

IT MAY BE PROF. U. S. FLEMING

THE POPULAR SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKERSBURG SCHOOLS IS SPOKEN OF FOR THE SUPERINTENDENCY AT FAIRMONT.

Coupled with the announcement of Fairmont's school superintendent for the State Superintendency, came the assurance that if he were nominated he would be elected. This made the friends of our home school quite solicitous about his successor, and a member of the Board of Education informed the West Virginian that an effort is being made to secure Professor U. S. Fleming. In fact, this member says Professor Fleming was asked to come last year, but he had promised to stay with Parkersburg and could not come. However, he said at that time, he might come this year and we hope he may do so. Professor Fleming is one of our own sons. He has property interests here, and it would be much to his liking to be in Fairmont. As we understand, it is only a matter of salary, but Fairmont has money enough to secure a capable school superintendent and won't have to be thwarted on that score.

It has been suggested that when the matter of a bond issue comes up for public school buildings, that a bill be prepared putting the First ward schools in with the others so that our school interests be no longer separated. An adjustment of that matter can easily be made. If we put all our schools under the same system and then get such a superintendent as Professor Fleming, our schools would take higher rank than under the present conditions. We suggest that the matter be taken up without delay, and a committee from the First ward meet with a like committee from the Fairmont schools to take the matter under consideration. We hope the Board of Education will take immediate action in the matter of securing Professor Fleming, if possible. We ought not take any chances on being deprived of a superintendent right in the midst of the school year, as we would be in case of the election of Mr. Rosier as State Superintendent. The matter will no doubt be looked after, for we have that assurance and Mr. Showalter, president of the Board of Education, is now in Parkersburg. The selection of Professor Fleming would meet with the enthusiastic approval of our citizens.

Dr. Lucas Recalled.

Dr. J. H. Lucas, pastor of the People's Temple, will remain with his Fairmont congregation another year. The delegates to the conference were instructed to ask him to return the coming year. Dr. Lucas will accept the call and will gladly remain. He has done good work the past year and it has been appreciated by his congregation.

Died at Miners' Hospital.

Salvatore Estes, an Italian miner at Monongah, was crushed so badly in the mines Saturday that he died at the Miners' Hospital yesterday morning. Several brothers of the dead man are working at Monongah. Undertaker Musgrave buried the remains in Holy Cross cemetery this afternoon.

Quick Work.

Fairmont and Clarksburg suburban car No. 15, while standing on Tucker siding yesterday was struck by lightning and the armature was burned out, without doing any other damage, however. Carl Somers, one of the efficient shop employes, was on the car and repaired the damage within thirty minutes.

J. L. Booher Home.

J. L. Booher, the well known turfman, returned from St. Louis this morning for a week's visit to his family. Mr. Booher has been operating on Western tracks for the past few years, and his string made several winnings at Oakland this spring.

Ball Team Goes East.

The local team left on No. 8 this morning for a six game trip East. It plays Piedmont to-day. Qualey will pitch. The team includes the following: Edwards, Vasbinder, Qualey, Core, Bryson, Stillwell, McDonald, Heim, Gibbs, Wayman and Stewart. June Arnett has charge.



STILL STALKING AROUND AMONG DEAD ISSUES.

IT IS A MIGHTY HOT DAY

WHEN WE CAN'T HAVE SOMETHING DOING IN FAIRMONT—A FEMININE SCRAP IS THE LATEST.

As the result of a combat in the First ward Saturday evening, Mrs. Sarah Walker is in the county jail, not in a cell, but she is boarding with the county. She has no desire to run away, so she is not locked up in a cell. According to her story, she was at the home of her son in the First ward and was doing some work in the kitchen when her daughter-in-law began throwing chairs, skillets and numerous other articles at her. She retaliated by spinning the stove lifter through the air, and being good in her aim, the daughter was struck above the eye. Recourse in the courts was sought and Humane Constable Sample, the fleet-footed, was on the scene in just one minute, two seconds and three ticks after the battle opened. The elderly woman was almost carried through the air to the court of Justice Swindler, who sentenced her to jail for ten days. The woman claims that she has not been treated right by her children and that she will swear out a peace warrant as soon as she is free.

Actor Sullivan Dead.

NEW YORK, June 20.—John T. Sullivan, the actor, who was divorced two weeks ago by Rose Coghlan, the actress, died yesterday afternoon at Hotel Bartholdi of heart disease. He was 42 years old on Saturday.

He had been confined to his bed for nearly two weeks. Mr. Sullivan was a member of the Lambs, the Actors' society and the Elks. The Actors' society held a special meeting last night to make arrangements for the funeral.

ROME, June 20.—A telegram from Chee Foo states that on Saturday the Japanese began a land bombardment of Port Arthur for the purpose of testing their siege guns. The Russians replied to their fire. The result of the duel indicated that the Japanese guns have the desired range.

Another Bartenders' Outing. The bartenders will give another outing at their Little Falls "Farm" July 2d. Plenty of refreshments will be supplied and excellent order guaranteed.

BODIES ARE STILL COMING ASHORE

EVERY HOUR AS THE RESULT OF THE SLOCUM HORROR—THIRTY FUNERALS THIS MORNING.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST WILL PROBE AS DEEPLY AS POSSIBLE INTO THE CAUSE OF THE DISASTER.

NEW YORK, June 20.—Seven bodies, three of them women, three girls, and one boy, victims of the Slocum disaster, were picked up in the East river and the Long Island Sound before 9 o'clock this morning. This makes 637 bodies that have been recovered up to date. Bodies are coming ashore every hour at different points. Five hundred and seventy-five of the bodies recovered have been identified and nearly all of them have been buried. Thirty funerals took place this morning. The relief fund to date amounts to \$35,000. Of this \$15,000 has been expended for funerals and \$10,000 has been disbursed to the needy to afford temporary relief. The relief committee proposes to raise an additional fund of \$125,000 which will be used to care for orphans and aged persons.

The coroner's inquest to determine who is responsible for the loss of life caused by the burning of the General Slocum began to-day at the Armory of the Second Battery, at Bathgate avenue and 177th street, in the Bronx. More than 200 witnesses have been summoned and the exhibits include the decayed life preservers, the canvas hose and the water valves on the stand pipes. The inquest will bring out, it is expected, the following disputed points:

At what point was the fire discovered?

Could Captain Van Shaick have beached at any point down the river other than North Brother's Island?

Did the officers and crew do all that was possible to save life?

Were life saving equipments aboard the Slocum in good condition and if not, who is responsible?

The effect of the Slocum disaster upon excursion traffic by boat to suburban resorts has been hurtful. This was shown when large boats considered well protected from such catastrophes as befel the General Slocum, left the piers on the East and North rivers with fewer than their usual quota of passengers aboard.

Despite the fact that the Slocum in-

(Continued on 8th Page.)

STREET FAIR IS NO GO

THE MODERN WOODMEN HAVE DECIDED NOT TO GIVE THE CARNIVAL AS FORMERLY ANNOUNCED.

The much talked-of street carnival will not be held in Fairmont. It was the intention of the Modern Woodmen to have one here next week, but some things have not turned out right and at a meeting of the camp Saturday night it was decided not to have it. The Craft Amusement Company was not in a position to do just what the lodge wanted, and then a representative of the Berger Exposition Company was here, but both parties to the contract could not agree and the camp voted it down. When the representatives of the lodge appeared before the City Council, they promised a clean fair and nothing else would be allowed. Fearing that something offensive to the people might be brought, it was thought best not to have the fair.

DOESN'T LOOK GOOD.

The B. & N. Railroad Company has notified the owner of the rooms it now occupies as offices that the rooms will be given up the first of July. The reason assigned is that of curtailing expenses while construction work is not going on. There is no rumor or guess-work about this, as we saw the letter of notification. Attorney Conaway says he does not look for work to resume this year, but he thinks there is no doubt of the ultimate building of the road. Quite a sum of money was paid out for rights of way in Barbour county only last week. All Fairmonters can do is to go ahead and work as though the Wabash had abandoned the route entirely, and then if it comes it will be all right, and if it doesn't we can get along without it.

Dr. Brooks A. Reese, of Cameron, is in the city to-day, with a view of locating here to practice his profession.

LOOKS VERY BAD FOR BEATTY

HEADQUARTERS Selected for the Contractors of the Fairmont and Mannington Street Railway. General Contractor Shultz, who has been awarded the contract for building the Fairmont and Mannington Street Railway, has rented a suite of rooms on the fifth floor of the Geo. M. Jacobs building, and will take possession of same at once. It is the intention to commence actual construction on the road as soon as possible.

JUDGE JACKSON HEARD ARGUMENTS AND DECIDED TO ADMIT LETTERS FOR COMPARISON.

S. C. MALONE, A FORMER FAIRMONT, THE HANDWRITING EXPERT, GIVES VERY DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

(Special to the West Virginian.) PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 20.—In the Beatty case Judge Jackson to-day heard arguments from both sides on the question of admitting as evidence the letter received by Blackshere, together with other writings admitted to be the work of Beatty. For the purpose of comparison the court allowed them to go in, and S. C. Malone, an expert on handwriting, was introduced by the government. He swears that the handwriting of the threatening letter is the same as that of the other letter admitted to have been written by Beatty. He is demonstrating the points of identity by means of blackboard.

"GOOD BYE GIRLS"

SAID MRS. ALBERT HART AND THEN DRANK POISON—HAS A BROTHER IN MORGANTOWN.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., June 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Albert Hart committed suicide Sunday at Laurel Point by drinking the contents of an ounce vial, supposed to have contained laudanum.

Some three or four months ago Mrs. Hart and her husband parted. On Friday night he called to see her and after a long talk they stated their intention of again living together and he was to go after her Sunday and take her to Fairmont.

On Saturday Mrs. Hart told members of the family at Mr. Barker's that she was tired of life, its trials and troubles and that she was going to end it all by taking her own life.

Between one and two o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Hart had gone to her room alone, called out to the girls sleeping in an adjoining room, "good-bye, girls!" For some minutes those who heard her bid them good-bye, thought strange of her calling out to them at that time of night and remembering her remarks of a few hours previous they decided to go to her room and make an investigation.

A little later upon entering the room, the girls found her lying on her face breathing heavily. A physician was called but as he lived two miles away, it was 2:30 o'clock before he reached there. Dr. Hartigan, of this place, was also called and the two did all in their power to revive her but without success and she died at 6:15. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shean, both deceased, of this place.

She was about 40 years of age and was married several years ago. She is survived by her husband and two brothers, Frank Shean, of this place, and John Shean, of Allegheny, Pa.

Col. Sam S. Vinson Dead.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., June 19.—Col. Samuel S. Vinson died here this evening, aged seventy-two. Under the Cleveland administration he was United States marshal for the district of West Virginia, and has always been active in Democratic politics in West Virginia. But few men were better known in the southern section of the State, and the development of the Twelve Pole and Big Sandy valleys came largely through his efforts. He was the father-in-law of Congressman James A. Hughes.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The Japanese Legation to-day received the following official dispatch from Tokyo: "General Uko reports that the Russian corpses buried by us near Telissu up to the evening of the 17th amounted to 516. Bodies are still being discovered and it is believed the number will be considerably increased. The natives say that during the engagement the Russians carried back by the railway many of their killed and wounded, while later when about taking flight they burned or buried many corpses near Hua Hung Kow. The number of rifles, guns and men captured besides those already reported is increasing. The total is not yet known."

To Wed.

John Fike, 23, and Mollie Ringer, 26. C. L. Ice, 22, and Vancie Campbell, 18.

UZZTOWN

WILL NOT BE BEHIND WHEN IT COMES TO SENSATIONS IF THE WOMEN CAN HELP IT.

When it comes to sensationalism, Uzztown is not to be left behind. Yesterday was a day off down there and instead of going to church like the people of our city, some of the fair sex decided to settle some trouble that had been brewing for some time. It seems that Lida Hawkins and another woman went into the garden belong to Sarah Conaway and Minnie McDonald and pulled up some of the rare onions and choice beans. That happened earlier in the season. Like the First warder with the Colfaxer, the story goes that these women injured in their property, decided to take the pay out of the others' epidermal coverings. Hotly did the battle rage for several minutes until at length the assaulting parties decided that the debt had been paid. Not so with the assaulted. They straightway sought the Justice's office where their complaint was made.

An officer went down and hunted all over the city but only one of the defendants could be found. It is thought that she has left the country.

BIRTHDAY

Celebration Was Held To-day By West Virginians at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 20.—The West Virginia delegation at the Lexington Hotel kept open house to-day, in celebration of a birthday anniversary. The State is 41 years old to-day. Senator Scott and other leading men of the delegation spent a good deal of time at headquarters to act as hosts to all who cared to come and join them in happy commemoration of the event.

Philip Pitzer, who holds an important position at Mannington, spent Sunday with his parents in the Fifth ward.

THE WEATHER

Fine Time

WASHINGTON

20.—For