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DOLA FIRE IS SOMEWHAT BAD

Two Houses Are Burned and Several Persons Are Made Homeless.

DOLA, Dec. 28.—On the morning of December 26, at 1:15, a very disastrous fire broke out at Dola. Two houses belonging to J. Allen Swiger, were burned down, with a loss of nearly \$1,000. One of the houses was not insured.

The two houses were rented by the Hutchinson Coal Company and were used as boarding houses for its employees. One of the two houses was occupied by a man and his wife and seventeen boarders. This house was very large and contained twelve rooms. The occupants barely escaped with their lives, recovering neither clothing nor furniture, as one side of the building was almost ready to fall in when the fire was discovered. All escaped without injury with the exception of the landlady, who fell down the stairs and broke an arm. The superintendent of the Hutchinson Coal Company, A. V. Morgan, with other employees, was at the fire soon after it was discovered. The Hutchinson Coal Company, A. V. Morgan.

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sounded the alarm and soon afterward there was a large crowd at the scene of the fire disaster. Everything possible was done to extinguish the fire, but it was beyond all control. Attention was then turned to those made homeless and everything possible was done to provide for them.

The injured lady, accompanied by her husband, was taken to Mr. Morgan's home where she received medical aid. The Hutchinson Coal Company's store was also opened and those who were in need of clothing and household necessities, were taken to the store and there they received everything necessary in the way of supplies. The same company's team was also brought out at 6 o'clock the same day and moved all the furniture that belonged to the homeless people to some houses belonging to the company in another part of the town. Beds, stoves, food and other articles were taken there and at 12:00 a. m. the same day they were housekeeping. On the following morning A. J. Ryan, general superintendent of the Hutchinson Coal Company, having been notified of the disaster went on the morning train to the dying embers. After seeing that everything that lay in the power of the company had been done toward helping those homeless, he made them quite a large donation of money and other necessities, and after leaving word with the superintendent of the company's mine to see that the homeless were properly taken care of, he returned on the 11 o'clock a. m. train to his home at Erie, Pa.

The people of the community certainly feel proud to know that they have a mining company of that kind in their community that takes such care of their employees and employees of other mines in the time of need.

R. T. Williams, merchant of that place is deserving of praise for help in time of need, as he graciously opened the doors of his store on Sunday morning and offered his assistance to those in need.

The people who were made homeless by the fire extend their thanks to the Hutchinson Coal Company and General Superintendent C. J. Ryan, and all the others who so graciously helped them in time of need and distress.

DATES

Of Examinations to Be Held Next Year Are Announced by Mr. Lawson.

County Superintendent of Schools Carl S. Lawson has been notified by the state superintendent of the dates for the examinations for diplomas and teachers' certificates for the coming year of 1916 and has given them out. They are as follows:

February 3-4—First test for elementary diplomas.
March 16-17—Second test for elementary diplomas.
May 18-19—Third test for elementary diplomas.

April 6-7—Examination for elementary, renewal, and primary certificates.

June 1-2—Examination for elementary, renewal, high school, supervisors and special certificates.

July 20-21—Examination for elementary, renewal, primary, high school, supervisors and special certificates.

The last three tests are the regular uniform examinations and will all be held in this city although the exact places cannot be named at this time. The other tests in the list are for pupils of the various district schools who have completed the eighth grade studies and wish to try for an elementary diploma. These will be held at certain of the schools in each district, to be announced later.

WEST VIRGINIA TAKES PART IN CAPITAL NEWS

Events of Washington, D. C., Are Reported by Telegram's Correspondent There.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It may be taking impudent liberty with history, but there is a personal satisfaction in this Yuletide solstice in reflecting that the chap who first gave us "All's quiet on the Potomac" must have been a newspaper correspondent of an earlier day who was moved to the expression by the sudden drying up of news fountains during congressional vacation in celebration of the Christmas tide. There has been no change in all the years. The national capital is just as dry and dead and unproductive of news for the pursuer of the elusive item and no doubt by now wholly deceased comrade voiced the aforesaid historic lament.

The large, ever-before-the-eye and influentially important West Virginia colony is, at this particular time, neither large, seeable nor just now functionally important here. It is not "at home," so to speak, or, as a matter of paradoxical fact, is "at home"—it's sure enough home somewhere off among the West Virginia hills. At any rate, the bulk of the colony is in the home state, and the balance of them for the most part out of the city visiting friends somewhere during the holidays, or celebrating at nearby resorts. Very few stayed here, that is a certainty testified to by closed offices and their non-appearance in haunts which daily greet their genial and familiar presence.

January 4, however, will see them all back, offices opened, business resumed and the busy-day life of running the government taken up again where it was laid aside in honor of the greatest of all holidays.

This week before the interstate commerce commission, additional briefs will be filed, mostly by local coal operators, either independently or through their local associations, protesting against increasing freight rates on coal shipments consigned to western states' markets. The state organization of the operators has filed the last of its written protests, as has the public utilities commission, whose interest in the case is enlisted by reason of the fact that the prosperity of the state's principal industry is jeopardized by the request of some of the coal-carrying railroads to be allowed to increase rates on coal to the Great Lakes markets and those beyond.

Earl Montgomery, a former resident of Montgomery, W. Va., was taken from a gas-filled room uncon-

scious Christmas day and died early the next day at a hospital. There is no evidence that it was suicide and the police theory is that it was an accident. Montgomery was thirty years of age and married. He had resided here for several years. He was a brother of Luther Montgomery, who before starting from Montgomery, who this city in answer to a telegram, wired the police to investigate the case thoroughly and spare no expense.

The Pan-American Scientific Congress is the chief and only convention affair on the program for the capital this week. It is a large and a decidedly important gathering of eminent men and women, however. West Virginia is represented, its official delegates being Prof. I. C. White, state geologist; Prof. Madison Strathers, of the state university, and Edward A. Barnes, of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce.

Upon the opening day of Congress January 4, Congressman Sutherland will introduce in the House the following bills, which he has prepared during the holiday recess:

A bill to grant an increase of pension to George W. Sine, of Parkersburg; a bill to reimburse S. S. Buzard, former postmaster at Berkeley Springs in the sum of \$120.30; and bills to grant pensions to Martha E. Gillespie, of Elizabeth, Wirt county, \$25; Wallace B. Phillips, of French Creek, \$36; Edgar A. Cunningham, of St. Albans, \$36; and T. E. Clark, of Buckhannon, \$72 a month, on account of total blindness.

Daily changes in fourth class postmasters include the appointment of Mrs. Essie Shuman for the office at Mobley, Wetzel county, to succeed Ludu O. Abernethy, resigned; Walfman T. Hinkle at Vegan, Upshur county, to succeed J. W. Hinkle, resigned; John M. Hastings, Derryhale, Fayette county, to succeed Nella H. Drumheiler, resigned; Clarence L. McNeil at Dunlop, Foyett county, to succeed

A. R. Bibbee; John A. Kincaid, at Fire Creek, Fayette county, to succeed William B. Whitlock, deceased; Mrs. Maud E. Parsons for the new office at Greenberry, Kanawha county; Phillip Ekert, Blocton, Mingo county, to succeed John S. Crugar, resigned; Odin O. Milby, Hatfield, Mingo county, to succeed V. D. Clark; Jesse F. Turner, Evenwood, Randolph county, to succeed Louis R. Freyas; John W. Cushman, Hensley, McDowell county, to succeed H. L. Scott; H. P. Wilson, Leckie, McDowell county, to succeed James W. Bragg; Ebenezer O. Morris, Raleigh county, to succeed Walter L. Cox; C. O. Vass, Knabe, Monroe county, to succeed Charles W. Hall; Ernest C. Rider, Corliss, Fayette county, to succeed P. M. Rider.

Luther W. Kerns has been appointed postmaster at Rich Mountain, Randolph county, upon recommendation of Representative W. G. Brown. Among the bills that Mr. Brown has ready to introduce on the reconven-

ing of Congress, are one to appoint George W. Littlehales a professor of mathematics at the naval academy, and one to grant an increase in pension to Daniel R. Jackson, of Kingwood.

In the nature of a Christmas gift was the announcement which came to Congressman Sutherland's office from the pension bureau, and communicated in turn to George W. Taylor, that the latter's pension had been increased from \$18 to \$24, the new rate to date from last March.

Spain is building the fourth largest concrete dam in the world to impound about 230,000,000 cubic yards of water for hydro-electric purposes.

ALIAS SUMMONS.
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
To the Sheriff of Harrison County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded, as we have heretofore commanded you, to summon William Durham to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court of Harrison

County at the Clerk's office of our said Court, at rules to be held therein for said Court, on the 1st Monday in December, 1915, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by Delma Durham; and have them there by writ.
Witness, I, Wade Coffman, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House of the said County, this 28th day of December, 1915, and in the 53rd year of the state.
I, WADE COFFMAN, Clerk.
Order of Publication.
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
At Rules held in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Harrison County, on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1915, the following order was entered:
Delma Durham,
vs. In Chancery,
William Durham.
Object of Suit.
The object of the above suit is for the obtaining of a divorce from the ties of matrimony.
And it appearing from an affidavit filed in said suit that William Durham is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that he do appear within one month from the date of the first publication of this order and do what is necessary to protect his interests herein.
Given under my hand this 28th day of December, 1915.
I, WADE COFFMAN, Clerk.
STOUT & MERENDINO,
Counsel for Plaintiff.

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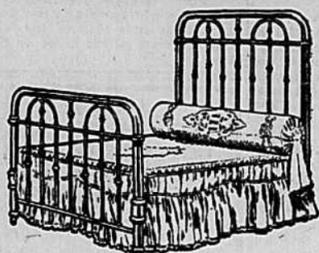
Before taking stock we want to give our customers a chance to pick up some rug bargains, and we are going to put on sale tomorrow morning, Wednesday, the following rugs which are taken from our regular stock and marked down to close out. These goods are all in nice condition, and these prices cannot be duplicated anywhere in the country. We do not hesitate to say this because we know we have the goods bought at the right price, and we are going to sacrifice our profits on these numbers.

- Five French Wilton Rugs, size 9x12, selling at \$55.00, reduced to..... **\$48.50**
- Four Royal Wilton Rugs, size 8-3x10-6, selling at \$37.50, reduced to..... **\$32.50**
- Nine Royal Wilton Rugs, size 9x12, selling at \$40.00, reduced to..... **\$35.00**
- 12 best quality Body Brussels Rugs, size 9x12, selling at \$30, reduced to.... **\$26.50**
- 22 Hartford Saxony Rugs, size 3x6 feet, worth \$10.00 each, reduced to..... **\$8.00**

A number of small sizes in Smyrna, Wilton and Body Brussels Rugs; broken lots, are offered at greatly reduced prices.

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BRASS BEDS 1-4 Off

- \$25.00 Beds **\$18.75**
- \$20.00 Beds **\$15.00**
- \$15.00 Beds **\$11.25**
- \$10.00 Beds **\$ 6.65**

China Closets 1-4 Off

- \$24.00 Closets **\$18.00**
- \$15.00 Closets **\$11.25**

Parlor Suites 1-4 Off

- Mahogany, Walnut and Oak, upholstered in genuine and imitation leather.
- \$50.00 3-piece Suites.... **\$33.75**
 - \$35.00 5-piece Suites.... **\$26.25**
 - \$20.00 4-piece Suites.... **\$15.00**

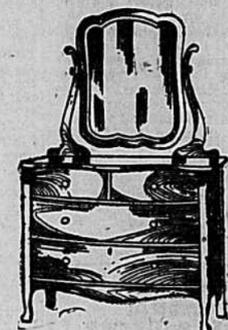
Preparatory to taking our annual inventory we offer for the next five days a reduction of 25 per cent or one-fourth off on practically our entire stock. Every piece of furniture is plainly marked. The original price tags remain on each piece and with this we place our red tag at a reduction of one-fourth the regular price, so that customers can readily see that we are actually giving them a reduction of 25 per cent of the regular price.

We are putting on this great reduction sale for two reasons. First, to reduce our stock before beginning our annual inventory. Second, we wish in some substantial way to show our appreciation to the buying public for the very liberal patronage we have enjoyed the past season, and who have made our store a decided success, and as we have established ourselves on the principle of fair dealing and low prices, we are preparing to completely fill our large store rooms with new and second hand furniture, and we cordially invite you to take advantage of our usual low prices together with the remarkable saving of the extra one-fourth off for the next five days. With this sweeping reduction sale, and at the rapid increase of prices in all lines, we will sell you goods for less than we could replace them today. Compare prices and save at least one-fourth by taking advantage of this great reduction sale.



Davenport's Leather Rockers, Library Tables, Gas Ranges and numerous items are included in this RED TAG one-fourth off sale.

Dressers 1-4 Off



- \$24.00 Dressers..... **\$18.00**
- \$20.00 Dressers..... **\$15.00**
- \$18.00 Dressers..... **\$13.50**
- \$12.00 Dressers..... **\$ 9.00**
- \$10.00 Dressers..... **\$ 6.75**

Sewing Machines
Brand New Home \$50.00 Machines, Red Tag Price.....

\$25

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We have received too late for our holiday trade a large consignment of framed pictures which we offer at less than actual cost.
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