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## MANNINGTON NEWS

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## LIFE DIARY OF MRS. WEAVER

Her Experience Was a Very Sad One.

NEVER AGAIN FOR MARTHA.

She Brings Shame and Ridicule Upon Herself—Husband a Willing Accomplice—They Both Were Taught a Lesson That Will Last Them Their Entire Lifetime.

[Copyrighted, 1914, by Thomas J. Sullivan.]  
Do not judge from mere appearances, for the light laughter that bubbles over the lip often mantles over the depth of sadness, and the serious look may be the sober veil that covers a divine peace and joy. The bosom may ache beneath diamond brooches, and many a blithe heart dances under coarse wool.

That New Suit.  
"What am I going to do about that new suit I must have?" said Martha Weaver to her husband as he came in from work one evening.  
"Why is there any question about that? Go to Hopkins & Co. and get what you need. If you need a suit get it," answered her husband.  
"I have looked there," replied Martha, "but they haven't anything that I want. I just need a simple suit, but I want good material, and it must be neatly and well made, one that I could use for almost any occasion. I would prefer a ready made suit, but those that Hopkins & Co. have appear to be made of poor, flimsy material, and they are decked out with such cheap, flashy, dowdy trimming that I just cannot bear to wear them," replied Martha.

The False Step.  
"Well, what do you want to do—run into the city and get you a suit?" asked John.  
"No. That does not suit me either, for when I have to pay my fare, my hotel bill and other incidental expenses it makes the cost too high and also takes more time than I can spare for the purchase of one suit," said Martha.  
"Could you not order one? Didn't I see some mail order catalogues around here awhile ago?" asked the interested husband.  
"Yes; I could do that, but I am almost afraid to risk it. Still, their styles appear to be good, and the prices quoted seem reasonable. I have been thinking about doing that. I will look them up again and see what I can do," answered Martha.

Martha's Heart Sank.  
Martha had little difficulty in "looking up" the catalogue, as the house seemed full of them, and after critically examining the suit pictures a simple blue took her fancy. The description corresponded with her idea of what she wanted; the trimming looked neat and of good quality. The price was satisfactory, so after debating for some little time she decided to send for it. A draft was forwarded, and the long vigil pending the arrival of the suit was as depressing upon John as upon Martha. At last it came—express bill and all—and eagerly the box was opened and the suit laid on the bed for inspection. It did not quite measure up to the proportions of the picture in the catalogue. The color was not good. There was too much coat and not enough skirt, and, besides, the skirt was not draped as the advertisement said. It just hung, and hung uneven at that. The work was not neat; the trimming was of cheap, showy quality, scant and inferior. Martha's heart sank to zero. She knew she would be ashamed to wear that suit at home, much less among her well dressed friends. What was she to do? She needed a suit badly, but she realized that to attempt an exchange would result as disastrously as in the first place, and she could ill afford another new one.

Defects More Pronounced.  
The longer Martha had the suit the more numerous and pronounced became its defects, until at last her pride rebelled, and she refused longer to wear the miserable parody. She said she would much prefer to wear a "good" old suit than a "poor" new one. For with the poor new one she was conscious and ashamed when she felt any one looking at her or her suit.  
Mr. and Mrs. Weaver held a consultation, after which Mrs. Weaver declared that never again in her life would she buy anything from a picture or from a catalogue house.  
"Amen," said John. "We have had our lesson. Had you bought that garment from any of our local merchants and it proved unsatisfactory he would have insisted on your exchanging it or refunding to you your money."

In a Receptive Mood.  
"So you actually went to church last Sunday?"  
"I really did."  
"Excuse me if I seem skeptical. What was the text?"  
"Ah, I have you there! The text was 'He giveth his beloved sleep.'  
"Good work. And who were there?"  
"All the beloved, it seemed to me."  
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**FLOWERS**  
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Watson Hotel Bldg.—Both Phones  
FAIRMONT, W. VA.

## John Lloyd Laid at Rest

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD THIS AFTERNOON—INTERMENT IN WOODLAWN.

Funeral services over the remains of John Lloyd, whose death occurred on Wednesday, were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Lloyd, on Grafton street. Dr. H. G. Stoetzer, of the First Presbyterian church, conducted the services and the church choir rendered several selections. At the conclusion of the services at the residence the remains were interred in Woodlawn cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. Harry Caldwell, Frank Hiddiman, Cecil McDonald, Claude and Jay Straight and Ross Kinter.

## Mt. City Encampment Elects New Officers

At the regular meeting of Mt. City Encampment No. 5, I. O. O. F., last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:  
M. N. Barnes, C. P.

J. L. Leech, H. P.  
J. C. Glascock, S. W.  
C. H. Riggle, Scribe.  
J. A. Hess, Treasurer.  
C. W. Yates, J. W.

The installation of these officers will be held Friday night, January 15, 1915, and will be in charge of M. L. Shank, District Deputy Grand Patriarch of Mannington.

## City News BRIEFS

Students from Morgantown.  
Some 150 students from the State University journeyed to this city last night on the train arriving here about 7:50, a number came to witness the basketball game between the West Virginia Reserves and the local High school. Quite a number went on to Elkins, where they will witness a basketball game to be played there tonight.

customs of the country. He is a brother of Drs. W. C. and J. A. Jamison, of this city.

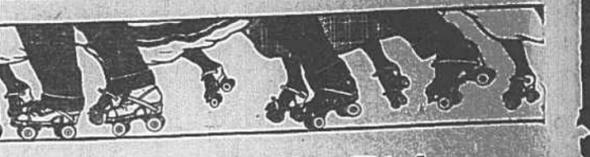
## PAY DAY AT CITY HALL

Today is pay day at the City Hall, and all the employees of the city are receiving their pay. The pay was made early this month on account of Christmas, it being usual custom to distribute the money on the Saturday before Christmas day.

Christmas Trees.  
The proverbial Christmas tree appeared upon the streets today for the

first time and had a ready sale and will continue to be sold up to Christmas Day. Holly laden with brilliant berries can be procured from dealers, also mistletoe, though the last named commodity is rather scarce this season. Many of the Christmas greens are obtained from distant states, though most of it comes from the counties of this state.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**



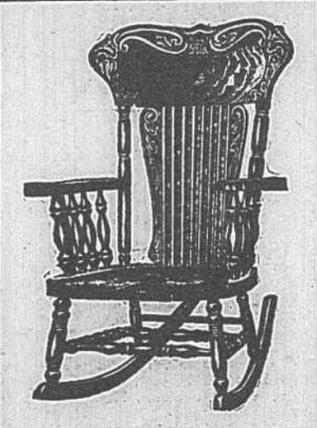
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OPEN AFTERNOON AND NIGHT  
We issue a special invitation to the parents and guardians of young people, who think that a skating rink is not the proper place for their boys or girls to go. All that we ask is that they come and see for themselves how the rink is conducted as we positively do not tolerate any roughness or anything that would displease the most fastidious.  
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Buy serviceable Christmas Presents—ones that are lasting tokens of your friendship. What could be more appropriate or afford more real comfort than a nice Rocker or a comfortable Morris Chair? We have a large assortment of the latest designs in Rockers, Chairs, Dishes, Tables, China Closets, Buffets, Chiffoniers, Davenport, Parlor Suits and all that go to make a home comfortable and attractive. Do not fail to see our stock before buying.



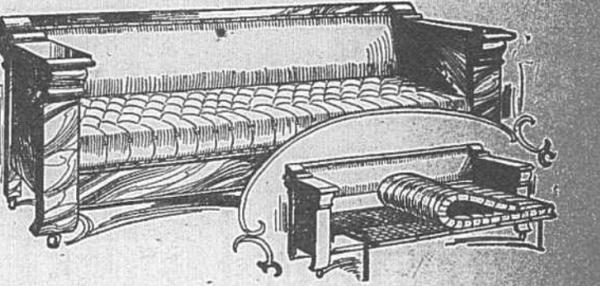
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**Denham's Annual Guessing Contest is Now On.**  
One guess free to all, and five guesses with every Ten Dollar Purchase. First person making correct guess will receive a Fifteen Dollar Drugget; second correct guess, an Eight Dollar Rocker, and third correct guess, a Five Dollar Costumer.

The Xmas vacation at the public schools has begun, and a great number of the teachers are leaving to spend the holidays at their homes.

Rev. Bishop preached at the Presbyterian church last night on "Fixing One's Own Destiny." A large crowd was in attendance. The meeting at the Presbyterian church will close Sunday, December 20th. Sunday at 10:30 o'clock Rev. Birch will preach on "The Winning Church," and he will address the men of Mannington at 2:30 p. m. in the school auditorium on the subject of "Church Members and Lodges."

At the Presbyterian church at 7 p. m. Rev. Birch will preach on "Alone in the Crowd."

About noon yesterday the fire department was called to the department store of A. K. Modt on Market street. A Christmas display in one of the large show windows was being warmed by an open heater, and some of the cotton caught fire. The fire was extinguished with little loss excepting to the goods on display. Early in the evening Mr. Modt had another very good display in the window and work in the store was carried on as usual.

Mrs. J. G. Phillips was visiting in Fairmont yesterday.

Mrs. Florence Hall, of the Mannington public schools, left yesterday to spend Christmas at her home in Pruntytown.

C. E. Bonwell is in Metz for a few days, where he is starting a new well on the J. R. Baker farm.

Miss Adele Furbie returned today from Baltimore, where she has been at school, to spend the holidays.

Mr. F. W. Bartlett returned last night from a business visit at Pittsburgh and Berkeley Springs.

Mr. A. J. Solomon and John A. Ford, of the Mannington Glass Co., returned to their homes in Columbus last night to spend Christmas.

Miss Gwendolyn Hanley is home from the Fairmont Normal school to spend the holidays.

Last night Officer Jones arrested two Assyrians for fighting on Buffalo street. It seems that both men were arrested some time ago in Wheeling, and one of them paid the fine for the other. Last night the two men engaged in an argument over the amount paid and the argument ended in a fight. The men will be arraigned in Police Court Monday morning.

Miss Edna Scott left today to spend her vacation at her home in Homer City, Pa.

Clayton Coleman, of Moundsville, is visiting his mother here for a few days.

A. J. Gaskill returned last night to his home in Pittsburgh after a business visit in this section.

At the Bartlett Friday, December 1, 1914, were registered: W. G. Cunningham, Wheeling; A. Jackson, city; M. C. Hunter, city; D. A. Potter, Clarksburg, Pa.

Messrs. Russell and Archie Hamilton came home today from Morgantown to spend Christmas at their home near Seven Pines.

Miss Nora Gaughan is home for her

vacation from the Fairmont Normal school.

James Joliffe, of Grove City, Pa., is visiting his parents in Houghtown.

The following services will be held in the Mannington churches tomorrow:

M. E. church—9:30, Sunday school; 10:30, public worship; 6:30, Epworth League; 6:30, class meeting; 7:30, evening public worship.

First Presbyterian church—9:30, Sunday school; 10, Men's Bible class; 10:30, public worship; 2:30, men's meeting; 6:30, Christian Endeavor; 7:30, public worship; sermon by Rev. Birch.

Christian church—9:30, Sunday school; 10:45 a. m., morning service; 7:30, evening service.

**Elks Give Big Dance.**  
The Yama Yama dance given by the Elks Club last night was a great success. This dance marks the close of a series of lessons in modern dances, which were given the Elks by Prof. Finley Nott, of Parkersburg. The music for the occasion was the very best, being furnished by the Wright's Saxophone Orchestra of Columbus, Ohio. The dancers were all Elks and although the number was small, the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. A luncheon was set at 12 o'clock and was one of the most excellent luncheons ever given.

**CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE PROBING NAVAL AFFAIRS.**



Representative Lemuel P. Padgett, of Tennessee is the chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, which is now investigating the condition of the United States navy. The work has been taken up largely because of the agitation inaugurated by Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, who had introduced a resolution for a special committee to investigate both army and navy. Already Mr. Padgett's committee has brought out some interesting facts concerning the readiness of the United States in case of war.