



THE BRIDGE

May Be Closed to Traffic Today or Tomorrow.

Messrs. John Cribbs and Kearney Cribbs, of Hawthorn, Pa., who will superintend the work of tearing down the old Putnam street bridge, arrived in the city last evening and are making preparations to begin their work at once.

The bridge will probably be closed today or tomorrow if a force of men can be secured to begin tearing down the structure.

The lighter iron work will be taken off and the heavier part of the bridge will be dropped into the river.

The work of tearing down the old bridge at this time is done in order to allow the taking out of the west abutment so that the new abutment can be built.

Marietta workmen will be employed by the superintendents to do the work.

C. R. Richardson's Report of Yesterday's Markets.

Oil City Exchange, 3 p. m.—Cash oil dull, 1.68 1/4 bid. Credit balance, 1.68. New York Stock Exchange, 3 p. m.—Third Avenue stock opened off three points on a range from 60 to 59, advancing ten points during the afternoon to 70 and reacting to 67. The other Tractations were unaffected. Sugar steady. Grangers firm.

Call loans, 5 per cent. Chicago Board of Trade, 1:15 p. m.—Wheat evinced considerable strength advancing to 67 cents for May, but could not hold it and lost a half point in last trading. Corn and oats easier. Provisions steady. May pork closed at 10.97.

Cars today: Wheat, 36; corn, 367; oats, 210; hogs, 27,000.

Lloyd Smith Improving.

The many friends of Mr. Lloyd E. Smith, of the Bienenhasselt Hotel, will be pleased to learn that he is able to be out of bed after long and dangerous relapse on the grippe. At one time his life was despaired of, but he has been slowly improving for some weeks. He is not able to get out of doors yet, or even into the office of his hotel, but sits around some.

While confined to his room, he has been nominated for the city council. Whether he will begin to push his campaign for auditor in an active way has not yet been announced.—Parkersburg Journal.

New Train Dispatcher.

Mr. M. T. Seymour, of Columbus, whose appointment as Train Dispatcher of the T. & O. C. E. was mentioned in the Leader several days ago, has been out learning the road the past two days and will assume the duties of the position this morning. Mr. Seymour was formerly Master of Transportation of the Hooking Valley railroad and is a man of large experience.

Mr. Elmer E. Hart, who has been in charge of the office since Mr. Larcomb was taken ill, will resume work in his former position with the T. & O. C. E.

Auspicious Opening.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather of yesterday, the opening of the new clothing store, "The Derrick," was a success in every way. The proprietor, Mr. Charles Spritz, and his force of helpers, Messrs. H. Spritz, Max Rau and Edward Gilnes, received many of our townspeople, who called in to inspect the new establishment. Carnations were given the lady callers, and coupon tickets entitling the holders to participate in a gift event Saturday night were presented. Singers orchestra furnished music.

"A Black Sheep."

Hoyt's "A Black Sheep" showed to a fairly well filled house last night, and it proved to be a characteristic mirth-provoker. The farce is full of a lot of spontaneous fun that bubbles up from many sources. Editor Goddard Gunning was one of the most genuinely funny men we have seen on the stage, but he is in good company, for he is surrounded by others of talent along their particular lines of fun-making. The Black Sheep is by no means a stale piece of mutton.

Jumped Through Flames.

Harry Van Wey, a little ten-year-old boy, whose home is on the West Side, was seriously burned about the face and body Wednesday evening. He and a playmate had built a bonfire and they were jumping through the flame and smoke, when the Van Wey boy's clothing caught fire and before it could be put out he was badly burned. However, the burns are not so serious that he will not recover.

Rose—Ritter.

The marriage of Mr. John M. Rose and Miss Ada M. Ritter, two well known young people of the city, occurred at the Congregational parsonage on the West Side Wednesday evening, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Virgil Boyer. They will begin house-keeping at once on Putnam avenue.

The young couple's many friends wish them a happy and prosperous life.

At the Bellevue.

Mr. Hoskins, of the Smith-Kasson Shoe Co., of Cincinnati, will be at the Bellevue today from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. Those interested in fashionable footgear are invited to call and inspect their samples. Mr. Hoskins will be prepared to take orders.

FIRE HORSES.

Three Teams on Exhibition Before The Committee.

Some time ago Council authorized the Fire Committee to advertise for horses for the proposed West Side fire station and Thursday was the day named when the horses were to be brought to the City Hall for examination.

At 1 o'clock the committee, consisting of Messrs. Loffand, Lorenz and Marsch, were at the City Hall and three teams were brought up for examination.

The first was a team of black geldings, six and seven years old, weight 1250 pounds, belonging to Sell Dye, of this city.

The second was a bay team, gelding and mare, weighing 1300 pounds and owned by Jacob Suder, who lives north of the city.

The third team were sorrel geldings, weighing 1200 pounds each, six years old, and owned by D. F. Duffer, of Rockville, W. Va.

All were apparently first-class horses, suitable for the purposes of the fire department with proper training. They were carefully looked over by the members of the committee and of the fire department, and the Duffer team was hitched to the fire wagon and given a trial. They made a good run on Third street and seemed to please the members of the committee.

After the examination the committee went to the Clerk's office where the bids were opened. They were as follows: Sell Dye, \$385; Jacob Suder, 275; D. F. Duffer, 350.

The committee did not take any action further than the opening of the bids, but will hold a meeting later to determine which team they will recommend to Council. Other teams were expected in yesterday, but owing to inclement weather they did not come so that the three mentioned will be the only ones considered by the committee.

River News.

The river is falling at all points, but there is still a good boating stage. The marks on the wharf at this point show 11 feet of water in the channel.

The Belle McGovern passed up yesterday morning with a big tow of empties for Pittsburg.

The H. K. Bedford came down last night from Wheeling and will leave this morning for Pittsburg. Hereafter she will make two round trips from Parkersburg to Wheeling and one to Pittsburg each week, leaving Marietta every Friday for Pittsburg.

The Virginia for Pittsburg and Queen City for Cincinnati were yesterday packets and both had good trips.

The Gallipolis Tribune says: Capt. Ira B. Huntington today received a letter from Capt. Phillips saying that the City of Pittsburg would soon be ready for business, and offering him the position of traveling solicitor for the boat. The Pittsburg has been painted and will have a callopee put on which will attract much attention to the big jacket. She will pass here on Wednesday night going down and on Saturday nights going up.

Married.

Mr. Edward Koon and Miss Sallie Bash, two young people of Willow Island, came here yesterday, procured a license and were united in marriage by Squire Kidd. They left after the ceremony for Parkersburg, where they will spend a few days before returning to Willow Island.

How's This?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & TRUAX, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

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The production of Sienkiewi's powerful novel

QUO VADIS

Dramatized by Stanislaus Stangis is under the sole direction of

F. C. Whitney.

The only cities that see it in the West this season are Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis and Milwaukee. MARIETTA Theatre goes will positively have this presentation as I am now under contract with

Personal and Local.

—Mrs. John W. Crooks returned home yesterday morning from Eureka, W. Va., where she had been visiting relatives for several days.

—Prof. J. H. Chamberlin left yesterday morning for Granville to attend a meeting of college presidents. He will deliver an address.

—Geo. B. Sunderland sold the Conner property in Putnam and Sunderland's addition to J. P. Shreeves, for \$1300; also the Warren Alexander property on lower Fourth street to J. P. Zoller for \$1800.

—Miss Etta Addis, formerly a student in the Commercial School, is very ill with malarial fever at Parkersburg. Her home is at Vincent.

—Miss Nellie Rose returned last evening from a pleasant visit with relatives at Beverly.

—J. J. O'Connor returned yesterday from Hartford, Conn., where he spent three weeks with relatives.

—After March 15 the Marietta Gas Company will furnish mantles to their consumers free of charge.

—A party of local Daughters of Rebekah attended a meeting of Miriam Lodge at Parkersburg Wednesday night.

—Miss Mabel Cleary, of Constitution is visiting friends in the city.

—Maurice Prager and George Gates returned yesterday morning from Parkersburg, where they had been on business.

—M. S. Lucis returned last evening from Cincinnati where he had been on business for several days.

—Mr. I. R. Rose, whose illness has been mentioned in the Leader, is still confined to his home at Coal Run.

—Mrs. J. S. Harbour, of Grace Hospital, left yesterday on the Queen City for Gallipolis, called there by the illness of her father.

—Miss Ida Patterson, who has been visiting in the city returned yesterday to her home at Cutler.

—The Pathfinders will give a roast pig social at the Macabees hall, Second and Putnam streets, Wednesday evening, March 28th. Everybody is invited.

—Reserved seats for "The Heart of Maryland" will be on sale at Gates' book store Saturday morning, March 17, at 7 a. m.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be sure you get the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklets and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Reserved seat sale for "Quo Vadis" will be on sale at Beagle & Lytle's drug store tomorrow morning.

Will Apply For Receiver For Valuable Oil Property.

On Saturday the South Penn Oil Co. will make an application at the U. S. Court for the appointment of a receiver for the Sprigg D. Camden farm in Lewis county, on which the Southern Oil Co., composed of T. N. Barnsdall, Fred Rich and others, have been operating for some time.

The tract contains 1600 acres, and was leased to the Southern Oil Co. by Sprigg D. Camden. The first well drilled in on the property created a big stir among the oil fraternity, and leases were taken up on all surrounding territory at big figures. The well started out at about 500 barrels a day but declined very rapidly and is now but a small producer. The second well is a strong gasser. Additional wells are going down on this and adjoining properties, and operators are of the opinion that it is good territory.

The South Penn claims the territory under a long term lease alleged to have been secured several years ago, although they did not develop the property. The South Penn is represented by Governor Fleming.—Sentinel.

A Common Danger.

If you have ever had a cold which you permitted to "wear away" it may interest you to know it was a dangerous proceeding. Every cold and cough which is neglected paves the way for consumption, bronchitis, asthma, or catarrh. Gruel's Cure, the famous German throat and lung remedy, will cure any cough or cold and save you from consumption. Sold by all druggists. Price 25c and 50c per bottle.

A perfect woman—perfect in form and in feature is a great rarity. Every woman realizes this as she stands before some beautiful piece of Greek sculpture. So be careful, tight lacing, improper food, inadequate clothing, and a score of other things have stolen the shape and suppleness of woman's form and robbed her cheeks of their roses and their roundness. For these things Nature avenges herself.



Weakness drains establish themselves, tearing down the tissues and destroying the graceful lines and curves of the figure. Pains and aches help the wrinkles to come early. Displacements and bearing-down sensations weaken the entire system. Nervousness makes life almost unendurable. Mothers suffering in this manner impart their weaknesses to their children, and this is kept up the endless chain of imperfect reproduction. A new order of things is being established, however. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the great non-alcoholic cure for women's diseases and weaknesses, is making hundreds of girls and women healthy. And it is also making the rising generation stronger and more perfect physically. Like produces like. A healthy mother has healthy children. "Favorite Prescription" makes healthy mothers.

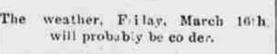
Mrs. E. A. Bender, of Keene, Coshocoma Co., Ohio, writes: "I never could understand why, yet I am not afraid to speak a good word for your 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Pleasant Pellets.' I suffered terribly with prolapsus and weakness. After using one bottle of 'Favorite Prescription' and one of 'Pellets' I was a well woman. I have taken no medicine since and have had no symptoms of my former trouble."

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GEO. BLAKE'S STORE.

The weather, Friday, March 16th will probably be cooler.

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THE STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

Terms cash on receipt of goods. We take and give tickets.

Newbury.

Thomas Godfrey has finished sawing the stuff for a new barn for S. B. Oakes and has moved to the farm of Richard Brewster, where he is sawing car lumber. The barn is to be 40 by 60 with an eight foot basement and will probably be as good as any in the county.

C. W. Oakes has put up a wind mill with which he shells and grinds corn. Harry, the young son of A. L. Curtis, is seriously sick of inflammation of the stomach and bladder.

Mrs. A. J. Hitt has returned to Chicago after a short visit at the Curtis farm where she was raised.

Dr. H. L. Curtis has sold his dental practice at Noblesville, Ind., and located in Parkersburg.

The last six weeks' of stormy weather and freezing has seriously injured the growing wheat and it looks as though there would not be more than fifty per cent of a crop. The same cause has frozen out ninety per cent of the grass which was sown last fall. I sowed twenty acres which looked well in the early winter but the ground is bare now. Stock has generally wintered well but feed is getting scarce. A. L. C.

Edicate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, pure, non-digestion, never fails. 25c. J. C. C. Fall, druggists refund money.

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Tuesday Afternoon, March 20th.

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AND HIS BAND

Last Appearance Here Before Departure for Europe.

BERTHA BUCKLIN BLANCHE DUFFIELD Violin Solo Soprano

BRILLIANT PROGRAMME.

New Sousa Marches

Prices - - 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

Reserved Seats on sale at Beagle & Lytle's Drug Store, Friday morning, March 16th.

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EXTRAORDINARY SALE of Ladies' High Class Fancy Pattern Lace SHOES.

Worth \$3.50, this week \$2.48. New lot, all sizes, all widths.

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The Lace Curtains and other Draperies are in a new part of the Store—more room—more goods.

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New styles—most of them unlike any you have seen and prettier. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to \$8.50.

Brussels and Irish-Point Curtains.

Elegant styles—\$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.50 \$10.00 and \$12.50.

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The assortment is complete—\$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$13.50 a pair.

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Largest variety and best money's worth. Prices per pair, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.75.

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Full assortment, beautiful styles—\$2.25, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.75.

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DERBY PORTIERES—Complete assortment—some in Bagdad Styles, \$3.50 to \$11.50 per pair.

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100 pieces Tull du Nord Amoskeag A. 25 pieces Fine Corded Dimities, F. C. and Bates Gingham in Plain, Plaid, Checks and Stripes, including the new corded effects. Choice, 10c per yard

Choice 10c per yard

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