at 4:45 o'clock of intestinal cancer. He was an employee of the Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company's mill in the East End, and was a member of the Italian band. Many friends are grieving over his death as he was a popular and worthy young man. Surviving him are his father and mother, two sisters and two brothers. The brothers are Joseph and Dominic Giordion. The funeral will be held Wednesday.

## MRS. BOGGS DIES.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Ed. L. Boggs, wife of the Governor's private secretary, died suddenly Sunday of complication of diseases. She was 60 years of age. General Boggs was at Pittsburg on business at the time of her death. She will be buried at Johnstown, Pa.

## BROTHER DIES

Mrs. H. F. Criss went to Cumberland, Md., Tuesday, having been summoned thither by the unexpected death there the night before of her brother, Thompson Wickard.

## BIG GASSEY

Drilled in By Hope Gas Co. on B. H. Brown Farm Near Wolf Summit.

A big gas well was drilled in Monday afternoon by the Hope Gas Company on the Beeson H. Brown farm of 210 acres one half mile west of Wolf Summit. It is a daily producer of two and a half million cubic feet and is, therefore, a very valuable gas well.

## DIRECTORS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting today of the stockholders of the Farmers bank A. J. Wetcher, C. A. Horner, T. M. Hood, T. J. Eynch, Dr. J. B. Smith, M. J. Bartlett, J. S. Kyle, B. F. Southern, W. G. Kester, C. A. Lawson, D. L. Hall, I. N. Burnside, E. A. Rider, Russell Johnson, J. E. Law, H. W. Harmer, Ellis Lyon, Geo. W. Williams, Curtis Boggs, W. L. Cole and J. A. Crislip were elected directors. There will be no change in the officiate of the bank.

## CHARTER GRANTED.

The Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of West Virginia has been granted a charter. The principal office will be at Wheeling. The charter was taken out by H. C. Owen, Past Grand Master Workman, of Parkersburg; E. A. Fisher, Grand Master Workman, of Huntington; L. S. Wigal, Grand Recorder, of Wheeling; W. H. Higgins, Grand Receiver, of Wheeling; and C. F. Brandt, chairman of the committee on finance, also of Wheeling.

## Varners Hold Off Officer

Rifle and Revolvers Used to Drive Men Off the Premises Near Salem.

SQUABBLE OVER PIPE

And Members of the Varner Family May Be Confronted With Serious Charge.

Resisting an officer may prove a much more serious offense than members of the family of A. J. Varner near Salem now realize.

Constable Charles L. Ford, of this city, Superintendent Jack Campbell of the Hope Natural Gas Company in the Salem field and men in the employ of the company had an exciting and somewhat hazardous, as well as unexpected, experience at the Varner place Tuesday morning, when they went there to remove from the farm pipe belonging to the company.

It appears that there had been litigation over the removal of the pipe and Varner had been beaten in a lawsuit before a justice over the pipe. The company claims ownership of the pipe but Varner had taken possession of the same.

When the constable, superintendent and others went Tuesday to get the pipe they were confronted with a rifle pointed in their direction from the Varner home and later the rifle was recruited with a revolver or two. The party of men seeking the removal of the pipe retired hastily as they did not care to be filled with lead.

Efforts to get the pipe will be renewed and the offenders will likely face a serious charge.

## MORE PRECINCTS

For Voting Are Now Being Established by Court of the County.

The principal business at the session of the county court Tuesday was that of re-districting a number of election precincts in the county and establishing new ones. As there will likely be a goodly number of new precincts, the work was but fairly begun. New boundaries have to be established.

George Handshumaker was exonerated from a \$1.80 license tax. George F. Randall was appointed superintendent of the county buildings and grounds.

C. H. Kidd was appointed surveyor of roads in Coal district for a term of three years.

John Wagner was appointed surveyor of roads in Clark district for a term of three years.

W. E. Swiger, R. W. Rittenhouse and C. E. Rogers agreed for a road to be made on a five per cent. grade. Sidney A. Smith qualified as administrator of the estate of James B. Smith, deceased.

## BIG BALANCE

In the State Treasury is Shown by the Report for December.

The report of State Treasurer Newton Ogden for the month of December, 1908, shows a balance of \$1,401,812.27 as a total of all the funds of the state in the treasury and invested. The disbursements during the month of December were larger than usual, for in December the second half of the school fund is paid out. The disbursements for the month of December amounted to almost a half million dollars.

## NEW HOTEL CLERK.

Henry F. Clark, of Parkersburg, identified with the Commercial hotel of that city and an experienced hotel man, is here as day clerk at the Traders hotel and to assist in its management, during the absence of J. G. Beal, the proprietor, who, with Mrs. Beal, is on the way to the Pacific coast on a pleasure trip.

## SISTER ON STAND.

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Katherine Beisel, who with her sister Mrs. Florence Erb, are charged with the killing of the latter's husband, was told the story of the shooting of Erb at the trial today.

## MOTHER FINDS MISSING BOY

Delayed Letter Caused Lad to Be Taken to the County Poor Farm.

Mrs. Julia Radloff, of Moundsville, regained the custody of her twelve-year-old son, Burl, in this city Tuesday morning after the boy, who is simple and has impaired eyesight, had been cared for at the county infirmary for several days. Superintendent B. S. Davis, of the infirmary, brought the boy to city headquarters Tuesday morning and gave him to his relatives.

It was through the miscarriage of delay of a letter in the mails that the boy was taken to the poor house. The mother wrote a letter to Mrs. Roy McClung, a daughter residing in the East End, last week, stating that the boy would be sent on a train to this city on the way to Richwood where he would stay with relatives for a while and asking Mrs. McClung to meet the boy and see that he was transferred to the Richwood train. The letter did not reach here until Saturday. The boy arrived Thursday and was found wandering about the street by policemen, who turned him over to the local agent of the state humane society and the latter sent him to the infirmary. As the lad failed to arrive in Richwood as expected, search was instituted for him and Monday his mother came to Clarksburg. She inquired at police headquarters and was greatly relieved to learn that the boy had been taken care of.

## BOND ISSUE

Is to Receive the Hearty Support of the Local Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade announces that it will cooperate heartily with the city government in the bond issue election for water works improvements and additions to the sewerage system.

## DRUMM'S TEAM LEADS

In the Ohio Polo League—He Tries to Interest Clarksburgers.

The Mansfield, O., club of the Ohio polo league, of which Ferdinand Drumm, former manager of the Clarksburg baseball team is the manager, now holds possession of first place in the league standing after having played nine weeks of the season. Of the first forty games played the club won 24 and lost 16, which gave it a percentage of 59.0. Coshocton came second with an average of 58.6.

Mr. Drumm writes to a friend in this city stating that he has had a successful season in the polo league and that he is trying to interest leading sportsmen of Clarksburg in the game with the object of putting a team in this city.

## NOTED GATHERING

Farmers Institute at Salem Proves Itself to Be and Dinner is Fine.

The Farmers Institute held at Salem Monday was in every respect a mammoth success. The day was ideal and the representative multitude of farmers gathered from Harrison and adjoining counties gave close and earnest attention to the interesting lecture and talks of the erudite speakers of the day, and the climax was reached at the noon hour, when each and all were ushered into the dining halls to a sumptuous and elegantly prepared luncheon, donated and served by the Merchants' association of the city. All were abundantly fed and cared for, and highly entertained by this very genial and liberal association. The dinner hour passed pleasantly and all felt that the bond of friendship between the two great orders of farmers and merchants had been strengthened and ratified.

## MONEY IS RAISED FOR FIRE VICTIMS

Mrs. J. A. Currence, president of the state assembly of the Rebekah lodges of Odd Fellows, has returned from Wallace, where she was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Wallace Rebekah lodge Friday night. Near the close of the affair a fire broke out in the town, which destroyed two houses. The Rebekahs promptly raised \$50 in money for the fire victims.

## MRS. CARR DEAD.

Mrs. Margaret Carr, an aged lady residing at Bridgeport, is dead at her home after an illness from a complication of diseases. She was aged eighty years. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday morning.

## GOVERNOR-ELECT EAST

Governor-elect W. E. Glasscock is again on a tour of the state institutions, accompanied by Judge Charles W. Moore, of this city. They are visiting the institutions in the eastern part of the state.

## VESSELS ENTER CANAL.

SUEZ, Jan. 5.—The battleship Kentucky, Louisiana, Virginia, Missouri and Ohio entered the canal this morning.

## Voices Are Yet Heard

At Reggio, One of the Cities Wrecked by the Awful Italian Earthquake.

MANY BODIES BURIED

Conditions Are Improving Though Frequent Quakes Are Still Being Felt.

MESSINA, Jan. 5.—Earth shocks are continuing here although they are diminishing in intensity.

Fires in the city are also being gradually extinguished.

Official figures compiled thus far show fourteen thousand bodies buried and that nine thousand refugees have left the city and nine thousand persons still remain here.

At Reggio the number of persons killed and the damage done to property are much less than at Messina. Only the central section of the city was damaged.

The wounded there are placed with a thousand refugees at seven thousand. The number of dead in the ruins is not known. The refugees are placed at seven thousand. The city is practically evacuated except for troops.

Numerous persons still living are being taken today from beneath the ruins, while the voices of others could be distinctly heard appealing for aid.

PORT SAID, Jan. 5.—The cruiser Yankton left here this morning for Messina with medical supplies and provisions for the earthquake sufferers.

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## JOINS THE MARINES

Charles Scott, brother-in-law of Henry M. Smith, of Adamston, and a well known young man, has gone to Washington, D. C., where he joined the United States marines, and he will be sent to the Philippine Islands for service.

## HUPP ARRESTS

Two More Alleged Violators of the Whiskey Laws and They Are in Jail.

United States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp has added two more arrests to the marvelous long list he has made since he became a federal officer. Mr. Hupp had Will Robinson and James Burger from Marion county before Commissioners Lyle at Grafton Monday afternoon and they were held in the sum of \$500 bond for their appearance before the federal grand jury at Parkersburg this month, and as they were unable to furnish the required bond they were taken to the West county jail and confined there by Marshal Hupp.

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