

FIVE HUNDRED SHRIMERS WILL VISIT GRAFTON

Large Number Will Be Initiated at Ceremonial Session to Be Held May 5.

GRAFTON, April 8.—The final arrangements for a ceremonial session of Ostris Temple Nobles of the Mysia Shrine here on May 5 were completed this week and preparations have been made for the accommodations of five hundred visiting Shrimers. A special train will bring the delegation from Wheeling and a large number will be initiated.

Elect Officers.

The charter having been received, the Grafton Business Men's Association formed its permanent organizations this week and elected the following officers: President, Charles A. Keefer; vice presidents, William Morgan and W. N. Ball; treasurer, Jay Fleming. An executive committee of nine men was elected, who will elect the secretary later. The smoke nuisance, street improvement, the fight against higher gas rates, etc., are being taken up by this association.

To Observe Memorial Day.

Early preparations for the fitting observance of Memorial day on May 30 are being made here where the only national cemetery in West Virginia is located. A parade of state militia and an elaborate program is being arranged.

Clean-Up Week.

The week of April 10 will be the second annual city clean-up and the proclamation of Mayor Graham, calling upon the assistance of every one, has just been made. Strict rules have been established covering the disposal of trash of any sort after this general clean-up has taken place.

Year Bills Paid.

An important meeting of the county court this week arranged for the payment of the quarterly year bills and an order was passed by the court that all supplies should be purchased by the county clerk, instead of by the various office holders as heretofore.

Warthen Selected.

The city commissioners selected L. J. Warthen, of Grafton as special accountant in making an audit of the city accounts.

Suffragists Active.

The local suffragists are increasingly active this spring and various boards have held conferences to devise methods of increasing the power of the organizations for "women's votes." Miss Adella Potter, of New York, will be here for the week of April 21 to boost the work in this city and county.

Evils of Rum Discussed.

A district meeting of railroad employees was held at the courthouse here by the Baltimore and Ohio officials to educate the people against the evils of alcohol. A meeting was addressed by Secretary J. E. Stacey, of the Baltimore Young Men's Christian Association, Dr. Parlett, chairman of the general Baltimore and Ohio Safety board, Superintendent J. M. Scott, of Grafton and others. Special trains were operated between Clarksburg, Fairmont, and this city to take the out-of-town employees and families

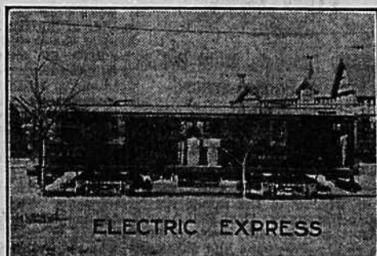
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Wages Increased.

In an effort to establish a uniform wage scale all over the system, the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has made a general increase in the wages of its salaried employees. The percent of increase varies in each case but is as high as twenty-five per cent in a few instances.

Jurors Summoned.

The petit jurors for the April term of the circuit court have been summoned to appear in court on Monday, May 1.

Operating Plant.

The bankruptcy trustee is operating the Consolidating Manufacturing Company's plant to work up the old stock previous to the sale of the plant on April 22.

Lumbermen Arrested.

In a determined effort to stop hauling logs over the county roads, several lumbermen were arrested this week and fined before a magistrate for violating the state laws by dragging logs over the roads in this manner.

Mrs. Lawler Dead.

Mrs. Katherine Lawler, aged 93 years, died at her home near this city this week after a brief illness. She was one of the oldest women of the county.

Mrs. Kernan Dead.

Mrs. Margaret Kernan, aged 64 years, expired at her home on Washington street Tuesday after an illness of five years. She is survived by four children; Harry B., of Baltimore; Thomas, of Chicago; Miss Mamie and Mrs. Earl Strother, of Grafton.

Mrs. Deahl Dead.

Mrs. Virginia Deahl, aged 72

years, step-mother of Professor J. N. Deahl, of Morgantown, died at her home ten miles east of Grafton of pneumonia. She is survived by six daughters and two step-sons.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cassel celebrated their golden wedding at their home in the Third ward with many of their friends and relatives. Their ten children were present, with fifteen grand-children and four great-grand-children.

Registrars Begin Work.

The registrars appointed to make the registration for the June primary began their work throughout the county on Monday as prescribed by law and the work is now well under way.

Personals.

Sheriff and Mrs. A. F. Bennett, of Phillips, have returned from Orlando, Fla.

Mrs. John Fahey has gone to Oakland.

Miss Ida M. Allender is visiting in Moundsville.

Mrs. W. G. Grogan has returned from Akron, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hedrick are visiting in Bridgeport, O.

A. J. Wilkinson has been here from Huntington.

United States Revenue Collector Sam A. Hayes has been in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brohard have returned from a several months' stay in Orlando, Fla.

John L. Hechmer has returned from Charleston.

CONSTITUTIONS

From Haymond's History of Harrison County

Harrison county has been governed by five state constitutions, three under Virginia and two under West Virginia. The first was adopted in 1776, the second in 1830, the third in 1861, under Virginia, the fourth in 1863 and the fifth in 1872 under West Virginia.

The period between the flight of Governor Dunmore in June, 1776, and the adoption of the first constitution, June 29, 1776, is known in history as the "interregnum."

During this time the convention which met July 17, 1776, at Richmond, conducted the government of the colony, through its president.

This convention passed ordinances organizing troops for the public defense and appointed a general committee of safety to carry on the government, and also authorized the selection of county committees of safety by the inhabitants thereof, who executed the decrees and orders of the general committee.

The constitutional convention which met at Williamsburg May 6, 1776, on June 12, 1776, adopted a bill of rights and on June 29, 1776, adopted a constitution, the first one in America, and on the same day elected Patrick Henry provisional governor of the commonwealth of Virginia. And from this time dates the first year of the commonwealth.

This constitution having been adopted without being submitted to the people for approval was in force for forty-four years, but as the people outgrew its provisions a change was demanded in hopes that many of its restrictions in regard to the qualifications of voters and basis of representation might be remedied under its provisions.

All state and county officers were appointed and the only privilege the voters had was to vote for members of the legislature, overseers of the poor and town trustees, and voters were required to be free holders.

The assembly on February 10, 1829, passed a bill submitting to the voters a proposition to call a convention to adopt a new constitution. This was carried, but by far the largest vote favoring it coming from west of the Blue Ridge.

The convention assembled in Richmond October 5, 1829, and contained a remarkable body of men, among them being James Madison and James Monroe, ex-presidents of the United States, John Randolph and others distinguished as lawyers, statesmen and orators. Edwin S. Duncan was the representative from Harrison county.

Philip Doddridge, the great orator from Brooke county, was the leader in the debates in behalf of the western

portion of the state, ably seconded by Archibald Campbell and Lewis Summers.

The convention completed its work in January, 1830, and submitted the constitution it had adopted to the voters at an election to be held in April following.

On March 1, Philip Doddridge published a letter reviewing the acts of the convention, of which the following are extracts:

"The system proposed in the scheme for distributing power falls too heavily on the west to be submitted to, but it falls most heavily on the country beyond the Alleghenies, because at present the greater proportion of those represented reside there, and because it is there that there has been and must be the most rapid increase in population."

"Every day's information serves but to increase my anxiety to see the new constitution rejected. Every day informs me that our adversaries consider its adoption as the execution of a solemn compact, to secure their power, and our submission, as a political compact for the slavery of us and our children."

He says further that if the constitution is ratified that it will disfranchise 43,940 free white men over the age of 21 years.

He states that in the appointment of the legislature thirty-one members of the House are given to the counties west of the mountains and 103 to those east of them. That west of the Blue Ridge thirteen senators are given and nineteen east of it.

The Clarksburg Enquirer of February 1830 recites that a meeting of the citizens of Greenbrier was called to meet in Lewisburg, "for the purpose of discussing the propriety of a separation of the old dominion in order to obtain its rights."

At a public meeting held in Beverly, March 10, 1830, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we would sooner commit the new constitution to the flames and vote for a division of the states than its adoption.

It was claimed during the discussion of the merits of the constitution that out of a company of seventy-four soldiers from Virginia in the war of 1812 only two had the right to vote. They had the privilege of fighting for their country but not the right to take part in its government.

But all the efforts of the west to secure a vote for every white man who had reached the age of 21, and to adopt a just apportionment of the members of the legislature to be elected west of the mountains was in vain, the constitution being ratified by a vote of 26,055 for and 14,563 against.

Every county east of the Blue Ridge except one (Warwick) gave a majority for the constitution, while every county in what is now West Virginia except two, Jefferson and Hampshire, voted largely in favor of rejection, casting 1,833 for ratification and 2,375 for rejection. Harrison county gave nine votes for and 1,112 against the constitution.

Brooke county, the home of Doddridge and Campbell, gave a unanimous vote for rejection.

This was sown the seeds of injustice and district which bore fruit in later years.

The new constitution was unpopular in the west and in a short time demands were made for a radical change in the organic law. This finally resulted in the legislature calling a constitutional convention, which met on October 14, 1850, and adopting a constitution which was ratified by the people on the fourth Thursday of October, 1851.

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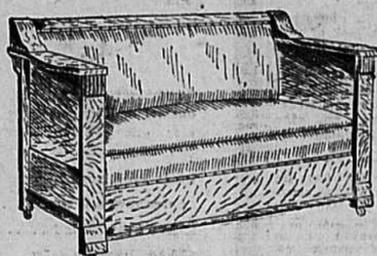
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SHINNSTON, April 8.—The annual reception given by the Shakespeare Club in the social rooms of the Baptist church Thursday evening was quite a brilliant affair. About 200 were present including many out of town guests. The splendid program rendered by the Shinnston orchestra added much to the evening's enjoyment. The rooms were tastefully decorated in orange blossoms and many beautiful ferns and during the evening a delicious luncheon was served at which the color scheme was nicely carried out.

Better Now.

Little Dora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long has been very ill this week but she is much improved at this time.

Moore's Entertains.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Moore entertained at progressive 500 Friday evening at their home on the West Side. At a late hour a very delicious luncheon was served, and the guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Girl Born.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Frederick are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born to them April 7.

Delightful Surprise.

After the reception at the Baptist church Thursday night the managers of the Rex theater—Boggs and Wilkinson—gave a delightful surprise to about fifty friends, entertaining them with a fine movie, "In the Heart of the Blue Ridge," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Has Tonsillitis.

Mrs. James N. Knox is suffering from a slight attack of tonsillitis.

Makes Address.

Dr. Clark, of Salem College, addressed the teachers here Saturday morning in the high school auditorium. This was the last monthly meeting of the teachers and was well attended. After the interesting address Mr. Dushman, of the high school, gave a short talk on "Nature Study."

Personals.

T. H. Jackson, carpenter for Riley and Riley, is in Grafton this week and visiting relatives.

Frank Powell, a Clarksburg attorney, was a prominent business caller here Saturday.

Miss Sue Kennedy, of West Millford, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lloyd F. Chalfant, Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. F. J. Farnsworth, of Buckhannon, is a guest of Miss Myrtle McCoy this week.

Mrs. M. J. Jarrett was a Clarksburg caller Thursday.

Miss Helen Randall, of rural route one, was visiting friends here Thursday and Friday.

Miss Alberta Egbert, of Clarksburg, was a well known visitor here this week.

C. L. Hursey was a business caller at Clarksburg Saturday.

Miss Lucille Davis, of Salem, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Thompson this week end.

T. S. Hardesty, of Mannington, was a prominent caller here yesterday.

Fred Conant, of Mannington, was a

social caller here Thursday. Miss Josephine Martin, of Enterprise was a caller here Saturday.

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