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CLARKSBURG, W. VA., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1912.

\$1 A YEAR

FIFTEEN PERSONS KILLED AND FIFTEEN ARE INJURED

When Passenger Train Crashes into a Freight Train on a Sidetrack.

OPEN SWITCH CAUSE

Injured Have to Be Chopped Out of the Ruins of the Trains.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 13.—Fifteen persons are dead and at least fifteen seriously injured in a wreck which occurred this morning when a Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton passenger train from Cincinnati ran through an open switch into a freight train on a siding at Irvington, a suburb. The dead are: C. Imholt and wife, Albert Allen, all of Los Angeles; Brake-man Bert White, Indianapolis; Joseph L. Palmer, Elaw, Tenn.; Charlie and John Chaney, Mrs. Clifton Chaney, Chester Chaney, of Jackson, Tenn.; C. F. Grundhoefer, Cincinnati; M. Boyle, who had a ticket to Chicago; Conductor Earl Wiggins, of Chicago; Engineer William Sherriff, C. Burg, fireman, and an unidentified boy.

The wreck took fire but was extinguished by firemen.

The wounded were imprisoned in the wreck two hours until chopped out.

INSTRUCTOR

Of the National Guard of This State is Located Here at Present.

H. G. Cramer, sergeant instructor of the national guard of this state, assigned from the Thirteenth federal infantry, has his headquarters here now. He is instructing the various companies in this part of the state and he holds school every Monday night for Company K here and drill every Wednesday night. He will be here three months.

WOOD COUNTY

Court Completes the Recent Election Returns of That County.

PARKERSBURG, Nov. 13.—The Wood county court has completed canvassing the returns of the election. The canvass resulted in no great changes in the results, none of the figures upon the principal offices being altered. The prohibition amendment lost seventeen votes in the county by the official canvass. The official total vote of the county for the important officers is as follows: Wilson, 3,764; Tate, 2,568; Roosevelt, 1,844; Thompson, 3,798; Hatfield, 2,982; Moss, 4,146; for the amendment, 3,597; against the amendment, 3,242.

HATFIELD ILL

Governor-Elect is at Home at Eckman Suffering from Lagrippe.

PARKERSBURG, Nov. 13.—R. L. Gregory, local attorney and personal friend of Dr. H. D. Hatfield, governor-elect of West Virginia, received a letter yesterday from Mrs. Hatfield stating that the governor-elect is seriously ill, although not critically ill at his home at Eckman.

Dr. Hatfield is suffering from lagrippe which is supposed to have been brought on by exposure during the campaign.

RAILROAD

Will Be Built from Webster Springs to Pickens by Col. McGraw.

GRAFTON, Nov. 13.—The Pickens and Webster Springs Railroad Company, recently chartered with a capital stock of \$50,000, purposes to build a railroad from Webster Springs to Pickens. John T. McGraw and other officials of the West Virginia Midland Railroad, are the backers of the project.

GOV. WILSON HAS GREAT CONFIDENCE IN MCCOMBS; MAY PUT HIM IN CABINET



Wm. F. McCombs and Gov. Wilson (taken since election).

LAUGHLIN MAY YET BE A CONGRESSMAN

Official Returns from Three Counties Cut Davis's Vote More Than 200.

Table with 2 columns: County Name, Davis's Vote, Total Vote. Includes Lewis, Harrison, Brooke, Hancock, Marshall counties and totals.

Owing to errors in the reporting of election returns and the failure in some precincts to report the Progressive vote in addition to the Republican vote, there is considerable doubt at present whether John W. Davis was re-elected to congress from the First West Virginia district.

Although the official vote has been reported from only three of the eight counties in the district, Davis's supposed majority has been reduced from something over 400 to only 197 votes with chances that Laughlin will have a small majority when the official votes are reported from the other five counties.

Thus far the official votes of only Brooke, Hancock and Lewis counties have been returned and in each of these counties Mr. Laughlin made considerable gains considering the closeness of the vote in the district. Lewis county first reported a majority of 55 votes for Davis, but the official canvass of the returns, which was completed there yesterday, shows that Laughlin carried the county by 73 votes over Davis. The exact figures are Laughlin 2,084 and Davis 2,011.

In Brooke county, Laughlin gained four votes and in Marshall, where the canvass of the returns is proceeding slowly and where seven precincts are yet to be counted, Mr. Laughlin gained 41 votes. The Ohio county canvass is also proceeding slowly, only Washington and Clay districts having been completed. Laughlin is credited with a majority of 98 votes in that county but on the face of the returns, and it is stated that the Progressive ballots in several precincts will materially increase his lead there.

Wetzel county's vote has not been officially canvassed, but newspaper reports from New Martinsville are to the effect that there will be a considerable change in all the votes in that county. The contest between Blair and Morris for circuit judge is now declared to be in doubt. The Marion county court will not be held until the following day.

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FEAR

Of Indictment Seems to Have Caused Editor to Commit Suicide.

GIRARD, Kas., Nov. 13.—The struggle under competitive system isn't worth while; let it pass. This note was found in the room of Julius A. Wayland, the owner of the Appeal to Reason, the Socialist organ, who committed suicide in his home Sunday night. He went to his room and shot himself with a revolver, dying two hours later. Although the note left by Wayland indicated that the failure of the Socialists to gain any victories at the recent election caused him to kill himself, his close friends deny this. The fact that Monday the grand jury convened at Gort Scott to investigate charges of criminal libel against the newspaper is believed to have influenced Wayland to commit suicide.

SOCIALISTS

Make Gain in Their Vote in the County of Berkeley, This State.

MARTINSBURG, Nov. 13.—Berkeley county complete returns give Hilson, Socialist 125, gain of about twenty per cent over four years ago. Jefferson county, Hilson, Socialist, fifty-five, loss of twenty per cent. Morgan county, Hilson seventy-five, slight gain.

RAISING FUNDS.

The Rev. Dr. Don W. Nichols, of Jacksonville, O., is spending the week here in the interest of Wesleyan College at Buckhannon doing the work of a field agent and raising money for the institution's endowment fund. He may become permanently identified with the institution. He is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Harmer.

STILL AT IT.

The county court has completed five of the ten magisterial districts in its canvass of the election returns, namely, Clay, Clark, Coal, Eagle and Elk. All day tomorrow will be required and the canvass may extend into the day following.

RAPS

Are Given the American School System by a Princeton Professor.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 12.—The American school system was severely criticized by Prof. Royal Meeker, of Princeton University, in an address before the Congress of the Prison Association here. Prof. Meeker's subject was "The Connection of Our School System and Our Prison System." He tried to show how the population of the prisons could be reduced by reforms that began in the schools.

While he acknowledged that our schools pay, he declared that they should pay better. "But," he said, "I think it probable that we could get all the good results achieved by our schools for less than one-half what we now pay." "I think," continued Professor Meeker, "the supposed influence of our schools upon our morals is greatly misunderstood and somewhat exaggerated. Ignorance is commonly used synonymously with immorality, vice and crime. Some of the eighteenth century writers thought that man could be redeemed from sin and crime by the A. B. C's and the multiplication table. We now recognize that mere information has little to do with right conduct. Those familiar facts of our childhood, 'The bug is in the rug' and 'Seven times nine is fifty-three or sixty seven,' whatever it may be, do not incite to deeds of high moral emprise. I doubt the efficacy of those excessively moral yarns contained in the school readers about George Washington and the cherry tree, and the bad little boy who stole apples from the old apple woman and years afterward died a miserable death in the workhouse as a result. It may be that the ability to read does make some more virtuous. I am sure it makes some more frivolous, more worthless, more wicked by enabling them to feed upon trashy reading matter. Nevertheless, our schools do promote morality much more than immorality. 'The greatest value of the public school consists in its democratizing influence. They give us a common medium of intellectual exchange—the English language. Without a common spoken and written language, union and democracy would be impossible. Of course, we are less savage, more sympathetic, more truthful, more honest, because we have a common literature, a common morality, common laws. Some of the democratizing effects of our schools are, however, clearly injurious. Communal whooping-cough, measles, chicken-pox, diphtheria and the like; democratic lying, profanity, obscenity and other immorality are understandable by-products of wholesale democratic education in the public schools. It will probably be impossible to eradicate these evil influences without eradicating the public schools. If we had no schools, plainly the schools could not be blamed for these evils. It is often charged that the public schools spread contagious diseases and immorality. Would these evils cease if the public schools were abolished? Certainly not! They would be disseminated from other centers. The schools did not invent immorality and personal uncleanness. They found these evils existing within the community. The worst that can be said of the schools is that they have been unable to eradicate these evils. Who can doubt that our schools have lessened them? We ought to be careful in criticizing our school system to make it clear that we are comparing our present system with an ideal or approximately ideal system. We do not compare it with no system at all. When I say that our school system is inefficient, uneconomical and rotten, I do not mean that it is absolutely bad. I mean it is compared with a system which could be maintained for the same expense, relatively inefficient, relatively rotten."

ROOSEVELT

Is Still Slightly Ahead in California with Five Precincts to Hear From.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Nov. 13.—Returns from all but five voting precincts in California early today gave Roosevelt a plurality of twenty-four votes over Wilson.

GLADYS MYERS SHOOT AND KILLS HER MOTHER

BATTLE WITHIN A BATTLE WHEN YALE AND PRINCETON MEET FOR ANNUAL GAME



Ketchum, Yale Center.

A battle will rage within a battle when Yale and Princeton play their annual football game on Nov. 14. Ketchum and Bluthenthal will fight it out for center of the All-America team. Ketchum, Yale's center, made the All-America last year, just losing out the Princeton star. This season, however, Bluthenthal has shown marked improvement and apparently has the edge on his Yale opponent.

HIGHLAND IS PICKED AS NEXT SENATOR

INDICTMENTS

Are Returned against Several Persons by the Present Grand Jury.

Wednesday morning the criminal court grand jury this term made its first report.

Claude Wilcox was indicted for the theft of rope junk from Y. W. Dietman and L. A. McVoy valued at \$36.

Carl Williams, Fred Rymer and Fred Wiers were indicted for breaking into a freight car.

Earl Snodgrass was indicted for forging the name of C. C. Snodgrass to a check for \$1,200 and having the same cashed.

Pasco Romano, Pohn Savinsky, Pete Lasep and Bruin Melecke were indicted for breaking into a freight car.

Meyer Rosenshine was indicted for carrying on the business of a junk dealer without a state license.

The trials of Carl Williams and Fred Wiers, A. L. Delaney and Pasco Romano and others were set for Monday.

AUTOMATIC

Revolvers Are Used by Some Italians on One of Their Countrymen.

MARTINSBURG, Nov. 13.—Becoming angered because he had been selected over them to go on a mission for more workmen by the foreman, Rafael Di Costanzo, Nicola Giocoma and Nicolini Tantizo, Italian workmen employed at the south quarry and standard time and stone called Angelo Costazo, a fellow workman with his door and opening, fired upon him with automatic revolvers shot him to death before their victim could regain the shelter of his home. The murderers then tried to shoot another Italian living in Costazo's house, but the latter kept inside. The three men fled and were closely pursued all day by Sheriff Kettering, and more than a score of deputies. Although the murders were not captured at a late hour last night, it is believed that they cannot escape.

FIRST TRAIN.

FAIRMONT, Nov. 13.—The first train has been run over the Buckhannon & Northern railroad, entering the local station of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. On the train were the officials of the Buckhannon and Northern, the Baltimore and Ohio, and a few from the Pennsylvania railroad.

ENDS LIFE.

HUNTINGTON, Nov. 13.—Calmly informing her friends that she had taken a drink of deadly acid, Mrs. Nora Davis, 48 years of age, died before their efforts could save her life. Despondency over ill health and financial matters it is said, induced her to end her life.

On a Train When She Mistakes the Latter for a Robber.

DRESS FOR WEDDING

Object of Their Visit to the City of New York She Says.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 13.—Mistaking her mother for a robber, Miss Gladys Myers shot and killed her on a Pennsylvania train as it was passing through Bristol, Pa., this morning.

The girl and a passenger named M. R. Cuthbert, are being held by the Trenton, N. J., police pending a investigation.

According to a statement made at a hospital in Trenton, Mrs. Myers was the wife of J. R. Myers, a hotel proprietor, of Greensburg, Pa.

The mother and daughter were on the way to New York to purchase a wedding trossau, she said, as she is to marry J. Blair Dillard, of Salem, Va., where a son of Mrs. Myers lives. They left Pittsburg yesterday for New York.

Cuthbert declared that he simply rendered the wounded woman and daughter assistance.

PROBLEMS

Confronting the American Federation of Labor Are Being Discussed.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Nov. 13.—When President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor called that body to order today, the annual convention had disposed of a voluminous report of the executive council, and it proceeded to a discussion of problems that confronted it.

ELECTION

Canvass in This State by the County Courts is Proceeding Very Slowly.

The canvass of the election returns is progressing very slowly throughout West Virginia, and few, if any, changes were found yesterday. In Marshall county George A. Laughlin gained 41 votes.

In the Second congressional district the vote between Conley and Brown is close and it will take the canvass to determine the winner. Hatfield's majority remains practically unchanged.

NIGHT TRAINS

Between Clarksburg and Pittsburg is What King Believes About It Now.

H. V. D. King, secretary of the local board of trade, received the following wire from A. W. Thompson, third vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company last night:

"It has been decided to give our city night sleeper service to Pittsburg."

Mr. King has information today that leads him to believe that night trains will be run, one leaving here at 9:45 o'clock and the other leaving Pittsburg about midnight. He hopes to ascertain definitely before the end of the day.

TO RETIRE

Is Man in Steel-Making Business after a Life-Time Service.

PARKERSBURG, Nov. 13.—John Stephens, for seven years superintendent of the Parkersburg Iron and Steel Company's plant, has resigned and will retire from all business activity. He has been in the steel business fifty-four years and for thirty-four years was superintendent of various steel plants. He and his family will move to Indiana Harbor, near Chicago.

WOMAN JAILED

For Ten Days and Her Consort Pays a Fine of \$10 and Costs.

Convicted of assembling in a Glen Elk hotel for an immoral purpose and also of drunkenness, A. D. Cumberlande and Jennie Gill were fined \$10 and costs each this morning in the police court by Mayor Frank R. Moore. Cumberlande paid his fine and was released but the woman could not and the mayor sentenced her to serve ten days in jail.

Another man was convicted of drunkenness and was fined \$3 and costs, but he could not pay the required amount and was remanded to jail until evening, when he will be sent out of the city unless his fine is paid by that time.

SELLS NEWSPAPER.

SPENCER, Nov. 13.—E. A. McKown, former state senator and editor and owner of the Spencer Times, has sold the newspaper to S. A. Simmons, cashier of the Traders Trust and Banking Company, who is now managing it.