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has stated his position in these matters long since. And, indeed, it would prove refreshing to have as a candidate a man who does not believe that his money can rule Republican politics in the State. West Virginia has had a surfeit of that manner of campaigning; candidates for office next year should go into an iron-bound agreement to not be "grafted" by anyone. There are men in Grafton who use every opportunity to draw money from candidates, and if the truth were known these men control absolutely no one except themselves and cast nobody's vote but their own. If Mr. Scherr, Mr. Swisher and others will take the advice of their friends they will keep their money to themselves in the coming campaign and knock "grafters" summarily on the head.

**SOME HOME ATTRACTIONS.**

A great many Fairmont people spend a considerable portion of the summer away from home, but a far larger number remain in the city the year around. Because of that fact, it is pleasant to think over some of the reasons why Fairmont is an attractive place in the summer time. To begin with, the heat is rarely excessive. The nights are nearly always cool, and the days are rarely uncomfortable. Then we have street cars on which to take rides of evenings and enjoy the evening breezes. The interurban line affords an opportunity to go out of town several miles quickly and at small cost. Picnic parties are easily cared for and pleasure seekers can improvise a programme of amusement on short notice. In town we have the motion picture shows of high class and the vaudeville acts at the Grand make the Opera House a pleasant place to spend an hour any evening. Another thing which Fairmont people have not yet learned to appreciate fully is our beautiful river. What an enchanting place for summer evenings! Some of these times we expect to see hundreds of people in boats and launches on the placid water of the Monongahela each evening through the summer months. Attractions are cumulative and once our people get the notion of staying at home and spending the money here other things worth while will be presented. A public park with various features of entertainment may be ours before many years and thousands of dollars now spent away from home will be left circulating in our midst and all will enjoy what only a few now get a chance to indulge in.

The Morgantown Post refers to the candidacy of Swisher as "impossible." That's what a good many fellows who would like to run think about it, that it will be impossible to beat him. The Post has already wasted much energy on an "impossible" candidate because he wouldn't consent to run and if it isn't careful it will join in just as fruitless a chase in another direction. The matter of seeing the drift of things is an art some papers don't seem to have. The band wagon is an enchanting vehicle and happy is the man that gets a good seat thereon.

A B. N. engineer surprised the county court of Monongalia yesterday by appearing unexpectedly and asking that certain changes be made in the proposed new bridge across the river. But that action doesn't excite the West Virginian the least bit. Engineers and rights-of-way agents don't build railroads, they merely work for the men who do and there is very little use in growing noisy over what they do or don't do.

What is home without a Teddy bear? A N. Y. child fell three stories, landed on its stuffed pet, and turned up unhurt.

Harry Thaw is bothered by the maniacs and can't sleep. He ought to join in their chorus, in order to make good his insanity plea.

Plenty of candidates for governor in Marion yet.

Corn is getting a move on itself these days.

Nice weather to stack wheat.

**BIG INCREASE IN TAX VALUE**

**ASSESSMENT IS ONLY A LITTLE SHORT OF A BILLION—BIG GROWTH IS NOTED EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR.**

The taxable property of West Virginia amounts to more than \$912,000,000, according to the figures handed a Gazette reporter by Chief Clerk Townsend, yesterday morning.

Very few States in the Union have made more rapid progress than the mountain State. The immense coal deposits, oil fields, new developments in railroads, telephone lines, and pipe lines have all been fully and minutely described by writers all over the country.

From the figures obtained from Clerk Townsend, the following summary shows that the assessment made by the board of public works is:

Real estate	\$244,154,693.87
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Personal property	\$193,261,468.00

Making a total of \$912,990,942.87 Mr. Townsend said that this was only a rough estimate. He thought however, a careful examination would swell the total over \$5,000,000 additional.

The increase in five years has been more than \$30,000,000, and will increase as much more during the next five years.

The output in the coal regions alone is over \$10,000,000 more than two and a half years ago.

It was no wonder that visitors from the great manufacturing States of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut Rhode Island and Massachusetts view in amazement West Virginia's exhibits at the Jamestown exposition.

It is not to be wondered also, that the financial kings of America are turning their eyes toward this section of the country for profitable investments.

A State that is in its young manhood, comparatively speaking, that can boast of nearly a billion of dollars taxable property is something of which every West Virginian can be justly proud.

These figures are not mythical. They are not mere guesses, but have been compiled by such an able statistician as Thomas C. Townsend, and are virtually official.

The Manufacturers Record of recent date shows the shipment from one region, the Pocahontas coal field. In 1883, the shipments amounted to only 60,128 tons. Twenty-three years later they were 7,000,000 of tons, a remarkable showing.

What is true of the Pocahontas coal district is also true of other districts. Hon. George Byrne of this city, now writing from this section to the Manufacturers Record, is the authority for this statement, and as that gentleman is on the ground, it is natural to presume that his figures are accurate.

The immense oil output has also increased the taxable property, and Mr. Townsend thinks the assessment for 1908 will surprise even the most optimistic.

To quote a prominent lumberman: "There is no telling how great West Virginia will be in the commercial world five years hence. Bluefield, one of the most hustling towns in the manufacturing districts, has some new enterprises every week. It is a very dull week that Charleston is not in the center of the stage as regards new factories or other industries."

The Secretary of State's office can testify to West Virginia's rapid progress, energy and capital.

It is the young blood of a young and growing State, and there is no mushroom growth anywhere, but real substantial progress, and when the future history is written the year 1907 will record some wonderful achievements.—Charleston Gazette.

**STILL HALE AND HEARTY**

**IS MAJOR MCGREW, PRESTON'S GRAND OLD MAN—IS VISITING AT MORGANTOWN.**

MORGANTOWN, July 31.—The Hon. J. C. McGrew, of Kingwood, is the guest of his son, W. C. McGrew, at his home on High street. J. C. McGrew is ninety-four years old and is a very interesting character. He claims to be the only man living who was a member of the convention that took the State of Virginia from the Union in 1860. Mr. McGrew was a strong Union man and did all he could to keep his State loyal. His efforts brought upon him threats of death by hanging. Later he was an active worker and a prominent figure in the convention that made a separate State of West Virginia.

When 80 years old Mr. McGrew got mixed up in a runaway and had both legs broken below the knees but he has recovered and now is quite active although he has to use a cane. Mr. McGrew is hale and hearty and bids fair to be with us many years yet. Morgantown is honored to have such an illustrious visitor.

**THE PEOPLE'S FORUM**

Supt. Thomas C. Miller for Governor.

Editor West Virginian:

The disappointment of the people of Marion county following the letter of declination of Judge Mason for Governor has caused the thoughtful people who desire clean politics and worthy and competent men to execute our laws to cast about for a man fitting the ideals of our honored judge.

All agree that Judge Mason's reference to a suitable candidate from the ranks of the Grand Army is well taken, and no one can deny that the good name and our standing among the States of the Union would be elevated if, before it is too late, this State position be bestowed upon an old veteran.

Public sentiment has given unmistakable evidence of the willingness of the people of this State to allow the county of Marion the honor of furnishing the next nominee of the Republican party for the office of Governor.

But for the unprecedented high regard for Judge Mason for the judiciary, he would undoubtedly have been named for the office.

Marion county has another man who ranks with Judge Mason, a man of unquestioned ability, a man of the highest character, a man known to all the people of the State, a man Marion county rejoices to honor; born and raised among us, but a youth when he wore the blue in defense of the flag, and when peace was declared he devoted his time and efforts to installing into the youth of our State those ideals which inspired him in all his long and honored career.

We, his comrades, request that the Republican party name for the office of Governor the Honorable Thomas C. Miller, a man who has never sought office, yet who, when named, has always led both his county and State ticket. With Miller at the head of the ticket, West Virginia will make a grander showing at the polls for the principles of the Republican party than at any former time.

**W. R. HUFFMAN,**  
**R. M. HILL,**  
**WILLIS BRANNON,**  
**D. J. CURRY,**  
**M. D. WELLS,**  
**ROBERT WATSON,**  
**F. M. WALDO,**  
**G. W. BINN,**  
**SANFORD JONES,**  
**MORGAN D. ORR,**  
**R. E. HARR,**  
**J. E. DODD.**

**Court News**

**Suit instituted.**  
Gettings and Kennedy vs. Lillie J. Smith, Intermediate Court, in chancery; August rules. George A. Vincent attorney for plaintiff.

**What Kind**

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gians, and yet the Census figures on this industry shows such to be the case. The value of the annual product is more than a million dollars, and several thousand wage earners are employed.

**West Virginia Representatives.**  
It is understood here that of the five Representatives in Congress from West Virginia, only Representative Woodward will have a fight on his hands for renomination. Representatives Gaines, Hughes, Sturgis and Hubbard are expected to be renominated without opposition next year. Those who have watched the career of Representative Woodward in Congress would regard it as particularly unfortunate if he were succeeded by some other man. It is always the district that elects a man and keeps him in Congress year in and year out that has the greatest influence in the House. Take Speaker Cannon, General Bingham, Floor Leader Payne, John Dalzell, Pete Hepburn, Chairman Sherman, of the Republican Congressional Committee, J. A. Hull, and James A. Tawney; they are among the fathers of the House. The important business of Congress is done in committees. All the chairmen of the important committees are men who have been kept in Congress for years. Chairman Payne, of Ways and Means, has been here since 1889. Chairman Cousins, of Foreign Affairs, came here in 1893; Cooper, of Insular Affairs, in 1893; Hepburn, of Interstate Commerce, in 1887; Jenkins, of Judiciary, in 1895; Burton, of Rivers and Harbors, in 1895, and Barthold, of Public Buildings and Grounds, in 1893. Not a single important committee chairmanship is held by a Representative who has been here less than ten years. Representative Woodward has been making rapid progress in the making of friends, and is fast getting into a position where he can be a real force in the House. He is one of the best mixers in the body.

This thing of sending a man to Congress and before he has reached a position where he can take an influential part in affairs turning him out is another has never given any district any great influence in Congress.

**TO-DAY'S VOTE MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF YESTERDAY**

**FRESH INTEREST SHOWN FROM ALL QUARTERS**

**MANNINGTON SENDS IN ANOTHER NEW LOT OF CANDIDATES**

**Voting Certificates With Payment On Subscriptions Count Very Fast**

Still the interest increases in the great "pony contest." A number of new nominations were made to-day and some in each of the districts and quite a number from Mannington. It has become now pretty generally understood that the coupons published each day are valuable and may be the means of securing the capital prize, the beautiful pony and outfit, which is worth several hundreds of dollars. This is indeed a prize worth the effort of not only the children but of any lady in Fairmont. It is now becoming generally understood that votes are allowed on all payments on subscription when requested, whether new or old subscribers, and that the voting certificates issued with these payments count very rapidly in the contest. For instance, a dollar paid by a new subscriber will secure 500 votes in the "pony contest" and 100 votes in each of the class contests, and the payment of \$4.00 on subscription will secure 3,000 votes if it is a new subscription or 1,500 votes if an old subscriber and the payment is on account. In order to facilitate the matter of receipting and taking care of subscription a number of convenient books of blanks have been printed and will be gladly furnished to any who are interested in using them if they will call at the business office of the West Virginian. A good many of these have gone out and some have even sent special delivery letters asking for the books.

If you are not yet voting pick your favorites and let your coupons count in their favor.

If you have a friend who is not entered in the race, start them in at once.

**VOTE TO-DAY.**

**District No. 1.**

Art Kerns	1,600
Zella Kerns	2,250
Georgie Hunsaker	225
Dollie Gibbs	25
Fred Morris	75
Ada Talkington	25
Frances Ward	50
Bessie Jacobs	25
Carrie Barr	600
Hattie Jones	25
Edna Morgan	25
Hazel McDonald	25
Lena Hamilton	25
Mrs. M. P. Thorn	500
Louise Fitch	25
Catherine Hough	25
Flora Lloyd	25
Mary Windsor	25
Pearl Brand	25
Dorsey Abbott	475
Grace Jamison	550
Paul M. Hawkins	575
Maude Hartley	750
Morris Saunders	250
Grace Jones	1,000
Nettie Groves	25
Freddy Eddy	3,350
Archie Koon	500
Katherine Deegan	25
Roberta Fleming	25
Margaret Westfall	25

**District No. 2.**

Rose Hannon	25
Pearl Orr	25
Rose McCarty	25
Ethel Rogerson	25
Margaret Howett	25
Ethel Rogerson	100
Helen Tuttle	25
Allice Jinks	25
Daisy Flowers	75
Laura F. Burt	100
Georgia Atha	75

**District No. 3.**

Ava Brown	25
Mable Merrifield	50
Nellie Castello	50
Edna Poppe	25
Elsie Thomas	25
Ethel Moran	25
Forest Springer	625

**EXTRA SPECIAL VOTES.**

**CLASS No. 1.**

Most Popular Postoffice, Telephone or City Employee.

Nellie Holland	40
Chief Shumaker	30
Kip Fleming	20
Wilbur Brand	20
A. J. Kern	30
Raymond Haller	30
Chas. Robinson	30
Ralph Doolittle	200
Daisy Flowers	130
Sallie Newell	130
Tony Cirno	130
Sylvester Clayton	10
Fred Fleming	20
Harry Kopp	20
A. J. Ross	10
Lanny Carpenter	10
C. W. Walker	10
W. S. Black	10
M. E. Morgan	10

**CLASS No. 2.**

Most Popular Saleslady, Salesman, Professional Man or Woman.

Rose Morgan	40
Margaret Lee	20
Edna Meneer	10

**CLASS No. 3.**

Most Popular Railroad, Traction, Glass House, or Factory Employee.

Mr. Summers	40
Alva Hall	30
Alex. Thorn	100
Mr. Jas. Summers	200
Alex. Thorn	100
Joe List	100
Harry Clark	160
Clayton Coleman	3
Bill Riggs	40
T. B. Henderson	10
Geo. Hartley	110
Mike Morris	210
J. H. Hough	10
Clark Brownfield	10

**CLASS No. 4.**

Most Popular Lodge, Church or Society Member.

Nellie Castello	20
Leona McDonald	10
Alma Parker	20
Mable Merrifield	20
W. S. Henderson	10
O. E. McMillan	10
Mrs. Birdie Board	10
Anna David	10
Frank Coogee	10
Ava Brown	10
Laura Williams	10
Edna Poppe	20
Nellie Swearingen	20
Lillian Reed	20
Beatrice Snider	10
Goldie Conklin	19
J. A. Lang	110
Ruby Floyd	10
Anna Olliker	10
Pearl Orr	10
Minnie Fleming	10
Louise Nichols	10
Cecil Miller	100
Emmett Moekler	160
Hazel McDonald	10
Earnest Sherwood	100

**CLASS No. 5.**

Most Popular Teacher, Stenographer, Bookkeeper, Bank or Office Employee.

Mildred Pickett	50
T. J. Humphreys	10
W. A. Crowl	10
Minnie Fleming	10
Amy Eliason	50
M. E. Hsie	10
Grace Fleming	10
Edna Black	10
Amy Eliason	150
Nellie Bly Clemmer	10
Mary Abbott	10
Edith Bates	150
Friday Crislip	20
Ward Lough	10
Flora Lloyd	100
Katherine Deegan	75
Margaret Howett	75

It costs nothing to vote or nominate your friends as a coupon will be printed in each issue of this paper that will be good for 25 votes in the pony contest and for ten votes for one of each of the five classes enumerated, during the first week of the contest, and good for five votes in each contest every day thereafter. In addition to these coupon votes additional votes will be awarded to either old or new subscribers for the daily or semi-weekly West Virginian full particulars of which are more fully set out and explained elsewhere in this paper. Persons living in one district may vote for a candidate in another district or persons living outside of the county may have equal right to vote for any candidate they may choose. The number of votes received by a candidate in one district will have no bearing whatever on the result of the contest in any of the other districts.

A good start in any race is always a decided advantage and it will be good policy to start at once to save the coupons as they are valuable and represent to you what may be the deciding vote at the end.

The contest manager may be seen at any time at the business office of the West Virginian and anything that may not be thoroughly understood will be cheerfully explained. Call at the office; make the West Virginian your headquarters, get acquainted with the people, make new friends and a jolly month of August will be spent in this friendly rivalry.

The vote will be announced from day to day.

**GOVERNOR'S DAY AT MT. LAKE PARK**

**ALL THIS WEEK THERE ARE ATTRACTIONS—TWO GORVERNORS TOMORROW.**

**MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, July 31.**  
This well known and beautiful mountain resort having a frontage of more than a mile along the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, will be visited by a number of prominent people this week, including the governors of Maryland and West Virginia. The occasion will be the celebration of the silver or twenty-fifth anniversary of Mountain Lake Park Association and it is expected there will be quite a large attendance of people from nearby as well as distant points.

A most interesting programme has been arranged under the supervision of Rev. Dr. C. W. Baldwin, president of the Association, and Dr. W. W. Davis, dean of schools and superintendent. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Congressman George A. Pearce, of Cumberland, will deliver an address. The principal exercises will take place on Thursday, which will be known as Governor's Day, and beginning at 10:30 in the morning, will include addresses by Rev. W. L. Davidson, representing the Chautauque; Major J. M. Burns, representing the community, and Mr. J. M. Davis, representing the country. Governor Edwin Warfield, of Maryland; Governor W. M. O. Dawson, of West Virginia, and President Oscar G. Murray, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, have been invited to make responses. At 3 p.m. an informal reception will be given to the governors and other distinguished visitors. In the evening at 8 o'clock addresses will be delivered by Governor Warfield on "The Influence of the Chautauque and its Influence on the Contiguous Territory."

In the summer of 1881 several well known clergymen and laymen of known clergymen and laymen of suitable grounds for establishing a summer resort founded upon Christian privileges, and one that would afford opportunities for religious and literary instructions and healthful recreation, and founded the Mountain Lake Park Association. A plot of ground known as "Hoye's Big Pasture" was selected by these gentlemen, and the resort which was formally established has since become well known throughout the country. The big pasture was bought September 13, 1881, and named Mt. Etadair delatoinshrdunuped Mountain Lake Park. The engineer of Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, surveyed and fitted the resort; and in November of the same year, a sale of lots was inaugurated which was attended by many residents of the surrounding States, some of them coming from Baltimore.

Mountain Lake Park is situated on the "Glades," the big plateau of the Alleghenies, and is 2,800 feet above sea level. By reason of being on top of the mountain and not shut in by other ranges, it enjoys the freedom of mountain breezes and sunshine. The landscape effects of the resort are very pleasing and present the appearance of a natural park. The grounds have been carefully laid out in walks, streets and drives and the roads through the park are kept in excellent order. An electric plant and sewerage system have also been installed.

**BADLY WANTED**

**IS MAN WITH INSANE DESIRE TO BURN GIRLS ON CHEEK WITH LIGHTED CIGAR.**

**NEW YORK, July 31.**—Rolling about the city in a big automobile and wearing fine clothes is a man badly wanted by the police because of his insane desire to brand young women on the cheek with a lighted cigar. Many women have been victims but the fiend always got away.