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THE F., M. & P. BRIDGE QUESTION IS SETTLED

THE RAILROAD COMPANY WILL HAVE TO RAISE THE OLD BRIDGE OR BUILD A NEW ONE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 10.—The Baltimore and Ohio railroad bridge across the Monongahela River, about one and a half miles below Fairmont, must be raised. The order for this was received from the Secretary of War this morning by Major W. L. Sibert, United States engineer in charge of the Pittsburg district. This order will be immediately served on the president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The order provides that the bridge be raised and changed so that it will be forty-six feet above pool level in pool 15 of the Monongahela river and will have a channel of 280 feet. The bridge at present is 26.6 feet above pool level, so that it will have to be raised 19.4 feet. The order of the War Department demands that the work be done by August 1, 1905. It is hardly expected that the railroad will undertake to change the present bridge so as to conform with the requirements of the War Department. The contention of the railroad against raising up the bridge has been that to raise this bridge would destroy the yards at that point. It is

expected that the company will decide to build a new bridge at a point in pool 14, a couple of miles below the present bridge. Indeed, it is understood that the company had planned such a bridge before the agitation for the raising of the present structure was started, as it is claimed to be bad engineering to have a bridge in a railroad yard, such bridge making it inconvenient to use the yards. It is not expected that there will be any further trouble, but that the railroad will immediately commence work on a new bridge. The order to raise the present bridge will be received with joy by the people of Fairmont. For many months they have been anxiously awaiting the decision of the Secretary of War on the matter.

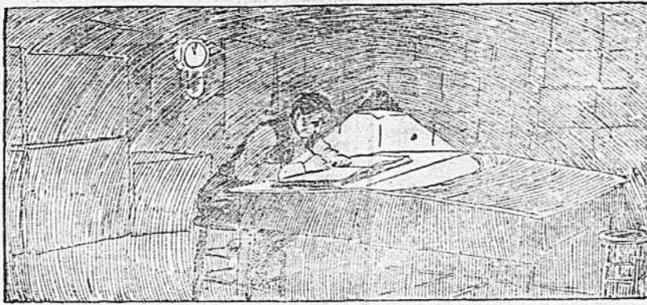
A New Coal Company.

A certificate of incorporation has been issued to the Lowesville Coal Company with a capital stock of \$100,000. The principal place of business is in Fairmont while the chief works are in Monongalia county. The purposes of the corporation are to own and operate coal mines, to manufacture coke, etc. The incorporators are J. A. Todd, J. C. Ward, J. W. Minor, J. R. Linn and T. F. Robey, all of this city.

ALL PLEASANT JOBS COME ONLY AFTER YEARS OF HARD WORK.



"Here am I slaving along at \$15 a week, and there is Baxter working only half as hard as I do and getting ten times the salary I get. I wish I had a snap like his!"



How Baxter got his snap.

—Chicago Tribune.

ON MONDAY MORNING SCHOOL BELLS WILL RING

This morning at 9 o'clock the teachers of Fairmont Independent district held a meeting in the chapel of the High School and were addressed by Superintendent Joseph Rosier, who outlined the work for the coming term. Nearly all of the teaching force was present.

Superintendent Rosier said that the outlook was very bright for the most prosperous term in the history of the local schools. The buildings have been put in good condition for the reception of pupils on Monday next. Attention was called to the fact that our school system compares very favorably with any in the State and the teachers were exhorted to do their best to make it second to none. Emphasis was laid on the individual responsibility of the teacher in this direction. Superintendent Rosier expressed a desire for the continuance of the harmonious co-operation between teachers which has ever prevailed in this city. Credit was given to the school board for its substantial support in the improvement of school properties.

Superintendent Rosier dwelt on the subject of the teachers' self-improvement, showing the good results that follow from a course of reading and discussion which is provided by the

local teachers' reading circle. He urged all teachers to participate in the deliberations of the latter association. Last year the work of the local circle received high praise from the educational leaders all over the State. It is to be hoped that all teachers will join in this work and surpass last year's record.

Superintendent Rosier said the supreme duty of the teacher was to her school and cautioned the excessive expenditure of strength in other directions.

To be thoroughly in love with the children under the direction of the teacher was held to be the basis of the teacher's good work.

After the general teachers' meeting a session of the ward principals was held. Matters pertaining particularly to this part of the school system were discussed.

All schools in the district will open at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Principal E. A. Hunt, of the Second ward school, is ill at his home in Belington and will not likely be here for the opening.

The Board of Education will likely hold a meeting this afternoon to select a teacher for the vacancy which exists in the teaching force.

GIRL VERY NEAR DEATH IN BALLOON

Aeronaut Swings His Balloon Beside Hers and Pulls the Valve Rope—She Falls into High Tree.

DERBY, Conn., Sept. 10.—Expecting every minute to see her dashed to death, 5,000 people at the Orange fair saw Miss Mabel Kent, a pretty nineteen-year-old girl of Shelton, borne out of sight clutching the bar of a huge parachute below a balloon, her body swaying at full length in the air. Her hands were lightly lashed to the bar and this held her until, nearly three miles from the point of ascension, the balloon descended to the top of a tree fifty feet high, where she managed to free herself. She was rescued in a semi-conscious condition.

A balloon ascension and a parachute leap by Professor Hayden had been announced as one of the attractions of the afternoon. An invitation for any young woman to accompany him was accepted by Miss Kent, because she would not "take a dare" from several girl friends.

Professor Hayden lashed her loosely by the feet to the trapeze bar and

her wrists to the guy rope. As the balloon of Miss Kent and that of Professor Hayden shot up side by side the fetters slipped from her feet and they fell off the trapeze, leaving the girl waving, a human pendulum, the straps that held her wrists to the guy rope forming the only tie that kept her from crashing a dead weight 400 yards down to earth. Luckily these held fast. The crowd in the fair grounds shrieked. Miss Kent says that she was too scared to cry.

She had expected to be able to stand on the trapeze, but the slipping of the feet bandages left her helpless. A remarkable set of balloon maneuvers began by Professor Hayden, but it was half an hour before he could navigate his aerial craft alongside and pull the valve rope of Miss Kent's balloon. He dared not unfasten her hands. Down the balloon shot and hundreds of the spectators who had seen the spectacular accident rushed to the spot where it was falling. It struck in the top of a tree and Miss Kent lodged, scratched and bruised, in its branches, where she was rescued.

THE MINISTERS ARE STILL HARD AT WORK

DR. DU BOSE DELIVERED A FINE ADDRESS LAST NIGHT—ASSIGNMENTS MADE FOR SUNDAY.

Dr. H. M. Du Bose, of Nashville, Tenn., general secretary of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church, South, and editor of the Epworth Era, delivered an educational lecture at the M. E. Church, South, last evening. He is a highly educated man and thoroughly understood his subject. A large audience was present and all were pleased.

The morning session of the conference was opened by Bishop Smith. The work of passing on the character of the ministers was finished and no objectionable ones were found. The second year class, composed of B. F. King, G. L. Ingram, O. E. Thorn, C. A. Bowles, M. G. Nutter, Z. D. Holbrook, F. N. Nutter and C. M. Ball, were passed to the Third year.

Mrs. Sayre, of Parkersburg, spoke before the conference in behalf of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Rev. W. C. Leech was recommended for the superannuated list and fearing that he may want for funds in the meantime, the attending ministers and laymen generously contributed until \$80.10 were raised, which will reach \$100 before the conference closes.

The different boards and committees are holding meetings this after-

noon. Rev. Felix R. Hill, of Parkersburg, preached at three o'clock and this evening a missionary rally will be held. An address will be made by Dr. A. F. Watkins, of Natchez, Miss.

To-morrow the visiting clergy will fill the pulpits of the different churches. The following is the list of appointments for Sunday services:

Normal Auditorium.

9 A. M.—Conference lovefeast led by Rev. J. T. Johnson.

10:30 A. M.—Preaching by Bishop A. Coke Smith, followed by the ordination of deacons.

7:30 P. M.—Sunday School rally and address by Dr. H. M. Hamill, of Nashville, Tenn.

M. E. Church, South.

3 P. M.—Memorial service followed by the ordination of elders.

First M. E. Church.

10:30 A. M.—S. A. Donahue; 7:30 P. M.—J. M. Boland.

First Baptist Church.

10:30 A. M.—J. M. Carter; 7:30 P. M.—C. N. Coffman.

First Presbyterian Church.

10:30 A. M.—D. H. Reid.

People's Temple.

7:30 P. M.—Felix R. Hill.

Central Christian Church.

10:30 A. M.—E. Robinson; 7:30 P. M.—J. W. Crites.

Diamond Street M. E. Church.

10:30 A. M.—L. W. Reid; 7:30 P. M.—J. W. Herring.

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ALL ABOARD FOR THE FIREMEN'S BIG EXCURSION

All is in readiness for the firemen's benefit big boat excursion on the steamer Isaac M. Mason. The boat will leave the local wharf at 8:30 A. M. and will go down the river as far as will be possible to go and return in time to make connection with the last cars leaving the city Sunday night. It is the intention of the boys to make this the greatest excursion that ever went out from this city. People will be allowed to take their baskets along and preparations have been made whereby all desiring to do so can obtain a good meal served by the department at small cost. Tickets can be bought at several stores in each ward and they will also be offered Sunday morning at the boat. Children will be charged fifty cents and grown people seventy-five cents. No drinking will be allowed on the boat and if any one has planned to go and get drunk, he will do the department and the crowd a favor and save himself a lot of trouble by staying away.

The crowd will be orderly and no one need be afraid to take his wife and children or his sweetheart. All will be treated right. Junkies' band will furnish music and to know this is to know that it will be first-class.

The boat will stop at points along the river where people may want to

leave or come aboard. Many have sent in word from different points asking that it stop there as they would be numbered, with the crowd.

Every one in the city who can possibly arrange to do so should go. It will be a most delightful trip and besides it will be helping a good cause. Some have said that it would help only the First ward but such is not the case. Whatever helps the First ward in the way of fire protection helps the whole city, and it will only be a few years until other stations will have to be established. This cannot be done without money and this excursion is one of the ways in which the department is trying to raise it. The better equipment the fire department has, the better is the protection afforded each man's home. No home can be too well protected. Besides the rate of insurance is high in Fairmont because of poor protection. The outing is worth the price without considering anything else. There will be room enough for all who desire to go and if it becomes too much crowded on one boat, another will be in readiness. Let everybody decide at once to go and then abide by that decision. The consideration is small and the trip will afford pleasant memories for many future years.

THE IRON TRADE

Review of Existing Conditions—Business of the Week.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 10.—Relative to the condition of the iron market at large the Iron Trade Review this week says:

"The uncertainty that for weeks has been an embargo on business in finished steel has been broken by the action of the beam and plate pools on Tuesday. On plates above 24 inches in width the reduction is \$4 a ton, or \$1.40 Pittsburg, and on narrow plates \$6 a ton. Beams and channels are reduced to \$1.40 Pittsburg, or the lowest price that has prevailed in four years. It is understood that arrangements have been made that will prevent the cutting of prices on fitted material, that has been much complained of by certain members of the beam pool in connection with contracts taken in the past few months. The co-operation of the Lackawanna Steel Company is understood to have been secured at least to the extent of maintaining pool prices.

"Another reduction of the week was in wrought pipe, the leading interest

taking the initiative, and cuts running from \$1 to \$4 a ton. Competition has increased in this line, some of it fortified in steel and pig iron. Under the readjustment mills buying their own skelp have a very narrow margin to work on.

"Important business of the week can be readily summarized. Rail buying amounted with the leading producers to 20,000 tons of standard sections, half of which is for a new line in the Far West. Pittsburg notes a 2,000-ton plate order for vessel work, and a 3,000-ton inquiry for shapes for a New York elevator. The American Bridge Company's new business in August was between 40,000 and 50,000 tons, a considerable improvement upon July.

Foundry pig iron is quieter and somewhat weaker. Southern production has decreased, because of the coal strike, and the end of the latter may be long deferred. There is rather more \$9.25 Southern iron, but Northern furnaces continue to take most of the business. The starting up of steel corporation stacks continues, and the week brings the total to fifteen additions to the active list in about a fortnight. Foundry operations do not show any distinct improvements on the whole, but in some centers more men are reported at work in machine shops."

THE GRAND REVIEW OF THIRTY THOUSAND SOLDIERS WILL TAKE PLACE TO-DAY.

GENERAL GRANT IS NOT EMBITTERED BY DEFEAT—THE MILITARY WARFARE HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS.

GAINESVILLE, Va., Sept. 10th—Corps Headquarters—The Bull Run manoeuvres closed to-day with a grand review of the thirty thousand troops by Lieutenant General Chaffee, Chief of Staff, Major General Corbin and other officers of high rank. The manoeuvres have been, in the opinion of those who witnessed them, the most successful and profitable military operations ever held in the United States in time of peace. It has been highly instructive, without any incident of a disagreeable or particularly unfortunate character, and although expensive, has not cost the United States nearly as much as such practices annually cost the armies of Europe.

General Corbin, discussing the manoeuvres, expressed himself as greatly pleased with the week's work.

"The problems were both worked out in a most satisfactory manner," he said, "and the instruction afforded by the Regular and National Guard forces has been of incalculable benefit to the military occupancy of the United States. The militia has behaved itself, generally speaking, in a most commendable way and under the general instruction of prominent officers of the regular army that has learned more during the present week than it would possibly have picked up in two years of militia encampment work. The men now know what actual warfare means; how trying it is to live under campaign conditions, how to break and make camp and how important it is under the circumstances to save ammunition when under the fire of an attacking force."

Brigadier General J. Franklin Bell,

commanding the Brown army, which yesterday successfully turned the rank of the Blues and constructively routed them was much gratified over the results obtained. His victory was largely due, officers say, to the care which he took of his men during the four days of fighting, ample precautions having been taken by him to see that all of his soldiers, while in the camp and field received their full share of rations and were allowed proper rest.

General Grant was not at all embittered by his defeat, graciously giving his opponent full credit for the performance. He is quite enthusiastic over the manoeuvres and the operations of the troops, regarding their work yesterday as particularly gratifying. It is understood that he expected the main attack on his left instead of on his right, and was, therefore, unprepared to meet the onslaught of the Brown brigades where he was the weakest.

General Grant's work, as commander of the Blue army, notwithstanding his defeat, won for him much praise from the officers at Corps Headquarters. Unlike Bell, Grant is very methodical and lacks those dashing qualities which have resulted in General Bell often being compared to the famous cavalry leader, General Jeb Stuart, of the Confederate Army.

Grant is more like his great father, and depends upon cunning and deeply laid strategy for his victories.

General Grant, like Corbin and General Bell, believes that these manoeuvres have done more to increase the efficiency of the military establishment than any field of operations since the Spanish war. For the first time since the passage of the Dick Militia Bill which placed the organized militia on a well established military footing and actually made it a working part of the federal forces, regulars and militia men have come together from the North, South and East in large numbers and have lived and worked harmoniously together.

CHANGES IN NORMAL SCHOOL FACULTY

The local Normal School seems to have troubles of its own in the matter of a teaching force for the coming year. As published exclusively in the West Virginian some weeks ago, Professors Shaw and Rogers were transferred to Huntington and Glenville, respectively, and Misses Butler and Morderwell were appointed in their stead. It now turns out that Miss McCann is to be married and that Miss Butler has resigned, thus leaving two more vacancies. The Board of Regents met last night at Parkersburg and reinstated Professor W. R. Shaw

and selected Miss Mollie Virginia Smith to fill the remaining vacancy. The announcement of the music teacher will not be made until next Monday. No selection has been made for the department of elocution. The fall term will open next Wednesday, September 14th.

W. H. Tabler, of Grafton, was appointed a teacher at West Liberty Normal School; Mrs. T. B. Caldwell was transferred from Concord Normal School to Marshall College, and Miss Neal, of Ellenboro, was appointed to take Mrs. Caldwell's place at the Concord Normal School.